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Federal Court Room May Now B Rented-Secretary Carlisle's Report. Suggestions Looking to the Solution of the Financial Problem.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth st., N. W., Washington, Dec. 16.

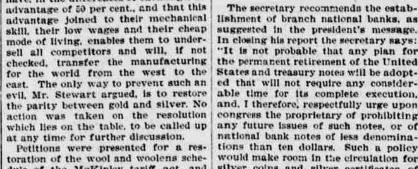
The bill introduced by Senator Quay allowing the Superior court and the courts of Lackawanna county to hold sessions in the Federal building at departed for another year. Even Scranton passed the house today. It now, the hand of the expert buyer | will probably be signed by the president W. R. B. tomerrow. per annum.

> THREATENED EVILS. Senator Stewart Offers a New Argument

in the Interest of Silver Washington, Dec. 16 .- The evil days with which western manufacturing in-

dustry is threatened by competition from China and Japan were passionately portrayed in the senate today by Mr. Stewart (Populist, Nevada), in connection with his resolution instructing the finance committee to inquire what effect the difference of exchance between gold standard countries and silver standard countries has on the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the United States. Mr. Stewart's contention was that, as

the expenses of eastern labor and materials are paid for in silver by those countries, and as the products are sold in the United States and Europe for fairs demands repose." gold or its equivalent, the Orientals have, in the differences of exchange, an



dule of the McKinley tariff act, and for one cent letter postage. Bills were introduced to exclude allens from public employment, and to protect public forest reservations; and a resolution was offered and agreed to calling on the president for a report as to why the law providing for the payment of a

need mention in detail. We have still duplicates of the choicest subsugar bounty has not been executed. jects, but, take a warning from last HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. year when late buyers fared so badly.

Secretary Carliste's Report-Efforts to increased use of our present stock of solve the Financial Problem. Washington, Dec. 16 .- The session of or standard dollars. the house to-day lasted an hour and

THE DEFENSE OF INSANIT drawals can be made. Many partial and temporary remedies may be suggested and urged, with more or less plausibility, but this is the only one Important Decision Read by Justice

only means through which the with-

that will certainly remove the real Harlan of the Supreme Court. cause of our troubles and give assurance of permanent protection against their recurrence in the future.

THEORIES TO PUZZLE A JURY their recurrence in the future. "This can be most successfully and economically accomplished by authoriz-ing the secretary of the treasury to issue from time to time bonds payable in gold, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per centum per annum, and having a long time to run, and to exchange the bonds for United States and treasury notes upon such terms as may be most advan-tageous to the government or to sell them

Opinion of the United States Supreme Court Will Make the Temporary Insanity Bodge More Popular Than Ever in Murder Trials.

tageous to the government or to sell them abroad for gold whenever, in his judg-ment, it is advisable to do so, and use the Washington, Dec. 16 .- A case apment, it is advisable to do so, and use the gold thus obtained in redeeming the out-tanding notes. In order to further faciliealed from the court of Judge Isauc C. Parker, for the western district, of Arkansas was the occasion of an iminte the substitution of other currency for the refirement of legal tender notes, the portant declaration by the Supremcourt of the United States today in an national banks should be authorized to issue notes equal in amount to the face value of bonds deposited to secure them and the tax on their circulation should opinion read by Mr. Justice Harlan, of the effect of a plea of insanity set up as defense in a criminal proceeding. be reduced to one-fourth of 1 per centum Dennis Davis, charged with murder,

was convicted and sentenced to death. "As part of the plan for the retirement Judge Parker instructed the jury that and cancellation of the legal tender notes, the treasury should be relieved from re-sponsibility for the redemption of national the defense of insanity could not avail the accused, unless it appeared afbank notes, except worn, mutilated and defaced notes, and the notes of failed banks, and each association should be refirmatively to the reasonable satisfaction of the jury, that he was not crim-inally responsible for his acts. The quired to redeem its circulation at its own fact of killing being clearly proved, the office and at agencies to be designated by the Comptroller of the currency. What-ever objections to a national banking legal presumption, based upon the common experience of mankind, that every system may have heretofore existed, or may still exist among our people upon economic or other grounds, the fact must man is sane was sufficient, the court said to authorize a verdict of guilty. although the jury might entertain a be recognized that it has been so long established and, notwithstanding its ad-mitted defects, hus served such a usefu reasonable doubt upon the evidence, whether the accused, by reason of his mental condition, was responsible, in purpose in furnishing a convenient form currency of uniform value . roughout e country that an attempt at this time to law, for the killing in question. abolish it, or materially abridge the franother words, if the evidence was in equilibrio as to the accused being of. chises of the institutions organized under it, would not only be unsuccessful, but would provake injurious agitation when the preserious condition of our fiscal afsound mind, he was to be treated just as he would be if there were no defense of insanity, or if there were an entire absence of proof that he was

nsane Recommends Branch National Banks.

