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Senator William Alfred Peffer Pur-

nishes Some Interesting Pigures.

COST OF BURYING THE DEAD

Items of Expense Following the Shoot ing of President Garfield-Outrageous Fees Charged by Dr. Bilss. A Step Looking to Reform.

> Tribune Bureau. 515 Fourteenth st., N. W. Washington, Dec. 15.

Since William Alfred Peffer entered the United States senate on March 4, the United States senate on March 4, 1891, he has figured more or less con-spicuously in one thing or another. He has been looked upon by his colleagues

small towns of northern New Jersey. and the world at large as a most pecullar man in many respects-in fact, he has been regarded as a crank of the latest and most approved pattern. He has been the butt of every newspaper paragrapher in the United States, and in parts of Canada and the United Kingiom. His whiskers have furnished columns upon columns for the caricaturists and funny men. Senator Peffer has taken the slaps and insults in a Christian-like manner. He never criticises his critics, but goes along in the even tenor of his way.

Since he has been in the senate Senator Peffer has not been idle. He is one of the hardest workers in the upper branch of congress. Several months ago he began gathering data on "Congres sional funerals" since the foundation of the government down to the present time, and last Thursday he addressed the senate on that question. He furnished facts and figures which are calculated to take the breath of political economists, as well as throw some light upon the extravagance practiced by both houses in burying their dead mem

After telling how the money is appro priated and how the expenses of "Congressional funerals" have grown with government, Senator Peffer launched out into facts and figures which are really startling. Many of instructed to advise the sultan that these have already appeared in The

Personal Experience.

Senator Peffer was the master of as possible under the circumstances, the total expense being \$3,082.75. In coma member of the house, Senator Peffer the items were \$35 for a soloist and a that the firmans must be granted. male choir; four clergymen's fees, \$40, and a surpliced choir and organist, \$40. The senator said these items might ex- diplomatic action in Constantinople will cite wonder, but they were down on the be relaxed. A great deal more confi-

conclusion he said: "Without going further into details, I forms in Asia Minor than seems to pre-have shown enough to satisfy every one who cares to consider the subject at all official quarters. All the references that that the custom of congressional funerals official quarters. All the references that has grown into an abuse. It is not genby the people at large. Indeed, it is hard-ly ever referred to in respectful terms in lon also that no intervention of the my objection on the broad ground that is not a proper object of public expen-Nor ought the contingent fund of either house of congress be drawn upon for such outlays. Whatever may be, and ought to be, appropriately done on the oc-casion of the death of senator or member of the house ought to be done as a matter of public decency, and the expenses should be paid out of the public treas-

ury.
As to those cases where the death occurs at home or away from the capital, or when congress is not in session, they are not natters that concern the nation so much as to justify any expenditure of public money. Whatever is proper to be done in such cases is for the people at home to do. and congress ought not to interfere in any manner with that. If members of this or of the other house of congress wish to attend and participate in the obsequies, at their own expense, nobody will be found to object. Such a personal sacrifice would be good evidence of a devoted friendship. Nothing better illustrates the depth of man's convictions than that he show his faith by his works. Friendship, if sincere, does not need artificial atimulus to bring it to the surface, Grief comes from the heart-one's own heart; it does not originate in the pockets of other pao The average congressional funeral so it is commonly charged, is nothing more than a party of good-natured gentlemen having a good time at the public expense."

The Garfield Funeral The greatest expense ever incurred by the government in the death line was that of President Garfield. From the ime Guiteau fired the fatal shots into the body of the late and lamented president until the time his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cleveland, it cost Uncle Sam just \$39,793,01. This gigantic sum included the fees of six physicians, \$24,500. The largest fee was that of Dr. D. W. Bliss, \$6.500. The others charged \$4,000 to \$5,000 each. Senator Peffer has introduced a bill regulating the cost of each funeral in the future. His main object is to break up the custom of "picnic parties" attending the funerals of deceased mem-

RICH FINDS IN ALASKA.

bers at the government's expense.

liners Wintering in Cook's Inlet, So as to Get an Early Spring Start. Port Townsend. Wash., Dec. 15.—The steamer Al-Ki, just in from Alaska, brings news from the northern mining districts that is likely to encourage a big influx to that region next spring.

