THREE CENTS.

GOODBY TO GROVER,

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FREE SILVER ADVOCATES

Join With Hill and Gorman to Give a

SPRINGER STILL IN THE FIGHT,

Blow to the Ex-President.

Although Several of His Adherents Are Anxious to Break Away.

THE HOUR OF THE CAUCUS ANNOUNCED

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- The name of the next Speaker will be known within 48 hours, and if it is Charles F. Crisp it will be the beginning of the end so far as Grover Cleveland is concerned. To-day the mask was practically thrown off, and it is now virtually admitted that a powerful combination, almost approaching to a conspiracy, has been at work against the ex-

Under ordinary circumstances Judge Crisp would have been a fairly strong candidate for the chief position in the House, but neither his abilities nor his personal strength could command the votes which have now been massed him. It is a peculiar array. There are the members controlled by Hill and Tammany, all opposed to Cleveland for factional reasons. Then there is the scattering remnant of tariff Democrats, who have far better cause for their opposition. With these, making strange political bedfellows, come the extreme free silver advocates from the West. Back of all this is the iron hand of the shrewd and unscrupulous Gorman, who has used his influence with the Southern members with a very noticeable effect.

The Recognized Cleveland Candidate. Mills is the recognized Cleveland candidate. Both Springer and McMillin, however, are friendly to the ex-President, and the selection of either of them would not injure his Presidental prospects. But the choice of Crisp, after the peculiar character of the fight that has been made, will mean

Goodby, Grover." Whatever may be the strength of the Hatch, Springer and McMillin votes, the calculations of the Mills managers are wholly made up on the theory that the three candidates first mentioned will not be in the race on the final ballot. For the past two days the lieutenants who have been assisting the Texas candidate have used their energies to bring about a combination that will narrow the fight down to a struggle between Mills

The attempt made to drive Mr. Springer from the field had the appearance last night of being successful. But Springer by a great deal of earnest work among those of managed to get them back in line and secured their promises of loyalty. On the strength of these assurances he seems to feel he is now in an unassailable position, the cohesion of his followers having been put to the test in the raid made upon his forces by the Mills men.

Springer Rather Too Confiding The current opinion nevertheless is that Mr. Springer is depending too much upon the loyalty of his supporters. Those who have broken away and returned again are not believed to sincerely desire his election, and it will require little effort when the caucus meets to cause them to again desert

There are no indications as yet that an effort of a serious character has been made to break up the following of either Hatch or McMillin. Mr. Crisp's managers have not been in the raiding business, and the reasons why it is of no value to Mr. Mills to break into the columns of the McMillin and Hatch following will be seen when the preferences of the men composing their support are analyzed. The Missouri delegation would probably split even, and Tennessee might show a majority in favor of Crisp. At least the Mills men don't show any disposition to have McMillin and Hatch driven from the field at this time.

A Clever Buckeye Mathematica As stated, the managers at Mr. Mills' headquarters expect the contest to narrow down to a struggle on the last ballot between their leader and the candidate from Georgia. One of the cleverest mathematicians supporting the Texan is Hon. Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland. He has figured out to his own satisfaction, and his figures probably have the endorsement of the Mills men generally, just where the votes of Springer, McMillin and Hatch will go when

their respective forces dissolve. "I think I can make it clear," said Mr. Johnson to-day, "why we have so much confidence in the election of Mr. Mills as soon as Hatch, McMillin and Springer drop out of the race. That they will retire before the contest is settled is an admitted certainty. The division of the vote now credited to those three candidates will settle the contest between Mr. Mills and Mr. Crisp, and I can show you why it will be in the former's favor. There are 119 votes in the North, of which we concede Mr. Crisp will have 31, leaving Mr. Mills 88. In the South there are 113 votes, omitting Ryan, of Missouri, who is disabled, and Watson of Georgia, who will caucus with Jerry

Simpson and the Alliance following. Crisp's Big Lead in the South, "This Southern vote will divide as follows: Mills, 39; Crisp, 74. Now add Crisp's Northern support of 31 to his Southern support of 74 and his total vote will be 105. Mr. Mills' Northern vote of 88, combined with his Southern vote of 39 will give him a total of 127, a clean majority of 22 over Mr. Crisp, should the caucus be a full one. It is now claimed by Mr. Mills' advisers that he will poll a vote of 127 on the first ballot. The figures I have give have been calculated to cover the final ballot, when the race will be between Mr. Mills and Mr. Crisp plone. These figures will be verified next Saturday, though they may not be admitted by Mr. Milis' opponents at

Mr. Johnson analyzes Crisp's Northern vote on the final ballot as follows: Ohio, 10; New Jersey, 5; New England, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; New York, 13; total, 31. Mills' Southern vote on the final ballot will embrace from Texas, 10; Missouri, 9, Arkansas, 3; Tennessee, 6; Kentucky, 5; West

Virginia, 2, and Virginia, 3; total, 39.

