A MANTLE OF SNOW

Buries the North and the East From One to Four Feet Deep on a Level.

NEW YORK WAS THE CENTER

From Norfolk Southward the Storm Was Replaced by Heavy Rain.

PENNSYLVANIA WAS IN IT, TOO.

Sunny Manitoba and the Balmy Northwest Evidently Escaped.

FULL REPORTS FROM MANY POINTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—To-day's storm on the water was much worse for navigation than the heaviest fog. Everything in the line of steam craft was interrupted, and the movement of vessels propelled by sail was suspended altogether. The snow fell so rapidly on the upper bay that even those trusty guardians of the customs service, the revenue cutters, hung close to their wharf adjoining the Staten Island ferry house, and did not venture out.

A peculiar feature of the storm was that, while the wind was unusually violent on the land, there was scarcely any on the water. The sea, too, was as smooth as the upper Hudson in midsummer, and the snow was left in complete possession.

A dispatch from Point Pleasant, N. J., says a heavy storm of blinding snow is raging along the entire coast from Sandy Hook to Cape May. The air is so thick with snow that it is difficult to look any distance out to sea. Telegraph and telephone wires are down, and it is feared there are wrecks along the coast which have not yet been reported. On this account Superintendent Havens has ordered the entire life saving service along the coast to patrol their beaches and look out for wrecks.

Fears for the Vessel's Safety.

The name of the schooner ashore on Deal Beach is Yale. She wants no assistance from the men of the life saving station. The sea is very high, and fears are entertained for the vessel's safety.

Reports continue to be received from all parts of New York State, showing a heavy fall of snow and consequent interruption of traffic. In the Mohawk Valley the storm is unusually severe. At 6 o'clock this evening more than eight inches of snow had fallen at Amsterdam, and it was still snowing hard. Railroad travel is greatly delayed, some of the through trains being from five to three hours late. West Shore freight trains have been stalled in the snow this afternoon, and the flangers have been started out.

At Lockport the fall of snow has been continuous throughout the day, but is not heavy. The snow is not drifting badly. Temperature in the morning was reported at 10° above zero, and at 1 o'clock it had risen to 25°.

At Ithaca the storm continued throughout the day, with street car traffic suspended.

At Watertown snow has been falling rapidly, accompanied by mild breezes. The thermometer last night was 5° below, and this morning 4° above zero.

At Concord, N. H., snow began falling early this morning, and this afternoon was several inches deep. The indications are that the storm will be the heaviest of the winter. The storm is heavy throughout the State.

The Coldest of the Season.

At Bangor, Me., and vicinity, this morning was the coldest of the season, the mercury ranging from 12° below in Bangor to 22° in the surrounding towns. The temperature is rising, with indications of snow.

At New Brunswick, N. J., a heavy Northeast blizzard, accompanied by a steady fall of snow, has prevailed since 4 o'clock this morning. The snow drifts are increasing gradually.

Reports this afternoon show that nearly the whole country is enveloped in the storm. It rages from Maine to Texas, and from Manitoba to Georgia. From Norfolk southwest it is a rain storm; from there north and northwest, a snow storm. Northern New York seems to be about the center of the disturbance.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the weather clerk was unable to give any encouragement. He said that there was every indication that the two storms would meet to-night somewhere a little north of this city, and that the general storm is rapidly developing into immense proportions. In conclusion the clerk said: "There is every likelihood that the railways will be generally blocked north and west, and that a serious and dangerous condition of things is to result from from the storm."

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Pedestrians Compelled to Walk in the Street Car Tracks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Washington has experienced the heaviest snowstorm in years, and this morning travel of all kinds was almost suspended. The snow was ten inches deep on a level. Street car riding was precarious, and pedestrianism, though preferable, was no luxury. In the residence portion of town the sidewalks were not generally cleared by the hour for the movement from the breakfast table to the office desk, and so the plodders had to take the middle of the streets.

Car tracks formed the most convenient promenades, and all the morning they were like great arteries of humanity, pulsating in one general direction. Government clerks were universally late, the punctual ones being so few and far between that the watchmen at the doors, late themselves, stared in amazement.

SLEET AT LEXINGTON, KY.

It Ruins Electric Wires of All Kinds, Damaging Them $10,000.

LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 26.—The heaviest storm of sleet ever known here occurred yesterday afternoon and during the night. Shade trees and telegraph and telephone poles were broken and miles of wire were down. The city fire alarm system was entirely ruined, many of the boxes being burned out. The Western Union telegraph wires were down, and not until 9 o'clock this morning had Lexington any communication with the outside world.