Passengers from Cook's Inlet and the Yukon country say that small miners are making frequent rich finds, and many men will winter in Cook's Inlet in order to get an early start prospecting in the spring. Six weeks ago a report was sent out from the Inlet that hundreds of miners were destitute there and unable to get out.

An offer of relief was sent them, but word came back that not one wanted to come out, and that mining would be carried on there all winter. The Al-Ki brought down \$75,000 in bullion from the Treadwell mine. Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15,-

CAMP OF TRAMPS RAIDED.

Notorious Offender Captured-They A Notorious Offender Captured—They
Had Money and Stamps
Paterson, Dec. 15.—For several weeks
Chief of Police Praul has been watching a gang of tramps suspected of
various offenses, and three detectives
discovered the suspects in camp at
Riverside, near the Eric railroad
bridgs, this morning. The tramps
were at breakfast. There were five

of them, and the officers recognized Billy Moffat, a notorious crook and sandbagger. When arrested, one of the tramps, who was standing some distance from the camp fire, made a break for liberty. Detective Lord fired four shots at him, but he got away. The four prisoners were taken to the police station. There they gave their ponce station. There they gave their names and residences as George Con-neil, Port Jervis; James Cummings, Scranton; John Brown and William Moffat, Paterson. On being searched, over \$100 in money was found, besides numerous articles supposed to have been stolen. Their underclothes, shoes and soles were new Cannell had \$75. and socks were new. Connell had \$75 in postage stamps. In the pocket of the overcoat of the man who escaped

25 in money was found. Moffat and Brown is well known to the police, and the former is wanted for sandbagging and highway robbery. Brown has already served a term for shooting a man whom he held up about

GERMANY FEARS WAR.

The Armenian Question Is Not of Suf ficient Importance to Call for Intervention That Might Involve Europe in Confliet.

Berlin, Dec. 15 .- At the climax of the strain between the sultan and the European powers the sultan's assent to the issuance of firmans permitting the entrance of extra guardships into the Dardanelles was obtained under the influence of his knowledge that Germany's support would be withdrawn if he refused. Throughout the diplomatic struggle the German ambassador at Constantinople has been under instructions from Berlin that Germany should keep in the background, refraining from all initiative action. The German ambassador was often absent from the conference of the ambassadors, but was always in direct communication with the sultan.

According to official information here the emperor saw no necessity for having a second guardship at Constantinople, and was strongly opposed to the project of forcing the passage through the Dardanelles. Finally, however, under pressure brought to him by Austria and Italy the German ambassador was Germany must go with the allied powers in the event that strong measures should be required. At the same time the sultan received the assurance of eremonies at the funeral of his col- Germany that when the guard boat difleague, the late Senator Plumb, of Kan- fleulty should be removed ample time sas. He admits that that funeral was would be accorded to the porte to reconducted as cheaply and economically establish order in Asia Minor. It is probable that reliance upon the Kaiser's promise that no untimely pressure upon menting upon the expense of burying Turkey for reforms would have the asthe late Judge Chipman, of Michigan, sent of Germany had more influence upon the sultan than did the insistance furnished an itemized account. Among of the Russian and British ambassadors

During the coming three months if official expectations here are realized, expense account just the same. In dence exists in Berlin in the sultan's powers in Turkey involving a European war should be ventured upon. German popular and official sympathy with the Armenians is keen, but it is argued that a war leading to the slaughter of the European armies would be a worse evil than anything that has happened in Armenia. The official organs in Vienna take a similar view of the situation.

ALLEN G. THURMAF BURIED.

Funeral Services Conducted at His Late

Columbus, O., Dec. 15.—Funeral ser-vices over Allen G. Thurman were held at the family residence, at Washington avenue and Rich street, yesterday morning. There were many more present than could be admitted to the house, notwithstanding that the funeral was private. The coffin was placed in the archway leading from the residence Mr. Thurman had occupied to that of his son, Allen W. Thurman, Among the early arrivals was Governor McKinley, accompanied by the state officials. Ex-Governor Campbell and the Hon. L. T. Neal, of Chillicothe, were also present. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Grover, himself 89 years old, and a close friend of Mr. Thurman. Mr. Grover officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Thurman three years ago. Judge Thurman at that time requested Mr. Grover to

act at his funeral. After all the guests had withdrawn and left the family alone with the dead, Mr. Grover again offered prayer, and, the family having withdrawn, the res idence was thrown open and those who had not been able to gain admission were permitted to pass through the halls and view the remains.