These extracts, said Justice Harlan, The secretary recommends the estabpresented, for the first time to the Sulishment of branch national banks, as preme court this important question: suggested in the president's message. "If it appears that the deceased was In closing his report the secretary says: killed by the accused under circum-'It is not probable that any plan for stances which-nothing else appearing the permanent retirement of the United -made a case of murder, can the jury States and treasury notes will be adoptproperly return a verdict of guilty of ed that will not require any considerthe offense charged if, upon the whole able time for its complete execution, evidence, they have a reasonable doubt whether, at the time of killing, the congress the proprietary of prohibiting accused was mentally competent to disany future issues of such notes, or of tinguish between right and wrong, or national bank notes of less denomina- to understand the nature of the act he tions than ten dollars. Such a policy was committing." would make room in the circulation for silver coins and silver certificates of

Opinion of the Court.

After reviewing the decisions upon small denominations, thus increasing their use among the people in the transthis point, which, he said, were about action of their daily business and preequally divided. Justice Harlan in ex pressing the opinion of the court, said: venting their frequent return, and ac "All admit that the crime of murder cumulation in the treasury. The large silver certificates now cutstanding necessarily involves the possession upon the part of the accused of such could be retired and cancelled when re mental capacity as will render him received, and small ones substituted for sponsible, criminally, for his acts. Upon them, so that there would be a diminution of the amount of small currency shom, then, must rest the burden of proving that the accused, whose life in circulation, and the result would be it is sought to take under the forms of law, belongs to a class capable of committing crimes. On principle, it

must rest upon those who affirm that committed the crime

Campbell and A. Mingen. The Russian penalty for fishing in the waters off the coast of Saghalin Island and Siberia is imprisonment for life in the island prison where no man can hope to es-

cape the persecution of petty tyrants and the abuses of laws that govern tyanny. The men under arrest have undoubt edly trespassed on Russian territory,

but there is some question as to the jurisdiction of the czar over the island Kennan has appealed to the secretary of state at Washington in benalf of his men, asking the intervention of the United States government.

FORCED TO REMARRY.

startling Story of an Indiana Woman Who Wants a Second Divorce. Portland, Ind., Dec. 16 .- Emma Fox has filed a petition in the Blackford county Circuit court for a divorce from her husband, George Fox, and in it she makes some startling allegations. They were once married and then divorced. She charges that she then went to work in a tin-plate factory at Montpeller and that during last October her ex-husband drove up in a buggy and intimidated her into getting into it with him. After doing so he told her she must go to Hartford City and remarry him or he would kill her. She alleges he civil service and retrenchment, Prit-drew a revolver and flourished it. She went with him, they were married by a justice of the peace and then drove back to Montpeller. 'Fox then told her he trict of Columbia, McMillan, Michigan; had done it to keep any one else from

Proceedings of the Meeting Held Yester

changed-Fall River and Reading Rejected. New York, Dec. 16 .- The annual meet-

was commenced today at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, when the board of directors went into session at 12 o'clock. The board was made up as follows: President. P. T. Powers (chairman); E. E. Bogart, of Wilkes-Barre; G. N. Kuntzsch, of Syracuse, and W. H. Draper, of Providence, R. I.

games but the result did not effect the standing of any of the clubs involved. The championship for 1895 was awarded to the Springfield, Mass., club, and the

Foronto, Canada, John C. Chapman; Shean, T. E. Burns and J. E. Sanborn; lert and C. A. Lemgruber.

sented to the national league at its vations, Allen, Nebraska (Populist), was discontinued. One shot struck meeting next month occupied the time to investigate trespassers on Indian Beasley on the left elbow, inflicting a of the meeting. A committee of five lands, Baker, Kansas. The special wound that will probably destroy the

SENATE COMMITTEES List of Chairmen Selected at the Republican Caucus.