At this writing there is but one wire in operation between Lexington and Cincinnati. The electric street car lines were badly damaged. The loss will be about $10,000.

DAMAGES NEAR DUNBAR.

Some of the Effects of the Worst Storm in Recent Years.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

DUNBAR, Dec. 26.—The snow-bound trains on the Fayette branch are extricated and are beginning to run again this evening. A huge snowdrift in the Mt. Braddock cut, two miles south of here, held one train all day. They ran into this drift before they knew what they were about, and stopped very suddenly. Seven engines and 50 laborers were employed all day to get them out.

The snow storm of last night was the worst known in years. Heavy damage to property is reported, but the full extent cannot be known to-night.

Virginia Snow Two Feet Deep.

STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 26.—Snow fell yesterday and last night to the depth of eight inches, followed by sleet. There are two feet of snow on the ground blocking all the country roads.

UNIONTOWN IS SNOW-BOUND.

Trains of Two Railroads Imprisoned in a Narrow Cut.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 26.—Uniontown is snow-bound. Great drifts line the streets, and the sidewalks have been cleaned barely enough for pedestrians to pass. Travel was blockaded on portions of Main street nearly all day. Trains on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads, have had trouble to get through the cut at Percy and at points south. The Southwest has been blocked all day. The wreck train went up at noon to dig out the train which leaves here at 6:10 A. M. for Fairchance, and which was stuck in a drift at Redstone. Late this afternoon the track was cleared and the train was able to proceed.

Last night's storm, although one of the severest ever known, has not done great damage as far as reported. At Lemont the brick boiler and engine house of McClure & Co. were wrecked. The new jail here was slightly damaged, some of the slate being blown from the roof and some glass in the sky-lights being broken.

TWO STREET CARS COLLIDE.

As a Result of the Storm the Horses of One Run Away.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 26.—The violent snow storm which set in here this morning resulted in a bad accident on the Plainfield street end of the Union Railway. The snow covered the tracks on a steep grade on that thoroughfare, and when a car was coming toward the city at 11 o'clock the brakes failed to work, and the horses stampeded down the hill toward the city. Another car was just turning into the switch at the junction crossing, and a collision could not be avoided.

The conductor, named Alex. Waterman, cut his horses loose. The horses on the west-bound car were both ground under the wheels of Waterman's car and were instantly killed. Waterman was thrown from his car and had his head split open. There is little chance that he will live. Conductor Atwood, of the west-bound car, had both his arms broken, was injured internally and will probably die. None of the passengers were injured.

VERMONT CLAD IN WHITE.

The Worst Storm for Many Years Blockades Traffic.

RUTLAND, VT., Dec. 26.—Snow began falling in Rutland this morning and has continued steadily all day with little prospect of cessation. Reports from other sections of the State indicate that the storm has been the heaviest of the season. Railroad traffic has been greatly impeded. Boston trains were discontinued on account of the storm.

Reports from Summit Station, on the Central Vermont Railroad, state that the storm this afternoon was the most severe in many years. Snow is steadily falling and threatens serious interference to railroad travel. In Rutland the snowfall is the lightest reported in the State, and horse cars are running.

TRAINS STALLED IN MAINE.

Street Cars Almost Blockaded in Portland by Drifts Forming.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 26.—A heavy gale is blowing from the northeast, with the mercury 10° above zero. The snow has fallen fast since noon and drifts badly. The horse cars are running with four horses.

The trains from the West are out of time. The western division Boston and Maine 1 P. M. train from Boston, the 3:30 train from Portland, and another train are stalled at Wells, and it is not known when they will get in. The express train over the Grand Trunk from Montreal, due at 5:45, is said to be stalled at Montreal.

SNOW FOLLOWED BY RAIN.

Railroads Centering in Baltimore Having a Hard Time.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The heavy snow storm of last night was followed by rain, which lasted well into the afternoon. Baltimore and Ohio officers report from four to six inches of snow on the road near the Ohio river, and from six to ten inches on the Harper's Ferry and Valley branch.

On the Pittsburg division the trains are having a hard time, and all are considerably delayed. Engines are at work trying to keep the tracks comparatively clear of snow. On the third and fourth divisions but little trouble has been met.

LIGHTER AT SPRINGFIELD,

But All Trains Are Delayed and Snow-Plows Are in Use.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Dec. 26.—The storm here, while not particularly severe, reached such a point as to delay travel greatly, all the railroad trains being late and the electric street cars rendered almost useless before the end of the afternoon. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad suffered most.

