## INGERSOLL'S REPL

To the Criticisms of Clergymen on His Christmas Sermon.

THE BLASPHEMY OF A DAY

He Calls an Impossibility, Even if He Intended Such a Thing.

HE IS A REAL SENTIMENTALIST.

One of the Charges Brought Against Him That He Doesn't Deny.

INFIDEL OR PREACHER FOR REVENUE

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-The reply of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll to the criticisms of the elergymen who attacked his recent Christmas sermon was given to the public to-day. The Colonel says:

"Rev. James M. King-who seems to have taken this occasion to become known -finds fault because 'blasphemous utterances concerning Christmas' were published, and were allowed 'to greet the eyes of innocent children and pure women.

How is it possible to blaspheme a day? One day is not, in and of itself, holier than another-that is to say, two equal spaces of time are substantially alike. We call a day 'good' or 'bad' according to what happens in the day. A day filled with happiness, with kind words, with noble deeds, is a good day. A day filled with misfortunes and anger and misery we call a bad day.

"But how is it possible to blaspheme a day? A man may, or may not, believe that Christ was born on the 25th of December. and that he may fill that day, so far as he is concerned, with good thoughts and words and deeds. Another may really believe that Christ was born on that day, and yet do his worst to make all his friends un-

#### An Argument for Both Sides,

"But how can the rights of what are called 'clean families' be violated, by reading the honest opinions of others as to whether Christmas is kept in honor of the birth of Christ, or in honor of the triumph of the sun over the hosts of darkness? Are Christian families so weak intellectually that they cannot bear to hear the other side? Or is their case so weak that the slightest evidence overthrows it? Why do all these ministers insist that it is ill-bred to even raise a question as to the truth of the im-, or as to the improbability of the

"A minister says to me that I am going to hades—that I am bound to be punished forever and ever-and thereupon I say to him: There is no hades; you are mistaken; your Bible is not inspired; no human being is to suffer agony forever;' and thereupon with an injured look, he asks me this question: 'Why do you hurt my feelings?' It does not occur to him that I have the slightest right to object to his sentence of

Expressed Charity for His Enemie

"It is perfectly easy for any one with the slightest imagination to understand how other people differ from him. I don't at-tribute a bad motive to a man simply be-cause he disagrees with me. I don't say that a man is a Christian or a Mohammedan for revenue only. I don't say that a man joins the Democratic party simply for office, or that he marches with the Republicans simply for position. I am willing to hear his reasons—with his motives I have

Is he willing to admit that we have drifted so far from orthodox religion that the way to make money is to denounce Christianity? I can hardly believe, for joy, that liberty of thought has advanced so far. I regret exceedingly that there is not an absolute foundation for his remark. I am indeed sorry that it is possible in this world of ours for any human being to make a living out of the ignorance and fear of his feliou men. Still, it gives me great hope for the future to read, even in this ignorant present, that there is one man, and that man myself, who advocates human liberty—the absolute enfranchisement of the soul—and does it 'for revenue'—because this charge is such a splendid compliment to my fellow-

#### Ingersoll's Definitions of Blasphemy.

"Under no circumstances can the expression of an honest opinion, couched in becoming language, amount to blasphemy. And right here it may be well enough to inquire, 'what is blasphemy?' A man who knowingly assaults the true, who knowingly endeavors to stain the pure, who knowingly maligns the good and noble, is a blasphemer. A man who deserts the truth because it is unpopular is a blasphemer. He who runs with the hounds, knowing that the hare is in the right, is a blasphemer. "In the soul of every man, or in the tem-

"In the soul of every man, or in the temple inhabited by the soul, there is one niche in which can be found the statue of the ideal. In the presence of this statue the good man worships—the bad man blashbayers that is to see he is not true to the phemes-that is to say, he is not true to the

"A man who slanders a pure woman or an honest man is a blasphemer. So, too, a man who does not give the honest transcript of his mind is a blasphemer. If a man really thinks the character of Jehovah, as portraved in the Old Testament, is good, and he denounces Jehovah as bad, he is a blasphemer. If he really believes that the character of Jehovah, as portrayed in the Old Testament, is bad, and he pronounces it good, he is a blasphemer and a coward. Self-Interest as a Law-Maker.