derision. They point out the fact that in the event of the break up of the lesser candidates Mr. Mills' statisticians do not give Mr. Crisp a vote from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and only one in New England. They say that this is

Figures of the Rival Candidates. Apparently they expect to get enough

from the States mentioned to elect Mr. Crisp by a majority fully as large as that claimed by Mr. Mills. As accurate a reflection of the claims of the two leading candidates as can be made is shown by the following figures. In these it is assumed that on the last hallot no other candidates will be in the field except the leaders. A careful compilation of the vote claimed by the Mills people by States is as follows:

people by States is as follows:

For Mills—Alabama, 8; Arkansas, 3; California, 2; Connecticut, 3; Delaware, 1; Illinois, 14; Indiana, 11; Iowa, 8; Kentucky, 5; Massachusetts, 7; Michigan, 7; Minnesota, 3; Missouri, 8; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Hampshire, 1; New York, 10; Ohio, 4; Pennsylvania, 8; Rhode Island, 2; Tennessee, 6; Texas 10; Virginia, 3; West Virginia, 2; Wisconsia, 8; Total for Mills, 134.

For Crisp—Arkansas, 2; Florida, 2; Georgia, 8; Kentucky, 6; Louisiana, 6; Maryland, 6; Mississippi, 7; Missouri, 5; New Jersey, 5; New York, 13; North Carolina, 8; Ohio, 10; Pennsylvania, 2; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 2; Virginia, 6; West Virginia, 2. Total for Crisp, 37.

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On the other hand, the calculators at Mr. Crisp's headquarters make the following

showing:

For Crisp—Alabania, 8: Arkansas, 2: Connecticut, 1: Florida, 2: Georgia, 3: Illinois, 4: Indiana, 4: Kentucky, 5: Louisiana, 6: Maryland, 6: Massachusetts, 3: Michigan 6: Minnesota, 1: Mississippi, 7: Missouri, 6: New Hampshire, 1: New Jersey, 5: New York, 15: North Carolina, 8: Onio, 10: Pennsylvania, 6: Rhode Island, 1: South Carolina, 7: Tennessee, 6: Virginia, 7: West Virginia, 2: Wisconsin, 2: Total for Crisp, 139.

For Mills—Arkansas, 3: California, 2: Connecticut, 2: Delaware, 1: Illinois, 10: Indiana, 7: Iowa, 6: Kentucky, 5: Massachusetts, 4: Michigan, 1: Minnesota, 2: Missouri, 7: Montana, 1: Nebraska, 1: New Hampshire, 1: New York, 8: Ohio, 4: Pennsylvania, 4: Rhode Island, 1: Tennessee, 2: Texas, 10: Virginia, 2: West Virginia, 2: Wisconsin, 6: Total for Mills, 32.

The closeness of the contest is disclosed in the claims of the two leaders as tabulated

The Time of the Caucus Fixed.

The arrival of General John M. Palmer of Illinois, this afternoon was the occasion of a pleasing reception which for a time caused the Democrats to forget the asperities of the Speakership contest. This evening General Palmer visited Mr. Springer's headquarters at the National Hotel, where he was received by a large number of his party friends.

After dinner a paper favoring the meeting of the caucus at 2 P. M. Saturday was circulated among the candidates for their signature. It was not long before all of them had affixed their names, Mr. Mills being the first to sign. The paper was then sent to Representative Holman, of Indiana, the Chairman of the caucus, who reached the city late this afternoon. He subse-

the city late this afternoon. He subsequently issued the formal caucus call for 2 P. M. Saturday, December 5.

Mr. Holman was asked this evening who was his candidate for Speaker. He replied that he was not committed as yet to anyone, but he would make up his mind soon. If there is a detection serious enough to give hope to either Mr. Mills or Mr. Crisp in the ranks of Mesars. Springer, McMillin or Hatch it was not this evening apparent. Each of the three minor candidates is quite as steadfast as as ever in his determination to stay to the finish, and among the followers of Mesars. Springer and McMillin there is even an apparent feeling of cheerfulness and encouragement over the outlook.

A Disintegration That Was Stopped. A Disintegration That Was Stopped.

At one time to-day there was every indication of a gradual disintegration of the forces of Mr. Springer. The Iowa delegation, apprehensive of the election of Mr. Crisp on the first ballot, held a meeting and shortly afterward Mr. Hayes announced that his colleagues had decided to drop Mr. Springer on the first ballot and support Mr. Mills in case the election of Mr. Crisp seemed imminent. seemed imminent.

"If you are not to go to Mr. Mills until you are convinced that otherwise Mr. Orisp's election will result upon the first ballot, I am quite content," said Mr. Springer, "because neither Mr. Crisp nor any other man will be elected upon the first ballot."

Thus the matter rested, with Mr. Springer Thus the matter rested, with Mr. Springer acquiescent and the Iowa Congressmen hesitating. For a time it seemed as if the Iowa delegation held the key to the situation. There seemed no likelihood of defection in the ranks of Messrs. McMillin or Hatch, and the break from the Springer camp, if made at all, was to be initiated by the Hawkeye men.

