AN ANSWER WANTED

By Senator Eustis to an Interrogatory About Chinese **Immigration**

OF INTEREST TO OREGON.

Senator Dolph Refuses to Stand Up and be Cross-Examined

IN THE ELECTIONS BILL DEBATE.

Morgan's Strong Exclamation Against the Vice of Hypocracy.

SPICY DEBATE IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The consideration of the Federal elections bill was re-

sumed in the Senate to-day, and a little more life was injected into the debate than for several days past by some spicy passages-at-arms between Senators Dolph and

After the discussion had opened, Senator Dolph took the floor and held it to be the duty of Congress, "with malice toward none and charity toward all," to exercise to its fullest extent its powers under the Constitution to secure to every citizen of the United States, native or foreign born, white or black, rich or poor, the free exercise of his rights under the Constitution.

Eastis Puts a Question.

Mr. Eustis said he would put a question to the Senator from Oregon and would ask a frank answer to it. The question was whether if the immigration of Chinese had not been prohibited; if there were 1,500,000 Chinamen in Oregon, who had the right of suffrage and who established in Oregon a Chinese State Government, and if the people of Oregon had overthrown that Chinese pie of Oregon had overthrown that Chinese government and had re-established white political supremacy, would he (Mr. Dolph) in such a case advocate the passage of a law by Congress, the intent and effect of which would be to encourage, to stimulate and to austain those Chinamen in their effort to recover political power on race lines?

Mr. Dolph said that that was precisely the argument made on the Democratic side of the chamber. Mr. Eustis-Will the Senator answer my

question?
Mr. Dolph—I am not going to be interrupted.
Mr. Eustis-But I request the Senator from Oregon to answer my question. Not There to be Catechised.

Mr. Dolph-I will answer it in my own way, but will not stand up to be catechized repeat that question, or that speech, is precisely the argument used on the other side of the Chamber by almost every Senator who has discussed the bill. I simply tell the Senator from Louisiana that the proposition itself is preposterous. The Chinese do not ask to become citizens of the United States. They do not come here for the purpose of becoming residents of the country. But I will tell the Senator from Louisiana that the people of Oregon will never raise a hand against the Government of the United States. They never will undertake to destroy this Union. They will never fight against the flag of their country. The Senator cannot con-neive of a contingency in which they will not stand by the flag. Now I will ask the enator a question.

Mr. Eastis-I would prefer that you

answer my question.

Mr. Dolph—I have answered it, satisfactorily to myself. his question answered more directly, but without any more success.

Morgan Exclaims Against Hypocrisy. Then Mr. Morgan took the floor and quoted a clause from the constitution of Oregon restricting the suffrage to white citizens, and a section from the statutes of that State, prohibiting the intermarriage of whites and negroes, Indians or Chinese, and he closed with an exclamation against hypocrisy.

If Fred Douglass, he said, the ablest and most respectable colored man in the country, were to go to Oregon with his white wife, whom he had legally married in the District of Columbia, the relations between him and his wife would be pronounced by the courts of Oregon as criminal, and he would go to the penitentiary (and his wife with him) for violating the law of that humane and lovely State.

After arguments against the bill by

Messra, Kenna, Reagan and Butler, Mr. Cake obtained the floor and the Senate ad-

NO INTEREST PAID

By Any of the Banks Having Deposits of Government Money WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- In response to

a resolution of the House, Acting Secretary Nettleson has sent to that body a list show ing the names of the several banks in which the public money is deposited, the purpose for which deposited, the town and State in which each depository is situated, and the date of designation of each bank as a depository, It shows that there are 202 of these banks, 187 of which are marked "General," and 15 marked "Surplus." The banks marked "General" are denositories for the convenience of public officers in their vicinity, engaged in the collection and disbursement of public moneys, and those marked "Surplus" have nactive accounts.

No interest, the Acting Secretary says, has been, or is now paid into the Treasury by any of such depositories in return for the use of public funds. The authority to designate national banks as depositories of public moneys is contained in section 5,153 Revised Statutes of the United States.

PASSED THE HOUSE

The Apportionment Bill Goes Through With a Majority of 105,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- After a long debate the House to-day passed the apportionment bill without amendment-yeas, 187; nays, 82. The negative vote was as

Messrs. Alderson, Allen (Mississippi), Andrew, Barnes, Blanchard, Breckinridge (Arkansas), Brickiner, Brookshire, J. B. Brown, Brunner, Buckalew, Bunn, Campbell, Carath, Catchings, Claney, Clements, Cobb, Covert, Crisp, Cummings, Dunphy, Fills, Enloe, Fithian, Fiower, Forenan, Fowler, Geissenhainer, Goodnight, Hare, Henderson (North Carolina), Herbert, Holman, Lane, Lawlet, Lester (Georgia), Magner, Maish, Martin (Indiana), Martin (Texas), McAdion, McCarthy, McClelland, McCreary, McMillan, McRae, Montgomery, Mulchier, Oates, O'Neill (Indiana), Outhwalte, Parrett, Payster, Peel, Penington, Perry, Price, Pindar, Quinn, Richardson, Robertson, Rogers, Sayers, Seney, Shively, Spinola, Springer, Stablaccker, Stockdale, Tracey, Tucket, Turner (Georgia), Turner (New York), Vaux, Waddill, Wheeler (Alabama), Whitthorne, Wike, Wiley, Williams (Illinois), Yader.