to the faculty. At 1 o'clock this morning the door of Durchek's room was broken open and he was gagged and in his night shirt THE POPULISTS TAKEN CARE OF

enators Jones, Stewart, Allen and Pef fer Will Head Important Committees. Messrs Kyle and Butler Are Also Rembered-Republican Policy.

liberal handfuls and then he was re-leased. The boys went back to bed and Durchek spent all night in his room crying. When he did not come down to breakfast this morning the faculty learned of the matter and Presider Sprague after having the boy cleaned expelled him. It is thought he will not to-morrow be issued immediately upon say anything to the boys who were en When gaged in the affair. this caucus convenes Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee, will submit

Tribune.

COURT HAD A GUN.

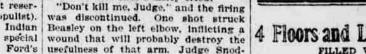
Chief Justice Snodgrass, of Tennessee Shoots John R. Beasley, Inflicting a Serious Wound.

at one o'clock this morning on the cam-

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 16.-John R Beasley, a local attorney, was shot and painfully wounded this afternoon by Chief Justice D. L. Snodgrass, of the State Supreme court, in the law office of Brown & Spurlock. In the Times this morning there apppeared a com munication from Beasley relative to the statement of the state debt in 1880 and a suit brought by himself in the Supreme court to test the validity of that settlement. In the communication the following language was used:

"After the argument was closed the judges then held a hurried consulation without leaving their seats, and Chief Justice Turney announced that the court had determined to dismiss the bill and tax complainants with the costs. Judge Snodgrass then spoke and said the two wings of the Democratic party had agreed upon this settlement of the railroad debt. No written opinion was ever delivered, and when this great law suit was summarily kicked out of court in the manner before indicated, one of the best lawyers of Nashville, who had heard the case from the beginning to the end, walked up to me and said: 'Beasley, there is only one explanation of this decision-it is

a political decision." Chief Justice Snodgrass had gone to Hampshire; postoffices and post roads, the office of Brown & Spurlock to see Hale, about a correction of the statement Maine; privileges and elections, Mitchquoted and there met Bensley. He at ell. Gregon; public buildings and once took up the subject with him, degrounds, Quay, Philadelphia; public nouncing it as false. Beasley, who was lands, Dubois, Idaho; railroads, Clark, sitting on a sofa, rose to his feet and Wyoming: relations with Canada, Cartassorted its truthfulness, whereupon er, Montana; revision of the laws, Bur- the chief justice denounced him as an rows, Michigan; rules, Aldrich. Rhode infamous liar. Beasley had his hand Island: territories, Davis, Minnesota: behind him and made a motion as if to transportation and routes to the sea- disengage something from his pocket. board, McBride, Oregon. To establish at the same time reiterating the statethe University of the United States, ment that every word written was Kyle, South Dakota (Populist); Inter- true.upon which the chief justice struck national expositions, Thurston, Ne- him in the face with his fist, following it with a couple of shots from a pistol. survey, Elkins, West Virginia; national At the second shot Bensley cried:



The students had for the past few weeks missed articles from their rooms and Durchek was suspected of pilfering them. They resolved to punish him themselves and not refer the matter only was taken to the campus. There he was stripped naked and coated with tar. The feathers were then put on in GOODS

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OLIDAY GOOTWEAR

Washington, Dec. 16 .-- The Republian committee to fill the committees of the senate completed its labors to-night and directed that a call for a caucus for

the adjournment of the senate. and the caucus will approve the following list of chairmen, which it will be seen takes care of every Republican and Populist member of the senate: Agriculture, Proctor, Vermont; appropriations, Allison, Iowa; contingent

getting her. He has never been seen since.

ing of the Eastern Base Ball league

The board took up several protested

board adjourned. The league convened at 3 o'clock with the following delegates in attendance: Syracuse, George N. Kuntzsch; Scranton, Pa., H. P. Simpson, T. R. Brooks and M. H. McDermott; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., E. F. Bogart, L. W. Long and C. W. Tammany: Springfield, Mass. C. T. Providence, R. L., W. H. Draper, E. A. Johnson and W. A. Murray: Bu"alo, N. Y., James Franklin and "Jack" Rowe; Rochester, N. Y., Charles Eng-

