FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR

PITTSBURG.

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KILLED HIS BROTHER AND MARRIED HIS VICTIM'S SWEETHEART.

A Murder Mystery Solved by a Death-Bed Confession - The Secret of a Tragedy Twenty-Seven Years Old at Last Dis-

seven years ago a young man named Will-iam R. Thayer was found dead at the roadlage of Seftonville. There was a bullet hole in his temple and a pistol in his hand. Young Thayer, who was a well-to-do lumberman, was engaged to be married to a Miss James, the daughter of a leading citizen of Sefton ville, and why he should have committee

George Thayer, was the only relative the dead man had, and as the latter died without a will George came into possession of his property, which amounted to \$12,000. The business was continued by George, who, The business was continued by George, who, two years later, married the young woman William Thaver was then engaged to. She has been dead ten years, and the five chil-dren she bore her husband all died in in-

Inayer on his deathbed had confessed that he was himself the murderer of his brother William. An old quarrel, based on a great injury the brother had done him a few years before, was renewed on that fatal night, and during the high words that followed he shot William dead.

PATTISON'S SUGGESTION.

the Constitution Apropos of the Reading Deal-Petitions for Hensel's Hear-

HAZELTON, PA., March 2.-The Governor has sent the following reply to a communication from Matthew Long, of this city, protesting against the Reading deal:

MY DEAR SIR—Your letter of February 29, with clippings enclosed, has been received and contents noted. All the authority of the State will be exerted for the enforcement of the Constitution. Article 7, regulating railroad and canal companies, is a very wise provision of the fundamental law. It commands nothing but what is right and forbids nothing but what is wrong. The Law Department of the State will contend vigorously for its execution. Section 12 of the same article provides: "The General Assembly shall enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article." Action by the Legislature providing for penalties of imprisonment or fines, would prove a much speedier remedy than the one now offered.

Very respectfully,

Reeker E. Patrison.

A number of prominent citizens bearing city, protesting against the Reading deal:

A number of prominent citizens bearing petitions will leave here on the early train to-morrow for Harrisburg to be present at the hearing.

THE FAIR MILLIONS.

cipal of which he cannot handle until he is 35 years old. Meanwhile \$500 a month was

his brother. He thought the courts ought to rule that this \$500,000, which reverted to him by the death of James, should be paid

to him at once.

To-morrow all the living members of the Fair family will be gathered here, and the girls are coming to fight their father's scheme of preventing the probate of their mother's will. Mackay and Dye, his agents, are executors of Mrs. Fair's estate, and Senator Fair is said not to relish the idea

DRUGGED INTO MARRIAGE

Why Alice Beveriy Crane, of London, Seeks

MILLER, S. D., March 2.-The divorce case of Alice Beverly Crane, versus Walter Crane, which will come up for trial here in the near future, promises to equal some of the more famous ones which have been tried in Sioux Falls. In her complaint Mrs. Crane charges that Walter procured her consent to the marriage by drugging her into a state of stupidity and using force. She says further that he threatened to kill himself in her presence if she refused an immediate marriage. The parties are residents of London and were married there July 8, 1898. They are own cousins. Since the marriage, plaintiff and defendant have never lived together as man and wife. never lived together as man and wife.

For Popular Election of Senators, DES MOINES, March 2.-The House this morning concurred in the Senate joint reso lution, calling on Congress to provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. A joint resolu-tion was presented favoring the election of the President of the United States by direct

John Sherman's Sensation. Police After Opium Dens... Democrats Talk on the Bolt

men excited themselves much, but showed

CONFESSED CAIN'S CRIME.

BIGGER THAN A Decision of the Board of Assessors Makes Another

INCREASE IN VALUATION.

Very Decided

THREE CENTS.

No Agricultural or Rural Grade Allowed Property Fronting on

STREETS WITH CITY FACILITIES,

Except Beyond the Depths of the Adjoining Single Lots.

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THIS RULING

The Board of Assessors have decided that upon streets having all city facilities the frontage of property shall be assessed full, the depths to be determined by adjoining property of single lotholders and acreage in rear to be made rural (two-thirds) or agricultural (one-half).

The above plain unvarnished statement was given out last night by the assessors. They had been calculating for weeks upon what could best be done to secure equity in property valuations. They consulted leading lawyers, including the city attorney and other prominent men. Last week they decided, each member of the board having fortified himself with information, to settle the classification question yesterday. The plan decided upon is not original with the assessors. It was adopted a number of years ago by Philadelphia and is still in operation there. It is claimed that since the Quaker City adopted it there has never been an appeal taken into court by a property holder.

Reasons for the Decision.