By means of the snow-plows the street railway tracks were kept open. The fall averaged about ten inches up to 8 P. M., with no signs of abatement.

CYCLONIC AT SEATTLE.

Several Vessels Break Away, Two Men Killed and Houses Demolished.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 26.—A violent wind storm prevailed on Puget Sound yesterday. Several vessels were broken from their moorings. Telegraph lines were prostrated last night by falling timber, and Joseph Bell and Magnus Nelson, two laborers, were killed by trees striking them.

A number of plate-glass windows in this city were broken, and several frame buildings were blown down.

TEN INCHES AT BINGHAMTON.

Electric Car Lines Disabled and Horse Routes Impeded.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A heavy snow storm set in about 3 o'clock this morning and has been raging with uninterrupted fury since. About ten inches of snow has fallen, but, owing to the light quality, no serious results are reported.

All the electric car lines in the city are tied up and horsecar travel is impeded.

A ROUNDHOUSE COLLAPSED.

Four Locomotives Buried in the Ruins and Three Men Hurt.

ALBANY, Dec. 26.—Two sections of the roof of the New York Central Railroad roundhouse at West Albany collapsed this afternoon under the weight of snow.

Three men were injured. John Reddy was taken home, and one of the others was taken to the hospital with a crushed shoulder. Four engines are buried in the wreck.

WORSE THAN THE OTHER.

The Depth of Snow at Bedford Will be Two Feet This Morning.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

BEDFORD, Dec. 26.—The storm which reached Bedford last night exceeds the one last week. It was accompanied by a high wind.

The snow at this writing is 16 inches, and will by morning be more than 2 feet deep.

Ten Inches in the Coke Regions.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 26.—Another heavy snow storm visited the coke regions to-day. Some telegraph wires were torn down and the telephone wires were badly crippled. Travel on all the railroads was obstructed. The extent of the fall was about ten inches.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW.

Reports Sent From Little McKeesport Cap the Climax.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

MCKEESPORT, Dec. 26.—There are about four feet of snow here, and the railroads, particularly the Baltimore and Ohio, are in bad shape. Reports from the top of the mountains say there are from four to six feet of snow at Sand Patch, and that but one train has come in from the East.

It requires from three to four engines to take a train up the mountains, and little, if any, freight is being handled to-day. The street car line here is completely snowed up, and many people are unable to leave their houses.

Other Reports Condensed.

CHICAGO—This city is not in it.

CINCINNATI—Snow ten inches deep.

ST. PAUL—Thermometer 25° above zero.

ST. LOUIS—Snow one foot deep on a level.

NEWBERG, N. Y.—A blizzard is in progress.

WILKESBARRE—Traffic is blocked on all sides.

PIERRE, S. D.—A 40-mile chinook wind is raging.

LOUISVILLE—Sleet and snow took possession of the city.

LYNDONVILLE, VT.—Thermometer 40° below zero Christmas night.

BUFFALO—Thursday night the coldest of the season—10° above zero.

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A LURID CHRISTMAS.

THREE FIRES THREATEN THE DESTRUCTION OF DEADWOOD.

Two of the Blazes Were Incendiary—A Large Hotel and Many Stores and Dwellings in Ashes—Railroad Graders on a Spree and Riotous.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 26.—Last night, at 10 o'clock, an alarm of fire was turned in for the First ward, and an extensive hog pen was entirely consumed. Another alarm at 1:30 this morning from the same ward announced a fire in the frame hotel of C. G. Fargo, and the flames were quickly communicated to the adjoining buildings, the fire being beyond the reach of the hose or the department. A general conflagration followed, destroying a blacksmith shop, a grocery store, a livery stable, John Reuter's general store and a number of residences. Most of the personal goods were saved, but the loss is fully $25,000.

Again, later, the fire alarm was turned in from the Third ward, the Keystone Hotel, largest in the city, being on fire. This fire threatened the destruction of the city, but was within reach of the department and was soon extinguished.

The first fire was clearly the work of an incendiary, the second possibly so, but the third happened from a defective flue. There has been no rain or snow worth mention since early last summer, and everything is dry, and the high winds that sweep down upon the town continually threaten the outbreak of fire.

Forty policemen paraded the streets last night. Upward of 1,000 graders from the railroads were in the city on a spree yesterday, and in order to quell their disturbance the Mayor had ordered the hose turned on them. It is thought that the first two fires were set by some of the graders out of revenge. Ugly rumors prevail that threats have been made to lay the town in ashes before morning.