"All laws against 'blasphemy' have been passed by the numerically strong and the intellectually weak. These laws have been passed by those who, finding no help in logic appealed to the Legislature. Eack of all these superstitions you will find some self-interest. I don't say that is true in every case, but I do say that if priests had not been foud of mutton, lambs never would have been sacrificed to God. Nothing was over carried to the temple that the priests could not use, and it always so happened that (ind wanted what his agents liked,

"Now, I will not say that all preachers have been such 'for revenue only,' but I must say that the history of the world tends to show that the sacerdotal class prefers revenue without religion to religion with-

"I am much obliged to Rev. Mr. King for admitting that an infidel has a right to publish his views at his own expense, and with the utmost cheerfulness I accord that right to a Christian. The only thing I have ever objected to is the publication of his views at the expense of others. Rights of Men to Disagree.

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"I cannot admit, however, that the ideas contained in what is known as the Christmas sermon are 'revolting to a vast majority of the people who give character to the community in which we live.' I suppose that a very large majority of men and women who disagree with me are perfectly satisfied that I have the right to disagree satisfied that I have the right to disagree with them, and that I do not disagree with them to any greater degree than they dis-agree with me. And I also imagine that a very large majority of intelligent people are perfectly willing to hear the other side. "With a graded at the letter of Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr. I are but little to say. I am glad that he believes in a free platform and a free press—that he, like Lucretin Mott, believes in 'truth for authority, and not authority for truth.' At the same time, I

I don't see how the fact that I am not a scientist has the slightest bearing upon the FORAKER'S ONE HOPE scientist has the slightest bearing upon the question; but if there is any fact that I have voided or misstated, then I wish that fact to be pointed out.

The Colonel a Sentimentalist. "I admit that I am a sentimentalist-that s, that I am governed, to a certain extent, by sentiment—that my mind is so that cruelty is revolting and that mercy excites my love and admiration. I admit that I am so much of a 'sentimentalist' that I have no love for the I have a the I have no love for the Jehovah of the Old Testament, and that it is impossible for me to believe a creed that fills the prison house of

"I am also glad that the reverend gentle-man admits that I have 'stabled to the heart hundreds of superstitions and lies,' and I hundreds of superstitions and lies, and I hope to stab many, many more, and if I succeed in stabbing all lies to the heart there will be no foundation left for what I called 'orthodox' Christianity, but goodness will survive, justice will live, and the flower of mercy will shed its perfume for-

Hades with countless billions of men, women

#### THE BALTIMORE BACK.

SCHLEY WILL TALK BUT LITTLE AND UNOFFICIALLY.

He Describes the Cowardice of the Chilean -Every Man Hurt in the Valparaiso Riot Was Stabbed in the Back-The Mob Ran

When Resisted. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 .- The United States cruiser Baltimore arrived here at 9:30 this morning from Valparniso via Callao. Captain Schlev was immediately interviewed. He stated that his report had been forwarded to Washington and he was not at liberty to make any statements concerning its contents. He said, however, that he could see no reason to modify his former telegraphic report based on the investigation of the Valparaiso mob by the officers of the Baltimore.

"My men," said he, "34 in number and entirely unarmed, were attacked at almost the same moment in half a dozen different parts of the district of the city, a mile and a half wide, by mobs varying from 300 to 2000. Two were killed, five seriously wounded and 18 more bruised and hurt. Every one of them was stabbed from behind not one from in front. If my sailors had been armed they could have defended themselves, for when even two of them turned at bay the Chileans fled. If they had had knives I believe each one could have chased a dozen Chileans. The wounded are all well now, but I cannot permit them to be interviewed at present.