The explanation of the decision given by the assessors was almost as brief as the statement itself. Said Chief Assessor Case: We had the City Attorney in consultation, and we decided this plan the one that would give satisfaction to the greatest number. We realized that no plan could be devised to please everybody, and expect to be taken into court on this one, as a matter of course. To show the operation of this rule we will take a section of Forbes street beyond Oakland. Say Mr. Jones owns a lot fronting 25 feet on Forbes street and extending back 150 feet, and that adjoining him there is a five-acre tract of vacant land fronting 300 loo feet, and that adjoining him there is a five-acre tract of vacant land fronting 300 feet on the street and extending back a considerable distance. We will assess Mr. Jones for "full" inxable property, because Forbes street is paved, has light, fire and police protection, and city water-all city nacifities. His neighbor's five-acre tract will be divided into two parts. On a depth of 150 feet, the 300 feet of frontage will be assessed as full taxable at the same rate of valuation as that of Mr. Jones. But on the balance of the tract, lying in rear of the 150-foot depth, a rural or agricultural assessment will be made according to circumstances. We can't go wrong on agricultural assessments, because the law says land used for farming, gardening or agricultural purposes must be classed as agricultural and taxed on only one-half its value. But if a man owns a fine piece of land fronting or surrounded by streets having city facilities and worth considerable money, which he uses for pasturage or grazing purposes, that is not agricultural, though it may be classed as rural."

The Meaning of City Facilities.

ties?" was asked, and Mr. Case said: ties?" was asked, and Mr. Case said:

Well, that will be largely a question to be decided by the assessors as they proceed. We hold that a street need not necessarily be paved and sewered to have city facilities. If the property holders do not have these improvements it is their own fault, but they are not assessed proportionately heavier than their neighbors on improved streets, because their property is worth less money and the valuation fixed upon it is lower. The result is they will only pay on the real value, and that is what the law requires everyone to do. Hence if a street is lighted, is convenient to the city's public schools, receives fire and police protection and is supplied with city water it will be assessed at its full value, no matter in what section of the city. assessed at its full value, no masses as section of the city. City Attorney Moreland was interviewed

at his home last night. He did not seem particularly enthusiastic over the plan adopted, but said: In the Nature of an Experiment,

It is due to the assessors to say that they are working hard to secure an equitable plan and this is probably the best that could be devised. It is the same as Philadelphia has, but the conditions are very different in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and he plan here will be largely in the nature of the plan here will be largely in the nature of an experiment. The question of equitable taxation assessment is one that has baffled the ingenuity of men for ages, and it seems impossible to invent one that will not do in-justice to some one. In this city it has been a puzzling question to decide which property is rural and which entitled to other classification. The law does not de-cide, and it never will. It is a question of cide, and it never will. It is a question of judgment and no law can be made to cover it fully. Without a doubt the city will be taken into court on this rule, a number of holders having placed themselves in position to appeal, but as the court can only be governed by its judgment in individual cases, they can fix no rule, draw no line governing all properties in a given locality.

A Large Increase Expected. Ten or 12 years ago the taxable valuations in this city were notoriously unfair. The poor man bore the whole burden of taxation. The large property holder paid in many cases less than his neighbor who owned a small home. In the past six years a decided step for the benefit of the small holder has been taken. The large holders, holder has been taken. The large holders, who are been taken. The large holders, who are been assessed up to their property valuation. This lightens the burden on the poor man. The new rule of the assessors will accomplish wonders for the small holder. It will make two-thirds of what is at present classed as rural or agricultural property full taxable, and will largely increase the total valuation of the city. How much, no one can say until the assessors go over the books.

The assessors could give no figures on what the increase would be, but thought it would not make the total increase of the triennial assessment over 50 per cent, if that,

A VERY CHARITABLE WILL

Every Institution in Philadelphia Gets

Share of Mrs. Wilstach's Millions.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—The will of the late Mrs. William P. Wilstach was read before the members of the family tonight. The relatives consist of seven or eight nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. The will is a long document, and was evidently prepared by Mrs. Wilstach without the aid of a lawyer. It is all in her own handwriting. The entire estate amounts to about \$5,000,000.

Every known charitable institution in Philadelphia receives a bequest, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The valuable art collection, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, goes to the city of Philadelphia, under the control of the Fairmount Park Commissioners. sioners. One-fourth of the residue, amounting to almost \$1,000,000, is also bequeathed
to the city. In the event of the city's refusal to accept the bequest, it goes to the
Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art. Contrary to all expectations, the Apprentices' Library receives but \$5,000. The Academy of Fine Arts is totally ig-.10 The Academy of Fine Arts is totally ig-.11 nored. Nineteen years ago Mrs. Wilstach's .12 husband died, leaving an estate of \$1,000,-.12 000. Through shrewd business management .13 this sum has grown five-fold.

JOHN SHERMAN

SCORES A BOSS. Ohio's Senior Senator on

PURITY IN POLITICS

the Overthrow of a

Growing Evil.