FALL RIVER REACHING OUT

After an English Plush Manufactory and Thinks It Has It.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

FALL RIVER, Dec. 26.—It is not improbable that a factory for manufacturing will be established in this city in the near future, at least that is the impression of many capitalists. George F. Mellen, of this city, who is in London, sent a marked copy of the London *Herald* of December 19, to a local manufacturer, in which is a statement that the firm of Sir Titus Salt & Sons, Limited, of Bradford, England, has decided to establish a factory in America. Mr. Mellen read the article and immediately wrote to Sir Titus, informing him of the advantages Fall River offered for the establishment of such a factory. Several letters have passed between them, and Mr. Mellen, in a private letter to a friend in this city, says he has every reason to believe that Sir Charles Stead, one of the firm, will visit this city, after his arrival in New York next week.

Local manufacturers and tradesmen and citizens generally are much interested in the affair, and when Sir Charles visits this city he will be well received. It is said that a site will be offered for the new company in case it decides to locate here.

TRAGEDY OF THE WIRES.

The Dreadful Death of an Electric Lineman at Denver.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Charley McDonel, an electric lineman, was instantly killed this afternoon while at work at the top of a pole. The man had worked for some time, but by some accident part of his person came in contact with a live wire, and he instantly experienced the fatal shock. He was seen to reel by his fellow workmen and clutch at the air with one hand, the other grasping the iron pincers with which he worked. In an instant his body fell forward, and his disengaged hand grasped a live wire. Soon thousands of curious eyes were gazing upon the dreadful spectacle. The inanimate form leaned forward and pressed down upon the wires, but before assistance could be rendered the most sickening feature of the whole tragedy was presented to view.

A smell as of burning flesh was distinguishable, and when a blue smoke, caused by the burning flesh, arose from the man's hand, there was scarcely an eye that did not turn from the scene, and a shudder swept over the crowd, and in the presence of thousands the poor man was burned before assistance came.

FRANK G. CARPENTER will publish an interview with Joe Jefferson in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. A paper for the people. Twenty-four pages.

BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

A Scapegrace Husband's Revenge on His Deserted Wife.

WASHINGTON, IND., Dec. 26.—James McBride has been arrested, charged with blowing up the Jenkins Hotel and store at Plainsville, this morning, with dynamite.

After a long absence he returned to Plainville on Thursday and learned that his wife was working at the Jenkins Hotel. He went to see her, and was refused admittance, she running upstairs. This is supposed to have angered him and led to the deed. He is a tough character, about 40 years of age. The explosion took place at 2 o'clock this morning. Jenkins' total loss, including the store, will be $7,500; insurance, $5,000. A number of guests were in the hotel at the time, but all escaped with slight injuries.

Watterson on the National Committee.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Kentucky held on the 26th of December, 1890, Hon. Henry Watterson was unanimously elected to succeed the late Henry D. McHenry as a member of the National Democratic Committee of the State of Kentucky.

A STUMBLING BLOCK

In the World's Fair Act of Congress Causing Embarrasment,

AND A SOLUTION ASKED FOR.

The Attorney General's Opinion on The Powers of the Presidents.

CONGRESS MAY HAVE TO DECIDE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The following correspondence in regard to the World's Fair at Chicago explains itself:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

The Attorney General, sir: The Board of Management of the World's Columbian Exposition is seriously embarrassed by the construction that has been placed upon certain provisions of the act of April 25, 1890. It is desirable, if possible, to overcome the difficulty by executive action under the present law rather than encounter the delay, should any be made, for Congressional interpretation. Section 16 provides, among other things, "That the President may also designate additional articles for exhibition."

By section 18 the sum of $200,000 is appropriated for the purpose of paying the expenses of transportation, etc., and for "the expenses of the commission created by the act, and other contingent expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury."

An Opinion Asked For.

Your opinion is therefore respectfully requested as to whether under these provisions the President is authorized to "Designate additional articles for exhibition" not already in the Executive Departments, and to authorize the employment of persons outside of the departmental force to prepare and take proper care of such articles as he may designate, and perform any other necessary duty in connection with the Government exhibit.

There is also a difference of opinion as to the disposition of the fund of $1,500,000, provided in section 18 of said act. Inasmuch as two wholly independent bodies are now disbursing from this common fund, the Board of Management representing the Government exhibit is unable even to estimate approximately what portion of the whole sum, aside from the $400,000 set apart for the Government building or buildings, will finally be at its disposal, and hence cannot decide on what scale to project the Government exhibit.