An Announcement From Indiana Just here the unexpected occurred. The threatened move of the Iowa Congressmen was checkmated—not by the Illinois delegation and not by Mr. Springer, but by the little Indiana delegation of Springer men, led by Mr. Shiveley. These four gentle-men held a meeting and at its conclusion Mr. Shiveley announced to the Iowa delegation that their desertion of Mr. Springer would be the signal for his Indiana followers to cast their vote solidly for Mr. Crisp, who was their second choice should Spring-

er's chances be rendered hopeless.

This announcement was a thunder clap to the Iowa delegation. It meant that the nction which they proposed to take as a means of defeating Mr. Crisp would be the signal for a counter movement which would give Mr. Crisp four votes—a significant accession to a man whose strength is already conceded by his opponents to be above the Mr. Mills, but at its conclusion he had for the first time during the contest subside into the non-committal.

"I am not prepared," said he, "to take the responsibility of being the first man to desert Mr. Springer. Our present inten-tions are to remain true to him until the end, unless the break is first led by son his other friends." This is interpreted to mean that Messrs. Fithian, Forman, New-berry and Wike must first desert to the canfrom Texas.

A CONFERENCE ON RECIPROCITY

Between Ex-Spanish Minister Foster and Some West India Merchants.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—John W. Foster, formerly United States Minister to Spain, has been in New York several days conferring with merchants in the West India trade. Mr. Foster, it was said to-day, came from Washington as the representa-tive of the State Department, and reciprocity was the subject discussed. The meeting to-day was held in the offices of the Ward line of steamships. Those present were W. H. T. Hughes, manager of the line; Charles Leaveraft, of Leaveraft & Co.; John Farr, of Watson & Farr; G. H. Lough, of Lough & Co.; Donald S. Lee, of Middleton & Lee and Charles Armstrong, of Armstrong & Co.

The main question discussed was the possibility of reciprocity in the shape of lower import duties on our flour and pork in return for free sugar. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, is said to be greatly interested in the result. greatly interested in the report of Mr. Foster, for the business of English mer-chants with the West Indies may be

A Blockade of Shipping at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.-The low stage of water in the river and the large number o vessels in the harbor have almost resulted in a general blockade. A number of vessels in a general blockade. A number of vessels are aground, some of them having been fast for three or four days. Many others are on their way here to load grain, and the harbor master fears that it will be impossible to The Crisp men hold these figures in tors.

SHOT ON THE FENCE.

Henry Bowmaster Killed at Duquesne While Out on a Lark.

JAMES TAYLOR HELD FOR MURDER.

Mystery Is Forever Locked Up in the Dead Man's Coffin.

SPECULATION HAS A WOMAN IN THE CASE

While out on a lark Henry C. Bowman ter was shot and instantly killed by James N. Taylor at Duquesne early yesterday morning. The latter is in jail charged with murder. The affair occurred at Taylor's house. Why Bowmaster was there is a mystery likely to remain forever sealed in

the coffin of the dead man. Bowmaster, a carpenter, 23 years of age, lived with his wife and two children in Mifflin township near Duquesne. His father, J. C. Bowmaster, liver near him. After supper Wednesday evening the father and son went to Duquesne to attend a meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union. Later in the evening, after the meeting was over, Jacob C. Linkhuer, Chairman of the union, walked with the Bowmasters to the corner in front of Connell's saloon. After talking to them awhile the elder Bowmaster said it was time for him to go home. Henry said he would be along soon, so the father started away without him. Shortly after this Linkhuer and Bowmaster met Charles Atkinson, another carpenter, and the three went into Connell's saloon and had some

Suggested a Lark.

Then they went to a shooting gallery and remained there until almost midnight, More drinks were next on the programme, More drinks were next on the programme, and the three soon got out of the notion of going heme to bed. Finally, Bowmaster invited them to come with him to "a friend's house and have some fun," as he expressed it. The offer was quickly accepted. Bowmaster refused to tell where he was going, but kept on across the fields toward the river. It was then after midnight. The three finally arrived at James Taylor's house. It is a little, two-story frame affair, down by the river. The ground floor has but two rooms. In the windows of the front room the men could see a light. The remainder of the house was dark.

