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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

CRISP'S CHOICE FOR CHAIRMEN

No Better or No Worse Than Other Speakers Have Selected.

FRIENDS REWARDED,

But Those Who Opposed Him Were Also Generously Treated.

MILLS' SULKINESS TO WEAR OFF.

The Texan's Committee One of the Most Important of All

mings' Description of Men He Well-Comparisons Between Them and Their Immediate Predecessors-Springer One of the Giants McMillin in a Position of Responsibility-Colonel O'Ferrall and His Confederate Record-Hard Workers Put in Places Where Their Energy Will Tell.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC LETTER.) BUREAU OF THE DISPATCH, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 4

It is not much of a job to analyze Crisp's committees. They are no better and no worse than those appointed by former Speakers. Mr. Crisp, like his predecessors, may have rewarded some of his friends who stood by him in the struggle for the nomination, but not only at the expense of those who were opposed to him.

There are 54 committees. Twenty-three of the chairmanships went to members who had voted against him, and only 31 to those who were with him from the beginning to the end. Crisp has done fully as well as did Speaker Carlisle after Mr. Randall's defeat, and certainly better than did Speaker Reed by the friends of his four opponents. Nine chairmanships were given to men who voted for Roger Q. Mills on the final ballot.

Some Pen and Ink Sketches Pen and ink sketches of the chairmen of leading committees may be read with interest. The leading committee on the roll of the House is the Committee on Elections. Its chairman is Colonel Charles T. O'Ferrall, of Harrisonburg, Va. The Colonel was 51 years old last October. He is tall, and has a commanding figure. He | quently as a v other committee on the list. thick gray hair standing out from his head like a brush heap. The Colonel dresses with extreme neatness. He has a good voice and is an effective speaker. Colonel O'Ferrall was a prominent candidate for the Demo cratic nomination for Governor before the last State election. In May, 1861, he entered the Confederate service as a private and at the close of the war was in command of the Confederate cavalry in the Shenandeah Valley. In a fight in the valley he he was shot through the lungs. After the war he studied law at Washington College, Virginia and afterward located in Harrisonburg. He had been a member of the Assembly, a county judge and a Democratic State canvasser.

O'Ferrall an Old Friend of Crisp's,

Colonel O'Ferrall served second to Crisp on the Committee of Elections in the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses, He was Crisp's lieutenant in the fight which resulted in the seating of Langston. Tom Reed at one time ruled that he had no right to read from the record of evidence the case while on the floor, but was forced to withdraw the arbitrary ruling under the protest of Major McKinley and others. Colonel O'Ferrall was entitled to his chairmanship from his rank on the committee, aside from his warm interest in Mr. Crisp's canvass. He is energetic, able and industrious, and will make a model Chair-

William M. Springer, the new chairman of the Ways and Means, became a member of the House in 1875, two years after Roger O Mills took the oath. He was born in Indiana, 55 years ago last May. He studied law, edited a Democratic newspaper, and served one term in the Illinois Legislature before entering Congress. For 16 years he tees and upon the floor of the House. He opposed to the last the stealing of the Presidency from Samuel J. Tilden, and has been prominent in many investigations of robberies and peculations.

He was Chairman of the Committee o Territories in the Fiftieth Congress. The great Northwest owes him a debt of gratitude. It was owing to his efforts that the two Dakotas, Montana and Washington were admitted into the Union. Springer was confident that Montana and Washington would prove Democratic States, and he had strong hopes that North Dakota would go the same way. No man was more chagrined when the Republicans panned eight United States Senators and five Representatives out of the transaction. Springer's action, although sustained Sunset Cox and other prominent lution passed by a Democratic caucus in

Democrats, was taken in the face of a resowhich they participated. The resolution inelsted upon the passage of an omnibus bill providing for the admission of the Democratic territories of New Mexico and Arizona on the same terms as the other territories. If the Republicans refused to accept this, the Democrats in the House were to vote down the bill and admit no new States, leaving the responsibility grasped with both hands and held. A phywhere it belonged. Mr. Cox was Chairman f the caucus, but he tollowed Mr. Springer

Springer One of the House Giants. Mr. Springer is six feet tall, broad shouldered, and rather nervous in manner. He has gray hair, a grizzled beard, close

eropped, and regular features. He has

and Means. He wears a statesman's frock cont and dark clothes. A rose always rests in the lapel of his coat, the gift of his wife. In the Fifty-first Congress, Mr. Springer was ever a thorn in the side of Tom Reed. He was persistently on his feet with the rules of the House in his hand, protesting against the Speaker's tyranny. His persistence at one time drove the Czar back to the chair after he had declared the House adjourned, and forced him to submit the motion to adjourn in a parlia-

mentary manner. Mr. Springer has a rasping but a clear voice and at times an aggravating persistence. Possibly he demanded the attention of the House too frequently. He pops up at all times, anxious to take a hand in every debate, however trifling. This is why the correspondent of the St. Louis Republic has dubbed him a parliamentary jack-in-the-box.