HIGH POWER GIINS

net of last session of Congress. In a letter

accompanying the report, Secretary Proctor

states that it may be advisable to establish

at no distant day a gun factory at some point on the Pacific coast of sufficient capac-

Report of the Board Appointed to Examin Into the Onestion WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The Secretary of War to-day transmitted to the Senate preliminary report of the board on gun factories and steel forgings for high power guns, appointed by the President under an

ity to supply the guns required for the

rmament of that coast.

The commission appointed by the Presi dent states that a factory should be located on the Pacific coast. The board estimates that it will take \$349,000 to establish a plant on the Pacific coast for the manufacture of high power guns, and for the machinery and tools \$1,135,200, making a total of \$1,484,200.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED.

THE CAUCUS ADOPTS THE COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL PLAN

With the Exception of the Two Per Cent Bond Project-A Cloture Rule for Senate Debate on the Force Bill Also Agreed to by That Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The third caucus of Republican Senators on the state of business was held to-night and resulted in agreement. The basis was the adoption of the financial scheme reported by the caucus committee, with the exception of the 2 two per cent bond project. So the measure will provide for the purchase of the \$12,000,000 silver builion surplus; the reduction of the compulsory requirement of bond deposits by national banks; the extension of the national bank circulation to the full amount of their bond deposits; the replacement of the deficiency in national bank circulation below \$180,000,000 by Treasury notes based on silver bullion purchases; the provision for free coinage when silver is maintained at par for one year; the provisions for a charge on the conversion of gold coin into bars and the re-coinage of the subsidiary silver coins.

This measure was not satisfactory in every detail to all the Senators, but was accepted as the best possible compromise. The measure was recommitted to the Caucus Committee, with instructions to per-fect it in form and give it over to the Finance Committee, which will report it to the Senate at an early day. The caucus also instructed the Committee on Rules to prepare and report, through Chairman Aldrich, a cloture rule. It is understood that it will be framed on lines of the rule proposed last session by Senator Hoar and will provide for ordering the previous question on any pending proposition after a reasonable time allowed for debate. This rule is not to be reported until the financial bill has been presented to the

Senate by the Finance Committee.

No provision was made for the adoption of extraordinary measures to secure action by the Senate upon the proposed rule, and future developments are expected to shape the policy of the majority in that respect. While the financial bill is in process of construction, the debate on the elections bill is expected to continue. The friends of this measure were satisfied with the programme agreed upon, as they thought they saw in the proposed new cloture rule a means of securing final action upon their

THE PURCHASE OF SILVER.

With Yesterday's Lot the Treasury Has Enough Until January 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The amount of silver offered for sale to the Treasury Department to-day was 657,000 ounces and the amount purchased 210,000 ounces, as follows: 63,000 ounces at \$1.075, 50,000 ounces at \$1.079, 50,000 ounces at \$1.08, 40,000 ounces at \$1.081, 7,000 ounces at \$1.0815.

The Director of the Mint to-day announced that having purchased the full amount of silver authorized by law for the current month, no further purchases will be made until January 2, 1891.

HAMMOND, OF CLEVELAND STREET. He is Convicted on a Charge of Larcent

Said to be Trumped Up by a Detective. SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 7. - Charles Hammond, formerly proprietor of the noto-Mr. Dolph—I have answered it, satisfac-orlly to myself.

Mr. Eustis persisted in his efforts to have his question answered more directly, but is now in jail. Recent developments in the case indicate that Hammond is a victim of a conspiracy, of which Alexander Todhunter is at the head. Todhunter is supposed to be an English detective, and failing to get Hammond on English soil, worked up this case signish bir, charging him with stealing a sealskin sacque from a woman whom Todhunter induced to visit Ham-mond's saloon. Hammond claims that there is \$250,000 at his disposal in the Bank of California and other banks. It is said to have been placed there by wealthy Englishmen as hush money.

Hammond has been in Seattle more than

a year, and has abundant means. He reed to talk, but admits having threatened to return to London. He says parties there are trying to prevent his re-turn, and that in order to do so Todhunter, as their tool, trumped up this charge against him. He expects to get a new trial and says he will return to London and stand his trial, but steadfastly refuses to betray the men who patronized his Cieveland Street House.

PRESIDENT HARRISON HESITATES Before Issuing His World's Fair Pro-

tion, Bonds Must be Fixed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- A telegram was received at World's Fair headquarters to-day from Director Peck, saying that President Harrison had decided that he could not now waive the point that the City Council might repeal the ordinance providing for the issue of \$5,000,000 bonds in aid of the fair before issuing his proclamation to the nations, and that several days would be required for a personal examination of the point; that, however, he would accept the proof that the funds were in hand, the bonds were actually issued and placed in the hands of the City

The Directory! at once made inquiry Controller Onahan as to what steps he had taken toward the issue of the bonds, and re ceived the information that he had proposed a form for them. This was submitted to the directors and proved satisfactory. The work of engraving the plates will be com-menced at once, and it is believed that the requirements of the President as to the issue

YOUNG HOOSIER SAVAGES

eire Their Teacher, Paint His Face and Give a Ghost Dance.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HUNTINGDON, IND., Dec. 17 .- Young Hoosier savages in Solomon township, this county, have taken possession of the schools and are running things to suit themselves. At one place they over-powered their teacher, tied him to the desk, formed a ring and gave a ghost dance. Instead of painting themselves, the young oodlums daubed the teacher's face with hoodlums daubed the teacher's lace with colored inks, tied a feather duster on his head and made him look like a Sioum. After dancing till weary, to the music of an old tin ash bucket, they let the teacher go, first tying on his back a placard labeled "Old-Two-Call-Five, the Original Messiah." They then locked the schoolhouse dow and sailed we the schoolhouse door and nailed up the window and went home. The matter was reported to the school board and the County Superintend-