Urged by a Man Oft-Honored With Office, Who Declares He Never

HAS INFLUENCED A CONVENTION.

An Appeal to Hamilton County Electors to Be Decent Hereafter.

Butterworth Ecomed as Blaine's Legatee_Armstrong County to Vote Direct Its Preference for United States Senator-Hill Gets a Backset in New York, the Worst of All in His Own County-McKeesport Booming a River Man for Congress-Basis of the Quay and Harrison Truce -- The Junior Senator Convinced That He Generally Gets What He Goes After-No Opposition to the President to Come From the Recent Chairman of His National Committee.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCH.

CINCINNATI, March 2 .- Senator Sherman has written a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Citizens' Republican Reform Association, of this city, in reply to one asking him to give his opinion of the movement which has for its object the overthrow of bossism. The Senator says:

"I do not see how any self-respecting Republican can differ with you in your efforts to secure to the Republican voters of Hamilton county the free and unimpeded selection of candidates for office, without the intervention of a boss or the corrupt use of money to purchase the nominations.

"These methods were strikingly exemplified in the last county convention, when a decided majority of a delegation of ten Representatives and three Senators were nominated for the Ohio Legislature, pledged beforehand to vote for the person to be designated by the boss when the time came for the election of the Senator of the United States His decision was carefully withheld until the election was over, and was

then announced. The Vote of a County Purchased.

Senator of the most populous city and county in Ohio was during the canvass held, as I believe, for sale—not by the persons nominated as Senators and Representatives, who are highly respectable citizens, but by a David Martin and William H. Brooks were corrupt organization, which was able to control the nominations and practically ex-ercise the power to vote for United States was appointed Surveyor of the Port Senator intrusted to its nominees.

"Surely such a condition of public affairs in Hamilton county not only justifies, but appointed Appraiser of Customs, also makes it imperative that the Republicans of the county should promptly and fearlessly correct these practices. It does not diminish their responsibility that similar methods

are adopted by the Democratic party.

Sherman Never a Manipulator. "Since I have been in public life I have not sought to influence nominations and conventions, and do not wish by this letter to do so, except to join in your appeal to the electors of Hamilton county to assert the right to make nominations and hold conventions-a right too sacred to be delegated to any one, and especially to one who would sell nominations to elective offices; but the innumerable offices, employments, contracts and labor of a great city, and all the public improvements, are made to contribute to a great corruption fund, which, used by a single manager, or, as is apt to be the case, by two managers, one to each party, tends to destroy the power of the people, to promote extravagance, to increase taxes, and finally, to produce riots and violence. Whenever such methods appear in municipal governments it is the duty of good citizens, without respect to party, to depose the boss and enthrone the people.

"Very respectfully yours, "JOHN SHERMAN."

HILL GETS A BACKSET.

Cleveland's Friends Happy Over the New

York Election Results. ELMIRA, N. Y., March 2 .- [Special,] There is mourning in the house of Elmira's David to-day. The people have risen up against high-handed methods as introduced here many years ago by Hill and carried on yearly by his lieutenants ever since. It was a gigantic task. Yesterday the Senator's forces were in the thickest of the fight. His orders given here last week to "win at all hazards" had been strictly observed. His trusted lieutenants consisted of the famous D. R. Hill Club. The result is the election of D. C. Robinson for Mayor, on the comof D. C. Robinson for Mayor, on the com-bination ticket, by nearly 1,300 majority, and the redemption of the Common Council from Democratic ring control. The Che-mung County Board of Supervisors is either a tie politically-nine to nine-or else one

Democratic. The Cleveland Democrats are wild with enthusiasm, to-day, and they declare that Hill's Waterloo at his own home will do more to burt him as a Presidental candi-date than any of the mistakes that he made during the past four months. Many Democrats heretofore strongly in tayor of Hill are outspoken to-day in saying that Hillism must go, that the people will not tolerate his unserupulous, selfish and unlawful methods, and that the rebuke administered at the polls yesterday was well merited and given in a spirit intended to be understood

by Elmira's political mountebank.

The Cleveland Democrats of Chemung. who heretofore numbered but a mere hand-ful, multiplied to-day, and a movement has already been started to muster up a force to hold a county convention and send delegates to the Syracuse Convention.

BUITERWORTH AFTER BLAIRE

A Novel Suggestion Made by a Canadian for the Coming Campaign.

AKRON, O., March 2 .- [Special.]-S. J. Ritchie, the great Canadian copper and nickel mine owner, is in this city to-day. Mr. Ritchie has long been known as a most ardent advocate of commercial reciprocity from one to ten in a county, the highest

between this country and Canada, and says if we cannot have reciprocity in its proper form, let it be annexation.