The Illinoisan as a Magician. Springer's luck in Crisp's canvass, stands n refreshing contrast to his fate in Carlisle's canvass. There the Illinoisan was put to bed with the loser. He was awarded the chairmanship of an insignificant committee as a sop to his ability and term of service. It served only to develop the trength of the man. He proved a political magician. By a wave of his hand the insignificant committee was turned into a committee of investigation. The magician afterward made a report and shook the

ountry from its rim to its center. The Chairman of Ways and Means has usually been regarded as the leader of the House. The real leader of the House, however, is the Speaker. He selects and recognizes his own lieutenant on the floor. Carlisle recognized Colonel W. R. Morrison, who was a bold, fearless and active leader. His men were thoroughly disciplined, and wheeled promptly at the word.

Mills as Morrison's Successo When Morrison went down under th ance of Jehu Baker, Colonel R. Q. Mills became the recognized leader on the floor, No man ever had more faithful retainers. They followed him with alacrity. At critical moments, however, he was frequently bsent. He lacked the sturdy stamina and untiring vigilance of Bill Morrison, At times he dashed upon the center of the enemy with an intrepidity bordering on rashness, but anon left the field to his lieutenants. These were all able men. Among them were Benton McMillin, William M. Springer, Charles F. Crisp and "the two Ajaxes," better known as the Breckenridges. The new Speaker was developed. It was the ability displayed by three of these minor chieftains in a two years' fight with the Republican Czar that

made them candidates against Colonel Mills, and finally led to his defeat. Whether Mr. Springer is to be the rea leader of the House or not is vet to be determined. There are born leaders on the floor. Circumstances may develop them, Self-assertion never will do so. The Speaker's eye in all cases is a necessary

Perequisite.

Benton McMillin, as second on the Com mittee on Rules, the Speaker himself being first, is certain to be a figure of promi-

Mills in His New Position The Committee on Inter-State and For eign Commerce is the new name of the Committee on Commerce. This is the com-mittee to which Roger Q. Mills has been assigned as Chairman. In the Fiftieth Congress Austin L. Clardy, of Missouri, was its Chairman, and in the Fifty-first Con-gress Charles S. Baker, of Rochester, had that honor. It is a committee that com-mands the attention of the House as fre-

committee. At times nights are set apar for the consideration of its recommenda Colonel Mills may see fit to refuse th chairmanship, but it is an honor that has been eagerly sought by prominent men of the House in bygone years. Its present chairman is in social life one of the most ovable of men. His very faults seem to endear him to friends. Sunny or gloomy, his face is an index to his disposition. more cheery man never breathed, nor on

ore susceptible to the whims of impulse

and scores of measures for the extension and safety of our commerce exude from this

Time to Assuage Mills' Grief. Mr. Mills' dominant intellectuality has wonderful attraction, and so did that of Horace Greeley; yet the nervousness and petulance of the latter could never be restrained. Under bitter disappointment he at times pouted and complained like a child. Whether in this he was a parallel or a con-trast to Colonel Mills' matters not. The fight is fought, and time will sooner o later assuage the grief of the vanquished. Mr. Crisp was a candidate for Speaker from the hour that Mr. Carlisle became a United States Senator. His friends pu candidate until months after Congress bac upon the seat of Senator Reagan. A seat at the side of his friend Carlisle was what he desired. Governor Hogg saw fit to nominate Mr. Chilton for United States Scuator, and the Colonel turned his eyes upon the Speakership. It was too late. Many of his friends had already announced sails to the gales from Massachusetts. Alugh strong, they were not strong enough to bear his craft into the desired haven The wind died down within sight of land and he was left adrift in the shore cur ents. His own hand alone can turn his

vessel upon the shoals. Everybody Has Forgotten in Time. "With 18 years of experience in the House of Representatives, varied at least by five contests for the speakership, he ough to be able to tell a revolving from a flash light and wear ship according to the recog-nized charts. Randall, did so, Cox did so, and so has every defeated Democratic can-

didate for the nomination since the days o Thomas Jefferson. The country is safe with a Democratic Speaker in the chair, even if he comes from Georgia instead of from Texas. It is not endangered with even a man from Illinois at the head of Ways and Means. In the great campaign of 1892 every true Democrat will be at the front, and none ought to be more conspicuous nor will any be more appre ciated than the tall form of Roger Q. Mills, battle-ax in hand, dealing sturdy blows on behalf of State rights, economy, constitutional privileges and tariff reform.

KILLED BY A DANGLING WIRE.

Amos J. Cummings.

Iwo Thousand Volts Cause a Milking Almost Instantaneous Death. ORANGE, N. Y., Dec. 26.-Frank F. Williams, a milkman, was killed by an electric shock to-day. An old, unused wire of the District Messenger service broke during the night and fell across the wires of the city lighting system, which carry a current of 2,000 volts. The weather this orning was very foggy.
While Williams was delivering milk the horse went ahead, and, coming in contact with the old wire, was knocked down. Williams ran to his assistance and was struck in the face by the wire, which he

sician was called but came too late. A PRETTY STATE OF AFFAIRS

n's Soldiers Caught in the Act Violating the Law.