"I do not know what my men testified at the inquiry," said the Captain. "After much trouble the Chilean authorities allowed Lieutenant Henry McCrea to be present at the examination of the men, but they swore him to secrecy and he cannot make public what was said. They also made the sailors sign two papers written in Spanish, of the contents of one of which I

am ignorant. "The Baltimore left Valparaiso December 10 rather suddenly. Our cruise has not been a pleasant one. We were in Chilean waters eight months, and it was like lying out at sea, with no chance or invitation go ashore. The feeling toward us in Chile is not cordial, to say the least. I think the statement in this morning's papers that Chile intends to offer a full apology is very

#### MONEY NO OBJECT.

A Jeweler Suicides After Tearing Up Cur-

rency and a \$15,000 Draft, Thoy, Jan. 5 .- [ Special. ] -- Early this forenoon Henry Dudley, colored, of Hoosick, discovered the dead body of a man near the highway. The corpse was attired in good elothes, and was apparently that of a person about 40 years of age. A revolver was held in the elenched hand, and a wound in the head showed the cause of death. Scattered around was a large amount of torn cur-rency in bills of different denominations. When gathered these represented over \$600. There were also four drafts which had also been torn one of these was for \$15,000. ssued to bearer by the Security Trust Company of Nashua, N. H., to the Commercial National Bank of Boston. The three other drafts were each for \$1,000.

In a vest pocket was a gold watch at-tached to a gold chain. In one of the man's pockets a card was found bearing the name L. N. T. Paulin, watchmaker and jeweler, No. 20 Factory street, Nashua, N. H.

#### TWENTY SHOTS AT A TRAIN

Omaha Bandits Try Sly's Tactics, but the Engineer Runs Past Them.

OMAHA, Jan. 5 .- The Missouri Pacific Railway officials and those of the Pacific Express Company have endeavored to suppress the fact that an attempt was made last Wednesday night to hold up the southbound Missouri Pacific passenger train at West Side, in the suburbs of this city, the same place where Sly successfully robbed a train some time ago. Engineer Dean saw the masked men on the crossing, and instead of stopping his train he pulled past them with all possible speed.

The would-be robbers fired a score or more

of shots at the train as it rushed by, and the frightened passengers dodged under the car seats to get out of harm's way. Fortunately no one was injured. It is supposed to be the work of novice imitators of

#### FOUR DIE UNDER A TRESTLE.

A Train Runs Away With Its Crew, With Frightful Results,

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 5.-To-day on the Murphy branch of the Western North Carolina Railroad, 40 miles from Asheville, the engine of the westbound freight train, while detached at a heavy grade, became uncontrollable and dashed down the track at a fearful speed. At Dyke Ridge trestle landing in Scott's creek, more than 100 feet below. The following men were killed: Sam Francis, engineer, of Asheville; Sam Arthur, fireman; Rufus Hemphill and a colored hand.

#### A Castle for the Royal Couple,

DUBLIN, Jan. 5 .- It was recently officially announced that a wedding present from Ireland should be given to the Duke of Clarence and his bride. It is not known what shape the present will take, but it has been proposed that it take the form of a residence in Ireland. One of the estates mentioned is Clifden Castle.

Chicago Getting Good Professors

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 5 .- Charles Gardner Hale, Professor of the Latin Department, and J. Lawrence Laughlin, Professor of Political Economy, in Cornell University, to-day accepted offers of chairs in the Chicago University, at \$7,000 salary each. They were receiving about one-half that mpensation here.

Harrison Working on a Proclamation WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.-The President is now engaged in the preparaion of a proclamation of retaliation against those countries which have refused to enter into reciprocal trade relations with this

Anarchists Protest With a Bomb. ROME, Jan. 5 .- At Grosseto to-day, some

country, and will probably have it ready for issue before the end of the present

Anarchists exploded a bomb in front of the Prefecture, as a protest against the arrest of their riotous comrades. The explosion caused much excitement but did no

Ravages of the Grip in Italy.