The pall-bearers were Grandsons A. L. Thurman, Allen G. Thurman and Gwynne T. Jordan, of Urbana; Nephews McEldin Dun, of Bellefontaine, and John G. Dun, of Columbus and the faithful colored body servant. John Matthews. The casket was covcred with black broadcloth. The remains were interred in Greenlawn cemetery by the side of his wife,

DUCK HUNTERS RETURN.

Sixty Ducks, 32 Partridges, 5 Geese and 4 Brandt Bagged at Nation's Expense. Washington, Dec. 15 .- President Cleveland and his shooting companions re-turned to Washington to-day at 2:30 p. m. on the lighthouse tender "Maple," laden with ducks and a deep brown color. At the wharf there was the same little crowd of loungers, the same wagon to carry away the slaughtered game, the same Mr. Thurber summoned to meet the president by telephone mea-sage from the Indian Head proving ground, and the same Sinclair, the white house steward.

The president wore a silk hat and a beaver overcoat. He appeared to be in excellent health. The president and Mr. Thurber entered the coupe and were whirled off to the white house. Meanwhile Steward Sinclair, his as-Meanwhile Steward Sinclair, his assistant and the sallors of the "Maple" were carrying to the white house wagon, the president's guns and traps, and the game that had been killed. Altogether there were sixty ducks, thirty-two partridges, five geese and four brant.

Programme of Business in Senate and House.

STEWART'S SILVER SPEECH

Floodentes of Financial Debate Will B Opened by Secretary Carlisle's Report-Speaker Reed's Committees. Membership of the House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The third week of the senate will open with that body no better equipped for the transaction of business than on the day congres first assembled, although it is more than probable that before the week is over the caucus committee will have agreed and the senate committees will have passed into the hands of Republicans. If the suggestions of some o the younger senators are followed, it is not impossible that this week may find the senate testing a strength of the two parties over the subject of the reorganization of the elective officers. Pomorrow Mr. Stewart will make his first silver speech of this session. Thursday he introduced a resolution to direct the finance committee to inquire what effect the difference of exchange between gold standard and silver standard countries has upon the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the United States and report by bill or otherwise. This resolution will be the text for Mr. Stewart's first speech.

tor Collum on his conclusions relative to the Monroe doctrine and may address the senate on the resolution now on the table early in the week, possibly o-morrow. Senator White, of California, who last week offered an amendment that all debate shall be relevant and confined to the subject directly, be fore the senate will speak to the resolution Tuesday. It is one of the many propositions now pending to change the rules of the senate with a view to limiting debate. The receipt of Secretary Carlisle's report to-morrow will be the signal for the floodgates of financial debate to open. Several senators, among them Mr. Sherman, are preparing to discuss the monetary portion of the president's message but have kept silence pending the report of the secretary of the treasury, which is supple mental to the recommendations of the president. Mr. Sherman will hardly be prepared to speak this week, but it would not cause surprise if a discussion were precipitated at any time.

Senator Hill takes issue with Sena-

House Proceedings. The only thing that is expected in the house this week, is the announcement of the committees by Speaker Reed, and when that is made adjournment for the holidays is anticipated. It may be that the committee on rules and elections will be announced tomorrow, and in case that should be done report from the former committee will probably be presented and discussed before the week closes. The house at present is operating un-

der the rules of the fifty-first congress, and if the proposition to make two o three committees on elections, which has been under consideration, is to be carried out a change in the rules to that effect must be first made change in the rules that it looked for in view of Speaker Reed's expression of opinion thereon is a reduction of the number constituting a quorum of the committee of the whole house from a majority of the full membership of th

What figure will be fixed upon cannot be stated, but it is believed that it would not exceed one hundred and may be considerably less. Speaker Reed is satisfied that such a change will materially aid in the despatch of husiness. and be a means of inducing a more general attendance upon the sessions o the house.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Chairmanships Given to Peffer, Stewart and Allen, Populists. Washington, Dec. 15.—The Republi-can caucus committee, charged with the duty of making majority assignments to the senate committees, held a protracted meeting yesterday afternoon and adjourned until Monday, when the final report will be drawn for submission to the caucus to be held on Tuesday immediately after the sen-ate adjourns. A number of additional chairmanships were finally agreed upon yesterday. In addition to those that heve been heretofore named are

the following: Civil Service and Retrenchment-Pitchrd, of North Carolina. Education and Labor-Shoup, of Idaho. Enrolled Bills—Sewell, of New Jersey. To Examine the Several Branches of th Civil Service—Peffer, of Kansas (Pop.). Improvement of the Mississippi River-Nelson, of Minnesota, Indian Depredations—Wilson, of Wash