LOCKPORT N. Y., Dec. 26-[Special.]-A pretty state of affairs has been discovered at never before been a member of Ways Fort Niagara. For some time past privates

in the Eleventh United States Infantry, four companies of which are located here, have been engaged in smuggling over Chinamen at the mouth of the Niagara river. This has proved so profitable that half the men at the fort are said to be engaged in windsting the law. Departs United gaged in violating the law. Deputy United States Marshals and the custom house officials at Suspension Bridge were put onto it and succeeded in nabbing John Braun, a

and succeeded in nabing John Braun, a private, in the act.

The officers at the fort gave up the man and assured the marshals they would lend them every aid in prosecuting the men who have been engaged in this practice. It is said the soldiers have been paid as high as \$50 apiece by the celestials to be ferried over and landed safely in this

MORE TALK ABOUT WAR.

NEW YORK PAPER'S FRESH BATCH OF BELLIGERENT NEWS.

ninent Naval Officers Sent to Sar Francisco Under Scaled Orders-Nego tiations for Help From Peru Agains Chile-A Hot Message Prophesied.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. - [Special.] pecial to the Press from Washington is as follows: The fact just leaked out that Thursday five prominent officers of the navy whose names could not be ascertained to-day were instructed to proceed immediately to San Faancisco under scaled orders. The Navy Department has comin the United States and now on the Pacific coast which can be used as transports for troops in the event of necessity arising for the immediate transfer of United States soldiers to Chile. It is understood that the mission of the officers above mentioned is to complete arrangements for chartering what vessels may be needed in San Francisco.

There is a well defined rumor to-night to the effect that negotiations with Peru through Minister Hicks, have been carried through Minister Hicks, have been carried on by the United States for some time past, which have resulted in insuring the aid of Chile's old-time enemy in the event of hostilities between this country and Chile, It is supposed that in the event of open hostilities Peruvian scaports will be at the disposal of the United States not only as coaling stations, but as ports of disembarkation for United States troops who could be promptly sent across the border from Peruvian territory. In return the United States will be likely to aid the Peruvian Government in likely to aid the Pernvian Government in recovering the provinces lost by that na-tion as a result of the war with Chile a few

It is now certain that immediately upon the reassembling of Congress, one week from next Tuesday, the President will transmit to that body all the correspondence relating to the Chilean unpleasantness. This correspondence will be accompanied by a vigorous letter from the President, asking for instructions. There seems to be asking for instructions. There seems to be a general impression abroad that the Congress, while not going so far as to declare war, will adopt a resolution giving the President power to send such ships and troops to Chile as he may deem expedient.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Expensions San Expe An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco says: The cruiser San Francisco, flagship of the Pacific squadron, with Rear Admiral George Brown on board, put to sea from this port this afternoon. It was stated that the cruiser might put into the bay for gun practice, but the fact that she has an unusually large quantity of guns and ammunition aboard, added to the lact that a number of sailors and marines left here on the Pacific Mail Company's steamer San Jose last Wednesday for Acapulco where it is understood they will be drafted into the cruiser Charleston's crew when she arrives from Honolulu, leads to the belief that the San Francisco is on her way to join the Charleston at Acapulco, whence both veswill proceed to Chile.

MONTT'S DINNER TO BLAINE A Distinguished Gathering Sees Two Prom

nent Gentlemen Est Together, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-The Chilean Minister and Mrs. Montt gave a dinner this evening, in honor of Secretary and Mrs. Blaine.

The invited guests were Senator Morgan Senator Stewart, Representative McCreary, the Mexican Minister and Madame Romero, ex-Mayor Grace, of New York, the Argentine Minister, the Minister from Salvador, Hon. J. W. Foster, the Spanish Minister, Mr. Trumbull and Mr. Deleampo, of the

GARZA GIVES UP HOPE.

Troops Loses Him an Asylum, LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 26.-Advices to day from the seat of trouble say more fighting has been engaged in, with slight losses on both sides. It was reported that the revolutionists had captured Camargo, and that General Sandoval was on the march with 2,000 men to join Garza. There is talk that a General in the Mexican army has declared for the revolutionists and will give his soldiers the com mand to join the invaders. A dispatch from Rio Grande City says

The main body of the revolutionary party oursued by Lieutenant Langhorne, rode through without stopping to where Garza is, near the Rondado ranch, in Zapata county, and reported the occurrence to him of the killing of Edstrom. Garza is reported to have said that their action in attacking the troops of this Government placed a quietus on his hopes of revolution against Mexico, inas-much as he now had no asylum when pursued by the Mexican troops. He at once assembled what men he could and crossed into Mexico near the Arrieros ranch above Mier, and it is said that he contemplates attacking that place or Camargo or Guerro in the next few days. These reports are given

A CORDAGE COMBINE GOBBLE.

The Big Rope Manufactory of John Good

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-[Special.]-It was reported to-day that the National Cordage Company had come into possession of the plants owned by John Good, the rope and rope machinery manufacturer. Mr. Good has a large rope walk in Brooklyn and a factory in Ravenswood for the manufacture

of machinery.
At the office of the National Cordage Company it was practically admitted that the deal had been made. Mr. Sturges, one of the officers, said that negotiations had been pending between Mr. Good and the company for some time, but that he could not say positively whether or not they had

BRAKEMAN HERRICK MISSING.