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To-day Mr. Ritchie caused surprise by coming out in an interview boosting Ben Butterworth as the only man in the Republican party on whom the James G. Blaine mantle could gracefully descend. He says that Butterworth's position at the head of the World's Fair has shown of what diplomatic and energetic mettle he is made, and if there must be a successor to James G. Blaine in the affections of the people as a Presidental candidate, or as Secretary of State, let it be Ben Butterworth.

QUAY AND HARRISON FRIENDS.

The President Convinces His National Chairman That He Has Not Beet Treated So Very Badly-A Compromis-Effected Since Blaine's Final With-

drawal From the Presidental Race. PHILADELPHIA, March 2 .- [Special.]-A highly important and not very secret conference was held here to-day between four prominent Republicans, having for its object an understanding as to the disposal of the Philadelphia delegation to the Minneapolis convention. The parties in this consultation were David Martin, Collector Cooper, Assistant United States Treasurer Walters, and Naval Officer Powers. Each of these gentlemen is averse to discussing the nature of their talk, but it was decidedly in line with the improved relations between Senator Quay and President Harrison.

It was stated upon well informed authority to december 1 per 1 p

ity to-day, that the preliminaries were arranged by which the Philadelphia delegates would be at President Harrison's disposal, and that future conferences would result in the establishment of harmonious relations among all sections of the party in Philadel-phia, with special reference to the Minne-

apolis convention.

Mr. Martin was not at his home to-night, and his whereabouts were not made known, but those in inner political circles believe that the relations between Quay and the President have lost much of their strained character in the last month or so.

Cooper Settles the Business A little over a week ago Collector of Cus toms Cooper visited Washington, ostensibly upon business connected with his department. This may have been true, but it is stated on excellent authority that the immediate occasion of his visit was the bring-ing about of a temporary treaty between

Quay and Harrison. Collector Cooper occupies a unique and peculiarly delicate position. He is an officeholder by grace of the President, and he is at the same time a close friend and confidant of Senator Quay. This being the case, he was specially fitted to help both at coming to some sort of a hermonious under coming to some sort of a harmonious understanding. That he has been successful, or that he has helped materially in reaching the desired result, there is little room for doubt. The particular features of the agreement are matters of speculation, but the general effect is said to be gratifying and reassuring. There are said to have been concessions on both sides.

President Harrison is stated to have given Senator Quay assurances that the patronage in Pennsylvania would be con-sidered with much reference to himself, and the facts were pointed out to him that prac-tically, outside of Allegheny county, his wishes were generally respected in the mat-ter of Federal appointments, and that, therefore, he had, in this respect, no cause

for dissatisfaction. Quay Generally Gets What He Wants. With but few exceptions, Senator Quny has had either the naming of the incum-bents of the Federal offices in Philadelphia successively his favorites as the Collectors of Internal Revenue, and both were apat his request, and so was Thomas J. Powers as Naval Officer. J. Granville Leach was his request. The few appointments that he did not bring about, but to which he did not ofter any violent opposition, were Post-master John Field, Assistant United States Treasurer Walters and one or two other but

minor appointments. In addition to the important places named above, his friends in Philadelphia secured numerous subordinate positions.

These facts, among others, were urged upon Senator Quay, it is stated, as arguments to show that he had no reason to complain of the amount of his patronage in Pennsylvania. As to the differences aris-ing out of the Pittsburg appointments, and of the personal feelings of the President, these are said to have been satisfactorily hedged. State Senator Boies Penrose to-day gave out a characteristic talk. He said: "Oh, I don't know tha I am against Harrison, particularly. He has not made a bad President. If he would only treat Quay half right, be decent with the boys here, and fire some of his Mug-wump office holders, I would almost be for him."

RHODY IS FOR CLEVELAND.

The Little New England State Instructs for the Ex-President.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 2 .- [Special.] -The Cleveland forces carried the convention to-day. On both sides there was an exhibition of mud-slinging and intimidation, coupled with such apparent fraud that the old-fashioned method of colfraud that the old-tashloned method of col-lecting ballots by passing the hat was dis-pensed with, and the delegates compelled to mount the platform, one at a time, and de-posit their ballots in the presence of posit their ballots in the presence of the entire convention. Factional spirit ran so high that personal encounters were narrowly averted. After the fracas was over it was found that a

solid Cleveland delegation had been selected to represent Rhode Island at Chicago. The convention lasted eight hours, and was the longest and most bitterly fought Democrats have yet held. No Democrats have yet held. No compromises were made, and the fights were carried to the end. The platform demands free raw materials, approves the Springer wool bill and arger approves the Springer wool bill and arges its early passage. It favors the placing of iron, coal and timber on the free list. Upon the coinage question it reads: "Every dollar of American money, whether of gold, silver or paper, ought to be of equal value the world over."