Bowmaster, motioning to his companions

Bowmaster, motioning to his companions to keep in the rear, mounted the picket fence opposite the front window, saying he wanted to see who was there. Mrs. Taylor wanted to see who was there. Mrs. Taylor and Katie Bennett, the 14-year old domestic, were sitting there knitting. The former caught a glimpse of the man outside on the fence and was frightened. Hurriedly crossing the room she took a Winchester rifle from the wall and disappeared into the rear room, where her husband was sleeping. Taylor was out of bed in an instant and with the rifle in his hand alipped out the back door and around through the yard to the front. When he reached the corner of the house Mrs. Taylor heard him ask the man on the fence what he heard him ask the man on the fence what he

Before the latter could reply the sharp crack of the rifle was heard, and Bowmaster fell off the fence dead. A 32-caliber bullet had entered his left breast. His friends heard the shot, saw him fall had then took to their heels. Half a dozen bullets whistled about their heads as they was the Taylor astend the house minimum. ran. When Taylor entered the house again he said he had shot somebody, and he thought it might be his brother, Stewart. At 2 o'clock Bowmaster's body was carried to an undertaker's. Nothing more was done to an undertaker's. Nothing more was done until daylight, when Taylor gave himself up. Coroner McDowell went to Duquesne vesterday afternoon and held an inquest. The testimony brought out the facts as stated above, and the jury found Taylor guilty of wilful murder. He was brought to Pittsburg last night and put in jail to await court trial.

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await court trial.

What Bowmaster's object was in going to the house will probably never be known. Rumor has it that the women were the attraction, but as he would tell his companions nothing this is only conjecture. Some time ago he worked on a new house across a vacant lot from the Taylor residence and

James Taylor is not well known about the place. He has four children, and formerly lived in a shanty-boat on the river. During the recent strike at the Duquesne stee works he went to work there as engineer.
While the trouble lasted he used to be seen
going to work with his Winchester strapped
across his back, and was scarcely ever without the weapon.

THE PARNELLS STILL IN NEW YORK.

ressing Creditors Prevent Their Sailing for Europe for Awhile.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.-[Special.]-Mrs. Delia T. S. Parnell and her son, John Parnell, are still in New York City, and Mrs. Parnell states that it is impossible for her to say when they will be able to return to Europe. She says it is very necessary that they should be at Avondale, county Wicklow, upon the settlement of the estate of Charles Stewart Parnell. Mrs. Parnell says they ought to have left New York a month ago, but the illness of her son, who was in Georgia while Mrs. Parnell was in New Jersey, delayed their departure. They prepared to sail on the Majestic on Wednes-

day, but were again disappointed.

Mrs. Parnell gives no very definite reason for this latter disappointment. She intimates, however, that their financial affairs are not in as good condition as she would like to have them. There are people inter-ested in delaying their departure, and some of these people are bringing up claims against herself and her son. Some of these claims are unjust, she says, and she adds: "They seem to think money is raining down upon us, but it is not. These people know that we must get to Avondale, and they think we will settle claims, whether just or not, rather than be delayed. I cannot tell when we shall leave for Europe."

A STUDENT'S STOLEN THUNDER.

He Is Accused of Using Arguments and Words of a Debate in Another College. NEW WILMINGTON, Dec. 3 .- [Special.]-A sensation was created to-day in Westminster College by the charge of plagiarism against A. L. Russell, of Bulgar, Pa., contest debater for the Philo Society. This debate was given last June in the annual contest of the Adelphia and Philo Literary ocieties. The question was, "Should the Public Observance of the Sabbath Be Enforced by Civil Law?" The affirmative was sustained by J. Y. McKinney, West Sun-bury, Pa; the negative by Russell. The de-cision of the judges gave Russell the debate by a majority vote.

Russell's conduct before and after the

contest aroused the suspicions of his oppo-nent. After a careful investigation of the matter by McKinney and his friends it was discovered that the same question and been debated at the Washington and Jefferson College a few years ago. Me-Kinney sent to J. Logan Marquis, of Chi-cago, a son of Rev. Mr. Marquis, D. D., who sustained the negative of the same question at Washington, Pa, and got a copy of his debate. After comparing his debate with Russell's they found the train

of thought in both to be identical. It was found, also, that Russell had used the sentences in Marquis' debate with impunity and had given no credit. The matter was to-day submitted and a meeting called. The Adelphia has demanded that the four points given to the Philo Society by the decision of the judges be surrendered. No decision has yet been given. Russell claims in defense that he had permission to use the Marquis debate.

KERR GAINS HIS POINT.

HE WILL REPRESENT THE STATE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

Result of a Short Section of the Democratic Central Committee—No One Yet Chosen to Succeed Hon, William L. Scott—How

a Choice Is to Be Made. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Central Committee met at the Metropolitan Hotel, in this city, to-night, to decide the question whether it was necessary to convene the State Central Committee before the January meeting, for the

mittee before the January meeting, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the National Committee caused by the death of Hon. William L. Scott. The following resolution was adopted:

WHERMAS, The rules governing the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania make no provision for the election of a member of the National Committee; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the State Central Committee is hereby instructed to call a meeting of the State Central Committee at the city of Harrisburg at least two weeks before the next meeting of the Democrotic National Committee unless said committee should sooner meet for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. William L. Scott and for the transaction of such other business as may at that time come before it.

Another resolution presented by Hon. J.

Another resolution presented by Hon. J. M. Healey, of Schuylkill, was passed. It was as follows:

Resolved, That Hen. James Kerr is the unanimous choice of the Division Chairmen and the State Executive Committee of Pennsylvania for Clerk of the next House of Representatives.