TWO FRUITLESS BALLOTS.

indicted by the grand jury.

ent and the ghost dancers are likely to be

The Idaho Legislature Endeavoring to Elect BOISE CITY, IDAHO, Dec. 17 .- The Legislature, in joint session, to-day took two ballots for United States Senator with-

out election: First ballot-DuBois, 17; Shoup, 9; Mo Connell, 9; Claggett, 8; Mayhew, Democrat, 3; Stevenson, Democrat, 7. Second bailot—DuBois, 17; Shoup, 13; McConnell, 5; Claggett, 8; Mayhew, 5; Stevenson, 5.

[Continued From First Page.] terday morning was crowded with school children, clerks and business men. Just as the car got half way down the hill the safety cable was forced off the pulleys by the snow and the car stopped. An attempt was made to prop it up, but it was unsuccessful. A number of the passengers hazarded the dan-gerous walk down the hill. The majority, however, had to wait for nearly half an hour

to get to the bottom of the incline.

The cars on the Knoxville Incline are covered with canvas on a heavy iron framework. At about 11 o'clock the weight of the snow on the canvas roof of one of the cars caved it in. The ironwork also fell. A number of passengers were struck, but no one was injured seriously. The West End was shut off from commu-

nication with the central part of the city by the street car route until after 12 o'clock yesterday. It took until 9 o'clock for the street car company to get its snow plow running. Twelve horses were required at

first.

Telegraph and telephone wires were strewn along West Carson street yesterday, and linemen were busy repairing the

STRANDED STREET CARS

LINED OUT ALONG THE CITY'S STREETS AND BRIDGES.

Cable and Electric Lines Fall to Make Time Through the Snow-The Pleasant Valley Quit Business at an Early Hour and Others Followed.

The three cable car systems of the city received their first knock-out blow vester day since they were put into operation. They experienced the only genuine touch of winter they have known, and the result was decidedly demoralizing. By evening the grinmen and conductors were so mixed up that they hardly knew whether they

were coming or going. Some of the lines began to battle with the some of the lines began to battle with the snow Tuesday night, or early Wednesday morning, after the regular runs had ceased. The Citizens line made an especially strong bid of this kind for clear tracks by starting in with a snow plow, but even this precau tion did not give them clear sailing, and all day long they had more or less trouble.



Piloting Ladies Across a Crowded Street. This line had the advantage of the other two, from the fact that it passes over a uniformly level territory. Many men had to be kept constantly employed at crossings and other points shoveling out the snow in

apite of these favorable circumstances.

The Wylie avenue line had the toughest experience of any one of the cablers. From the moment the first car started yesterday morning until the road ceased operations last night it was one grand round of trouble Time and again rows of yellow cars could be seen strung along the avenue waiting for the one in the lead to undergo repairs, usually to the grip.

Many Broken Gripe Many of the grips were broken, and on each occasion the cars would have to be turned back to the sheds. During the forenoon the road was very badly tied up and but few cars ventured out. After dinner they got something of a move on, but this

was regarded by many as a mere attempt to keep up appearances. the time the cars jumped over the summit of Wylie avenue hill, on the downward trip, until they reached the power house, they sailed along like the fast line express. Women, with skirts in one hand and an umbrella in the other, would dodge out on a crossing only to have the delusive conveyance sail by, while the gripman solemnly shook his head and pointed one thumb over his shoulder to indicate that another was coming. This, of course, made the ladies mad, but, as a rule, they kept on trying crossing after crossing until the down-town portion of the city was reached. To the average beholder the grip-men seemed to be letting the cars go just because it was down hill, but the truth they could not stop within hundreds of feet of any given spot. The uphill trips were painful, particularly in case of accident,

for then the passengers who were in a hurry had to either get out and climb through slush and water shoe-top deep or sit still and work themselves into a passion. At 8 o'clock last night a little group of nine cars became blockaded just above the power house owing to a broken grip on the leader. It was snowing like great guns at the time, and the employes were feeling de

cidedly gloomy. One Gripman's Experience One gripman said that if the snow cor tinued to tall it would about knock them out for Thursday, and if it froze up solid they would not be able to stop coming down the hill. At that hour he was less than half way through with his third trip, while under ordinary circumstances he would have been completing his ninth trip of the day. He said they were not running on any particular schedule of time, but just doing the best they could, and they all seemed to be glad that they were alive. On the Fifth avenue line the bulk of

travel occurred in the morning hours, when not more than 25 per cent of the cars were running. Great trouble was experienced at Oakland, as the cars had a wonderful faculty of jumping the track. The road was fairly well cleaned up by noon, and from that on the cars became more numerous. They did not pretend to run on regular time, however, and the gripmen had to use a lot of extra muscle at every stop. So far as the hilly portions of the route are concerned, the conductors say they will have to go right through without stop in case of a freeze-up. They do not fear the snow half as much as this emergency. The receipts on this road, as on all other cables, were

greatly diminished over those of ordinary days. The Electric Lines Attempts That electricity is not proof against storms of all kinds as a means of locomotion was evidenced yesterday in the vain attempts made to run cars. Neither the Pleasant Valley nor Second avenue lines proved brilliantly successful in the combat with the snow, and at numerous times during the day there would be blockades

squares in length.