The discussion of matters to be pre-

braska; to investigate the geological banks, Mantle, Montana; Forest reser-

committee to investigat o lay the subjects before

expenses, Jones, Nevada, (Populist); census, Chandler, New Hampshire;

Colorado; coast defenses, Squire, Washeducation and labor, Shoup, Idaho; enrolled bills, Sewell, New Jersey. To examine the several branches of the civil service-Peffer, Kansas (Popu-

EASTERN BASE BALL LEAGUE. Hist); finance, Morrill, Vermont; fisheries, Perkins, California; foreign relations. Sherman, Ohio; Immigration, day-The Circuit Will Remain Un. Lodge Massachusetts; improvement of the Mississippi river, ivelson, Minne-

sota; Indian affairs, Pettigrew, South Dakota: Indian depredations, Wilson, Washington; Interstate commerce, Cullom, Illinois; irrigation, Warren, Keptucky; judiciary, Hoar, Massachusetts; library, Hansbrough, North Dakota; manufactures, Wetmore, Rhode Island; military affairs, Hawley, Connecticut;

mines and mining, Stewart, Nevada (Populist); naval affairs, Cameron, Pennsylvania; organization and expenditures in the executive department, Butler, North Carolina (Populist); Pacific railroads,Gear, Iowa: patents, Platt.

Connecticut; pensions, Gallinger, New Wolcott, Colorado; printing,

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Goods.

GLOBE WAREHOUSE

nd was devoted chiefly to routine business. Delegate Flinn, of Oklahoma, offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the secretary of the interior for reasons why that officer has not in accordance with law. thrown open to settlement that Wichita Indian reservation, in Oklahoma, and

inquiring whether any of Secretary Smith's relatives were interested in delaying the time of its opening. He seversly criticised the secretary for his dereliction in executing the laws of congress, and asserted that there never

was a secretary of the interior since the foundation of the government who had devoted less time to his public duties than Secretary Smith, who he said, was "parading around the country changing his mind on the money question."

Unsuccessful attempts were made to have printed in the record various memorials and petitions on the Cuban and Armenian questions. Messrs. Bull, (Republican, Rhode Island) and Cobb. (Democrat.Missouri),

were appointed additional members of the accounts committee. Secretary Carlis e's Report.

The annual report of the secretary of the treasury was received.

In referring to the national finances the secretary said:

the secretary said: "Our further progress toward a com-plete restoration of confidence and pros-perity is scriously impeded by the defects in our currency laws. Our past experience with the United States notes and treas-ury notes has cleary shown that the pol-ley of attempting to retain these obliga-tions of the government as a part of our circulating medium, and to redeem them in coin on presentation and reissue them after redemption, must be abandoned, or

after redemption, must be abandoned, or that such means shall at once be provided as will have a tendency to facilitate the as will have a tendency to facilitate the efforts of the secretary to accumulate and maintain a coin reserve sufficient in amount to keep the public constantly as-sured of the stability of our entire volume of currency and our ability at all times . to preserve equality in the exchangeable

of currency and our ability at all times to preserve equality in the exchangeable value of its various parts. "The issue of bonds to procure coin for the reserve, which is the only effectual method now available under the law, will, unless the conditions which have already available by the present policy are been developed by the present policy are radically changed, ultimately result in the creation of a public debt much larger than would be required to retire and can-cell all the notes and the interest charge

cell all the notes and the interest charge will be much greater than it would be nec-essary to incur on a new class of bonds adapted to the present circumstances of the government and the well-known prefes of investors. cludes the passage of a bill authorising national banks to issue currency to the par value of their bonds, and reducing the tax on their circulation to such a

the government and the well-known pref-ences of investors. "If, however, an attempt is to be made to keep the United States notes and treas-ury notes permanently in circulation by reissues after redemption and the gov-ernment is to be permanently charged with the duty of sustaining the value of all our currency, paper and coin alike, the conclusion cannot be avoided that the policy of issuing bonds for the accom-pishment of these purposes must also be-come permanent, and such additional powers must be conferred upon the secre-tary as will enable him to execute the laws relating to these subjects with the least possible disturbance of the business af-fairs of the people, and the least possible charge upon the treasury. I am thorough-ty convinced that this policy ought not to be continued, but that the United States and treasury meter should be restired from droutsition at the carliest practicable whelly relieved from the responsibility of providing a credit currency for the poo-pie." rate as would be sufficient to pay the rency's office.