Manufactures-Wetmore, of Rhode Mines and Mining-Stewart, of Nevada

(Pop.). Relations with Canada-Carter, of Mon-Revision of the Laws-Burrows, of Michigan. To Investigate the Geological Survey-

Elkins, of West Virginia. Forest Reservations—Allen, of Nebras ka (Pop.). The committees on irrigation, organ ization and expenditures in the execu-tive departments; Pacific railroads, railroads, transportation routes to the

seaboard. Quadrocentennial. National banks, and to investigate trespassers on Indian lands have not been definite-ly determined, all of them being set apart for the new men.

HE HAD A LADY FRIEND. Daughter of a Preacher Accompanied

Ambrose Who Left Altoons. Ambrose Who Left Altoons.

Altoons, Pa., Dec. 15.—It was announced in a semi-official way that the audit of W. A. Ambrose's accounts with the city has been almost completed and that a shortage of over \$7,000 has been found. It is said it will reach \$10,000 when the audit is completed.

ompleted.

It also came out today that Ambrose when he went sway was accompanied by the daughter of an ex-Methodist preacher, with whom he has been living for some time past.

BRADLEY FOR PRESIDENT.

His Friends Are to Hunt for Southers Votes in the Convention.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15.—Gov. Bradley is a candidate for president. It seems to be settled beyond question that he will be endorsed by Kentucky

Republicans, and messengers will go to Washington and will make trips to Southern and neighboring Northern states to whoop up the boom. Only on complication has beset Bradley so far, and that is the candidacy of H. Clay

Evans of Tennessee, for vice president. Should McKinley fail of the nomination, it is believed that Bradley, owing to the neighborly relations, would fail heir to some of the votes from Ohio Ex-Gov. Foraker and Gov. Bradley have long been intimate friends, and some say that Bradley will have the quiet support of Ohio's next senato and his open assistance should no candidate from that state appear avail-

The states which it is thought will in struct for Bradley are Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Missourl, and one or two Southern states. Bradley's friends say that all of the Southern delegates, except Tennessee's, will be made up with reference to Gov. Bradley's candidacy, and will be controlled by him.

SLAUGHTER AT HARPOOT.

Victims of Mohammedan Fury Are Butchered While Pleading for Mercy-Spectacle for Christian Powers to Contem-

London, Dec. 15.-The representative in Constantinople of the United Press, telegraphing under yesterday's date, says that advices from the interior showed that forced conversions from Christianity to Mohammedism are occuring everywhere. Women and children whose husbands and fathers have been killed and whose homes have been a vagabondange, accepted Islamism

Islamism and thus rendered their lives and perhaps their honor secure. It is known that perhaps one thou- the city, and from the adjoining houses sand persons were killed in the massa-cres in Kaisarea. The fury of the Kurds Aguilar was questioned by La Torre was not satisfied with the death of its | regarding the whereabouts of his brothvictims, but vented itself upon the in- er. He protested ignorance. La Torre animate bodies. The mutilation of the ordered that he be struck five times corpses was frightful and in many cases | with a whip-like board, used for that

would furnish them a shelter. They were permitted for a time to believe themselves secure, but suddenly the church was surrounded by a great number of Kurds. The doors were blown in and the Christians thought that they would be massacred within the sacred structure. They were not. Their cantors took them out one at a time outside the church, and there, heedless of the pitiable cries for mercy from the women and children, killed them, either by shooting or stabbing them. The first victim was the Protestant pastor of the church, who, as he was dragged out, bade the others, if they had to die, to die as Christians. He met his death like a thereor. Some of the refugees in a very agony of terror offered to abjure their faith and accept Islamism, thinking thus to save their lives. The offers availed them nothing, for their insatia-

them one by one. The Armenian church has been turned into a mosque, and the Protestant church into a stable.

enemies, after accepting them.