The chief stumbling block for the Pleasant Valley line proved the bridge. Several times the cars were lined from one end to the other. It was found impossible to run the Perrysville avenue line, and persons who had business in that direction either walked or postponed it until next week. The East street cars failed to run all the forenoon, but in the afternoon succeeded in getting around. No kind of time was made all day, and at 9:30 it was given up as a had job. At that how the same was a had job. made all day, and at 9:30 it was given up as a bad job. At that hour the cars were started for the stables. They were blocked at the bridge, where 25 cars were lined out. It was an hour and a half before the last car

left the bridge. An officer of the company said the loss would amount to several thous-

and dollars. One of the Pleasant Valley cars, heavily laden with hungry passengers, got off the track on the Ninth street bridge last evening about 6 o'clock, and half an hour was lost replacing it. In. the meantime the track was blocked almost back to the Seventh-Avenue Hotel, and several hundred people reconsidered their intentions to adopt New Year resolutions.

The Second avenue line was probably the worst crippled road in the city, as the snow took complete possession of their line, and the efforts made to run cars were very feeble at the best. This gave the Baltimore and Ohio a great rush of business from local points. An attempt will be made to run

The Birmingham people declare that they will require at least ten days to repair the damage done. Wires were torn down, poles twisted out of position, etc.

THE WIRES IN A SNARL

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNI-CATION CUT OFF.

Poles Broken Down and Their Burder Dumped in the Street-Over Five Hundred Telephones Rendered Useless by the Storm-The Electric Lights.

Telephone wires were mixed up in the general muddle yesterday, and between 500 and 1,000 connections in the two cities were ruined. The Superintendent of the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company declares that never was such havoe played with Pittsburg's wires. Out Penn avenue the wires were in bad shape, but were not to be compared to those on Second avenue. Scarcely a wire escaped on that line. Poles were snapped off just below the wire arms and were down in the streets endangering the lives of passersby.

"We never had such a case," said the Seperintendent, "and we hope never to have another storm like it. Our Second avenue lines could not possibly be repaired and we just cut the wires and cleared away the debris as best we could without figuring to fix them up. Hundreds of wires are down in all sections of the city, and the amount of damage cannot be estimated. It will require weeks, perhaps months, to repair the damage done, and it will almost be as bad

as putting in an entire new system."

The telephone operators had a great time doing duty yesterday and their watchword seemed to be: "That line is out of order today." They seemed to have more lines out of order than those prepared for business. Those in the business portion of the city were in pretty good shape as a rule and that saved lots of trouble. The Southside showed some of the worst

wrecks of the two cities in the way of tele-phone business. The wires were twisted into a great taugled mass. The poles were broken and bore the wires with them in their fall to the pavement. The Trouble in Allegheny.

Back in the rear room of the Allegheny Telephone Exchange was found in his shirt sleeves, J. D. Longmore, Superintendent of the company in Allegheny. He was almost discouraged. The wires were down and the subscribers were saying rough things to the

girls.
"Just to illustrate," said he, "on Sanduşky street within a few blocks there are seven poles down. So heavy were the wires with the accumulated snow that in forcing down one pole it was broken into the street of the same dead weight. down one pole it was broken into terre-pieces. That was done by pure dead weight. The tiny little flakes of snow falling one upon another from, and then the weight upon the wires, as you may imagine, was something terrible. They simply sagged and then broke.
"All the linemen had been called in and put to work. All the good work they

week. The money damage was something that could not be sized up."

At this point Mr. Longmore wanted to than one would imagine under the circumeven beyond the storm, by strongly charged wires of the Electric Light Company and the trolley of the railway companies. In the rear of the telephone room is a board. little pegs in it, that looks like a switch board. It is what is termed a light-

ning arrester. inning about 8 o'clock yesterday morning these little pegs began to spit out fire with reports like those of toy pistols. Every report meant that a lightning arrester had been knocked out. At one time ten of them went off in a bunch.

Crossed the Street Car Wirer. "Now," said Mr. Longmore, "the fact of the burning out of these little pegs shows that our wires had come into contact with those possessing greater power, the electric light or street railway wires. When we found that our wires would not work we asked the electric light people to turn off their current and they did so, in order to help us out. Allegheny has never seen such a storm, that is, the people who now depend upon the telephone have never been

Hundreds of people were stopped yester-day afternoon in front of the Allegheny depot of the Fort Wayne road by the pe-culiar antics of the big mass of wires that cross Federal street at that point. Every few minutes there would be a spit of fire, followed by a short, quick report, like the firing of a musket at a distance. People feared to cross the street and stood in hundreds on the sidewalk until a venture-some lineman climbed a pole and separated two wires that had sagged together.

Telegraph Communications Wanting. The telegraph wires were in as bad shape as those of the telephone companies. The trouble all seemed to be in a radius of 20 miles, or at least it so appear to the line-men at work on the lines connecting Pittsburg. The manager of the Postal Telegraph burg. The manager of the Postal Telegraph Company returned yesterday from a trip to Youngstown. He said the storm was only slight out in Ohio, and it was not at all general 25 miles west of the city. He declares that this is the first time Pittsburg has ever been the seat of the trouble in the telegraph business. However, he got his men out early, and they soon remained a great deal of decrease. they soon repaired a great deal of damage.