I will therefore thank you to advise me me whether, in your opinion, the President has the power, with or without the consent of the National Commission and the Board of Management, to divide or apportion said sum between them.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM WINDOM, Secretary.

The Attorney General's Reply.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1890.

The Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR—The letter of the 17th, requesting my opinions upon questions arising under sections 16 and 18 of the act of April 25, 1890, entitled, "An act to provide for celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America," etc., has received due consideration. The principal question presented is whether under the provisions of said sections, the President is authorized to "Designate additional articles for exhibition" not existing in any of the executive departments, and to employ persons outside of the departmental force to prepare and care for such articles as may be so designated for exhibition.

Section 16 provides for an exhibit by the Government. There are to be taken from the Executive Departments, the Smithsonian Institution, the Fish Commission and National Museum, such "Articles and materials as illustrate," etc.; and the Board of Management is provided for and is "to be charged with the selection, preparation, arrangement, safe keeping and exhibition of such articles and materials as the heads of the several departments and the directors of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum may respectively decide shall be exhibited in said Government exhibit." It is further provided that: "The President may also designate additional articles for exhibition."

The President is Not Restricted.

In view of the magnitude and importance of the proposed World's Columbian Exposition, and of the independent and specific authority granted to the President, it is improbable that Congress intended to limit the action of the Executive to merely supplementing the selections of the heads of departments and said directors in a field where their own right to select is unrestricted. I am therefore of the opinion that the power vested in the President includes, but extends beyond the departments and institutions named, and that he is authorized to designate such additional articles for exhibition outside of any department as he may deem fit and proper.

The act does not impose the duty of an apportionment or a division of the moneys upon the President, and I do not deem it advisable at this time to determine what rights the President may possess in the premises in virtue of his general executive authority. It is probable that the attention of Congress should be called to the question of the division and application of the moneys to be appropriated, so that such legislative action may be had as Congress shall decide to be proper.

Very respectfully,
W. H. H. MILLER, Attorney General.

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A PLEASANT EVENT.

Governor Beaver Presented With a Handsome Silver Service.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

HARRISBURG, Dec. 26.—Governor and Mrs. Beaver celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage this evening by giving an elaborate dinner, in which the members of the Governor's Cabinet and their wives participated. A magnificent silver service, costing about $800, was presented to the Governor by ex-Secretary Stone, Attorney General Kirkpatrick, Adjutant General Hastings, George Pearson, Private Secretary to the Governor, and John Lockhart, Executive Clerk.

Mr. Stone made the presentation speech, which dwelt largely on the pleasant relations which had existed between the Governor and his official family. Governor Beaver made a felicitous response.

A TROUBLED CONSCIENCE

Leads a Burglar to Return From South America to Justice.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—The conscience of Bill Newton troubled him so much that he came all the way from South America to Omaha to give himself up. He told the County Attorney to-day that on the 22d of last March he burglarized Samuel Snyder's store, at Tenth and Harney streets. He told how he had suffered mentally for the crime, and that it was the only theft he had ever committed.

He first went to California, from there to Texas and Mexico and then to South America. He says he wants to go to the penitentiary, where he can learn a trade.

MURDERED BY THE COOK.

A Prisoner's Christmas Viands Were Unpalatable and He Protested.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 26.—Yesterday afternoon Samuel McCowan, a city prisoner, was stabbed to death by James Mullen, the jail cook.

While the prisoners were eating their Christmas dinner McCowan objected to the cooking, at the same time dashing a handful of salt into Mullen's face. A fight ensued, during which McCowan was stabbed in the heart with a butcher knife in the hands of Mullen. The murdered man was a bully and was arrested as a vagrant.

A FIRM TEMPORARILY EMBARRASSED.

A Large Lumber Firm in Detroit Mortgages All Its Property.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 26.—A stringent money market has caused the temporary embarrassment of E. W. Leech & Co., lumber dealers, who occupy extensive yards south of Michigan avenue. Yesterday they filed two chattel mortgages to secure indebtedness aggregating $39,000, and represented by 15 promissory notes about to become due.

The mortgages cover all the stock, material and machinery connected with the firm's lumber yards. The creditors do not appear to fear an approaching assignment, one stating that the firm's affairs are in excellent condition, and that their assets are greatly in excess of indebtedness secured by the mortgages.

COLLEGE REFORMS.

CHICAGO'S NEW UNIVERSITY WILL BE UP WITH THE TIMES.