ROME, Jan. 5.-The public schools at Genoa and Milan have been closed in consequence of the epidemic of influenza. So many of the inhabitants are prostrated that the transaction of business is greatly im-

Is That the Voting at To-night's Caucus Be By Secret Ballot.

SURE DEFEAT STARING AT HIM,

And Many Friends Begging Him to Withdraw From the Contest.

SHERMAN NOW HAS FROM 50 TO 60 VOTES

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.-Senator Sher man has whipped his man to a standstill, The managers of Governor Foraker's canvass for the Senatorship have relinquished all effort to-night and are anxious for the agony to be over, and await the finishing touches of to-morrow night's caucus with the anxiety of one seeking relief.

There have been two additions to the Sherman forces from the non-committal members to-day, and his managers now surely count upon a vote of 56, and everything is in readiness for four more to pronounce themselves in his favor to-morrow The Foraker followers, when they learned this, at once began to scheme for a secret ballot, that the humiliation might not be so great. It is well understood that Foraker would have withdrawn from the contest yesterday or to-day had he been in position to do so, but the fight reached the point where he could not do so with any credit to himself, and his managers concluded to go to the finish and get as many of the mem bers as possible to vote as they originally intended, that the Governor may have the benefit of a reasonable showing in the

Efforts to Have Foraker Wishdraw. Many of the members who are the best friends of Forsker have insisted for two days that he get out of the way, but he refuses to do so, and now the secret ballot is sought to give the discouraged Legislators an opportunity to shield themselves from the disfavor which comes of being on the losing side.

Senator Sherman informed THE DIS-PATCH correspondent this evening, that he had not felt so well since the contest began as he does at this time. The exercise has been rather in the nature of a relief from routine duty, and he has enjoyed it, rather than to grow nervous and anxious over the result. He expressed the hope that the Governor would not withdraw, but would continue to the caucus, that the public may know how really weak he is compared with what has been claimed for him through his managers during the past two weeks.

Sherman Solid With the Ladies. The Senator left his quarters and the hotel for the first time this afternoon since he came to this city. William G. Deshler, a leading local banker and financier, called to take him for a drive, and they called upon a large number of the old friends of the Senator, principally ladies, and the majority widows, whose hushands were strong friends of the Senator during their lives. He also visited Judge Thurman, Governor Campbell and Mrs. Governor Dennison. The engagement is so agreeable that it has in reality reduced itself to a social frolic on the part of the Senator, and in addition to about twothirds of the members, Senator Sherman will have all the widows on his side when his nomination is announced to-morrow

Foraker the Young Men's Idol. Another correspondent writes: The night before the great Senatorial battle finds the inevitable still staring the Foraker forces ominously in the face. Turn whichever way they may, they cannot escape it. To them all the indications of the political situation point to but one result—defeat. But they have made a gallant battle, and their struggle has established beyond contradic-tion one significant fact—that J. B. Foraker is the unshaken idol of the young Republicans of Ohio. His magnetic qualities of leadership have bound to him a loyal follow-ing whose enthusiasm knows no rest, and, despite the strenuous efforts that are being made by the Sherman forces to demoralize his ranks and create a stampede to the venerable leader, his followers find pride in re-maining steadfast to their leader, and going

lown with him to glorious defeat. The declarations to-day of Representa-tives Dunn and Daugherty for Sherman add two more to the Senator's majority, and his friends are now claiming that he will have 58 votes, while they give Foraker but 34, the remaining two being doubtful. Of course, Foraker people do not concede these claims. They maintain that Sherman has not now positive assurances from more than 45 yotes, and that the ex-Governor has still a good fighting chance

Ballot Reform Dragged Into It.