The Coroner Wants Him Badly, to Accou

for the Hastings Disaster. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The search for Albert E. Herrick, the brakeman who is held to be responsible for the New York Central collision, has not yet resulted in finding him. Superintendent Voorhees stated this morning that the company was very anxious to find Herrick, so that they could get his report as to what caused him to neg-lect his duty. He was confident that Herrick is in this city, and hoped that he would be found during the day.

Coroner Mitchell is securing evidence for the inquest, Wednesday next. The Coroner has a warrant for Herrick's arrest. All the trainmen of both the St. Louis and Niagara expresses will be examined Wednesday. on Washington square. The society has a

DECEMBER 27, 1891.

The Czar Aroused Against His Own Brother, the Governor of Moscow.

TWO SIDES OF THE CASE.

His People Dislike Him Because He Stopped a Horse Race

UNTIL HE COULD WITNESS IT.

Officials Opposed to Him Because He Prevented Their Thefts.

HIS WIFE VICTORIA'S GRANDDAUGHTER

LONDON, Dec. 26.-Contradictory stories re received here regarding the Grand Duke Sergius, brother of the Czar, who last spring was appointed Governor of Moscow. At the beginning of the present month it was said that the Grand Duke was making himself very unpopular by his efforts to suppress fraudulent practices growing out of the corruption for which the Russian official world

One scandal in which the Grand Duke is said to have intervened was the misappropriation of \$12,500, which had been sent to he Orla branch of the Red Cross Society, for relief purposes among the sufferers in the famine-stricken provinces. The Czarina is the chief patroness of this branch of the Red Cross Society. The Grand Duke recently gave from his private purse 40,000 roubles for the sufferers, but the fact that he has interfered with the stealing of the famine money has caused him to be very unpopular with a certain wealthy and influential class, who are doing their utmost to secure his removal from office.

Charges Brought Against Him. He is charged by this class with taking advantage of the authority conferred upon im by the Czar, and with playing the part of a tyrant. They say that his peremptory behavior is an insult to them, and so deter-mined are they to have his power abridged that they have prepared and forwarded to the Czar a petition praying for his removal

from the office of Governor of Moscow.

The advices received to-day state the Czar suspects his brother of "nursing ambitious designs," though the nature of these designs in a country where all social and political honors emanate from the Czar is not stated, It is added that the Czar has been so im-pressed by the array of evidence presented to him against the Grand Duke that it is his intention to send him into exile. An illustration of the "tyranny" of the Grand Duke is given. It appears that he gave orders recently that the horse races at Moscow were not to commence until he arrived. A large crowd was present at the races and they were kept waiting for an hour and a half before the Grand Duke appeared. The crowd grew very impatient at the delay, and when the Grand Duke appeared he was vigorously hissed. This incident was reported to the Crar, and it is said, is considered to decide the question of the Grand Duke's dismissal from office. Granddaughter of Queen Victoria,

daughter of the Grand Duke Louis of Hesse and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. She recently abandoned the religious faith in which she was trained and in April last she formally joined the Greek church. The Grand Duke is recognized as the head of the old Russian orthodox party, and all recent advices regarding him, with the exception of to-day's, showed he stood in high favor of to-day's, showed he stood in high ravor with the Czar. The very fact that he was appointed to the important office of Gov-ernor of Moscow shows he must have en-joyed the confidence of the Czar to a high

It was charged in some quarters the conversion of the Grand Duchess Sergius was not the result of a free change in her religious belief, but that it was due to moral suasion of a very brutal kind. This state-ment was semi-officially denied at the time, but the fact remains that she at one time was so discusted with her bushand that she was with difficulty restrained from leaving him. It is said that the Czar interposed his good offices to prevent the scandal that would have followed a separation.

SERGIUS ALBEADY GONE.

Berlin Has Him Ordered Under Surveil to Some Post in Asia.

BERLIN, Dec. 26 .- A report of a startling nature is in circulation and obtains credence in diplomatic cirles. It is to the effect that Count Von Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador to Germany, is to be transferred to Moscow as successor to the Grand Duke Sergius, brother of the Czar, as Governor General. The Czar has given Grand Duke Sergius a peremptory leave of absence for a year, and it is looked upon as certain that the Grand Duke will not return to his post at the expiration of that

It is more likely that he will be sent out of Russia or be placed under surveillance at some point in Central Asia. The Grand Duke, it is alleged, has been tampering with the allegiance of officers high in command at Moscow, Warsaw, Wilna and othe military center. Count Von Schouvaloff, upon whose fidelity the Czar relies, has been ordered to proceed to Gathina to

YOUNG FIELD FASTING AGAIN.