Nominations for Governor were called for, and the faction led by Mr. Honey favor ably presented the name of David S. Baker, Esq., of South Kingston. Ex-Lieutenant Governor W. T. C. Wardwell, of Bristol, was placed in counter-nomination. A warr discussion, thick with personalities, fol-lowed. The vote was: Wardwell, 127. Baker, 88. Dr. Wardwell was declared the At 4 o'clock the platform, as framed by the committee, was unanimously adopted, without discussion, with a resolution instructing the national delegates to vote for Cleveland.

REPUBLICAN GAINS IN NEW YORK

Running From 1 to 10 in a County, as Far as Heard From.

NEW YORK, March 2 .- [Special.]-The town and county elections held yesterday show Republican gains throughout the State so far as heard from. Out of a total of 36 counties so far heard from there is a total Republican gain of 95 supervisors. These counties last year elected 415 Republican and 338 Democratic supervisors. This year they have chosen 510 Republicans and 243 Democrats. The Republican gains run

figures being in Dutchess and Onoudaga counties. Ontario, Orange, Cayuga and Oswego counties show marked gains, while Chemung county shows a Republican loss of one. The Democrats have made small headway in the long run, their gains being confined to Troy and one or two other cities. The Democratic leaders acknowledge the party's defeat, but assert that it is the natural reaction from last fall's great sweep. Lieutenant Governor Sheehan is quoted as

Lieutenant Governor Sheehan is quoted as saying that the voters of this State swing back and forth like a pendulum, and that just now the swing is toward the Republi-cans on local issues.

LAMONT'S STILL HUNT.

He Is Sald to Be Sounding the Floridans

for Friend Grover. JACKSONVILLE, March 2 .- [Special.]-Colonel Dan S. Lamont, of New York, is at the St. James Hotel, this city, accompanied by Dr. H. E. Hendricks, an old friend, whose home is in Central New York. Mr. Lamont has been lying low ever since he has been here. The room clerk of the hotel

said to-day:
"Colonel Lamont and Dr. Hendricks registered here last Friday. They have not eaten a meal in the dining room since they came. Everything has been sent to their room. No one has seen them about the

office even."

The impression has been given out that Mr. Lamont was ill and unable to leave his room, but it became known to-day that he and Dr. Hendricks have been out frequently. One day they went to Palatka and came back at night. Another day they went to St. Augustine, and this morning Pablo Beach was their destination. They must have used the side door in going out. Colonel Lamont says that he is getting over an attack of the grip and taking advantage of an enforced absense from business to see a little of Florida and the South.

It is whispered, however, that his mission

It is whispered, however, that his mission in this State is to see what the chances are for securing the Democratic delegation to Chicago for Grover Cleveland. It is said be has met with little encouragement.

CLEVELAND LOSES GEORGIA His Friends Try to Get the State Convention

Held Early, and Fail. ATLANTA, GA., March 2 .- [Special]-The Democratic State Committee to-day listened to a delegation from the Cleveland Club, headed by Captain W. D. Ellis He begged that the State Convention be put off, "the longer the better." There were "angularities," at present, he said, "which might be smoothed out by the hand of time." The be smoothed out by the hand of time." The first Wednesday in June was proposed by one of the Cleveland members. This would give the New York bolters' convention time to be heard from, and was quickly rejected. The next effort was to secure May 25, but that, too, was out of the question. May 18 was then selected.

The Cleveland people were thoroughly beaten. Three weeks ago they were claiming everything in sight. Now they tacitly admit that Hill has the State, and only claim that if the convention could be delayed until some date in June, it would be

layed until some date in June, it would be likely to instruct for the strongest man who might appear against Hill.

DIRECT VOTE FOR SENATOR.

Armstrong County to Be One of the Favored

Few in the State. KITTANNING, March 2.—[Special.]—Armstrong county is one of the lucky few in the State where the people will express their opinion by voting directly for United States

Senator this spring. At this writing the indications are that Senator Quay will receive the majority of votes.

Considerable opposition to Quay has developed in some quarters, but the movement lacks harmony and will not have much

ected. McKeesport's Candidate for Congress. McKEESPORT, March 2.-The leading Republicans of McKeesport have set a movement on foot during the past two weeks to bring out B. B. Coursin, the wealthy McKeesporter and son of Captain Benjamin Coursin, the old river man, for Congress in this district, and if they can prevail upon him to become a candidate.

McKeesport will support him solidly. Oklahoma for Harrison OKLAHOMA CITY, O., T., March 2 .- The Republican Territorial Convention to-day elected Governor Seav and D. W. Marquart vention. They were instructed to vote for the renomination of President Harrison.

Nominated for Congress. SUSQUEHANNA, PA., March 2.-At the Wayne county Republican convention, held in Honesdale, Hon. Myron B. Wright, of Susquehanna, was unanimously nominated ngress from the Fifteenth Pennsyl-

vania district. NEW ENGLAND GOBBLED.