YOUNG MACEY DYING. He Will Be the Third Victim of the Wild Act of the Boy Train Wreckers.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 15.-John Macey, s young man who was injured in the wreck of the Central fast mail train at this city on Nov. 19, and has since been at the Rome hospital, is very low, and his friends have given up hope of his recovery. Macey was stealing a ride on the platform of a mail car with Robert Bond. The latter died on the was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated just below the knee. He the doctors believe that he is injured

Macey is 22 years of age, and the son of respectable parents living in Syrahim, and other members of the family are expected tonight.

KITTY IN A FLYWHEEL.

Round and Round, Pressed Close to the Rim by Centrifugal Force. New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 15.-A few of the engineers there. They treated it to milk and made it a bed. It was petted by nearly everybody in the place. But pursy one day was seized with a fit, and was last seen scurrying around the engine house at a speed that was

That night, when the power was shut off, Kitty's corpse dropped from the son of the late Lord Randolph Church-huge eighteen-foot-flywheel into which ill, and had letters of introduction to force had held her to the inside on the rim, and she had revolved for eight hours at the rate of eighty-six revolutions per minute. Life it is though was crushed out of her, and it is probable that she dled after only one or two turns of the wheel.

AN EXPRESS SPEAK-EASY. gent Aston Convict ed of Vio Intionof

the Liquor Laws.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Agent Hugh
Aston, of the Adams Express company at Hastings, was yesterday convicted in the Federal court of seiling
whisky without a license. Sentence
has not yet been pronounced. This
case will cause a revolution in the
methods of express companies throughmethods of express companies through-out the country. The Federal law re-quires all persons handling spirits to

quires all persons handling spirits to have a license.

Brewers save thousands of dollars annually by consigning goods direct to express companies in filling orders who collect and remit. Under this ruling they will be forced to take out licenses for all distributing points, however small, and will not be permitted to depend on express companies. The case will be appealed.

The Mohammedan Panatics Outdone by Spanish Cruelty.

LA TORRE'S SHOCKING CRIME

Gardner Who Would Not Inform on His Brother - Field Laborers Led Out and Shot Down.

New York, Dec. 15.-Senor Jose F larcia, who accompanied Mrs. General gnacio Agramonte and her family from the city of Principe to the United States, gives a graphic account of the methods used to extort information of nsurgent movements from prisoner who fall into the hands of Jose La Torre, chief of police in the city of Puerto Principe.

The numerous acts of cruelty practised by this man," said Senor Garcia, It is a beautiful stone structure and are almost beyond belief. His barbarity would do credit to the Spanish inquisition of the sixteenth century. will relate to you one incident only, which will be vouched for by the best citizens of Puerto Principe. There was when he died recently, he bequeathed a poor man in our city who had a little his unpaid wages to the church. This farm upon the outskirts where he grew | heroic stone mason was George Taylor. vegetables, bringing them into town for In the church, he reared, is a pretty sale. His brother, who is a captain in memorial window erected by a grateful the insurgent army, had been making congregation for the aged and untiring considerable trouble for the Spanish builder. It is called the Lycoming Centroops. This inoffensive gardener, Jose | tre Presbyterian church, and stands at Aguilar, bought a gun and ammunition | Hepburnville, seven miles north of this destroyed have, rather than to lead to defend his little farm against van- city. dals who overrun the country. As he whereupon they were housed and fed by was leaving Puerto Principe for home of well to do farmers and their families. Turks. Ostensibly the women accepted he was arrested by La Torre and The church is 60 by 35 feet with a

thrown into prison. This prison is an old, rambling building in the center of was of a nature that cannot be de- purpose. He still refusing to say where his brother was, he was struck again In Harpoot sixty Christians fled to a and again. Then La Torre, convinced church in the vain hope that its walls that he could do nothing in this way. placed around the unfortunate man's head a tourniquet. Again he asked him to reveal the camping ground of his brother, and each time the victim denied all knowledge of it the instru-

ment of torture was turned. "The gardener's groans and prayers for mercy could be heard distinctly by all passers by. La Torre placed guards at each corner of the building and allowed no one to enter. Aguilar's wife and her aged father, who had heard of the arrest, begged for his release. La Torre dragged them into the prison, and there kept them for hours in a room within hearing of the cries of agony. Half crazed by what they heard, they ran past the guard. A sentry felled the woman with the butt of his musket. She was left unconscious on the prison floor for an hour with her two little children crying over her. Enraged by his failure to obtain the desired infordragged the converts out and killed mation, La Torre gave the tourniquet a final twist. The man's temples burst, and in a few minutes he died La Torre then drove the wife and her father and children out into the night."