Trying to Court Death With the Aid of Little Whisky and Water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- [Special.] -At the pecial term of the Supreme Court, held in White Plains to-day, Judge Dykman ratified the inquisition and finding of the jury which, on Wednesday, adjudged Edward M. Field to be insane. Field's wife, Clara L. Field, was appointed to take charge of his person and estate. This will have no effect on the proceedings against Field on the four indictments found against him. He will have to answer to the charges when the cases come to trial, just as though there had been no inquiry or adjudication as to his sanity. Field will remain in Ludlow Street Jail, unless he is bailed. None of the cases against him will come up for hearing until after January 1, in any event.

There was little change in Field's condi

tion during the day, and none in his actions. He fasted all day, refusing even milk. He took two drinks of whisky and water, a few teaspoonfuls each time. C. W. Field, Jr., was his only visitor, remaining but four or

CHEMISTS AWAKING TO ACTION. The Preparations for Their Meeting in Ne

York Next Week. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—By the invitation of the chemists of New York the fourth general meeting of the American Chemical 'Society will be held Tuesday and

expected to attend from nearly every part of the country. Prof. George F. Barker, of the University of Pennsylvania, will preside, and Chancellor MacCracken will welcome the visitors.

The Committee of Arrangements is trying to enlist all professional chemists in the progressive movement which the coming meeting is expected to start. It is the object of the society to awaken professional people generally to an appreciation of what chemistry has done for foreign nations, and the possibility of something similar with concerted action here.

GRAVES TANGLED UP.

He Is Tripped Up in Many a Statement More Denials-His Memory Very Poor, but Revives at Times Very Damaging to

DENVER, Dec. 26 .- In the Graves trial this morning Mr. Stevens announced that, after an examination of the letter, the prosecution withdrew all objections to its being admitted in evidence. This is the letter which was claimed the doctor wrote to Mrs. Barnaby in San Francisco at the time she was on her way to Denver and at



Dr. Thatcher Grave

about the time the fatal bottle was mailed. Its intention is to prove that the doctor thought Mrs. Barnaby was in San Fran-cisco, and that he could not have mailed the bottle to her in Denver it he thought she was elsewhere.

The cross examination by Mr. Stevens was long and rigorous. The doctor denied nearly everything sworn to by other witnesses, or if he did not deny the testimouy of previous witnesses he would claim that he could not remember. There were ex-ceptions, however, to this, for in some in-stances, on being asked the same question a second time in a different manner, his memory would return to him, and he would admit what he had before denied. He did admit what he had before defined. He did not attempt to find out about the autopsy or analysis of Mrs. Barnaby's remains, notwithstanding he had heard that she was poisoned. Instead of this he and a friend visited a ball game the day of his arrival

here.

He acknowledged to having been interviewed by Reporter Lincoln, of the Providence Telegraph. In his testimony he said the interview lasted but a few minutes, but to-day, on cross-examination, he related enough of what occurred then to have occupied half an hour, at least, Reporters Lincoln and Trickey swore that they had interviewed the doctor the morning after his arrival in Providence from Denver. The doctor denied this, but afterward admitted

doctor denied this, but afterward admitted that everything published was correct. He acknowledged that the letter he wrote Mrs. Barnaby in regard to putting a guard ian over her was his own invention, and that the executors of the Barnaby estate

Here the court adjourned until Monday orning, when Dr. Graves cross-examinaion will be resumed.

A GALLANT OLD WARRIOR DEAD.

eneral Lee, the Hero of Balls Passes Away at the Age of 85. Boston, Dec. 26.-[Special.]-Brigadier Jeneral William Raymond Lee, organizer and first commander of the Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers, and the hero of the battle of Balls Bluff, died to-day in Roxbury, aged 85. He was a student at West Point in the class of which Jefferson Davis was a member. He, however, left his military studies to become a civil engineer, and was later superintendent of the Boston and Providence Railroad. When the Rebellion broke out his patriotism led him to tender his services to Governor Andrew, although he was then 54 years of age. He raised the Twentieth Massachu-setts Infantry Volunteers, of which he was

ommissioned Colonel July 1, 1861. He was assigned to duty on the Potomac pear Poolsville, and, with the larger part of the regiment, shared in the disastrous battle of Balls Bluff October 21, 1861, where he was made a prisoner of war. He was, with others, held as a hostage for three months for the lives of Confederate privates in the hands of the National Government. Upon his release he rejoined his command before Yorktown, leading it gal-lantly at the battle of Fair Oaks. At the battle of Glendale he was in comm three regiments of his brigade, and while holding an advanced position he received injuries by having a horse fall upon him. He was soon again in the field, however, at the head of his regiment in time for the Antietam campaign, and commanded the Twentieth in its unfortunate experience during the battle of the 17th of Septembe

FIRST COPY OF HOME, SWEET HOME. The Contested Will of the Author's Swee

heart May Lead to Its Discovery. ATHENS, GA., Dec. 26. - The courts of Clarke county promise to furnish a sensa-tion in the shape of a contested will case which involves a probable finding of the original manuscript of "Home, Sweet Home." Miss Mary Harden in her girlhood days was the sweetheart of John Howard Payne, and Payne presented her with the original copy of "Home, Sweet Home." She made a will in favor of Miss Evie Jackson, her cousin. Her stocks and bonds and the copy of "Home, Sweet

death. A lawver is working to set aside this will in favor of W. H. Harden, a nephew of Miss Mary Harden. He says that perhaps the missing bonds and stocks and the copy of "Home, Sweet Home" may turn up. The proceedings of this case will be watched

A FATAL CABLE ACCIDENT.