Chairman Kerr will represent the State

Chairman Kerr will represent the State at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee, which will convene at the National Hotel, in this city, on Tuesday next, to decide the time and place for holding the next Democratic National Convention.

There were some politics in the action of the Executive Committee. It is hinted that the calling of the meeting of the Pennsylvania Executive Committee at this time was forced by the Harrity interests, for the purpose of electing Mr. Harrity to succeed the late William L. Scott, which would enable Mr. Harrity to represent the State at the National meeting next week. Chairman Kerr was not favorable to this, and took the ground that the Executive Committee had no jurisdiction. This view of the case was indorsed by the Executive Committee, as will be seen by the foregoing resolution.

TOM REED AND JOE MANLEY

Cornered by the Interviewer at Boston, but Not Very Successfully.

Boston, Dec. 3.—[Special.]— "Tom" Reed, stout, jolly and genial as ever, passed through Boston to-day on his way to Wash-ington, where he will doubtless continue to have fun with the Democrats, notwithstanding he will not occupy the Speaker's chair. It will be great sport when "Shermie" Hoar and George Fred run up against the Portland giant. The ex-Speaker said in reply to a question as to the outlook in Washington, especially as regards the Speakership fight: "I really know noth-ing whatever of the situation except what I have learned by the newspapers. I should judge by to-day's papers that Crisp might be in the lead, but I know nothing about it."

"Joe" Manley was also seen about the corridors at Young's. Museum managers are after the man who can interview "Joe" as a "freak." He said he had come to Boston to get shaved, for they had a good barber here. In answer to another question he said Blaine was all right. "Is he a can-didate?" was asked. "I don't know," said Joe, with a child-like smile. "I see you haven't denied that letter in which you said Blaine was a candidate," ventured the reporter. "I never deny anything. I have one," was the reply.

W. W. Dudley is also in town, but is not alking politics.

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED.

A Frightful Accident Is Caused by the Upsetting of a Lamp.

DENVER, Dec. 3 .- One of the most horrible accidents imaginable, by which a mother and child were burned to death, happened last night, the victims being Mrs. George Masten and her infant son, Edwin T., aged 11/2 years. The victims were burned almost to a crisp, and their faces so badly scarred and blackened as to make recogni-

tion impossible. The accident was caused by the little The accident was caused by the little child attempting to climb up to the table, and in doing so caught hold of the cloth. The lamp was upset, the oil running down upon the child and catching fire, and in a moment the little one was a mass of flames. The mother in the adjoining room heard the crash. Seeing the child in flames, she caught it in her arms and, screaming, dashed out into the street, threw herself and child into a large bank of sand and began rolling over and over to quench the flames with which they were both envel-oped. Neighbors at once ran to her assistance, completely covering both mother and child in blankets, thus quenching the flames, but not until both had been burned beyond possibility of recovery.

A Big Suit Against Uncle Sam.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—Uncle Sam must soon defend himself in a suit involving nearly, if not quite \$1,000,000, in settlement of alleged infringements of a patent for a cartridge-extractor for breach-loading firearms. On the docket of the United States Circuit Court the case is booked as that of Charles Head, administrator, against Samuel W. Porter. The suit was originally brought by William S. Sinott, the complainant, in-testate, against James G. Benton, an officer of the United States armory at Springfield, charging him with the infringements. Subsequently the defendant died and the de-fendant now is Porter, master armorer at the Springfield armory, practically mak-ing the United States the defendant.

Ohio Miners May Be Called Out COLUMBUS, O., Dec., 3.-[Special.]-A telegram was received at the office of the United Mine Workers, at Columbus, O., from Vice President Penna, who is now in Indiana looking after the strike among the miners of that State, announcing that Indiana contracts were being filled at Fluhart's mines in Wellston, O. As this is contrary to the dictates of the national organization, orders will be issued that the practice must cease or the 400 miners will be called out. Fluhart has mines in Indiana as well as Ohio, and is thus seeking to fill his Indiana contracts with Ohio coal, but in s doing has stirred up the Indiana miners, who have appealed to their national body.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 3. - [Special.]-The State Board of Pardons to-day, among a number of recommendations for Executive elemency included one for Patrick Dunn, convicted at the May term, 1879, of the Summit county court, and Bentenced for life for murder in the second degree.

HARRISON TOO BUSY

City Financial Scandals.

NO MORE REVELATIONS PROBABLE.

The Mercantile Appraisers Enter a Plea of

ALL ORDERED DISMISSED FROM OFFICE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.-Two occurrences to-day brought the complicated financial scandals once more prominently before the public. Mayor Stuart trans-mited to Councils the following reply of the Secretary to President Harrison, to the Mayor's letter of November 23, requesting permission for the experts of the Investigating Committee of Councils to examir the books and papers of the Spring Garde.

Bank.