The Sherman people are loud in their demands for an open ballot by roll call, and maintain that everything should be fair and public. To this argument the Foraker peo-ple reply that the Sherman forces found no biection to a secret ballot in the Speakership caucus on Saturday, and in support of the argument for a secret ballot cite the fact that all the ballot reform laws strictly provide that the ballot reform laws strictly provide that the private voter's ballot shall be secret, and maintain that what is good for the public at large is good for a Sena-torial caucus. Their chief argument for a secret ballot, however, is based upon their claim that many members are being coerced into voting for Sherman, and that they should have an opportunity to secretly vote

To all this the Sherman managers reply that the comparison drawn is misleading; that the private voter represents himself alone, while the assemblyman represents his constituents; that the Foraker men who have come over to Sherman acknowledge that they have done so in obedience to their constituents, and these have a right to know that their representative is carrying out their will. This public knowledge, they maintain, can only be given through the medium of an open ballot.

The Open Ballot Now on Top. It looks to night as though the open ballot idea would prevail, as the Sherman people apparently have votes enough to carry it through the cancus, even though the Foraker people should make a fight for

The State Trades and Labor Assembly met in this city to-day, and as was anticipated, attempted to solve the Senatorial question. The President in his opening address recommended that the assembly do not interfere in the matter, but despite this a resolution was this afternoon introduced denouncing Mr. Sherman's Senatorial record. It was defeated, after considerable wrangling, but it is understood the Foraker men will revive the controversy to-morrow.

A telegram from Washington, says:
General H. V. Boynton being asked if he had sent any reply to a telegram which the Columbus Labor Committee addressed to

him, said:

No such dispatch reached me yesterday, from which I conclude that no reply was wanted before their convention met to-day. As to the Chinese question, concerning which this committee represents itself as inquiring, this is true, that Senator Sherman's record from first to last on that subject, as well as on all other subjects connected with labor, is one of wise, continuing and earnest efforts to advance every interest of American workingmen. As to his attitude toward pensions, which is challenged by the questions asked, his position, which this committee represent as hostile to the soldiers, was distinctly stated in the debate by Senator Sherman to be based upon his convictions that the proposed measures did not go far enough to do the veterans full justice.

#### BYNUM'S BEE IS BUZZING.

He Is Seriously Considering the Subject of Running for Governor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.-Repre sentative Bynum, of Indiana, said to-night there is no truth in the report that he was so disgusted with Speaker Crisp's committee appointments that he proposed to retire

from Congress and be a candidate for Governor of Indiana. He added that while he was disappointed at Mr. Mills' defeat he certainly had no cause to complain of his own committee assignment. As to his Gubernatorial aspirations, Mr. Bynum said: "I have been earnestly solicited by many friends to run for Governor, but I have not as yet fully determined in my own mind whether I shall be a candidate or not. If I do become a candidate it will be because I So Decided by All the Supreme-Judges do become a candidate it will be because prefer that position to the one I now hold.

#### DEMOCRATS CALLED TO MEET.

The Heads of the National Association of

Clubs Have Important Business. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5 .- The following call for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs was issued this morning: DEAR SIR—There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs held on Wednesduy, the 20th of January, at the rooms of the association in the Washington Loan and Trust Company building, Washington, D. C., at 20'clock. It is very desirable that every member be present at this meeting, either in person or by proxy.

Yours respectfully.

WILLIAM L. WILSON,
Chairman of Executive Committee. DEAR SIR-There will be a meeting of the

Wright Opens Harrisburg Headquarters. HARRISBURG, Jan. 5-[Special.] -. J Marshall Wright, of Allentown, brother of Hon. Robert E. Wright, has engaged headquarters in this city, where he will conduct his campaign for Democratic State Chairman. The State Committee will meet here on the 20th instant.

#### RUSSIAN CRUELTY.

HOW THE HEBREWS ARE BEING PER-SECUTED AND MURDERED.

