SCENES OF TERROR.

Most of a Large Asylum Containing Over 1,000 Patients Burns Down.

NOT ONE LIFE IS LOST.

Sensational Rumors of Inmates Dying in Horrible Glee.

MANIACS LET LOOSE IN A FOREST.

The Remaining Cottages Insufficient to Shelter the Lunatics.

MANY BURNED IN THE WORK OF RESCUE

PONTIAC, MICH., Dec. 26.—Fire was discovered in the north wing of the Eastern Michigan Insane Asylum, at 11 o'clock this morning. The flames spread with fearful rapidity, and with the limited facilities at hand the firemen were powerless. Fifteen minutes after the first alarm was sounded the occupants of the wing, 500 women, were turned loose.

Screaming frantically with terror the maniacs surged through the corridors, where the air was already filled with smoke. Tongues of flame were visible through it all, and the sight filled the demented creatures with terror. Some ran like wild animals, trampling their slower companions in their mad efforts to escape. Others were paralyzed with fright and stood rooted to the spot with eyes staring horribly into the roaring fire. The attendants performed deeds of heroism in the endeavor to rescue the helpless.

Driven Out of the Building.

Rushing hither and thither, dragging the hesitating ones from their rooms, they drove the insane women into the open air. When some were once upon the outside they would break away and rush for the building again. It is believed all were rescued alive.

The report is rife that several women were seen at the windows after the patients were supposed to be all out. They had torn every vestige of clothing from their persons and were laughing in hideous glee at the approach of the flames. When last seen they were standing in the midst of sheets of fire gesticulating wildly, with their long hair flying disheveled about their faces.

By 12:30 the entire north wing was wrapped in flames. The attendants had done all in their power, and nothing was left but to try to save the rest of the asylum. Spectators declare that they heard shrieks of anguish from the awful pyre, but in the confusion it was impossible to distinguish the screams of the frightened maniacs without from the expiring outcry of the victims within, if any there were.

Under the Spell of the Fire.

A strenuous effort was made to convey the patients to the cottages for safekeeping. It was utterly impossible. Some few of them were induced to retire to the shelter, but the great majority or the 500 demented women huddled together in the cold, piercing wind and gazed with terror upon the fire.

Upon the first discovery of the fire the Pontiac department was notified. The single steamer in the place made the run of three miles at a breakneck gait. When the first stream was turned upon the flame the north wing was seen to be doomed, and every energy was bent to stopping the fire at the center. A few minutes later citizens of Pontiac began to arrive on the scene, and soon an army of several hundred men were at work. With the added assistance the women were forced to retire from the scene. Those who had run away into the woods were brought back and placed in the cottages.

The fear was that the fire would make its way across to the south wing, where nearly 700 men were confined. Preparations were immediately made to remove the men if it became necessary.

Seven Hundred Exulting Maniacs.

Inside the south wing, from the moment the flames appeared, the wildest excitement prevailed. The 700 crazy men tore about the narrow confines of their rooms, yelling like demons, not from fear, as it seemed, but rather with exultation. The fire filled them with a terrible ecstacy. A few appreciated the danger and their terror was pitiful.

At 1 o'clock the firemen were confident that they had the flames under control. At that hour the fire was fiercest just over the main entrance. The north wing was a ruin. The roof had fallen in. A few minutes later a steamer arrived from Detroit, and the fire was conquered, although there was still a stubborn blaze in the central portion. The preparations for the rescue of the insane men in the event of an emergency were not abated. The entire main structure, except most of the men's wing and a small part of the women's wing, is in ruins.

Many of the inmates are believed to have escaped to the woods during the excitement, and searching parties are now out in quest of them. The loss will not fall below $500,000.

Three Attendants' Narrow Escape.

The cause of the fire, which broke out in the attic, is not definitely known, but it is believed to have been a defective flue, fanned by the cold north wind. Water facilities were inadequate.

A number of the women who were in the section of the building first destroyed were severely burned in being removed, but prompt attention averted any serious consequences. Three attendants had narrow escapes while fighting the flames on the fourth floor. Unknown to them the fire surrounded the spot at which they were working, and only when they found every avenue of escape, except one small window, closed, did they think of their own safety. The vast crowd of spectators saw the peril of the men, but were powerless to help them.

The fire apparatus was in use on another section of the building, and every moment brought the fire nearer to them. When the flames were lapping the men's skins a long ladder was procured and the men were rescued just as they were on the point of falling back into the burning furnace. A number of other narrow escapes occurred, and but few of the attendants escaped without severe burns or other injuries.

The number of inmates is over 1,000. The care of these required about 200 employes. The inmates must for several days, at least, suffer great hardships. The kitchen is among the destroyed buildings, and some time must elapse before the culinary department can be re-established and the lunatics properly fed.