The wire to New York was around by Buffalo. The Harrisburg and Altoona wires were gotten into condition after a great deal of trouble, but communications with Philadelphia ware ware different constants. great deal of trouble, but communications with Philadelphia were very difficult. The Southern and Western wires were in good Communications received at that shape. Communications received at that office say that snow is over two feet in depth in the mountains and is still falling.

The Western Union people were in no ountains and is still falling.

better condition to communicate with the outside world than their rivals. At 3:30 o'clock a telegram was received from their chief lineman saying that there was nothing of an encouraging nature to report. The only line of any account was that to New York. West and North nothing could be done. Operators of this company declared that they were bothered more yesterday than ever before by wires whose connections were broken in the vicinity of Pittsburg. Often wires are down in other cities, causing trouble here, but the cases of bad connections in this city are rare.

Police and Fire Connections. Superintendent Morris Mead had his full ree of 13 men hard at work all day and last night making temporary connections of the fire alarm circuits that had been broken down by the weight of the snow. The telegraph companies loaned a few men to assist in the work and it was expected that about midnight every fire alarm box in the city would be in working order. Yesterday morning there were nearly 150 alarm boxes rendered temporarily useless by the break-ing of the wires to Hazlewood, East End, Southside and Lawrenceville, but Mr. Mead said these would be all right before morn-ing, and only a box here and there would

The police telegraph system is completely paralyzed, and will probably not be in perlect order for several days, as the fire slarm wires are the most important, and will be attended to first. Such repairs as are being

made now are for the most part temporary, and the whole telegraphic system will need to be thoroughly overhauled as soon as the circuits are opened up for lusiness again.

In the meantime the police patrol wagons will have to lie idle, and the patrolman in making against the control the state of the control that the control making arrests will walk his prisoner to the station house, as was the custom prior to the adoption of the Gamewell system three years

Several fires occurred yesterday, but fortunately none of them were in the districts where the alarm system was crippled, and the alarms were sent in and answered promptly. An alarm from box 14 at 3:15 promptly. An alarm from box 14 at 3:10 yesterday afternoon was caused by a chimney blaze in an Italian court off Diamond street just above Wood street. It was extinguished with Babcocks and without loss. Electric Light Was Scarce.

The electric light was one of the things that could not be had until a late hour yesterday afternoon either in Pittsburg or Allegheny except those connected with the Pittsburg Light and Power Company, whose wires were undisturbed. The reason Pittsburg Light and Power Company, whose wires were undisturbed. The reason was a very simple one, but the convenience was as great to one as the inconvenience to the other. The strength of the current from the heavy electric light wires was too much for the slight wires of the telephone and as a consequence the latter were knocked out. A big electric light wire would sag down upon several telephone wires and then everything would be mixed up. The natural result was that the current had to be shut off some where and the electric light company did it.

While the electric cars stopped, the tele-phone ceased its call, and the telegraph line its click the home sufferer was the person who depended upon either of these. In the who depended upon either of these. In the middle of the day there was darkness enough to require artifical light, but when the stovekeeper reached for the thumb key and gave it a twist, he found no light. When there was gas he turned it on, but in many places where the gas fixtures had been removed there was trial and tribulation. Several big wholesale houses were caught in this fix, and, as they could not show their goods, they were compelled to close up.

ROADS IN FAIR SHAPE.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO AND PENN-SYLVANIA SUFFER THE MOST.

Through Trains Not More Than an Hour Behind the Scheduled Time - Great Trouble to Keep the Wires Open-Putting on More Motive Power.

At the Baltimore and Ohio offices at midnight they had succeeded in patching up a wire to Cumberland, and trains were coming over the mountains helped along by pushers. The Baltimore and Ohio trains will be on time this morning, so they claimed, if the trains are delivered on time to the Pitts-burg division. No word had been received from the Wheeling division, and the men could not say where the Cincinnati Express was tied up. It is due here about 7 o'clock in the overline.

in the evening.

About 6 o'clock last evening the snow measured 27 inches at Altoons, and the same depth prevailed along the mountains. In some places the operators said it was raining. The Pennsylvania road put on extra power and cut up their through trains in a desperate effort to bring them in on time. Three pushers were put on to help the limited over the mountain, but it arrived over an hour late last night. At midnight the Pennsylvania wires were in bad shape, and the dispatchers would venture no predictions about the arrival of trains this morning.

Western Trains in Line The trains from the West were not more than a half hour behind time on the Pan-handle and Ft. Wayne roads. Passengers who left Cincinnati yesterday morning said it had not been snowing there, and they were surprised to see so much of the beautido would not put the wires to rights in s | ful, with good prospects for more, in Pitts-

stances. The greatest trouble was experienced within the city limits, where many of the wires were useless. As usual, the senger trains on the Baltimore and Ohio road from the East arrived on time yesterday morning. The through express from Washington ploughed through 10 inches o snow on the mountains, and with the assistance of an extra engine made the scheduled run. Fortunately in the mountains the weather was colder and the snow fleecy, which helped the wires and trains very much. There was little wind blowing, and the snow did not stick to the wires or drift. Yesterday afternoon this road had a wire open from Connellsville to Cumberland, and a train dispatcher was sent to the former place to run the freights on the mountain

No Wires a Mile Out.