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 33d instant, with the accompanying resolutions of the Select and Common Connelled the city of Philadelphia, with the transcript of proceedings of the sub-committee, and to say that it has had his attention. This is so purely in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury that the President would with reluctance interfere, but he will call the matter to the attention of the Secretary when he recovers from his present indisposition. The President is just now too busy with the necessary preparation for the assembling of Congress to make a personal examination into the matter. t benefit to the section of country the hich it passes, but, with the new St. I, now under construction, will give an independent inland canal from takes to the seaboard.

Foster Had Already Refused.

The action of Councils in passing a resolution requesting the Mayor to write to the President and ask permission for the experts to go into the Spring Garden Bank was prompted by the refusal of Secretary of the Treasury Foster to acquiesce in such a request made by the Councils' committee investigating the city deposits in the Keystone and Spring Garden Banks.

In Quarter Sessions Court No. 1, before Judge Finletter, to-day, Edward W. Patton, Samuel E. Houseman, James F. Bell, Albert Crawford and Harry Hunter, mercantile appraisers, and J. Frederick Volk, State Clerk in the City Treasurer's office, were called upon to plead to a number of indictments, charging them with conspiracy and making false assessment: lists with intent to defraud the Commonwealth. Furman Sheppard, of counsel for the defense, man Sheppard, of counsel for the defense, stated that if there was no objection counsel would plead to the indictments. Mr. Graham assented to this, and, addressing the Court, Mr. Sheppard said:

The District Attorney has called up sundry bills against six defendants, five of whom are mercantile appraisers. All six of these bills were found on October 30 last. They charge numerous offenses against the law, and that these offenses had been committed with a willful intent and corrupt motive. To each and all of those bills the defendants pleaded not guilty. The Commonwealth, in a spirit of fairness, have much modified and

a spirit of fairness, have much modified and mitigated the case.

To these five bills there are added two counts which allege simply that certain facts in relation to the classification of appraisements and exemptions were in violalation of the acts of Assembly. I have no doubt that they were, and we are authorized by the appraisers to plead guilty to these two counts and no others. They charge technical offenses, omitting wilfulness and corruption of motive. Therefore, we plead guilty to the fourth and fifth counts, and to the others not guilty. I desire, in behalf of the defendants and my colleagues, to acknowledge the fairness and impartiality of the District Attorney and City Treasurer in presenting this case.

Dismissed From Their Offices.

Dismissed From Their Offices. After District Attorney Graham had made a brief address, Judge Finletter dis-posed of the case in the following words: posed of the case in the following words:

These defendants have pleaded guilty to misdemeanors charged in the several bulls of indictment. In misdemeanors especially the sentence should depend upon the circumstances which attend the commission of the offense. I could not fully understand these cases without an examination, which would probably be as long as a trial. The City Treasurer and the District Attorney, by whom these prosecutions were commenced, have given the evidence more than usual careful consideration and more than I could possibly give it.

I am satisfied, therefore, to adopt the suggestion of these officials and enter judgment accordingly. The sentence of the court is that these defendants stand dismissed from office.

SHOT THE WRONG MAN.

A Bullet Meant for a Millionaire Grazes the

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 .- [Special.] mining man who is named as co-respondent weeks ago. Herman Liebes, the fur millwhich consisted in groundless charges of indiscretion made by her husband. Liebes replied to the complaint that the charges were true, and he named Fisher as the man

she was intimate with.

When Liebes' reply was read to Fisher when Liebes reply was read to Fisher to-day in the lawyer's office, he became wildly excited and swore a mighty oath that he would pump lead into Millionaire Liebes. He fumbled for his pistol to make sure he was heeled, but his excitement was great and he discharged the weapon while drawing it from his pocket. The bulle just grazed the front of his abdomen, caus ing a painful flesh wound, which bled freely. No less than a dozen doctors were ned by the excited janitor,

DRIVEN INSANE BY DRINK.

Pitiful Condition of a Brother of Civil Serv ice Commissioner Roosevelt.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 3 .- [Special.]-Judge Bartlett, in the Supreme Court, to-day ap-pointed Dr. Landon Carter Gray, of New York City, and William S. Cogswell and John O. Donnell, of Jamaica, L. I., to inquire into the alleged mental incapacity of Elliott Roosevelt, of Woodbury, L. I., a brother of Civil Service Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt. The commission was appointed on the petition of Theodore Roosevelt, supported by affidavits of Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, the wife of the alleged lunatic, and Miss Anna Roosevelt. The examination has been fixed for January 18, i

guardian ad litem of Mr. Roosevelt durin the proceedings. Theodore Roosevelt says his brother has been an habitual drunkard for two years, and is incompetent to manage his own affairs.