A curious incident in connection with the fire was related of a patient who has long been considered dangerous. Under the excitement his reason returned to him and he offered his services in fighting the fire, which were gladly accepted.

LARGE STEEL WORKS BURNED.

A Reading Concern Which Made Government Cannon and Projectiles.

READING, Dec. 26.—The Carpenter Steel Works, an industry which was established in this city three years ago, devoted to the manufacture of high grade steel, was almost totally consumed by fire to-night. One small mill and the office are all that are left standing. The works employ nearly 300 men and large quantities of a special brand of steel, of which J. H. Carpenter, the general manager, is the patentee, were turned out.

The establishment at the time of the fire was working on a Government contract of over $230,000 for steel projectiles for heavy ordnance, especially intended for the new guns which have recently been made and tested. Besides this, its steel was also used in the manufacture of steel cannon and fine cutlery, some being shipped abroad. The loss on machinery, patterns and building is over $125,000; partially insured.

CHATTANOOGA'S BIG FIRE.

Several Blocks in the Heart of the City Swept Away—Loss, $600,000—Two Banks, the Chamber of Commerce, a Library and a Club.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 26.—Chattanooga's most disastrous fire occurred to-day. D. B. Loveman & Co.'s great drygoods house, occupying three numbers on Market street at the southeast corner of Eighth street, was discovered to be on fire while the clerks were at luncheon on the third floor. The flames spread with astonishing rapidity, burning through the elevator shaft and stairways, cutting off the escape of about 30 female employes, who were rescued from the windows by means of the ladders of the Fire Department, aided by citizens. Two of the women fell from the windows and were somewhat injured, and a third was rescued in an almost suffocated condition.

The adjoining buildings were soon aflame, the fire licking up over $500,000 in less than two hours. The fire began at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and by 1:30 the buildings on the northside of Eighth street were ablaze.

Twenty-two firms were burned out, not counting about 30 offices in the Loveman block. The total loss is about $600,000, on which the insurance amounts to $550,000. Two banks, the Chattanooga Library Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Cobweb Club lose their premises.

The damage to the *Times* building in the Adams block was slight, and fully insured. The building was almost entirely cleaned out; hundreds of people rushed through the four floors, carrying everything portable to places of safety.

The burnt district comprises 100 feet front on the southeast corner of Market and Eighth, and 100 feet front on the northeast corner of Market and Eighth, and both sides of Eighth street, between Market and Cherry streets. The property destroyed is on the two most important corners in the city. Loveman's drygoods house employed 130 persons. All the property owners say they will rebuild.

JAY GOULD'S BIG DAY.

THE OCCASION HIS DAUGHTER'S COMING-OUT RECEPTION.

Appointments on a Lavish Scale, but No Vulgar Show—How the Debutante Was Attired—She Received the Congratulations of 500 Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—[*Special.*]—The principal event in the fashionable world today was the magnificent reception which Mr. Jay Gould gave in honor of his eldest daughter, Miss Helen Gould, who made her formal entrance into society. It was one of the notable entertainments of the winter, as it was also one of the grandest. While the appointments were on a most lavish scale there was a complete absence of vulgar show. Mr. Gould himself attended personally to many of the details, and contributed in no small way to make the occasion a success.

The two beautiful drawing rooms, which are on the Forty-seventh street side of the Fifth avenue house, were thrown into one large saloon, and here, before a tall mirror, which is directly opposite the main entrance to the room, the debutante from 4 o'clock until 7 received the congratulations of more than 500 friends. She received in a fine Paris-made gown of blue and silver brocade, made with high corsage, half sleeves, and demi-train and elaborately trimmed with qui-pure lace. The coiffure was very simply arranged, and in it was worn a single diamond ornament. Miss Gould held in her gloved hand a bouquet of American beauty roses, from which hung two broad sashes of pink satin ribbon. This bouquet was one of several hundred received by the debutante.

Among those who congratulated her upon her coming out were many prominent persons famous in the financial, social and political world.

GETS SPELLS EVERY CHRISTMAS.

Peculiar Affliction of a Man Whose Mind Goes Wrong Once a Year.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Dec. 26.—Since the unfortunate cutting affray of yesterday, in which Peter Fischer was suddenly transformed from a rational being into a raving maniac, and with a knife attempted to cut the throat and sever the ear of his intimate friend, Fred Schweitzer. It has developed that he is subject to fits of insanity at this time of the year. The affair dates back to Christmas eve, 1868, when a large general merchandise store belonging to Fischer burned to the ground. It was clearly the work of an incendiary, and suspicion fell upon Fischer, who quickly proved his innocence, and accused a man named Patterson and his son, now Hon. Tom Patterson, the well-known Denver lawyer, of the deed, claiming that the old gentleman, who owned the building, was after the insurance. His accusations were doubtless without foundation, for no proceedings were ever instituted, and soon after young Tom, then a Wabash College student, drifted west to make his fortune.