bank two years ago, by which over \$400,-000 completely disappeared, now prom-ises to be unveiled. One of the deposi-tors who lost a large amount saw the banker in the Eastern penitentiary last Saturday and the latter, it is claimed, made a complete confession. This implicates a number of people to whom he attributes his failure and it is further stated that action will be commenced to secover some of the The remody which Becretary Carlisle proposes for the financial ills is thus set forth: There is but one safe and effec-tual way to protect our treasury against these domands, and that is to retire and these domands, and that is to retire and

TO SAVE THE TREASURY. he is indicted. That burden is not fully discharged, nor is there any legal right to take the life of the accused, until Messrs. Draper, Franklin, Bogart and Republicans Have Agreed "pon a Plan to Meet the Deficiency.

been practically agreed upon.

The

the other side.

troduce a bill for this purpose in a few

days. It will authorize the secretary

of the treasury to pay the difference be

Made a Confession.

guilt is made to appear from all the evidence in the case. If the whole evi-dence, including that supplied by the Washington, Dec. 16 .- The expected withdrawal of gold during the week legal presumption of sanity, does not promises to reduce the treasury reserve to \$70,000,000, below Mr. Cleveland's exclude beyond reasonable doubt the hypothesis of insanity, he is entitled to danger line. Such a situation seems to an acquittal of the specific offense demand some other remedy than the ischarged." sue of bonds such as have been put on

In concluding the opinion, which rethe market of late by Secretary Carversed the judgment of Judge Parker lisle. How to meet matters has been and sent the case back for another trial, thoroughly discussed by leading Repub-Justice Harlan said: licans of both senate and house, and it "It seems to us that in most of the

is now said that a course of action has cares holding that in a prosecution for murder, where the evidence does no plan has two phases, one practical, as applied to the situation, the more than create more than a reasonother political. The latter has two able doubt of the sanity of the accused too much stress is placed upon the fact points, one to pass a bul in the house, that the defense of insanity is frequentputting a tariff upon wool. This would ly resorted to, and is sustained by the not, it is believed, pass the senate, but widence of ingenious experts whose the Democrats would have to take the theories are difficult to be met and responsibility of defeating it. The other overcome. Thus, it is said, crimes of is to pass a measure increasing all the most atrocious character often go duties under the Wilson bill twenty per ounished, and the public safety is cent., and to also put some duty upon thereby endangered. But the possibili wool and agricultural products now on ty of such results must always attend the free list. This might pass the senany system devised to ascertain and ate, and if Mr. Cleveland vetoed it, the responsibility would be upon him alone. numleh crime and ought not to induce the courts to depart from long estab-The revenue must be collected from lished principles, fundamental in the imports, and since the Wilson bill plaincriminal law, and the recognition and ly does not yield sufficient evenues for enforcement of which are demanded expenses, the proper plan is to increase them until they do. To pass these by every consideration of humanity and justice. No man should be de-prived of his life, under the forms of

measures would put the Republican party right on the record, and if the senate or president defeated them they law, unless the jurors who try him are would make their political record on able upon their consciences, to say that the evidence before them, by whomsoever adduced, is sufficient to show he-The practical plan to meet the pres-

yond a reasonable doubt the existence ent treasury situation is to issue shortof every fact necessary to constitute time, low-interest treasury notes to meet existing deficiencies. It is said the crime charged." that Senator Allison, of Iowa, will in-

BURNED BY MOLTEN IRON.

Workmon Lose Control While "Pouring Off" the Metal. tween expenditures and receipts with

these notes. Another plan is to issue Northampton, Mass., Dec. 16.-At the Norwood Engineering company's works three per cent. long-time bonds, to retonight, while the workmen were "pourplenish the gold reserve when it falls below \$100,000,000, the greenbacks, when redeemed, to be held in the treasury ing off" in the foundry, having 4,500 pounds of melted iron in the heavy ladle, they lost control of it, and the hot as part of the reserve. This might lead to the depositing of gold by banks in iron ran out on the men who were workorder to get greenbacks as the more ing it.

Three were severely burned, William convenient currency, and would pre-Driscoll, William Flarrity and Jonn Lapping. Flarrity's c ondition is serivent the administration from using the proceeds of bond sales to pay current xpenses. The proposed plan also ingus. All were taken to the hospital.

IMPRISONED BY RUSSIANS.