A List of the Changes From Worn Out Methods Proposed by the Organization Committee—Prof. Harper, of Yale, Will be the First President.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The Organization Committee of the new University of Chicago submitted their report this evening to a meeting of the trustees of the institution. The scheme embodies the ideas of Prof. Harper, of Yale, who is expected to be the President of the University. The plan was discussed two hours by the trustees, and was then formally adopted. The effect of this action promises to be far-reaching, in view not only of the methods introduced, but by reason of the extraordinary financial backing they will have, owing to the largeness of the endowments provided for the University by John D. Rockefeller and others.

In substance, Dr. Harper's scheme proposes that students be admitted to the University at various periods of the year, rather than all at one time; that provisions be not made passing all men, good and poor alike, through the same course at the same time; permit men to be absent during portions of the year when they can best provide means for continuing their course; furnish greater stimulus and incentive than now exists for original investigation; make it possible for students to study bookkeeping, stenography, etc., in addition to their regular studies; make it possible to dispense with instructors when they have shown themselves incompetent; permit greater freedom to students and teachers in the matter of vacations; to use other teachers than those in the University; provide opportunities for teachers and ministers who cannot attend a college to avail themselves of University advantages; allow large freedom in the choice of subjects; place the work on a level with any other institution, and provide for the University's administration in accordance with the truly American spirit.

The institution will have three departments, with the whole of the country as a field of work.

MADE A PARTIAL CONFESSION.

The Partner of Hughes, the Bogus Divorce Lawyer, Makes Disclosures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—William H. Buttner, the former partner of W. Duryee Hughes, the bogus divorce lawyer, made a partial confession to Inspector Byrnes tonight at police headquarters, where he has been kept since his arrest. He said that he was guilty of larceny, but not of forgery, he merely receiving the money under false representations.

His partnership with Hughes was formed on June 14, 1888, but was subsequently dissolved. While the partnership lasted they distributed advertisements throughout the country. It brought them hundreds of clients and their records were kept accurately in books adapted to the purpose. He related how, in several instances, some of the firm's clients, after receiving the decree of divorce, learned the utter worthlessness of the decree, and made so much trouble that he and his partner were compelled to refund their fee, which was never less than $100. He said that one of the victims was Rev. Mr. Harper, a colored clergyman of Jersey.

RAILROAD BONDS IN LITIGATION.

A Suit Against a Texas Road and a Trust Company Remanded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The suit of Jennie Mayer and Edward Milius against the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railroad Company and the Mercantile Trust Company, of New York, which was begun in the Supreme Court and removed to the United States Circuit Court, was to-day, by a decree, remanded to the State courts. Judge Wallace decided that the case had been removed without authority of law.

The suit is for the recovery of money on bonds issued by the construction company, and a temporary injunction was granted by the Supreme Court restraining the defendant from disposing of the bonds.

A TEXAS BANK FAILURE.

The Maverick Bank of San Antonio Makes an Assignment.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 26.—The Maverick Bank, of this city, closed its doors this morning after a heavy run that has lasted three weeks. Sam Maverick, sole owner of the bank and its business, made an assignment of all his property, real and personal, to Reagan Houston.

The liabilities, according to the schedule filed in court, amount to $844,164, and the assets are footed at $1,789,915.

ANOTHER PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Great Northern Extending Its Line Across the Rockies.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 26.—That it is the intention of the Great Northern to push its line through to the Pacific Coast there can be no doubt.

The contract for building the extension from the summit of the Rockies to a point beyond the Kootanie river has been let. This makes the extension from the main line at Havre, Mont., about 500 miles, the first 125 of which has been completed and turned over to the operating department.

HAWAII'S DELEGATE CHOSEN.

He Will Represent the Island Kingdom in the Monetary Conference.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The steamship Australia arrived to-day from Honolulu.

On the 13th inst. the appointment was announced in Honolulu of Hon. Henry Garter, Minister to the United States, as delegate from Hawaii to the International Monetary Union, to be held in Washington.

THE B. & O. CONFERENCE.

The Result of the Negotiations With Trainmen Still Unknown.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The Grievance Committee of the employes of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company were at the Central building in this city, and another conference with Vice President King and General Manager O'Dell took place.

The parties in conference are entirely silent about the result.

THE HOME can be made brighter these long winter evenings by adding to it a copy of THE DISPATCH. Get to-morrow's 24-page issue.

IMPERSONATED THREE POLICEMEN.

How Footpads Secured a Large Sum of Money From a Victim.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—At Fostoria, last night, three highwaymen impersonated officers, arrested Frank Myers and robbed him of $1,300.

Myers resisted after he found he had been victimized, and was knocked senseless.