But Fischer conceived an undying hatred toward him, and continued brooding over the affair has made him morbid. At no time, however, except this season of the year, has his mind been unbalanced. Several years ago he had a peculiar, sickle-shaped knife made, calling it the "Patterson knife," and two years ago he went to Denver for the express purpose of cutting off Patterson's ears, but the latter was notified and left Denver until Fischer was brought back. Last Christmas he hung Patterson in effigy on the Court House corner. Fischer is 73 years old and known to the wealthier Germans hereabouts. His three sons, prosperous business men, will take him to the insane asylum for treatment.

SIOPPED SHIPMENTS FROM PERU.

A Decree by the Government Which the Merchants Are Fighting.

CALLAO, PERU, Dec. 26.—All the shipping agents along the Peruvian coast make common cause with the protesting agents at Callao and merchants at Lima against the Government decree requiring cash deposit in place of bonds, as heretofore. Nothing has been shipped from this port since December 18 and the same condition of affairs exists at all the ports now. Nothing has been taken from the custom houses and no revenues are coming to the Government from any of the ports. It is claimed that the banks have declined to loan to the Government, which refuses to abrogate the decree.

All the papers counsel moderation and temperate discussion pending a solution of the trouble. Much bitter feeling has been engendered and many idle efforts have been made looking to a solution of the difficulty.

Lieutenant Sandford, of the World's Fair Commission, who has arrived from Bolivia, says Secretary McCreery, of the American Legation, is bound to Chile, where he expects to arrive Saturday.

Chicago Policemen May Strike.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 26.—The police force are very angry because there is no money in the city treasury with which to pay their salaries. They may, as a consequence of this, all strike.

STARVED INTO JAIL.

Prisons in Russia's Famine-Stricken Districts All Crowded

FROM THE ROOFS TO CELLARS.

Hunger Driving Hundreds to Commit Crimes to Be Confined

WHERE THEY WILL BE GIVEN FOOD

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, Dec. 26.—[Copyright.]—Terrible stories of the famine and the crimes it is bringing about come from Russia. In the famine stricken districts the prisons are crowded and can hold no more, even though packed on the Russian black hole system, and yet hundreds of men, women and children are seen flocking thither every day, begging for admittance, and when they do not receive a favorable reply, qualifying for it by crimes and attempted crimes.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Telegraph* says that a report has been received there on the state of the Samara prison, and extracts from it published in the journal called *Russian Life* reveal a most shocking state of affairs. All the space available in the prison, including the baths, corridors and workshops, is occupied by prisoners, who are huddled together like herrings in a barrel.

Awful Crowding in the Prisons.

The manner in which the rooms are crowded is simply incredible. The prison, which can barely accommodate 240 inmates, actually contains 1,000. The atmosphere and the stench are unbearable, and when any one of the doors is opened thicks clouds of pestilent vapor roll slowly out, scaring the visitor away.

The supply of clothes for the prisoners is lamentably insufficient. Whole groups of convicts are never examined by the doctor, who, during the past month, has not been once to the prisoners.

Disturbances continue to be reported from various parts of the interior, and deaths from hunger are more frequent than heretofore. The Government is despatching troops to several of the famine districts in which emergencies are likely to arise of a nature to require its interference, while it is beginning on the other hand to refuse permission to private individuals to distribute corn, open soup kitchens or otherwise directly relieve the destitute. Money, corn, clothing, meat, etc., must in the future be sent to the official bodies, who will undertake to do the work of doling them out in the name of the Emperor.

No Private Soup Kitchens Allowed.

A few days ago Madame Seroff, a wealthy and charitable lady of St. Petersburg, was refused permission to open a soup kitchen in a village of the famine-stricken district. She was informed that she might send in her offerings to the Government commissaries, who would use their judgment in distributing them, but that no more private soup kitchens, corn stores, tea booths, etc., would be allowed.

It is even a question of suppressing those which Count Tolstoi and his family have opened in the Dankovsky district and various other places. The authorities are indignant that Russian society should prove so generously responsive to the appeal of the Count, to whom tens of thousands of roubles are being sent every week from all quarters of Russia, while the Minister of the Interior was obliged to use very strong pressure to obtain less than half a million roubles in eight weeks. The newspapers are not permitted to reprint the letter of Countess Tolstoi asking for contributions.

AID FROM AMERICA.

Secretary Tracy Heartily in Accord With Senator Washburn's Proposition—A United States Vessel to Carry Minnesota's Gift of Flour to the Starving Russians.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, recently wrote to Secretary of the Navy Tracy, asking the use of a naval vessel to transport to Europe the breadstuffs contributed in this country for the relief of the famine sufferers in Russia. Secretary Tracy replies:

It gives me pleasure to say that the Navy Department concurs heartily in this proposal, and will willingly do all in its power to further so generous and suitable a project.