Americans Sentenced for Life for Fish-ing is Prohibited Waters.

ing is Prohibited Waters. San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Five San Francisco searfaring men and ten other Americans are supposed to be held in Baghalin prison by the Russian author-ities for prohibitory fishing in Siberian waters. The five San Franciscans beexpenses of the comptroller of the cur-**ROCKAFELLOW MYSTERY.** the Imprisoned Banker Is Said to Ma

long to a party of seal hunters who left here about one year ago on the steamer City of Pekin to join John Kennan's fishing crew that has headquarters at Pakodate and Yokohama. Wilkes-Barr, Dec. 16.-The Rockafel-low mystery, which has baffied the efforts of detectives and the public gener-ally since the remarkable failure of his

bank two years ago, by which over \$400,

the national league. The committee is as follows: President P. T. Powers, one of the Utah senators. Courtesies to the Third Party.

Shean. The league will apply for protection under the National agreement in Class A instead of Class B, to which the Populist party holds a chairmanthey belonged last year. They desire ship, and the Republicans, believing to be put on the same footing with that they should deal equally as justly the Western league. The committee with the third party, have also given will also call to the attention of the them chairmanships. National board the practice of register-Messrs, Jones, of Nevada, Stewart, ing reserved Eastern league players Allen and Peffer, are left where they without first negotiating for their reare now, and Mr. Kyle, who is ranking case, and will endeavor to have inmember on the committee to establish erted a clause requiring the players the university of the United States was drafted from their league to be paid transferred from the committee on edu-

or within a reasonable time, about cation and labor to the chairmanship days thereafter. It was also of the first named committee. Mr. Butvoted to urge the National board for a ler, of North Carolina, the new Populist eturn of the original classes. senator is given a chairmanship equal It was decided that the circuit should to that of Mr. Peffer. remain the same as last year. Appli-The Republican caucus will be held ations were read from the Reading.

and Fall River, Mass., clubs, for franchisement, but as there were no acancies the applications were tabled. The league then adjourned till tomorow morning.

WOULD FIGHT WITH WINE. nique Reply of a Challenged California

Desler. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 16 .- When Carlos F. Montealegre, a wine merchant, challenged Jacob J. Jacobi, a business rival, to fight a duel, the latter said he would accept, providing the implements

were confined to bottles of wine. He suggested that Mr. Montealegre drink his wine and he would drink Mr. Montealgre's. There the matter rests. Jacobi's firm recently bought an enover until January. No effort will be rmous quantity of California wine. made to reorganize the elective officers of the senate until after the holidays. For some reason the offer of wine from Montcalegre was rejected. He sought out Jacobi and they had an angry dis-

pute, which led to the challenge. KINDNESS WON A FORTUNE.

Into the Buffalo Fast Freight at Dover. Brooklyn Man Deeded \$300,000 by a Stock Driver Killed. Dover, N. J., Dec. 16 .- A fatal railway

Woman He Had Befrien fed. Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 16.-Henry Lewis, a confectioner, forty-eight years wreck occurred just above the drawbridge here about 10 o'clock last night. old, who lives with his wife and six children on the second floor of the fiat The fast Buffalo freight, going east on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Westhouse No. 53 Floyd street, Williamsern railroad and due here at 9.45 o'clock, burgh, has, it is said, fallen heir to a was late. When it reached the drawfortune of \$300,000.

The fortune was the gift from an old woman whom he had befriended while she was homeless a few years ago. The was made up of cattle cars. It had no old woman is still a member of Lewis' household. She had been found sitting sooner stopped than "extra No. 234," from Port Morris, came rushing up beon the doorstep of the house without a hind it. Before "Wes" Johnson, the enplace of shelter or a friend to go to. Lewis took her into the house, where she was made comfortable. There she gineer of the extra, could get his train under control, he struck the freight. The shock was terrific. The caboose and remained until six months ago, when eight cars containing cattle, sheep and she found a place in the poor house at swine, were completely wrecked. Flatbush. This was caused by reverses Lewis had met with in business, and Iowa, was caught as he was about to was unable to provide for her any lonjump. The top of his head was torn off and his face crushed. He died in-Inog to a party of soal hunters who left here about one year ago on the steamer City of Pekin to join John Kennan's at pacodate and Yokohama.
The missing men are: Frank Peterson, James Maloney, Steve Brennan, R. Sheehy and Ned Howe. In addition to these men, in whom local interest will naturally center, are the ten American seamen and hunters, John Ross, James McCarthy, John Riley, F. Hill, A. Anderson, H. Carbon, Edward Lankin, Alexander Levick, C. L. Nelson and K. Ericcson.
Two of the party seised by the Russians and hurried to Raghalin are said to be British subjects. They are C. A second ger. After a stay of a few weeks in the stantly. A number of heads of the live stock were killed and the engine of the rear train was completely stripped. The damage is estimated at about \$25,000.