In the city Chief Train Dispatcher Day said they hadn't a wire a mile out of town, and they couldn't tell what trains were moving, if any. The passenger however, were going all right, but evening commenced to be delayed. Nothing was heard from the Wheeling division after was neard from the wheeling division after 6 o'clock in the morning, when the last wire went down. They started four freight trains about 9 o'clock for the West, but they had to turn out for the east-bound trains, which

had the right of way.
On the Ft, Wayne the wires west of Jack's Run and beyond the Southside on the Panhandle were in good running order and making the best time they could. All of the passenger trains were delayed. In the city the wires were down, but freight was going behind time. "It is a return to the old days of failroading," remarked Chief Clerk Blair in Manager Wood's of-fice, "when every man looked out for him-self."

Some Wires Open.

The Pennsylvania road was in pretty fair shape yesterday afternoon. They had two wires open to Altoona, and the telegraph perators said they were running a number of freight trains of 20 cars each. In the express were annulled, and No 9 came in or 's time, several hours behind time. Up to this time the road had no accidents. Chief Train Dispatcher Day, of the B. & O. said that they have not had such a storm for four years, when the roads were badly blockaded. He was thankful they didn't happen oftener than every ten years. As for extra help needed at such times, he says they were trying to hire men to repair the telegraph lines, but they couldn't get them. The Western Union had gobbled all the available hands in the town.

Last night the Pennsylvania road had at least 20 extra men around the Union depot and sheds cleaning away the snow. The station police found some trouble in hiring men at \$1 50 per night. A stone mason who was asked if he wanted a job shoveling snow said he would do it for 40 cents per hour. He wasn't hired. The B. & O. also had a gang of extra men engaged on the same At the West Penn depot trains during the

lay were behind time from half an hour to two hours. The road was all right, but the wires were down and it was necessary to flag them at every station.
On the Lake Erie Superintendent Beach said they had one line open to Youngstown and the trains were moving, but coming in

CLEAN OFF YOUR SIDEWALKS.

Householders Notified by the Police Comply With the Law.

Inspector McAleese yesterday afternoon had orders issued to all patrolmen in the First district, to notify each resident on their respective beats to have the snow cleaned off sidewalks inside of 12 hours after the fall of snow had ceased. Failure to comply with this order will subject the negligent occupant of a building to a fine of \$5 and costs, part of the cost being that the sidewalk will be cleaned by the Depart-ment of Public Works at the expense of the resident or occupant.

A state law requires the sidewalks to be

cleaned within 12 hours after snowfall ceases. There was a question yesterday merning as to whether the enforcement of the law should be assumed by the Public Works or Public Safety departments. Chief Works or Public Safety departments. Chief Brown was out of the city, but Chief Bigelow decided that he would undertake to enforce the law, with the assistance of the police. Inspector McAleese promptly came forward and volunteered to notify the people in his district, and to-day Chief Bigelow will clean up all uncleaned sidewalks and then sue those who failed to comply with

The Department of Public Works had large force of men with horses and wagons at work on the downtown business streets yesterday afternoon and dast night. The hauled to the river, where it was dumped. Daylight this morning will probably see the streets in the lower part of the city in first-class condition.

THE SNOW ACCIDENTS.

Horses Killed and Numerous Men Badly Shocked by Coming in Contact With Fallen Electric Wires-Broken Limbs and Other Injuries.

A great many accidents were reported during the day and night, but none of them were of a very serious nature.

avenue early yesterday morning which resulted in the killing of two horses owned by George Biehl, a butcher in the old market building. Joe Hilldorfer and Hermann started out with a load of meat to supply several downtown hotels. The wagon was drawn by two handsome black stallions, they being one of the finest teams in the city. The men had just left the St. Charles and were driving up the avenue to the Central Hotel, when Hilldorfer noticed a wire hanging across the street nearly opposite the Barnes Sale and Lock Works, and above the Second avenue electric lines. Just as the wagon reached the wire it shook and fell. In doing so it brushed the men in the wagon, knocking them off their seats and into the street, and then landed across the horses. They fell to the street as if shot, and then followed an awful struggle. The poor brutes writhed and groaned in awful agony, while electric lights were flashing rom their shoes and various parts of the harness. The men, after picking themselves up, were unable to render any assistance, and the poor animals struggled with the awful current, which was fairly cooking their flesh, until death relieved them some ten minutes later.

A Lineman's Narrow Escape During the forenoon a lineman employed by the Allegheny Light Company was up on a pole at the corner of Second avenue and Smithfield street rapping snow from the wires, when every pole between the Homeopathic Hospital and Pipetown broke off below the second cross bar.

The two-story frame stable in rear of 18 and 20 Frankstown avenue fell modes the

and 20 Frankstown avenue fell under the weight of snow and buried 12 head of horses and cattle. Nine of the animals were killed. Mr. Pool, the owner, will lose \$1,500. The awning of Crawford's store, on the same avenue, broke down. Loss, \$150. About 200 feet of sheds at the East Liberty stock yards also caved in. Many trifling accidents were reported from other sources, but they are hardly worth ecalling.

The suow caused an extremely lively No. 7, Southside, yesterday. It was a little after 7 o'clock, and the day relief men had just retired to their rooms on the top floor. Suddenly a cracking sound was heard, and the building was felt to tremble. Crushed by the Weight of Snow.