The friendly relations between the United States and Russia date back to the beginning of our national existence. Upon more than one occasion, when this country has been visited by misfortune, or has found itself laboring under the stress of foreign or domestic conflict, the Government of Russia, moved by a spirit of friendship far beyond that implied by the ordinary relations of peaceful intercourse between nations, has given the strongest proof of sincere attachment and regard for this country. Especially at those critical moments when friends have been most needed, and have been most difficult to find, the courageous and outspoken sympathy of Russia has had a powerful influence on the views and conduct of other European States.

It is a duty no less than a pleasure to every patriotic American to do all that lies in his power to make return for this friendly and disinterested service. It is in accordance with the principles and practice of this Government to assist, as far as it may, in bringing relief to those in suffering and distress; and such measures have a peculiar fitness when their object is to give succor to a tried and steadfast friend. Nor can it be doubted that by providing a conveyance for this generous gift of its citizens, it rightly surrounds an act of private benevolence with the spirit of public and national good will.

The sailing ship Constellation, now at Annapolis, which was formerly used, upon a like occasion, to carry food to the starving population of Ireland, is available for the proposed service. She will carry about six thousand barrels of flour, and can be sent at short notice to any point that may be convenient for the shipment of her cargo.

A WARRANT FOR MRS. OSBORNE.

Spink & Son, the London Jewelers, Want Their £550 Returned.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The fact that the thieving and fugitive wife of Captain Clarence A. Osborne, is the goddaughter of Sir Henry James, has not served to protect her from the law in the degree that was expected. A warrant was to-day issued for her arrest on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences for £550 which she received from the jewelry firm of Spink & Son for the pearls stolen by her from Mrs. Hargreaves. The warrant describes Mrs. Osborne as showing her teeth very much when talking, and as appearing rather like a Hebrew woman. It states that she may be accompanied by a lady and gentleman, who were with her when she left her lodgings Monday. She is believed to be in the South of France.

It is surmised that Spink & Son have begun these prosecution proceedings. The stolen jewels were restored to Mrs. Hargreaves, and the Spinks are, therefore, £550 out of pocket. A number of Mrs. Osborne's relatives, who, it was understood, had undertaken to arrange a settlement of the claim of Spink & Son for the £550, seem to have been unsuccessful.

PUSHING THE CHURCH ISSUE.

The Archbishop of Aix to Be a Candidate for the French Chambers.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—According to *Figaro*, the Conservatives of Brest have chosen Mgr. Gouthe-Soulard, Archbishop of Aix, who was recently fined for seditious conduct, to contest the seat in the Chamber of Deputies just left vacant by the death of Mgr. Freppel, the Bishop of Angers

Italy to Inspect American Pork.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Strict instructions have been issued by the Government that pork imported into this country from the United States must henceforth be carefully inspected, owing to the fact that some of the meat has been found to be infected with trichinæ.

ANOTHER CURED MANIAC.

THE MAN WHO LEAPED FROM A HIGH BUILDING AT CHICAGO.

His Wife Caught Him Trying to Crucify His Little Boy—Had Him on a Table Driving Nails Through His Hands—Joining a Circus.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—[*Special.*]—One week ago a strange man took off his coat on the fifth floor of the big Manhattan block and taking a long run plunged through the window. He was dashed to pieces. It was learned to-day that the man's name was Peterson and that he was a maniac. He was the son of wealthy people who live in Buffalo where his father has extensive shipping interests. He married Miss Belle Purdy, of Beaufort City, N. C., where he went to live one winter on account of sickness. Two children resulted from the marriage.

In 1888 Peterson first showed symptoms of mental aberration. One day his wife returned home and was horrified to find their younger child lying on the table in the kitchen. Peterson was in the act of driving nails through the little fellow's hands and feet. He said he was "going to crucify the child." He was at once committed to an asylum. Two years ago he was discharged as cured.

Peterson's mania took the form of imagining that he must go into the circus business and that he was the finest bareback rider in the United States. He actually applied for an engagement with the Forepaugh show, at Syracuse, N. Y., and nearly broke his neck while attempting impossible feats in the sawdust ring. He did this under the name of Thomas Cannon. Last Tuesday Peterson was seen wandering around the city looking for "a good high building to leap to heaven from." Early Wednesday evening he was seen on Dearborn street gazing intently on the towering front of the Manhattan building. He crossed the street and entering the elevator said "top story." The elevator stopped at the fifth floor, the maniac alighted and a moment later he was a mangled corpse on the pavement.

A CONSIDERATE EVANGELIST

Warns His Hearers of the End of the World and Then Hangs Himself.