General Spinner Dying Slowly.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 26.—General F. F. Spinner has failed perceptibly since Wednesday, but there is nothing in his condition to warrant any prediction as to the length of time through which his sufferings must continue. He is simply dying slowly.

THE MEDLEY OF IDEAS

Represented in a Mid-Winter Council of Queer Religionists

WHO DESIRE TO SAVE SINNERS.

Date of the Second Coming of Christ the Chief Subject

THAT IS TO BE SETTLED UPON

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 26.—A queer religious convention began a five day's session in the town hall at Bluffton, a village 16 miles west of this city, at 7 o'clock this evening. The gathering is composed of faith cure believers, Sanctificationists, Second Adventists and the advocates of several other peculiar doctrines, and meets as the third mid-winter convention of the Ohio Christian Alliance. It is claimed by the delegates that the Alliance is in no sense an ecclesiastical body or in any way antagonistic to the churches, but is a fraternal union of believers on Jesus Christ as a Savior, sanctifier, healer and coming Lord.

To this end the meeting is to promote the wide diffusion of the tenets of faith embodied in salvation through Christ for all who believe; complete salvation through Christ for all who fully yield themselves to him; Divine healing through the name of Jesus for those who believe and obey him; Christ's personal and pre-millennial coming are to afford a bond of union and fellowship for all who hold this common faith and life. The meeting of the convention to-night was largely preliminary and the actual work of the organization will not begin until to-morrow. The proceedings will be carried on alternately in English and German, and it is not expected that the convention will adjourn until New Year's morning, as arrangements have already been made for a watch-night.

A Very Notable Gathering.

Over 300 delegates were present at the opening meeting to-night, and a more interesting crowd from a worldly point of view could not be imagined. Faith Cure people were consulting with Sanctificationists, Second Adventists with Christian Scientists, and disbelievers in any of the doctrines were crowding the mourners in an effort to get a front seat, while over the whole assembly an air of queerness prevailed, which made the gathering seem anything but a religious convention.

The personal appearance of the men and women attending the meeting as delegates would immediately impress a stranger with the fact that the convention was remarkable in more ways than one. The women largely predominate in the convention and have much to say in the exercises. Advocates of the doctrines to be discussed during this gathering of "specialists" are present from all over the country, among the most prominent being O. M. Brown, of Oberton, O.; A. E. Funk, of New York, President of the German branch of the Christian Alliance; Charles Warren Ryder, of Providence, R. I., a leading Sanctificationist; C. H. McDonald, of Boston, a faith cure evangelist, and many others of lesser note in the world, but not in their own estimation, judging from the frequency with which they sought the presiding officer's eye during the opening exercises of the convention, and demanded that their views be embodied on the organization.

Visible Appeals to Sinners.

Over and behind the table of the presiding officer, who to-night was B. P. Lugibihl, of Bluffton, O., were banners bearing the following inscriptions: "Let the sinner come and learn how rich a feast the Lord has provided for all those who put their trust in Him;" "Christians come and make an everlasting covenant with God and enter into a closer relation with our adorable Lord;" "Let the sick come and learn of Him who has born our griefs and carried our sorrows;" "Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness," (Matthew, viii; 16, 17); "Let all Christians unite in asking the Lord to make the place of His feet glorious, that sinners may be converted, believers sanctified, the sick healed, the coming of Jesus hastened."

Three sessions a day of the convention will be held, commencing to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The first meeting of the day will be devoted to business and the afternoon and night to addresses, lectures, discussions, and interchanges of opinions on such doctrines and topics as are held in common by the delegates. The second and personal coming of Christ will engross the attention of the convention more fully than any of the other features, and it is expected that some sort of a declaration regarding the probable time of Christ's coming will be promulgated.

As the meeting has brought together a large body of radicals in their respective beliefs, the discussions promise to be as remarkable as the gathering.

TRAIN WRECKERS ON TRIAL.

The Prisoners Are Accused of Operating During the Great Strike.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—In the trial of John Reed, one of the alleged train wreckers, this afternoon, Detective Robert O. Pinkerton testified that Reed made a statement to him after his arrest, without any inducements or threats. Counsel for the defendants objected to admitting Reed's statement to Pinkerton on the ground that it was not voluntary. Judge Griffin allowed the defendant's counsel to cross-examine the witness to show that it was not involuntary. Pinkerton denied that he ever told Reed that he would get Mr. Bissell to come into the room to assure Reed that whatever inducements might be made would be lived up to. He also denied that Bissell had given any such assurance.