To Give Her an Independent Waterwa From the Lakes to Seaboard.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—The Deminion Government has decided to construct new canal on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river, between Lake St. Louis and Lake St. Francis, so as to avoid three rapids-Cascades, Cedars and Coteau, which at

To Order an Inquiry Into the Quaker

Guilty, and Are

The Ex-President and Other Prominent Statesmen Send Letters of Regret-A Passage From Cleveland's Epistle-He Finds the Occasion a Significant One, CANTON, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—The mem-bers of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Canton, one of the leading clubs of the

ous, and every mention of Cleveland's name vigorously applauded. Ex-President Cleve-land sent a letter, which was read amid great cheering. The ex-President says:

ROUGH WEATHER IN THE NORTHWEST.

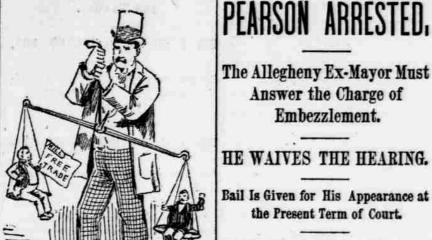
Would-Be Shooter. sensation was caused in the law office of Scrivner & Schell to-day by the accidental shooting of Jacob A. Fisher, a prominent in the Liebes divorce case begun several ionaire manager of the North American Commercial Company, in which Steve Elkins is a silent partner, was sued by his wife for divorce. She alleged eruelty,

Fisher soon recovered and was driven to his home. His escape was very narrow.

Jamaica,
Frederick R. Coudert has been appointed

CANADA'S NEW CANAL

present are frequently run by downward bound steamers, the vessels returning by the Beauharnais Canal. The canal will be about 13% miles in length between Macdonald Point, Lake St. Francis and Cascade Breen's Slope Letter.



letion of this canal will not only

CLEVELAT S TARIFF MESSAGE.

ITS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY

CANTON'S DEMOCRACY.

State, celebrated the anniversary of the

promulgation of Grover Cleveland's tariff

Hall to-night. The hall was crowded, and covers were laid for 400. There were many

notables present, including Allen W. Thur-

Letters of regret were received from Gov-

ernor Campbell, Lawrence T. Neal, Gov-

ernors Russell, of Massachusetts, and Bois,

of Iowa, Congressmen Harter, Warwick Wilson and others. The toasts were numer

MINNEAPOLIS TO THE RESCUE

The First Sellef Movement in America fo.

the Russian Sufferers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—The first attem

in this country to afford relief to the fam-

ated in Minneapolis. The scheme is to send

millers of America are to be asked to help.

The Russian Minister at Washington has been communicated with, and in his absence

the Charge d'Affairs at New York wires that he has laid the matter before his coun-

one from Minnesota alone, but it was thought best to give it a national scope.

Railroads are willing to give the transpor-tation, and the deal will be closed as soon

Minneapolis millers will give 25 carloads of

as the Russian Minister hears from ho

A Heavy Snow in Parts of the Dakot

Minnesota and Manitoba

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.-Heavy rains, with

some snow, are reported from all over the

Northwest. Devil's Lake, N. D., reports a

blizzard, with drifts 15 feet high and the

thermometer at zero. Heavy snow is re-ported from other parts of North Dakota

but there has been no delay to trains.

In Minnesota hard and general rains are reported; although 9½ inches of snow fell at Hallock and a heavy snowfall was re-

ported elsewhere. At Winnipeg a heavy snow storm set in this morning and has con

tinued throughout the day, greatly crippling train service.

Greek Priests Quarrel With the Pope.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 3 .- [Special.]-The

Greek Catholic priests of the United States

held a convention here to-day. Some of the

priests wanted to cut off all allegiance to

Rome, and to establish an episcopacy of

ultimatum from Rome, ordering all Greek

who are married, to return to Europe

Rome's object is to place only celibat

priests in charge of congregations in the

QUINCY, ILL., Dec. 3 .- The police have

located Henry Kiefker, the railroad man

who was abducted last Saturday from his

home while in a strange stupor by a woman

named Mary Crewson. The couple were found vesterday in a hut three miles west of

Hannibal. Kiefker is reported quite sick and is under the care of a Hannibal physi-

cian. His wife left here yesterday to invoke the aid of the Hannibal police in recovering

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CHIEF MURPHY LET DOWN EASY. Charges Against Him Are Given to the City Solicitor for Burial.

PROVIDING FOR AN AUDIT NEXT YEAR

Ex-Mayor Richard T. Pearson, of Allegheny, was yesterday arrested on a charge of embezzlement of \$794 from the city of Allagheny. He waived a hearing and furnished bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the December term of court. Fred Beuchler went on Mr. Pearson's bail bond. The information was made by Controller Brown. Scarcely less important was the referring of the allegations against Chief Murphy by the Auditing Committee to the City Solicitor with instructions to bring such proceedings as he sees fit, if he believes the evidence warrants any charges. The course of the Auditing Committee is looked upon as an easy method taken to drop the case against Chief Murphy. The information against ex-Mayor Pearson fol-