RUSHSYLVANIA, O., Dec. 26.—The little country village of Whitetown, on the Big Miami river, eight miles north of here, has a sensation such as has never occurred in that town or part of the country before. About two weeks ago a young evangelist by the name of Henry Hawkins came to this little village and entered upon a series of protracted meetings, and was meeting with great success. Last Sunday evening he announced that he would give a sermon Christmas Eve on the subject of the world coming to an end on Christmas Day.

Last night he appeared in the pulpit acting very peculiar, and seemed to be somewhat unbalanced in his mind, but he delivered what some pronounced a very effective sermon, and, dwelling upon the sudden ending of the world, seemed to convince a great number and had the entire audience at the mourners' bench. The community was startled this morning by finding the cold body of Hawkins hanging in a barn. He left a note to the lady with whom he was boarding, saying that he was going ahead of his congregation and prepare for their coming, and all was well.

A PLOT TO KILL A SHERIFF.

For Which the Sum of $800 Was Agreed to Have Been Paid.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., Dec. 26.—H. W. Barker, deputy under Sheriff Slusher, was arrested here on Wednesday last, charged with embezzlement, he having appropriated nearly $2,000 collected for back taxes. His bond was fixed at $2,000, but he could not give it. On Thursday evening, while under guard, Barker escaped, and is now in the mountains.

It has just developed that Barker had made a plot with a notorious renegade, Gillis Johnson, to assassinate Sheriff Slusher, for which he agreed to pay Johnson $800. Fred Lynch and one Graham were arrested last night as being in the conspiracy, and Lynch has made a confession of the whole affair. The murder of Sheriff Slusher was to have been accomplished this week, during Christmas festivities. Arch-conspirator Barker having escaped, Graham was released this morning, and furnished with money to leave this section, as it was certain Johnson would kill him as soon as it was known.

MISCHIEF A WATCH CAUSED.

Three Men Are in Prison for Stealing It and a Fourth Will Go.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—[*Special.*]—On Justice Hogan's desk in the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day lay a silver watch with a gold chain. There was nothing peculiar about the watch, still three men are serving terms in State prison for stealing it, and a fourth may join them. The owner of the watch is John Curnen. He went to sleep on the sidewalk Friday and Detectives Taylor and Smith saw Daniel Schevelin, an ex-convict, take his watch from his waistcoat pocket. They nabbed Schevelin.

This morning he was arraigned at Jefferson Market and held for trial. The last man sent away for stealing Mr. Curnen's watch was John Tennell. One month ago in the Court of General Sessions he was sentenced to 2½ years for the theft. The two others are John, alias "Red" McGinnis and "Murt" O'Hara. They each got five years.

A RIGHT LOYAL LOVER.

He Weds His Sweetheart, Although She Lost Both Her Arms.

MILLERSBURG, O., Dec. 26.—A very strong example of love and devotion was exemplified in Killbuck township to-day in the wedding of Mr. Alwin Nitsche, aged about 32 years, and Miss Lillie Lowe, aged seventeen years. Nitsche was a lover of Miss Lowe in 1890, when she was only fifteen years old, and when she met with the horrible accident of being thrown from a mowing machine and having both of her arms cut off, and now wears artificial arms it was supposed that Nitsche would desert Miss Lowe on account of her misfortune, and Miss Lowe herself feared that he would; but they were all mistaken, as her sufferings and artificial arms only widened and deepened his love for Miss Lowe. As riches did not figure in this match, it must have been love, pure and unadulterated.

DEMENTED OVER A LOVE AFFAIR.

An Aged and Wealthy Man Infatuated With a Young School Girl.

NEW LONDON, CONN., Dec. 26.—Henry Clark, the wealthy and eccentric citizen of Joshuatown, who disappeared about a month ago, has returned as mysteriously as he went away. He had in his pockets bankbooks representing $40,000 deposited in New London banks. It is believed that he is demented over a love affair.

Though 55 years old he became infatuated with a 17-year-old school girl named Jennie Marsh, and wrote her many letters, even after her father and brothers threatened to cowhide him. He refused to inform his family where he had been.

WANAMAKER AT WORK

Setting Up Delegates to Go to Minneapolis to Boom Harrison.

A CONTEST WITH SENATOR QUAY.

The Postmaster General Consulting Leaders in Philadelphia.

WARMCASTLE'S REMOVAL AS A FACTOR

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—While President Harrison has not yet declared himself a candidate for renomination, some of the principal members of his Cabinet are hard at work endeavoring to secure the election of delegates to the National Convention who will, by their votes in that body, support their Chief for renomination. Postmaster General Wanamaker, who for a long time after his acceptance of the position held by him was on terms of political intimacy with Senator Quay, since the latter has declared against Harrison for renomination, has been busy arranging his forces, and the signs of the times point to a battle royal in the several counties of this State between the Wanamaker and Quay forces, for the election of national delegates.