Uncontrollable Brutes. Senora Agramonte, in speaking of

Spanish cruelty, said:

"Nothing that I could tell you would paint in its true colors the bloody work being done. I do not think Gen Campos approves of these acts, but it is beyond his power to control the many brutes who are in command of Spanish troops in distant portions of the island. "Col. Rojas and Lieut.-Col. Pablo Landa are two Spanish officers from whom we have suffered severely in the morning of the wreck. Macey was in- province of Camaguey. Owing to the tured about the head, and his right leg strict Spanish censorship accounts of the acts of these men seldom reach the American press. I will relate to you is unable to take any nourishment, and one incident, which occurred upon my own estate. Lieut.-Col. Pablo Landa visited several little farms in the neigh borhood of Puerto Principe and too from them laborers, who could be uscuse. Though he figured in the first as guides through the forest, Land accounts of the wreck as a tramp, he ordered these men to follow him, saying had never been away from home until that he wanted them to show him a he started on the trip that ended so road. They all went willingly, and afdisastrously. Bond persuaded him to ter he had collected fifteen on twenty go, saying they could beat their way he conveyed them to a field near my to New York. If Macey succumbs to house. He then ordered these laborers his injuries he will be the third victim to reveal to him the whereabouts of the of the wild act of the four hare-brained nearest insurgent camps. All protestboys who derailed the train to rob the ed ignorance. Landa then had these passengers. Mrs. J. Ragg. a sister of men blindfolded, and, placing his cav-Macey, who lives in Syracuse, is with alry behind them, gave them anothe opportunity to reveal the desired information. Upon their refusing a second time, he called out: "These men are shielding the Cuban dogs; cut them down!" The cavalry with cold steel fell upon the laborers and butchered them without mercy. The bodies were buried on the plain where they fell. War cordays ago a pretty kitten walked into respondents between Spanish lines dare the power house of the Brunswick not report these atrocities. If one did, Traction company at Militown. It en- he would be mistaken accidentally for tered at once also into the affections a Cuban insurgent and a stray bullet

would end his career." Can't Cope with the Cubans. Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill and R. W. R. Barnes, the young Englishmen who went from this country to Cuba early in October to study military operations on the island, have returned to this city. Mr. Churchill is a son of the late Lord Randolph Churcht appeared she had fallen. Centrifugal | Captain-General Martinez Campos. He passed several days with the Spanish general. Valdez, as a member of his staff. The Spanish troops were near an insurgent camp for three days, but before an attack was begun the insur-

gents withdrew. The Spanish troops, in Mr. Churchill's pinion, are brave and ready to fight. but the nature of the island makes it impossible for them to cope successfully with the insurgents. The suppression of the insurrection will be a very difficult task, Mr. Churchill thinks and he agrees with the insurgent leaders that, if they shall not b pefore the spring rain begins, they will have an excellent chance to win their

No important or decisive battles have been fought so far, and the reports indicating such engagements are inaccurate. Mr. Churchill critises the Spancolumns of troops more in harmony. Spaniards Repulsed.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Imparcial from Havana says that 800 insurgents surprised seventy-two Spanish troops who were foraging near

Ninas, between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe. The insurgents fired a volley nto the Spaniards and then charged them with machetes. The Spaniards made a heroic resistance, killing many of the rebels, but were themselves completely crushed. A lieutenant and twenty--three privates were killed, while the rest of the Spanish force, has started in pursuit of the rebels. turders in a Flendish Manner a Poor

except four men, were either wounded or taken prisoners. A Spanish column The Imparcial also has a despatch rom Santa Clara saying that General Oliver has defeated Gomez and Macco in Mabujina. The insurgents' loss was heavy. The Spanish loss was five killed and twenty wounded.

BUILT A CHURCH ALONE.

George Taylor, a Stone Mason Hews Blocks and Lays the Walls of a Beautiful Structure of Hepburnville-

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 15.—There was

ledicated this afternoon at liepburnville as unique a Presbyterian church as exists anywhere in Pennsylvania. the walls were not only laid up by one man, but he also hewed out the stones IS VETY ATTRACTIVE from great boulders on Brobst moun-tain. He labored more than six years, never drawing pay for his work, and

The congregation is composed mainly square tower 60 feet high.