TARRED AND FEATHERED. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 16.—Charles Dur-chek, a student at the Wyoming Semi-nary at Kingston, and a resident of Freeland, Luserne county, where his father is a wealthy brewer, was tarred and feathered by about thirty students

theater disaster will be left open for grass surrendered to the sheriff, gave

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n Extra Train from Port Morris Crashes

W. E. Caldwell, a stock drover from

tent at Wyoming Se Liberally Desorated.

bond for his appearance for trial when wanted, and left tonight for Nashville. Under the present Democratic organ-BIG STREET CAR STRIKE. ization of the senate each member of

> Every Traction Line in Philadelphia Will Be Tied Up To-day - Efforts of the Citi zons' Committee Fruitless.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.-At the meeting tonight of the executive committee of the Amalagamated association of Railway employes it was decided to declare a strike upon the lines of the Union Traction company. Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison and Thomas Martindale representing a committee of citizens were present, and urged the men to try to effect further arbitration of their differences with the railway company The efforts of the two gentlemen were unsuccessful, and the decision to strike to-morrow immediately after the adwas made. The decision of the execujournment of the senate, when the chair- tive committee is not final, but was manships as above indicated, agreed, submitted later to a mass meeting o upon finally at to-night's meeting, will

the association. be submitted to the caucus. There is At the mass meeting tonight of memlittle'doubt that the caucus will approve bers of the Amalgamated association of the work of the committee although the Street Railway employes it was decidassignments are necessarily unsatisfaced to go on a strike at 4 o'clock tomortory to some of the men. The vote in row morning, and no cars will leave the senate on the reorganization of the the depots manned by members of the committees will be taken, under the association, but it is believed that fully present programme next Friday. But 95 per cent, of the entire force of the HOLIDAY If anything should intervene to prevent company will refuse to man their cars this action, the Republicans will probin the morning. This strike will tie ably agree to a holiday adjournment up every line in the city but the Arch until a few days later. They insist that street line, and the Race and Vine if they have the votes and they contend street lines, which are not controlled by they have the committees should be rethe Union Traction company. organized before the senate adjourns

The Company Prepared. It was asserted by gentlemen close to the management that the company was prepared for a strike. Offers of experienced motormen and conductors from Chicago, Pittsburg, Brooklyn, Baltimore and other cities it was stated had been received. A letter from Chicago offered to send on 500 men.

ARE NOT TAXABLE.

Attorney General McCormick Will Ex empt Life Insurance Policies.

Harirsburg. Pa., Dec. 16.-Attorney General McCormick this afternoon sent to the auditor general an opinion in which he holds that life insurance polibridge the signals were set against it, cles cannot be taxed; that they are not as it was then time for "No. 11," a west-bound fast train. The Buffalo freight of the class of "personal property" in-tended by the act of 1891 to be taxed and therefore should not be returned by

the taxpayer. In the blanks sent out by the auditor general's department to the assessors this year the taxpayers were directed to return policies of life insurance issued by foreign or domestic, stock or old line mutual companies.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mr. Atcheson, of Pennsylvania, intro-duced a bill in the house appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Washington, Pa.

The treasury department was informed yesterday afternoon that \$3,200,000 in gold had been withdrawn at the New York sub-tressury for export today. Most of the

The president, in reply to a committee of citizens of Utah, said he would give the metter of issuing a proclamation ad-mitting Utah to statehood his attention.

Mr. BmRh (Rep., Mich.) introduced in the house a resolution re-emciling the provisons of schedules G, K and L, of the McKinley tariff law. These schedules cover agricultural products and pr stons, wool and manufacturers of a and silk and silk goods.

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ed of murder in the first weeks ago for the killing of rector Fred Bittenbender, enced to-day by Ju

be hanged. The prisoner was in no and when asked if he hi my refused to plead for

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