It is well known that Marshal Leeds, who received his present appointment through the influence, mainly, of the Postmaster General, has taken his coat off and is battling for a seat in the National Convention against David H. Lane and Jacob Wildemere, the slated candidates of the Marlin-Porter combination.

Wanamaker Getting in His Licks.

The astute Postmaster General, who spent Christmas with his family at his handsome country seat, arrived in the city early this morning, and after looking after some matters connected with his immense establishment, had chats with several of the local leaders who are not in sympathy with the combination, after which he called at the Mayor's office, where he spent some time in consultation with Mayor Stuart and Director Beitler. Mr. Wanamaker, when leaving the Mayor's office, was asked regarding the object of his visit, and, after a moment's hesitancy, replied: "I have nothing to communicate."

Mayor Stuart was seated in his private office chatting with Private Secretary Beitler when he was asked what had taken place during his conversation with Mr. Wanamaker that could be used for publication. Leaning back in his chair the Mayor, with a smile, answered:

"We chatted about city improvements and the projected bourse. Mr. Wanamaker has called here before, and his visit has no particular significance."

A Well-Defined Movement on Foot.

Despite the refusal of the Postmaster General and Mayor to give out the inside history of to-day's chat, Joseph I. Nobre, General Snyder, Thomas Lindsay and other "anti-combine" workers declare that there is a well-developed movement under way to have candidates for national delegates put in the field in every district of the city.

Word has been received from the Western part of the State that the removal of Collector of Internal Revenue Warmcastle has been understood by the Federal office-holders of that section to mean that they are to go to work in earnest in their districts, and endeavor to have delegates elected who will favor the President for renomination. It is also understood that the friends of Congressman Dalzell, who is in line with the Wanamaker programme, will lend their best efforts to defeat the candidates for a seat in the National Convention who have been slated in the Western districts by Senator Quay's orders.

The postmasters located at the county seats of the respective districts have been given the "tip," and as the country cross-road postmasters within their counties are virtually under their control, by reason of the system of supervision now in vogue, they are expected to direct their attention toward securing the election of friendly delegates.

SHERMAN STRIKES STRAIGHT OUT.

He Denounces the Course of the Cincinnati Foraker Organ.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—[*Special.*]—When, some weeks ago, Thomas McDougall, one of the most influential citizens of Cincinnati, and a man whose word carries great weight, addressed an open letter to the Hamilton county delegation to the Legislature, the Foraker papers raised a great cry and denounced the letter as insulting. In a day or two some of the papers printed Washington dispatches quoting Senator Sherman as saying the letter was "unfortunate." To-day Mr. McDougall received a letter from the Senator, the following extract from which he makes public.

I cannot understand what you say about my reference to "unfortunate" letters. If the *Commercial Gazette* has represented that I used such an expression, it is a lie out of the whole cloth, and you may deny it in my name, in the most positive and stirring manner. Indeed, the course of the *Commercial Gazette*, under its new management, in respect to me, is as untruthful and infamous as the lowest blackmailing sheets could be. I have regarded your letters as plain, strong and honest expressions of your opinions, which the *Commercial Gazette* dares not publish and cannot answer. It perverts your meaning, while refusing to hear you. All this you may quote as coming from me.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN SHERMAN.

Lawrence County's Judicial Candidate.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 26.—[*Special.*]—The following paper has been signed by all the attorneys of this county, regardless of party: "The undersigned having learned of the candidacy of Hon. John J. Wickham, President Judge of the Thirty-sixth Judicial District, for nomination as Supreme Judge, do certify that we know him to be in every way qualified for the place, and we recommend his nomination."

The Tippecanoe Club for Harrison.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—At a meeting and banquet of the "Old Tippecanoe" Club here to-day, William S. Schuyler delivered an address upon "The President; His Ancestry and Administration." The present administration and its silver attitude were cordially indorsed, and the club was placed on record as favoring President Harrison's renomination.

THEY BUY DOLLS AND DEVILS.

A Hint for the American Producers Who Want South American Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Of all the queer demands of intercontinental commerce some of those just disclosed by letter from a gentleman who has traveled through Bolivia are the oddest. For example, full-grown natives are excessively fond of small, cheap toys. Monkeys on sticks, supple-jacks, jacks-in-boxes and especially horses on wheels delight men and women of mature years. Dolls are in great demand; enormous prices are sometimes paid for them. The other day a merchant refused $60 for a doll, the price of which he said was $80. While the man was still in the store the merchant let the doll fall by accident and it was broken.

Cheap, gaudily-colored lithographs and chromos are in great demand, especially those representing religious subjects. If a picture contains a likeness of the devil carrying a soul to hades, or a lot of people in purgatory, it sells very well.

Another Convention Coming.

"Hotel business will be disgustingly dull now for a few days," Clerk Crosly, of the Anderson, said last night. "But," he went on, "a big harvest for us is ripening. Next week the straw hat men will be out in force. Already 28 of them have notified us of their coming. They will be the advance guard. They will have with them next summer's styles of hats, and they will take the hat people of Pittsburg by storm."