The Vanderbilts Annex It to the New York

Central Railroad System. NEW YORK, March 2. - The statement was positively made late this afternoon that the Vanderbilt interests had obtained control of the New England Railroad, and that H. McK. Twombly would succeed Austin Corbin as President of the company. It has been stated for some time that dissensions had occurred between Charles Parsons and Angtin Corbin since they entered the New England directory, and it is understood that Parsons and the Boston directors formed

purpose of ousting Corbin.

Friends of Corbin to-night admit that he has been shelved, and they state that the New England will now be made part of the New York Central. Corbin a short time ago purchased the holdings of Jabez Bost-wick, and then became President of the New England. He will probably make a big profit on the deal, but the present move

means a heavy loss in prestige for him.

Chauncev M. Depew gently denied the report. "But mind," he added, "I do not say that members of the Vanderbilt family may not interest themselves individually in the New England road; nor do I say that they will. The New York Central does not want the New England, and is not trying to acquire control over it."

MARIE GOING TO NEW YORK.

der Father-in-Law's Statement Prostra Her, but She Is Better Now.

Stoux Falls, S. D., March 2 .- Mrs. J. G. Blaine, Jr., on advice of her physician, left to-day for New York and will soon go South for her health. All attempts to gain information in relation to her proposed publication of her memoirs of the letters passing between herself and her husband were truitless.

and will return here. Mr. Blaine's letter has lost some of its effect, although at first it prostrated her A Coal Famine in Brazil. RIO JANEIRO, March 2.- The Sao Paulo Railway lines are unable to move the coffee crop for lack of fuel, as, since the fever scare at Santos, coal carriers have refused charters for that port from Newcastle, New-port News and Pensacola and the local de-posits are already exhausted.

Mrs. Blaine strenuously declared that

she was leaving South Dakota temporarily

WHIPS MAHER.

The Kangaroo-American Bests the Irish Lad in Twelve Rounds.

A FIGHT FOR BLOOD

The Most Orderly Gathering That Ever Attended a Prize Fight.

MAHER NOT IN IT WITH FITZ.

Who Had the Advantage From the Beginning Until He Won Out.

First Blood for the Australian, and the Fight in His Hands From That Time Till the Victory Was His-Intense Interest in the Struggle Between Science and Strength-The Betting Largely in Favor of the Irishman-The Most Prominent Pugilists of the Country Present-Details of Each Round-How the Celtic Champion Was Laid Out by Superior Skill and Experience.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW ORLEANS, March 2 .- New Orleans has been almost as much excited to-day as yesterday, and all because of the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight. Yesterday was the great holiday, Mardi Gras, and the streets were filled with crowds of people. Usually there is a rush away after the carnival is over, but it has been different this year, and nearly half the crowd remained to see the fight.

The rotunda of the St. Charles Hotel, which was the headquarters of the pugilists, was filled all the morning with men evidently of a sporting turn. It was the same with the pool room, where most of the betting was done, and where rolls of money were flourished in the air. The excitement was intense all day, and more than once reached the enthusiasm of a boom.

Nearly all the leading pugilists in the country were here, and as they gave their views of the two candidates they were listened to as experts by large audiences. The pugilists, especially the big ones, were generally in favor of Maher, and this gave him strong boom. The air took a decidedly Maher cast early in the morning, as some of the experts in the prize ring expressed the opinion that Maher was so strong a hitter he would knock out Fitzsimmons in comparatively few roulers. This, backed by an abundance of money, caused a boom in

Maher stock. A Change From Fitz to Maher. Last night, after some fluctuations, Fitzmost of the bets were even there were a few where odds were asked for and given by the Fitzsimmons men. When the sporting men got up this morning all this was changed, and without any particular reason a decided Maher boom was started, which continued, with more or less interruption. up to the hour of the fight. It was Maher. Maher, everywhere, and the enthusiasm of the Irishman's backers created some little demoralization in the ranks of the Australian, who went around inquiring what it

all meant, and why Maher should have suddenly shown such strength. Inquiry failed to show any reason for it, The Maherites did not claim that their candidate had increased particularly in strength since yesterday, and no element of weakness had been found in Fitzsimmons to cause any roorbach. The latter received a number of visitors and circulated around

so well that no one could start any story of his being ill. Betting in a Most Lively Style. The fact that there was no particular res son, or rather no new reason for the Maher boom, relieved the Fitzsimmons men, and the two parties went at the betting in lively style. Up to this morning comparatively little money had been bet on the fight. Each party was wary, waiting for odds. Last night, when there should have been some betting, Mardi Gras interfered with it, but this morning it was more active than ever seen here before, and in a few hours more money was put up on the fight than on the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons affair, and on the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons affair, and nearly as much as on the Sullivan-Kilrain