On rushing to the front of the building it was discovered that there was a small crack, and that one shutter had been twisted off its hinges. Captain Stewart immediately ordered the sleepers down, and put a force of men at work shoveling the snow off the About 6 o'clock yesterday morning roof of Herman Doersheimer's house, Al-lentown, caved in. The family were at breakfast at the time. Mr. Doersheimer immediately moved his family out of the house. The snow was shoveled off the rest

of the roof and no further damage resulted. At South Twelfth street, Mace Cochran. the corner policeman, attempted to clear the track of wires and for a time danced a Highand fling with a loaded wire in which he ecame entangled. The root of Jacob Bruender's stable, Mt. Oliver, caved in from the weight of snow.

Alexander Thompson, an old man living on Franklin street, slipped on the snow in

ront of his house yesterday morning breaking his right leg.

Edward Zauer, a Perrysville avenue,
Allegheny, hostler, had an arm broken and was internally injured in the fall of a shed weighed down by the snow.

John Martin, of Davison street, Allegheny, was knocked senseless by coming in tact with an electric street car wire.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OPENED. A Skylight Burst by the Snow, Doing Cor siderable Damage.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred at Carnegie Library yesterday on account of the snow. A great quantity of it slid down from the glass roof onto the skylight that extends the full length of the cataloguing room, and by its force crushed about half of the window, which fell through onto the table from which Miss May Lapsley had just arisen. plucky young lady, seeing the labor of months in cataloguing sheets about to be ruined, determined to rescue them, and forthwith made an effort, barely escaping a second window glass that followed, by which the remaining portion of the windo

A temporary covering of sheet iron ha heen placed over the aperture, but considerable difficulty is experienced in heating the library. It will be some days before the window can be made whole, according to Librarian Stevenson.

AT THE CROSSINGS.

Wet Feet and Ruffled Tempers the Order the Day.

Downtown street crossings were perfect errors to the pedestrians yesterday and last evening. At all of the leading ones, and particularly those crossing Fifth and Penn avenues and Liberty street, the melting snow and water was deep and muddy enough to fill the men with misgivings and the ladies with fright. The men would pause like Cæsar upon the banks of the Rubicor, but only for a moment, and then make a bad leap, usually ending up with a kicking and splashing of highly colored slush. But there was no laughter, except by the citizens in gum boots, for the most agile man coming or going did not know what moment he might be doing the little act for the amuse ment of others, and so the feeling of reserve and lofty dignity became mutual from the very circumstances of the case.

WILKINSBURG WAS PARALYZED.

The East End Borough Practically Buries Under the Snewdrifts.

Wilkinsburg was practically buried all day yesterday. It is generally several degrees colder there than in the city and yesterday was no exception to the rule. So the terday was no exception to the rule. So the mountains of snow that met the eyes of Wilkinsburgers when they arose yesterday morning, and through which they plowed their way to the railroad station, looked just about the same when they went home last night. There were a few footmarks here and there, and the snow had been kicked up in the roadbeds slightly by horses, but in a general way the surface of white was almost undisturbed.

There was a number of telephone and tele-There was a number of telephone and tele

graph wires down, but this was about the sum total of damage in the borough. Local business was almost paralyzed, however. -An electric cane has been invented for —An electric cane has been invented for hight proviers with which one can give an as saliant a shock by merely touching him with it to-day, and if it continues until morning

Wind and Waves Together Make Sad Havoc at Atlantic City.

NEW YORK DOES NOT ESCAPE. Much Damage Reported From Towns

Throughout Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE FROM VARIOUS POINTS

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE. ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17 .- A severe windstorm set in here early this morning, accompanied by an unusually high tide: The wind blew down a section of fully 150 feet of the electric street car depot, on Main avenue, and completely demolished Roger's Inlet House. Five electric cars were badly wrecked when the depot fell, but luckily no one was injured.

The same wind was accompanied by a destructive sea, which carried away the steamboat landing at the foot of Baltie avenue, twisted and shattered the Yachtmen's As-sociation wharf and strewed the debris of Probably the worst one occurred on Third wrecked pavilions over the inlet district. Along the beach front proper the lofty new boardwalk remained intact, despite the on-

alsught of the waves.

Down at the old Excursion House district there was considerable damage done to pavilions seaward of the boardwalk, while on the meadow side of the city everything was under water. Noting could be learned as to the condition of affairs at Brigantine and Petersbeach, but it is generally believed that the storm played considerable havec at

FALLEN WIRES AT WHEELING.

They Form a Network Under Foot Whiel Completely Stops Traffic.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE. WHEELING, Dec. 17 .- The worst blizzard since February, 1884, struck this city at 4 o'clock this morning, and has raged with uninterrupted severity ever since. At least a foot of snow has fallen, doing great damage to property and causing an almost total suspension of business. The telephone system of the city is a complete wreck, and nearly every telegraph line here is down. In some places the streets are blocked with a network of wires, and passage is impossible for horses and nearly so for pedes-trians. Along Market street, between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets, several 65foot poles, carrying nearly 200 wires each, were broken off, and on the suspension bridge every wire is down. The city fire alarm system is useless, and the electric street car service was knocked out early in the day. Trains on all the roads are behind time. There are lively fears of a flood the day. Trains on all the roads are behind time. There are lively fears of a flood in the river, should the heavy snow go off with a big rain.

SIXTY MILES AN HOUR.

The Wind Whistled Through a Section

New Jersey. PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 17 .- Ever since midnight last night the heaviest northeast storm since that of November, 1889, has been in progress. The rain fell in torrents and the wind blew at the rate of 40 miles per hour until 9:30 o'clock this morning, when it increased to 60 miles. At noon the water was half way up to the shore road. Considerable damage was done around the boat landings.