Before me, the subscriber, James V. Mc-Masters, an alderman in and for said city, personally came James Brown, who, upon oath administered according to law, deposes and says that at Allegheny City, in the county of Allegheny, on the ist day of April, A. D. 1890, defendant aforesaid being Mayor of the city of Allegheny, and acting in his official capacity, did willfully and fraudulently take, convert and apply to his own use or to the use of some other person or persons not the owners, the sum of \$794, the property of the city of Allegheny, being moneys received by him as Mayor of said city paid by the county of Allegheny for jail and workhouse commitments, and which he did not turn into the City Treasury as required by law, having from the 2d day of May, 1888, at divers times between said date and said lst day of April. 1890, received in sundry amounts the full sum or amount of \$1,243 for sald commitments, and having paid over, as required by law, not more than \$4 48 thereof.

great cheering. The ex-President says:

The value and significence of this occasion are found in the determination to push the issue of tariff reform in a practical and effective manner, and it is the duty of the Democratic party to do this. Expediency, as well as duty, forbids any backward step. No party deserves success which, having led men to an examination of questions vital to its interests, abandons them and leaves them in unhappy doubt and perplexity. Our obligation to them will not be discharged until in every hamlet and neighborhood throughout the land our cause is so presented to our countrymen that they can no longer be deceived through blunders nor corrupted with indifference.

GBOVER CLEVELAND. Arrested Him by Telephone. The arrest of Mr. Pearson is the second most important step in the Allegheny investigation. The information was made at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and two hours afterward Mr. Pearson, in response to a tele-phone message, appeared at Alderman Me-Masters' office. His attorney, Mr. Ferguson, The banquet is looked upon as a boom in Eastern Ohio for the ex-President. accompanied him. The accused, although slightly nervous, lost none of his calmness as he signed the bond. He remarked that there seemed to be little reward for honesty in this country, and then expressed surprise at the small amount of the alleged embezzlebeen made, he said he thought they were going to come at him with accusations of ine-stricken peasantry of Russia has originhaving stolen the whole treasury. When asked if he had anything to say in defense, a shipload of flour to Russia by the middle

he replied: of next January, and the 5,000,000 merchant "All I want is for my friends and the people of Allegheny to suspend judgment. will prove my innocence conclusively. It is not good policy to state the grounds of defense in advance. The other side has been doing all the talking, but before this try. The idea at first was to make the gift is over they will be ready to admit their

error." Considerable surprise- was expressed in Allegheny over the small amount that it is claimed was embezzled. It was also thought that a charge of extortion would be brought. The witness fee matter seems to have been dropped and no one could give an explanstion of why it had been done.

Other Charges May Follow. Attorney Langfitt said that other charges night be brought later on, but that the one brought was the most important. The retaining of witness fees, it is thought, will be taken up in civil court on a suit to recover. The meeting of the Auditing Committee was distinguished from preceding meetings by a lack of that open, free and easy, "we are the people" manner which has become a characteristic of Allegheny statesmen. The members were all as docile as a band of members were all as docide as a band of angels in convention and, instead of at every opportunity declaring in oratorical speeches that all except themselves are sinners who must be punished, they listened patiently to Attorney Marshall's argument, received an important resolution without debate and, with a pretense of continuing the investigafor burial with instructions to hold an autopsy and make a report as to cause of

The proceedings opened with Attorney Marshall reading one affidavit, and stating that he had enough others to account for 104 of the missing vehicle license plates. He also read an affidavit from Hay Walker, Jr., Treasurer of the New Brighton Plank Road in which it was stated that 50 to 75 wagons get tollgate receipts every year for the pur-pose of securing license plates. In this way Mr. Marshall claimed 200 of the plates that disappeared during Mr. Murphy's four years of service had been accounted for, and that in various ways it was shown that licenses amounting to \$5,800 had been given to persons entitled to receive them free of charge. Continuing, he stated that Mr. Murphy did not fear an investigation by court, but that, like everyone, he did not want the odium of having criminal charges preferred against him. He said Councils were answerable to their consciences and their constituents, not to the newspapers that were crying for a court trial in order to increase their circulations. He said he did not want to criticise the newspapers. He thought they were good in their place; that they did good sometimes and bad sometimes, but he believed that Councilmen would not be doing their duty if they voted to have Chief Murphy tried in court through fear of a newspaper cry of whitewash.

Fished for Sympathy and Won. He appealed to the members of the committee to place themselves in the position of Mr. Murphy; to be innocentand yet have charges of crime hanging over his head.
"How would you like to be taken into
court on a grave offense even if you could court on a grave offense even if you could prove you were in another State at the time the crime was committed?" he asked in an eloquent plea. "How would you like to have it thrown in your face through life that you were tried in Crimmal Court, even if you were not found guilty? If there are any charges outside of the ones brought out, in all fairness to us, make them known now, bring on your witnesses as we have brought ours, and let us have a

chance to make a defense."

When he had finished speaking, Mr. Henricks wanted to know if any of the 90 plates found had been used and then returned. The question conveyed an implication of dishonesty, but Chief Murphy's