Counsel for the defense questioned the witness in regard to the grand jury proceedings, attempting to show that Reed was then regarded as a witness and not as a defendant, and an objection to this line of cross-examination was sustained. Pinkerton denied having told Reed that he did not need counsel, because the attorney for Reed would look after his case. He also denied any knowledge of Reed having received whisky from the detective. The crime with which Reed and others are charged, is the displacing of a switch on the Central Hudson Railroad. The alleged crime was committed on the same night that the express was robbed, near Castleton, during the strike.

NOT A WEDDING, BUT A FUNERAL.

An Occasion of Happy Festivity Turned to One of Mourning.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—The proposed happy Christmas celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Sr., parents of Robert Evans, Jr., has become one of mourning instead. The mother died suddenly on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Evans had been stopping with relatives in Owatonna, Minn., for several months, and it was in that city Mrs. Evans died.

The remains were brought to Minneapolis yesterday, the funeral occurring this morning from her son's residence. Eleven children came from different points to celebrate the anniversary, but are left to mourn instead.

THE PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

Steamers Which Carry Letters From America to Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Hawaiian papers quote an announcement in the Sydney *Herald* to the effect that the Union Steamship Company's steamer Monowai would leave Sydney December 26 for San Francisco, to replace vessels expected to be withdrawn at the termination of the Oceanic Steamship Company's contract for mail service between the United States and Australia. The Union Steamship Company has another steamer, the Mararoo, which, together with the Monowai, would be well suited for the service.

The Oceanic steamship Zelandia, which was to have left Sydney December 29, is stated to be the last vessel of that line to perform service between the two countries. She will touch at Honolulu on the trip here.

ASPIRES TO MONOPOLY.

A ST. LOUIS CORPORATION CLAIMS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT

To Use Motors Propelling Electric Street Cars in the United States—A Litigation Rivaling That of the Bell Company to Follow.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—It is announced here that the Adams Electric Railway Company, of St. Louis, will within the next two weeks, enter suit against the Thomson-Houston, the Sprague, the Short and other electric railway companies whose systems are now in successful operation, for infringement of patents covering the fundamental principle of propelling cars with electricity as the motive power. The claim upon which these proceedings are to be based is the official record of the Patent Office Department in Washington, backed by legal opinions from the most eminent patent lawyers in this country to the effect that the Adams Company holds the patent under which every successful electric railway system of the country is now being operated.

Dr. Wallington Adams, of this city, the inventor of the electric motor used in one form or another on every street car now being run by electricity, and the patent for which is owned by a local company bearing his name, has just returned from Washington. He brought back with him certified copies of all patents of any description granted for devices applying to electric street railways, together with letters from patent lawyers in the National Capitol, stating that the St. Louis Company, as the pioneer in the electric railway field, holds the one patent that covers the vital principle now being used by all great systems, such use direc ly infringing upon the Adams patent.

The suits will involve claims against the various companies aggregating millions of dollars, and should the cases be decided in the Adams Company's favor, will make that corporation the greatest electric monopoly in the world. It is expected the litigation will be second only to that between the Bell Telephone Company and other companies in opposition to it.

A SCHOONER IN PERIL.

Her Captain and Crew Pulled Safely Ashore on a Buoy.

DEAL BEACH, N. J., Dec. 26.—The three-masted schooner Yale, bound from Boston for Baltimore, tried to enter Sandy Hook Bay last night for shelter from the terrible storm, but to avoid coming ashore here she anchored just outside of the inner bar. Her officers displayed no distress signals this morning, evidently believing that she would outride the gale. Captain Edwards, of Life Saving Station No. 6, at the foot of Deal lake, telephoned to the Captain of Life Saving Station No. 5, at Elberon, and he came down with his crew.

The sea ran high and pounded and battered away at the schooner with terrific force. A big wave tore off the vessel's rudder, and then one of her two anchor chains parted. A life line was shot over the rigging, and soon a buoy was bringing the crew ashore. Captain Alexander Simpson and the crew of seven men were drawn ashore. To-night the schooner was still on the bar, but she had been terribly racked by the terrific onslaughts of the sea, and the huge combers were breaking over her upper deck. She is owned by Captain Hutchinson, of New Haven, Conn., and is valued at about $30,000. She left Boston nine days ago.

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NO SALT ON THE TRACKS.

A Beaver Falls Street Car Line Prevented From Clearing Its Road.

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BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 26.—When the Beaver Valley Street Car Company began to salt their tracks in New Brighton today in order to remove the snow which fell so freely last night, Mr