About a year ago, when he had just about anished the tower and his long labor seemed about to end. Taylor grew illi. His hammer and chisel were laid aside and they were never again taken up by him. He was about 70 years old and died of cancer,

When Taylor died a will was found, in which the story of his devotion to IS Uncounled the church was made complete. All his wages, amounting to many hundred dollars, was bequeathed to the congre gation. There remained a small debt which was practically wiped out to-day by those who gethered in the pretty house of worship to see it dedicated.

CHURCH SUPPER BROKEN UP. The Pastor Needed Money-He Peceived \$1.00 in November.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Dec. 15.-The Rev. J. W. McCoy of the A. M. E. church is troubled over the matter of unpaid salary. Wishing to make the Christmas season a glad one for him, some young men arranged a chowder and apple dumpling supper to be given in the Now a genuine church row is on. Last fall, when the annual fair for the benefit of the church was being arranged, Rev. Mr. McCoy advised that the musicians be selected from local talent. Mrs. Elbert To of the church trustees, insisted that the contract be given to Glen Cove musicians who had served on former occa-

sions. She carried her point. The fact that a chowder and apple-dumpling supper was to be given in the church for the benefit of the pastor awakened Mrs. Townsend to opposition, It is asserted that Mrs. Townsend or dered the sexton not to turn the keys of the building over to the young men, and Trustee Jenkins was asked to notify the Rev. Peter McCoy that he could not

The clergyman gained an entrance to the church, however, and the supper was proceeding merrily when Truste s Townsend and Jenkins appeared a d ordered every one to leave the building. The Rev. Mr. McCoy refused to go and both sides sept for an officer.

In the meantime Mrs. Townsend, acompanied by her daughters, entered the building, and the trio, so it is altered - would to break in the supper floor. Mr. McCoy asked his friends to join him at his home, where the fes-

was made for a current for the arrest of the paster on a charge of burgiary to entering the church without permission, but no warrant was secured. Mr. McCoy declares that the church owes him salary to the amount of \$190 and that his family needs it. During

the month of November, so the clergyman says, he received but \$1.60. DROWNED UNDER THIN ICE.

Young Skater Loses His Life on the Passaic River. Paterson, Dec. 15.-One boy was drowned and two narrowly escaped drowning while skating on the Passaic River at Dundee Lake yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred in midstream, where the ice is very thin. The boy who perished, Harry Nienhouse, 10 years old, had skated away from his companions when the ice broke. One man reached the boy as he was sinking for the third time. He tossed his overcoat toward him, but although Nienhouse clutched at the garment it struck the back of his hand and he disappeared beneath the ice. A searching party failed to recover Neinhouse's body. It will probably not be found until the ice breaks up. The two other boys who went under the ice are unknown,

but they were rescued. A number of boys skating on the Morris Canal, near Red Rock Bridge, this afternoon, built a fire at the base of a big tree. The heat loosened the roots and the tree fell when several boys were standing by the fire. All escaped but Robert Paxton, who was pinned under the trunk. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it was found that several of his ribs were broken. He cannot recover. Paxton is 11 years old.

DAMAGE FROM HIGH TIDES. Much Property is Destroyed by Angra Sens at Cape May.

Cape May, N. J., Dec, 15.—The continued beating of the heavy surf accompanying the usual run of high tides has damaged the entire shore line here at weak places. Near the foot of Madison avenue the trolley company's loss will reach \$1,500.

Along the shore to Cape May Point the heavy sea has, where the artificial defences were weak, broke in upon the solid land, effecting serious losses to riparian owners. Near ex-President Harrison's house the board walk was carried away and the drive encroached upon by the sea.

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WEATHER REPORT.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Herald's weather forecast: In the Middle States today, cloudy weather will probably pre-vail, followed by rising temperature, with fresh variable winds, mostly westerly and resn variable winds, mostly vesterly, followed by increasing cloudiness, and in the lake region and violally by snow or rain, which may extend by night enstward to the coasts; and on Tuesday cloudy, colder weather with snow and rain.

Batcher Fatelly Injured.
Chester, Pa., Dec. 15.—an express train on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad last night collided with the horse and wagen of Robert Coppect, butcher, living near Lima. Coppect was fatelly injured, his horse killed and his wagen, wrestled.