The meadows between the bay and shore road were submerged pretty much all day to a depth of 18 inches.

The south-bound track of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad was so badly washed by the tide that the trains were conveiled to use the north-bound track. compelled to use the north-bound track.

A NARROW ESCAPE AT M'KEESPORT.

nboat Runs Into a Mass of Prostrat Live Electric Wires. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Mckeesport, Dec. 17 .- The heavy nowstorm of last night and to-day is playng havoe hereabouts. The fire-alarm system down, and a large force of men has been busy all day making repairs. The telegraph wires across the Youghiogheny river at the foot of Fifth avenue were bent by the heavy

Brown came up and carried everything away with her.

The pedestrians and boatmen narrowly escaped, but fortunately no one received a fatal shock. It will be some days before thorough repairs will be made. All trains are delayed, and freights have almost ceased

weight of snow, and the steamboat W. H.

DAMAGE AT LITTLE WASHINGTON.

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down and

a Roof Smashed In. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17 .- The snow is 20 inches deep in this city, and still fall ing heavily. The roof of Ryan's carriage factory fell in to-day with a loud crash by reason of its heavy weight of snow. None of the workmen were injured. The damage

will reach \$1,800.

Telegraphic and telephonic communications. tion have been cut off between this place and Pittsburg, Wheeling and Waynesburg. There are several large buildings in danger of falling from the heavy weight of sno carried on the roof.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT GREENSBURG Wires Down and 18 Inches of Suc

Had Fallen at Midnight. PROPERTY TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR GREENSBURG, Dec. 17 .- The general storm which is prevailing to-night, has not missed this place. There are some 18 inches of snow on the ground at midnight. and the fleecy is still falling. Business was partially suspended during the day, and to-morrow will be still worse, unless there should be a let-up of some ac-

wires were down to-day. MANSPIELD VALLEY FEARS A FLOOD The Roofs of Houses Ready to Collaps

count. All of the telephone and telegraph

With the Snow's Weight. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. MANSFIELD VALLEY, Dec. 17 .- Fully 11 inches of snow fell here during last night and to-day. The snow is still coming down in a heavy, blinding storm, and is so wet and heavy that all roofs in the business part of the city seem ready to collapse.

The thermometer is at 50°, and if rain should set in, there will be great damage.

ALTOONA BURIED DEEP.

wrought by gorges.

Twenty-One Inches of Snow on Its Street Before 11 O'Clock Last Night. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ALTOONA, Dec. 17 .- Over 21 inches

now fell here last night and to-day. At 11 o'clock to-night the storm is still raging with little prospect of abatement.
All business is generally suspended, and street traffic will probably be at a standstill REDFORD HIDDEN BY SNOW.

A Probability That Freight Traffic is No

Suspended. BEDFORD, Dec. 17 .- Snow has been falling continuously since last evening, and is low over 24 inches deep and still snowing

freight traffic will likely be suspended un CRUSHED BY A SIGN.

Serious Accident to a Man and a Boy New York.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- A whirling de wish of a cyclone from the wild West whisked its skirts across the town today and danced out to sea to tram-ple into wreck the merchant fleets in northern latitudes. The cyclone was first observed on Monday between St. Louis and Chicago. It pirouetted, constantly gathering strength and girth until 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Then is gave a wild whoop and pranced off to the Southeast. The northerly edge of it struck the city at 4:30 this morning. A fierce northeaster rushed into the void created by the storm, bringing with it a chilly rain. Such an erratic blast has not been felt hereabouts

for many a day.

The wind got behind a big sign fastened even with the windows on the third floor of Wilbur & Hastings' stationery and printing establishment. It fell on the heads of a man and boy and knocked both of them unconscious, injuring the boy so badly that he may die, and injuring the man very seriously. It was 30 feet long, 36 inches deep and 2 inches thick.

HEAVY RAINS AT VICTORIA.

The Storm in British Columbia Moister

Than in the East. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17 .- Recent neavy rains on Vancouver Island have caused low-lying lands in that neighbornood to be flooded, and trains coming to Victoria from Nanaimo had to be transferred more than two miles over two feet of water. Indians in the vicinity have had to

break up camp and are traveling around submerged districts in cances. It is still raining heavily in the neighbor-hood of Cowiehian and fears are entertained that if the water rises much higher a number of barns and farm houses will be swept away, over 7,000,000 feet of big boom logs being driven down. Cowichian river has drifted out of its proper channel, and many

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. SCOTTDALE, Dec. 17 .- There was a large fall of snow in the coke regions to-day. Traffic on the trunk lines was considerably impeded. At many points the snow amounted to 15 inches.

Coke Region Traffic Impeded.

A SPOKANE BANK SUSPENSION The Failure of Branches in Mining Districts Drugs It Down. SPORANE FALLS, WASH., Dec. 17 .- The

doors of the Spokane National Bank, one of

the largest institutions in the city, were not opened this morning. For nearly a year it has been known among bankers that this bank was in financial straits, and more than once other banks have helped it out. The difficulty was precipitated by the failure of three branches in the Ceour d'Alene mining district, said to have been brought about by a failure to realize on se-curities held by the bank for advances made

properties. -At the last commencement of the University of Dublin, nine young Irish girls re-ceived the degree of B. A. In the examination papers the women students ranked above the

for the development of various mining

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