M'GREEVY WILL SQUEAL.

CANADA'S BOSS BOODLER THREATENS A BIG EXPOSE.

Cabinet Ministers to Be Dragged Into Court to Tell What They Know of Money Spent for Political Purposes—He Shielded Supposed Friends Long Enough.

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 26.—Hon. Thomas McGreevy, formerly Member of Parliament, who has been committed for trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government, stated to-day that he intended to show who the real culprits were when his case came to trial, intimating that he would summon several Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament to prove that all the money he received from the harbor works contractors went into the Tory campaign fund, and that some of the Ministers who are now prosecuting McGreevy profited by his relations with the contractors and handled portions of the money. This, he says, was obtained with their full knowledge, and was to be used for political purposes.

"I am," said McGreevy, "a victim of circumstances and of the ingratitude of political friends. The same may be said of Contractors Michael and Nicholas Connolly. For the sake of political friends I refused to answer certain questions put to me when I was under oath before the Privileges and Elections Committee. I declined to state what was untrue, and I felt that I was in honor bound not to make compromising statements affecting those whom I supposed were my friends; but now the men I sought to shield are my persecutors, and I must and will defend my good name and that of my family.

"Those men made me the treasurer of their campaign fund. I did not seek the position, and they knew exactly how the money I got for election purposes was raised. Fortunately, I have documentary proofs, letters, receipts, etc., in the handwriting of the parties who received the money, showing where the money went. To say that they did not know where the money came from is an absurdity."

A GIRL WHO CAN SHOOT.

Her True Aim Saved Her Father From a Terrible Death.

Omaha Bee.]

"In my recent trip to New Mexico in the interests of the Omaha Stock Exchange I witnessed an act of heroism that I shall never forget," said Mr. W. F. Skinner. "The central figure was a beautiful and refined young lady, the daughter of a banker, who owns extensive cattle ranches in Northern New Mexico. During the vacations she had passed on the ranch she had acquired a wonderful proficiency with the rifle, and could shoot with the accuracy of an old ranchman. One day we were startled by seeing a cinnamon bear, and a large one at that, near the edge of a gully but a short distance from the house. Both father and daughter rushed for their rifles and made for the ravine. The wild beast was on the opposite side and unable to get at us.

"The banker in his excitement got too close to the edge of the ravine and tumbled in, falling a distance of 12 or 15 feet. He lay stunned by the force of the fall, and we feared he had been seriously hurt. In another second down tumbled bruin into the gully, whether intentionally or accidentally I don't know. But the awful danger of my host immediately flashed upon me. He was too stunned to help himself and the savage beast, infuriated by the pain of his fall, rushed toward the prostrate man. I was frozen with horror. In a twinkling I heard the report of a rifle at my side, saw a puff of smoke and the bear dropped dead almost on the helpless form of the banker. I turned and saw my fair companion just dropping her rifle from her shoulder. Her face was pale, but her eyes lit up with a look of mingled joy and triumph. She had saved her father from a terrible death by her presence of mind and unerring aim."

A CLEVER THROWER.

His Skill in Hurling Stones Resulted in a Big Bag of Game.

Rural New Yorker.]

It is supposed that we have no men nowadays who could compete on even terms with the old archers. A man named Uri Bailey recently died in Pennsylvania who was worthy of a place with the old-time soldiers. His skill in throwing stones was said to be marvelous. He was mentally deficient, but a giant physically. His aim with stones at any mark or game was as unerring as that of the most skillful handler of the rifle. He annually bagged scores of small game, pheasants, rabbits, quails and squirrels, which he killed with stones. He could kill a bird on the wing or a rabbit at full speed almost as easily as he could kill it at rest. He had a large leather pouch attached to one side of his coat, in which he on all occasions carried a good supply of carefully selected stones.

An exhibition of his skill which was always a favorite with him was to set up a scythe blade, edge toward him, and at the distance of 100 feet cut apples in halves by throwing them against the edge of the blade. He could almost exactly halve two out of every three apples he threw. Robin Hood's great feat of skill was to set up a peeled sapling at a considerable distance and split it with an arrow. We do not see that this is more difficult than splitting the apple on the scythe blade.

FOUND A NEST OF SNAKES.

Peculiar Discovery Near a Gate Post Made by a Kentucky Farmer.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Dec. 26.—J. W. Davidson, a wealthy farmer residing near Lafayette, in the southern portion of this county, was removing some old fences yesterday, when he found a nest of snakes under a rotten old gatepost. He says there were not less than a dozen different species in the collection, some of them of the most poisonous and venomous kinds.