A large portion of the money put up cam from Chicago and New York, and nearly all of this backed Maher. Gus Tuthill, Jim Wakeley and Jimmie Adams, of New York, were among the live liest betters. Tuthili seemed to have a con siderable amount of money placed with him by prominent New York men to put on the fight, and Jimmie Wakeley was ready to accept almost any amount on Maher, and passed the \$1,000 limit. Altogether, three bets of \$5,000, a dozen at \$1,000 each, and

smaller bets making the total well over \$75,000, were put up inside of three hours. Chicago Stuff Dropped on Maher. A party of Chicago men was authorized to bet \$25,000 on Maher, which was done, the money being divided in various quantities. The lump seemed to come from the stockyards people, who were deeply interested in the fight and all strong Maher men. The other side of the bets were generally held by Southern and Western men. The Pacific coast people also seemed to think well of Fitz, and most of the money from that section was placed on him, but his warmest partisans were the New Orleanists, who have unbounded confidence in him, and at

least four-fifths of the money placed by local betters backed the Australian. local betters backed the Australian.

Although the Maher men bad the most money, and seemed to have all they wanted, the betting changed very little and remained even all the morning.

About 1 o'clock some of the Maher boom wore off, but at night again the partisans of wore on, but at night again the partisans of the Irishman were singing his praises, his remarkable strength, and insisting he was bound to win. The odds veered around slightly in favor of Maher, and the French mutuals showed him decidedly in the lead, and a little better than 10 to 9. All the

betting had to be done early in the morning, for the rules of the club do not allow any to go on inside the building while the fight is under way. Figsimmons' Arrival From Bay St. Louis Fitzsimmons arrived at an early hour this morning from Bay St. Louis, in company with Creggans. Choynski and Van Hest. A number of the Olympic Club men meet him at the depot and escorted him to his quarters near the Olympic Club house, but Fitz was around the town visiting several places, and evidently wanted it to be seen that he was in perfect health and that there was nothing whatever the matter with him. Of this there could not be the slightest doubt, as he did not show any signs of superfluous flesh. He declared that he fully understood Maher's strong points and knew what to do. When some one volunteered further information about Maher he laughed and said: "I do not want to hear anything more about him. I'll see him in the ring and form my own conclusions."

Maher pursued the contrary policy of retirement and seclusion, A few of the officers of the club saw him, but he was not at home to all newspaper men. Enough,

at home to all newspaper men. Enough, however, saw him to render it certain that he was not being kept in secret because of any defect or weakness, and that both of the men would enter the ring in the very best

Madden swears that there is no truth in the story of Maher's getting drunk and attacking him, and insists there was not the slightest interruption in his training, and that he kept it up thoroughly ever since he

THE CROWD AT THE FIGHT.

Most of the Prominent Pugilists of the Country in Attendance-sporting Men of Every Degree Present-The Hall Crowd-

ed to the Doors. Although the meeting of the Olympics was fixed for 8 o'clock, and the fight itself did not begin until 9, the crowd began surging down to the clubhouse soon after 5 o'clock. The rush was so great that the cabmen took advantage to put up their prices to \$10 for the drive down, and a large number of the crowd had to walk. The Olympics announced at 6 P. M. that every one of the boxes, reserved \$10 seats, and the cheap \$5 seats had been sold, making over \$6,000 in all, and that they had only a few of the \$7 50 seats left.

Several hours before time was called every seat in the building was taken, and the club was compelled to place a large number of chairs in the aisles to accommonumber of chairs in the aisles to accommodate the overflow. As compared with the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight, the biggest the club has yet had, it was a great improvement in point of numbers, for then there were some empty benches, and the club has since built a second gallery, which will accommodate 500 persons, as well as placed 500 more chairs in the building.

The benches rose 20 rows high; in front of them half a dozen rows of reserved seats, and further in front the boxes, each holding six and sunk in the ground so as not to in-

six and sunk in the ground so as not to in-terfere with the vision of those behind.

The Prominent Pugilists Present, The rafters of the building were gaily decorated with flags and the lighting was first-class, there being both lamps and electric light in case of an accident to one of them. The crowd was an unusually orderly and well-behaved one. More than half of it had come some distance to witness the fight, and the local element was not as preponder-ating as might have been expected. It in-cluded men of all classes, and at least two presidents of national banks and many pro-

presidents of national banks and many pro-iessional men.

Among the pugillsts present were Mike Couley, the "Ithaca Giant;" Felix Vauque-lin, the Creole heavy-weight, who was to have met Mitchell in a four-round bout, but who hurt his hand and could not do so; Danny Needham, the welter-weight actor in last night's fight, with Jack Burke; Jim Hall, the Australian middle-weight, who is anxious to meet Fitzsimmons, and who will try and arrange a match with the victor of to-night's battle; Greggains, the Californian, All the Way From the Pacific Coast

to back Fitzsimmons; Johnny Van Heest; Jim Robertson, with whom Fitzsimmons has been staying at Bay St. Louis; Jimmie Murphy, the welter-weight, whom Tommy Ryan claims to have knocked out, but who denies it; Tom Allen, a retired pugilist; Jack Burke, the Texas lightweight; Joe Chovnski, of California: Tommy Danforth and a host of other lesser lights in pugilistic circles occupied the boxes or the reserved seats, while Charlie Mitchell, Frank Slavin, Bob Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher were held in reserve to provide the amusement of this vast audience.