Home," mysteriously disappeared after her

The Brakes Refuse to Work When th Grip Car Was Detached. BUTTE, MONT., Dec. 26 .- Some unknown person released the brakes on a cable car from which the grip car had been detached last midnight, causing the car to go down a heavy grade at lightening speed and jump the track.

William Cunningham, a miner, was killed. T. C. Cameron and Dan McDonald were injured, the later fatally.

Whitman May Die at Any Time. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.-There is n material change in the condition of Walt Whitman. He has taken no nourishment

BOB SIMS STRUNG UP

Four of His Band Had Their Necks Stretched on the Same Tree.

THE WOMEN TURNED LOOSE

THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TAKES A Cannon Was Trained on the House Before They Surrendered.

PROTECTION PROMISED BY GAVIN,

But the Procession Was Overhauled Before It Had Gone a Mile.

THE OUTLAWS DIED GAME AND CURSING

PERCHAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 SHUBUTA, MISS., Dec. 26.-Bob Sims and his four confederates, Tom Savage, Con Savage and the latter's two grown sons, have been lynched.

The artillery detachment of the First Regiment of State troops left Mobile at 2:45 this morning and reached here at 6. At 9:30 the soldiers were en route for Bob Sims' home. A very heavy rain prevailed yesterday afternoon and part of the night making the roads very bad. The weather turned wintry during the night. The detachment had a 6-pounder field piece and every man was armed. But they were not needed. Sheriff Gavin Christmas morning sent to Bladen Springs for a cannon. When Sims heard of this preparation to blow his stronghold to splinters, he looked at his women folk and his heart misgave him. He began a parley with the

Sims Was Guaranteed Protection.

At 2 o'clock he said he would surrender f the posse would do him no injury and if the posse would protect him from mob violence. A meeting of the posse was held, which lasted more than two hours. There was great excitement and much diversity of opinion. At first the proposal of Sims was flatly refused, but the fact that there were women in the house was a strong point in favor of mercy. The thought of shooting with cannon into a house harboring women was so repugnant that that it overcame the almost wild longing for blood of the avengers, so that at last the terms of Sims

were accepted.

At 4:30 the Sims laid down their arms and came out of the house. The posse was astonished to see that instead of seven desperate outlaws there were only Bob Sims, Thomas Savage, young Savage, the nephew of Sims, four women—Bob's wife and three daughters. The men were at once ironed and placed in a wagon. The women were placed in a second wagon under guard. Con. Savage and his other son were soon continued. captured.

They All Died Cursing.

At 5 o'clock the procession started for Butler, the county seat of Choctaw county. Sheriff Gavin commanded silence fearing that should any words be said his men might become angry and kill their prisoners. The road to Butler is very rough and hilly and the road is hordered on either side. hilly and the road is bordered on either side by a thick undergrowth from which it yould be easy for a band of determined men to surprise and overpower the posse. About one mile from Sims' house a body of men from 100 to 200 strong took them from the guards and hanged them all to one

tree. When Sims was placed in the buggy for the fatal ride he refused to be blindcaptors to feel his pulse to see if he was frightened, and said he was going to heaves. Young Savage said: "If you think enough of me to bury me, put me by the side of Sims. We are fighting for the same

They died cursing. The women were

turned loose. How Sims Gained Notoriety Bob Sims first gained notoriety three years ago by the organization of a religious society, the members of which were known as "Simples". He owned is "Simites." He owned a small farm Choctaw county, operated a moonshine dis-tillery, assisted by his sons and daughters, and on Sundays preached to his neighbors the peculiar doctrines of his so-called re-ligion. He insisted that every man should

be governed by his own sense of right and wrong, without regard to law. He held that every man had a perfect right to do just as he pleased. That part of the State finally became so overrun with illicit stills and the moonshiners became so bold in their work that the United States revenue officers decided the United States revenue oncors decided to break up the busines. They made fre-quent raids, but with poor successs. Several fights occurred, in which the officers were worsted. Sims publicly announced that he would not recognize the law which propos to tax the liquor he manufactured. I claimed the Government had no right to enact or enforce any such law. Great Gall of the Outlaw,

He cut out a path leading from the road to his still and on trees along the path he put up large signboards reading: "This signboard leads to the still of Bob Sims.

Revenue officers are invited to call." Such defiance put the officers on their mettle, and they determined to capture the entire gang, of which he was the acknowledged leader. On August 20 last the long expected raid was made by Deputy United States Marshal Stribling, with a large posse of well-armed men. They succeeded in surprising Sims and one of his sons at work at their still and made them prisoners. at their still and made them prisoners.