Villagers Raid and Rain the Homes of the Oppressed-Men, Women and Children Slaughtered-The Bodies of the Dead Mutilated by the Mob,

BOSTON, Jan. 5. - [Special.] - Another blood-curdling story of Hebrew persecution in Russia was told to-day by Haymyn Goldson, a refugee who came to this country on the City of Paris. Here is Mr. Goldson's

"I lived in Krinik, Russia, a town of about 700 inhabitants near Zacolko, 42 miles from the Prussian border. About three months ago the 200 Hebrews in the village learned that an attempt was going to be made against them by the Russians. The signal for the attempt was one day given when the Russian population, numbering upward of 200, assembled in the market place with swords, pitchforks and clubs to parade. They made at once for our quarter of the city, and the Hebrews, discovering their approach, barricaded their houses and made an effort to protect them-

"Fighting was almost continuous for three days. Blood was spilled freely on both sides, but finally the Russians conquered. The Hebrews fled from the town, 15 being killed in my own sight. The infuriated peasants not only killed my countrymen with deliberation, but they also mutilated the dead horribly. I made my way though the market place, expecting death at every step, but finally fought through the lines, meeting with no worse injuries than a broken arm and bad wound in the leg. I had the good fortune to possess some money, which enabled me to get a passage by train to Berlin, where I went into a hospital and remained for

a desirable time. "The Russians spared neither women nor children. Our houses were burned and our possessions taken from us. The viciousness of the attacking party was largely due to the bloody inspiration of Wolkoff Valeski, the strongest man in the village, who led the attack. Our women were very courageous. They fought the men with hot water and fire, and succeeded in roasting out several who attempted entrance to houses by going down the chimney. If Americans only knew the real attrocities committed in Russia the Hebrews would receive even greater sympathy and assistance than they are favored with at present."

One Who Tried to Form a Cigarette Trust

Wanted in Texas for Conspiracy. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5. - Gov. Flower gave hearing this afternoon on an application for a requisition from the Governor of Texas for the custody of J. B. Duke, a cigarette manufacturer of New York City, who is wanted in the "Lone Star" State for con-spiracy—a felony under the laws of Texas. Duke was indicted there on a charge of having conspired with one other man to regulate the supply of eigarettes to be manufactured and the price at which they should

He appeared at the hearing with his ounsel. As the Texas officer was not represented by counsel, at his request the case was postponed until Saturday.

#### COSTLY TAR AND FEATHERS. The Maltreaters of an 18-Year-Old Married Woman Are Sentenced.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 5.-There was large crowd in the Hunterdon County Court of Sessions to-day when John T. Banghart and Austin Lisk were arraigned for sentence for tarring and feathering Julia Beam, the 18-year-old married woman, at Glen Gardner on the night of October 17. Banghart was convicted of being the ring-

leader in the assault on the young woman, but Lisk pleaded guilty. Banghart was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100. Lisk received a similar sentence.

An Eye After Confederate Flags. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5 .- First Assistant Postmaster General Whitfield has sent an inspector to Baird, Tex., to investi-gate the charge that the Confederate flag is kept flying over the postoffice there.

### BULKELEY STILL BOSS

of the Nutmeg State.

MORRIS NOT DECLARED ELECTED

By the Legislature, Consequently the Incumbent Holds Over.

A LAW ON THE SUBJECT BADLY NEEDED

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 5.-The Supreme Court unanimously sustained the demurrer of Governor Bulketey, the holdover Governor, in quo warrant suit of Morris, the Democratic candidate. The Court says that the de gration of the result is an indispensab adjunct to the choice of Governor as it irnishes the only authentic evidence of an election. Judge Morris has not been declared elected by the

The court says the right to choose any State officer, unless the result of the choice can be published in some way so as to be obligatory on the whole State, would be no better than a mockery. It would be to give the form of a choice without the reality. The declaration is the only evidence by which the person elected can know that he is entitled to the office or the previous incumbent know that his term has expired.