Among the sporting men present were Jimmy Wakely and Charlie Johnston, Sullivan's backer; Frank Stevenson, who performed the same for Kilrain; Gus Tuthill, a strong Maher backer; Steve Brodie, the bridge jumper; Jack Page, of Cincinnati; Jimmie Adams, of New York; Bill Manning and W. T. Sherlock, of St. Louis; Jack Faget, Jimmie Malone, and a host of others from New York; H. A. Varnell, Mat others from New York; H. A. Varnell, Mat Hogan, heading a delegation of several hun-dred from Chicago; Mr. Gallagher, the London writer in sporting circles; Fred Davis, of San Francisco, with a large party of Californians, and many other prominent sporting men in the country.

THE CURTAIN RAISER. Several Interesting Sparring Matches Before the Great Fight Is Called-Appearance of the Two Stars-Maher's

Weakness of Legs and Fitzsimmons' Weaknesses. The club found it necessary to send a spokesman into the arena to ask the crowd o move up closer, so as to accommodate all. It was also announced that the club tound it impossible to get two local men to meet Mitchell and Slavin for four rounds, although it had offered a large sum to any one who would do so. All it could get was

an agreement to spar with Mitchell and The two unknowns who were to meet Slavin and Mitchell were announced as Arthur Upham, of Boston, the first man to meet Fitzsimmons here, and who would spar with Mitchell; also Felix Vauquelin, the Creole heavy weight, notwithstanding a sprained arm, was willing to meet Slavin for four rounds.

The sparring began at 8:20 o'clock, Mitch-ell and Upham being the first to enter the ring. Tommy Hogan and Charlie Johnson were behind Upham, and Tom Allen and Frank Slavin with Mitchell. Upham looked pinched and worn, and Charlie Mitchell carried slightly too much flesh, but was in better training than expected. Prof. John

Duffy acted as referee. Mitchell in Excellent Shape The sparring match was earlier than expected, and Mitchell showed to great advantage. He had no difficulty in getting in his blows on Upham, wherever and when-ever he chose, and piled them in on him, principally in the face. Never were blows rained taster, and in few rains were more of them struck, although not very heavy ones. Slavin, when stripped, presented a fine appearance, having very little superfluous flesh on him, but was evidently not in perfect training. The two men were more evenly matched, and fewer blows were struck. Slavin did not show to as much advantage as expected, and got in fewer blows, but was light enough in his legs.

The last of the sparring matches was be-tween Mitchell and Slavin. Neither of the

themselves particularly active on their legs —Mitchell in particular. The Two Big Ones in the Ring. Maher entered the ring first, promptly at Maher'entered the ring first, promptly at 9 o'clock, and took his corner. He had on a brown coat and green trunk. As he was unknown, very little applause greeted him. He was seconded by Billy Madden, Gus Tuthill and Jack Fallon.

Maher seemed perfectly composed. He did not look very stout and his legs were not as big as they might have been. Maher's weight was announced at 178 and Fitzsimmons' 188 Maher's chest development.

weight was announced at 178 and Fitzsim-mons' at 168. Maher's chest development was splendid and his arms full, but did not [Continued on Ninth Page.]

BATH, March 2. - [Special.] - Twentyside near the little North Pennsylvania vil-

ville, and why he should have committed suicide was something so singular and unaccountable that many of his fellow townsmen scouted the idea and declared their belief that he had been murdered.

He had a brother, two years his senior, who was strong in the expression of the belief that his relative had been assassinated, and for weeks put forth evident strenuous efforts to discover and bring the murderer to justice. Nothing was developed, however, that gave any clue to the perpetrator of the crime. The brother, George Thayer, was the only relative

fancy.

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The Governor Writes to a Complainant That Legislation is Needed to Enforce

Charley and the Girls Liable to Figure in a Sensational Will Case. SAN FRANCISCO, March 2 .- [Special.]-Charles Fair, the younger son of the bonanza millionaire, is in town, and his presence, taken in connection with the Mrs. Herman Oelrichs from New York, has led to reports that Charley intends to contest his mother's will, by which only \$500,000 were left him, the prin-

Charley to-day said he had no present in-tention of contesting his mother's will, but he wanted some decision on the \$500,000 which he has just inherited by the death of

of their handling his divorced wife's mil-lions. Some declare that he is behind Charles' scheme to break the will.

a South Dakota Divorce.

vote.

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