The common blacksnake was most numerous. Some of them were grown, but a majority of them were about six inches, or a foot in length. Very few of them were in a torpid state, and when exposed to the air they commenced crawling about, and as Mr. Davison could not kill them all many escaped. He says there must have been not less than 400 reptiles in the nest.

THE FIRE RECORD.

AT Canton, O., E. L. Lake's dwelling. Loss about $2,000. Cause, a lamp explosion.

AT Waverly, Ill., one-half of the business section of the place. Loss, $75,000, partly insured.

AT Chicopee, Mass., the loss from Thursday night's fire in the Dwight Cotton Mills, amounts to $50,000; well insured.

AN alarm from box 243 about 7:30 last night was caused by a chimney fire in the house of J. T. Negley at No. 118 Shetland avenue, East End. No damage.

AT Evanston, Ill., the French stables were damaged to the extent of $6,600. For a time the fire was so threatening that the Chicago Fire Department sent assistance.

SOME lace curtains caught fire yesterday afternoon in a house, 151 Locust street, Allegheny. A still alarm was sent in to Engine Company No. 4. The loss was trifling.

AT Chicago, the block including from 223 to 229 Water street, occupied by various commission firms. Loss, $60,000. The fire started in Kearn's paper bag warehouse, where a spark had ignited the stock.

NEAR Kingston, Cumberland county, a large barn, several horses and cows, farming implements, outbuildings and crops, belonging to Rev. Dr. Babb. Loss $3,000. Origin—as usual in that afflicted county—incendiary.

SCARRED WITH CIGARS

President Eliot, of Harvard College, Says the Act Is Voluntary.

GARRISON'S ATTACK ANSWERED.

Ex-Governor Long Says the Faculty Should Take Some Action

TO BREAK THE BOYS OF BAD HABITS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The graduates of Harvard University are indignant at the charges made by William Lloyd Garrison against the D. K. E. Society, and do not hesitate to express their views on the subject. President Eliot says in this connection:

"This society has been in existence for a long time, and the custom of branding candidates for initiation on the arm with a cigar has been in vogue for 20 years past. It is entirely voluntary, and we cannot prevent it. It is an affair between man and man. I do not approve of the practice. It is simply a relic, and the last relic of many similar practices, such as hazing, which have now been done away with.

"Mr. Garrison also speaks of drinking in this and other societies. I will venture to say that the college men of to-day do not drink so much as their fathers. Temperance and sobriety is the rule, and not the exception. The object of this college is to teach the young man self-government.

Not Modeled on Monastic Lines.

"Mr. Garrison declares Harvard to be modeled 'on monastic lines.' This is exactly what it is not. No notice whatever will be taken of the matter in any official manner. I shall certainly make no reply, and there is no way in which the faculty can do so. No professor is authorized to speak for the faculty, and should any public reply be made it would be solely upon the responsibility of the writer."

"Do you think Mr. Garrison exaggerated in the statements he made?"

"No, not necessarily. He merely labors under the false impression that it is possible for the government of Harvard College to correct these evils. It does not lie within our power or within the power of any government on earth to prevent these things. All the courts and laws in Christendom will not prevent the commission of crime. Nothing can ever do it but the power of public opinion."

Ex-Governor Long's Opinion.

Ex-Governor Long was a member of Harvard's D. K. E. Society, and he had this to say about Mr. Garrison's charges: "When I was in college the Greek letter societies were on their last legs, and at about that time petered out. The D. K. E. was then less prominent than the others. Some years later these societies were revived, but I know nothing about them now. In all of them there are probably the extravagances that obtain among young fellows. I presume there is a good deal of exaggeration in the excitement that Mr. Garrison's letter has stirred up, yet no doubt there are abuses that should be arrested.

"I am inclined to agree with President Eliot that there is little that can be done except by creating a healthier and manlier public opinion in college. But just there is his duty and that of the faculty, and that duty is to throw themselves and all their personality into the creation of this public opinion. This should be done by personal contact with the students, a familiarity with their leisure as well as with their recitations and course of study, and the impressive expression of responsibility for their good morals and behavior. Very likely the faculty do something of this sort, very likely they could do a great deal more."

Author Grant With Garrison.

Robert Grant, the author, was another D. K. E. man, and he agrees with Mr. Garrison in denouncing the practice of singeing the flesh in the initiation ceremony.

It is said that what alarmed Mr. Garrison is that his son, who is about 20 years of age, went through the initiation and shortly after—that was last November—was taken sick with typhoid fever, and his family believe that his case was aggravated by it.

AN ELECTRIC LIGHT WAR.

Customers Benefit by a Cut in Rate Caused by Big Profits.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Two of the prominent electric light companies uptown are at present at war as to which shall secure the custom of the merchants along Frankford avenue. The Northern Electric Light Company was the first company to run its wires into the stores in the vicinity of Frankford road. The merchants finding that there was considerable profit in supplying the lights, decided to form a company and keep