A Declaration Is Necessary. The courts can take judicial notice of the fact of an election, but never of the result of an election or who is elected until some declaration is made. The declaration is the only evidence by which the other departments of the Government and the citizens generally can know whom to respect as such officer, and in order that declaration shall be made of the result of an election for Governor in a way to be obligatory upon everybody the constitution has fixed the time and manner in which the General Assembly shall make that declaration. Unless the declaration is made in the way so provided the process of the election is not com-

It is found in the case that there has been no declaration by the General Assembly; that the relator had been elected Governor and it is not claimed that there had been any equivalent act by any other authority. It follows that the relator, whatever any fu-ture inquiry may show, cannot now be said to have been elected to the office of Governor, and that respondent remains the de jure, as well as the de facto Governor of the State. It is, therefore, the duty of all citizens, of the courts, of all departments of the State Government and of both Houses of the General Assembly to respect and obey him accordingly.

The Disagreement of the Houses.

The court then proceeds to consider whether the present General Assembly has power to declare the result of the election and recognize that the two Houses are not in accord. It says: "When each House has approved upon its journal a conclusion radically antagonistic to the conclusions of the other upon the same subject, it can only be regarded as an announcement that they

are unable to agree. The court says, however, it is still possi-ble for either House or both to recede, and so the power of acting on the cease is not yet lost by the General Assembly. The lack of a law to determine such disputes is pointed out, and the fact that the General Assembly is responsible for such lack, since the Constitution directs it to make laws to that end. The court says in conclusion:

The Superior Court of this State, as a court of law, is a court of general jurisdiction. It has jurisdiction of all matters expressly committed to it; and of all others cognizable by any court of law or which the exclusive jurisdiction is now given to some other court.

Why the Courts Have Jurisdiction. The fact that no other court has exclusive turisdiction in any matter is sufficient to give the Superior Court jurisdiction over that matter. The trial by the Superior Court

of the questions in the information would

of the questions in the information would not be an infringement upon the co-ordinate branches of the Government.

Nor of the legislative, if it has been made to appear that the present Legislature is wholly unable to act in the case. It is no infringement upon the executive powers to decide who is elected Governor. To decide what person is lawfully elected to any office is a judicial process, and where there is no tribunal specially authorized to make such decision the courts must decide. And the courts always have jurisdiction unless the decision of this special tribunal is final and conclusive; and where such special tribunal exists, if it refuses to act, or from any cause fails to act, then the courts, upon general principles, and to prevent the failure of justice, and perhaps to prevent anarchy and misrule, would seem to be authorized to make the decision. not be an infringement upon the co-ordinate

Francis Joseph Decorate's Rudini. VIENNA, Jan. 5.-Emperor Francis Joseph has conferred upon the Marquis di Rudini, the Italian Prime Minister, the decoration of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen, of Hungary. This order was founded in May, 1764, by the Empress



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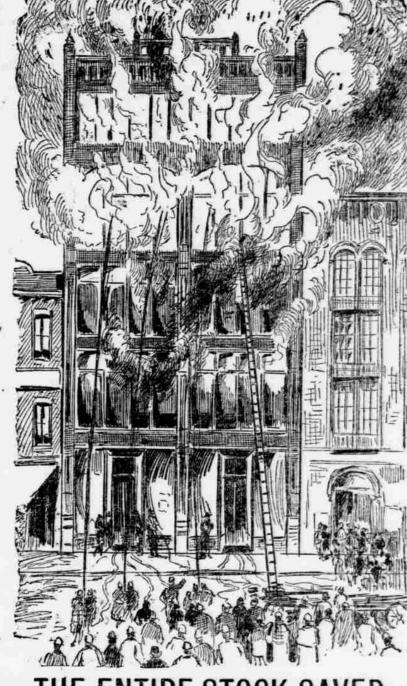
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