Before Stribling had gone ten miles with his prisoners they were being followed by a large party of moonshiners led by two of Sims' sons. While eating supper at a little hamlet near Bladon Springs that night the officers were surrouded and fired upon

First of the Family to Be Lynched. Dr. Pugh, an innocent bystander, was killed, and several officers were wounded. A lively exchange o' shots followed, and Bailey Sims, a son of Bob, was killed. Jim Sims, another son, was wounded and cap-tured. That night he was taken from the officers and lynched by the citizens of the Dr. Pugh. In the excitement the prisoners escaped, and Bob Sims at once returned home, but it was only for ashort time that he kept in hiding. The revenue officers mad no further attempt to capture him.

The members of the gang then committed a series of crimes in the neighborhood which a series of crimes in the neighborhood which so enraged the law-abiding citizens that a vigilance committee, led by John McMilan, the man murdered Thursday night, called on Bob Sims and ordered him to leave the country at once. He obeyed, and crossed over the State line into Mississippi. After Sims' family was driven out of the

ounty numbers of his band continued their depredations, and finally 35 of them were orced to leave by the angry citizens. His followers all valued human life as lightly as he did, and were regarded as dange desperate men and women.

DEATH WAS A PASSENGER.

Riding in a Cable Car. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-[Special.]-John Minard, of Sparts, Canada, who had just NEWS OF THE STAGE, AMUSEMENT NOTICES.

come to Chicago to spend the holidays, was in a Cottage Grove avenue cable car on his way to his daughter's house this morning when he suddenly plunged forward into the arms of a woman who sat opposite him. The women fainted. The train was stopped and the conductor lifted the old man to his feet. It was evident that Minard was dead. He had heap stricken with heart disease. Four had been stricken with heart disease. Four inanimate women were in the car when it reached Harman court, and were revived by a doctor, who was called by the train-

SCANLAN HAS PARESIS.

HEACTOR WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SEEN ON THE STAGE AGAIN.

He Makes a Flery Speech From the Stage-Begs His Wife Not to Put Him in an Asylum-His Trouble Has Been Apparent for Some Time.

will not act again this season. It is a matter of grave doubt if he will ever again ap pear on the stage. After a long and vain effort on the part of his manager, his parents, and his physician to control him, it is now confessed that his mind is affected in short, that he is a sufferer from paresis the disease that has sent to an asylum and to the grave Tony Hart, John McCullough, Bartley Campbell, Charles E. Blanchette, and other theatrical men of note.

Last Wednesday afternoon Scanlan's illness, which have reveeks asserted itself in various unmit the forms, assumed a very

New York, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—William. Scanlon, the star actor of "Mayourneen,"

various unmigrave aspect.

unable to play. The theater was clooped at night Scanlan appeared. Mean greated the actor. To greate a seamagement of his audience here and fiery speech, deaving the greater the one hundredthe performance to make a greater the one hundredthe performance to the play. At the Christmas matic, here the play. At the Christmas matiwas seen to be in a had way, but at night he

gave a much better performance. It was his last appearance. Next week he will go into retirement, which, it is feared, may prove to be of long duration. In his lucid moments Scanlan has begged his wife not to put him in an asylum; so he has clearly foreseen the end. His wish will be respected, his manager

SUCCESS WHERE NORCEOSS FAILED. Big Crank Frightens a Man Into Giving Him a Good-Sized Check,

NORWALK, CONN., Dec. 26.-[Special.] Yesterday afternoon a tall, stoutly-built man with a black mustache, and carrying a black bag, stepped into the office of T. Cousins' shoe factory, and approaching Manager J. B. Sayre, exclaimed: "Give me \$2,500 or I will drop this bag."

Visions of Russell Sage danced before Sayre's eyes, and not being ready to leave the earth just yet, he quickly drew forth his check book and gave the man a check payable to G. A. Franke, and bowed his visitor out.

MEXICO'S RELIGIOUS WAR.

ns to Break Out in Earnest Ove the Puebla Arrests. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 26.-Puebla news s conflicting. Church papers here insist that many were killed and that the priests were persecuted.

The excitement in Puebla is intense. The

Indians are arming themselves and priests are trying to packy them. Everything, however, is comparatively quiet, the priests knowing their power. BOSTON, Dec. 26.-[Special.]-The name of the Republican leader who said the other day that Blaine told him he would allow the use of his name at the next convention if his health was as good as now, and that the chief plank in his platform will be

reciprocity, is given out here to-night. Senator Washburne, of Minnesota, is the gentleman quoted.

A Harbor Strike Probable NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The canal boatmer met to-night and earnestly protested against the wage system of the lighterage companies of New York harbor. They ask for \$3 a day for steady work and to be paid \$4 for catch work. In all probability a regu-

lar strike will be the outcome of this action. SHENANDOAH, PA., Dec. 26 .- A riot followed the celebration of Christmas in a Hungarian saloon last night and several men were seriously stabbed. One is now dying, his body being covered with knife wounds. Six men are under arrest, charged with being responsible for his injuries.

Want the Fair Open on Sunday. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-At a meeting of the

night, a mass meeting was called to be held in this city February 28. The object of this meeting will be to protest against the Sun-day closing of the World's Fair.

American Secular Society, held here to-

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AMUSEMENT NOTICES.

SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT,

FIVE CENTS.

Awful Visitation of the Grim Messenger to a Family

DIPHTHERIA'S DIRE HAVOC.

at Fairview.

One Little One Passed Away During the Funeral of Two Others.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS PUZZLED.

Two Sufferers Released While the Doctors Talked to Their Parents.

ALMOST A PANIC IN SEVERAL SECTIONS

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 26.-Dread diphtheria has broken out in several places in this district, and almost a panic has ensued. The little town of Fairview, four miles from this city, is especially afflicted. Your correspondent visited that place this evening. and found there a most lamentable condition of affairs. Over a dozen cases have been discovered, and the entire families of Frank and Cooley DeGraw have been almost wiped out of existence by the

scourge. Four weeks ago a sister of the DeGraws came from Delaware on a visit. On her way here one of the children was taken seriously ill. The case developed into a malignant form of diphtheria, from which the child died. The house was thoroughly renovated and disinfected, but to no avail, and a short time ago three of the DeGraw children were taken sick and died from the

Another Died During the Funeral.

Two of the children were buried on the ame day, and another died while the funerals were taking place, the agonized parents being almost heart-broken at the inexpected sight of the third victim. They sadly prepared to bury the third when two others were taken down, both dying within a week. Five were now dead, and there remained only three children in the two families. The place was shunned by all but their physicians and they could only sit and wait. The blow soon came and yesterday all three little ones were taken down

with the same fatal symptoms.

Dr. J. C. Wakefield, of this city, has been their physician, and is said to be the best specialist in such cases in this district. best specialist in such cases in this district.

The peculiarly terrible symptoms, however, puzzled him as did the result, the little ones passing away unexpectedly in almost a moment, as if stricken down by a bullet. In addition to the ordinary symptoms of swollen throat, the necks and arms of the unfortunates would turn black, death soon relieving the little sufferers in every case. The simultaneous illness of the remaining three children proved too much for the physician's fortitude, and to-day he called

n his brother physicians in-consultation. A Consultation With No Hope.

He, with Dr. Tomb, of Arms, and another physician, made a thorough examination of the three patients. Each one showed the deadly marks of malignant conshowed the deadry marks of manignant con-tagion before spoken of—the blackened necks and arms. After closely examining into every phase of the cases, trying every known remedy and plan suggested to case the little ones, the consulting physicians withdrew, leaving Dr. Wakefield alone to tell the prostrated parents of the facts. The parents in both stricken fsmilies were called together, and as best he could the kindly physician told them all arts had

failed and all known remedies proven fruit-less—their three and only children must Even as the doctor destroyed the last hope in the parents' mind, one little sufferer had passed to the beyond. Mrs. Cooley DeGraw, whose fifth child was then struggling in agony, implored all present not to give up, saying she believed at least one would be left her, but as she spoke the brave words the nurse opened an adjoining bedroom door to whisper that even then his little spirit had left his pain-torn body, and the mother of five bright little ones but one

month ago is now childless and almost The Eighth Child Is Dying.

To-night the one remaining child of the

eight, that of Frank DeGraw, is reported sinking and dying, and probably before morning the two stricken households will be alone in their sorrow. The neighbors have tried in every way to soothe the pain by unremitting kindness, but owing to the dreadful character of the disease little could be done, the families being practically isolated from all but the attending physicians.

Other cases of the disease are reported from the vicinity, but not of so virulent a character, and all efforts are being made to prevent its spread. As the deaths occurred one by one, the little ones were buried immediately and quietly, none but the stricken parents following the bodies to their last resting place. Among the residents of the place, and all through that district, the greatest alarm is felt. Physicians say the weather for the past few weeks has been peculiarly favorable to the spread of the disease, and too much care cannot be taken to prevent contagion. Near Blairsville a couple of isolated deaths have occurred, but in no place has the disease assumed such a fearful and deadly form as with the

MRS. CURTIN IS IMPROVING.

It Is the First Serious Illness the War Governor's Wife Ever Had. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26. - [Special.]-The

families of the ill-fated DeGraws.

wife of Ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin was attacked with that prevalent malady, the grip, last Priday a week ago, and her illness later developed into pneumonia, which has seriously affected her heart. For the last five days she has been dangerously ill, but this evening a perceptible change for the better was noticed by Drs. Roland G. Curtin, J. Willam White and Edward Martin, her attending physicians, who stated that their patient's temperature was much lower.

During the first serious illness of her life
Mrs. Cartin is staying at the residence of
her son, W. W. Curtin, 2214 Trinity place,
and her husband, who arrived from Bellefonte Christmas evening, is stopping at the Hotel Stratford.

CANADA SAYS, HERE TOO.

The Dominion Joins in Pennsylvania's Suggestion Regarding Leprosy. OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Department of Agriculture has been officially notified that the State Board of Health of Pennsylvania has been considering the lack of sanitary precaution and humane provision in regard to persons suffering from leprosy in the United States, and that it has been

decided to urge upon Congress bility of providing a remedy.

In any precautionary measures
American Government may take, Canadian Government will heartily