

that the Dingley bill could not possibly be passed at the present session and that the enactment of a new tariff bill would have to go over to a new ses-ston of congress to be convened as early as possible.

Prior to the tariff discussion the penappropriation bill was taken up sion approp The bill carries with it, exclusive of

other expenses, an appropriation for pensions of \$140,000,000.

HOUSE SESSIONS.

The house today devoted nearly all of a four here's session to the army appropriation in, in committee of the whole. A great portion of the time was spent in discussing a ruling of the spent in discussing a runng of the chairman of the committee (Mr. Hop-king, of Illinois), that an amendment to cut off the Hot Springs hospital as recommended by the surgeon general and secretary of war, was out of order. being a change of existing law. The discussion was quite interesting, Messrs, Dingley, Maine, Bailey, Texas; Little, Arkansas; Grow, Pennsylvania; interesting. Mull, Iowa; Lacey, Iowa. Cannon, Illi-nois, and others participating.

The question was important as affecting the power of the house, under the rules, to limit, restrict or define the expenditure of money carried by an ap-propriation bill. On one point the com-mittee -60 to 53-sustained the chairman, but later refused to sustain him -57 to 34-and the amendment cutting out the hospital was agreed to. In the house Mr. Little made the point of no quorum on the vote adopting the amendment, and none appearing on the count by the speaker, the house at 4.19 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow. In the morning hour Mr. Balley, of Texas, asked unanimous consent for consideration of a resolution directing the committee on naval affairs to investigate the construction of the bat-tleship Texas, but it was referred to the committee without action.

SERVANT GIRLS FORM A LEAGUE.

Organize in Sioux City for Protection.

Sloux City, Iowa, Dec. 16 .- A servant girls' protective association is the lat-est production of Sioux City genius. The organization numbers among its members nearly every domestic em-ployed in the city. It holds secret meetings, requires members to furnish reports of the treatment received from mistresses and children in families where they work, and forbids them seeking employment at houses on the society's blacklist. In return it helps the unemployed to

places, insures them good treatment from employers and will demand the payment of a regular standard of wages.

Housekeepers have just discovered the society's existence and by way of self-defense will abandon the custom formerly followed of hiring girls without requiring references.

INCREASE IN WORKING FORCES.

Impetus Given the Grand Rapids Furniture Factories.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 16.-The furniture factores in this city are employing more men now than at any time in the last six months, and the greatest increase of working force has been made since election. The number of men now employed is between 1,500 and 2,000 more than on Nov. 1. The wages are the same as have been paid the last three years.

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TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

George Turner, a lake engineer, o Cleveland, O., died from morphine poison

Miss Catherine Hall, of Cuiross, Ont., an insane prisoner, hanged herself with her apron to a cell door, Lawrence King, a professional "divine healer." was mobbed by angry foreigners at his home in Chicago, Ill.

The Traveling Men's Bryan club, of Lin-coln, Neb., has tendered a dinner to Mr. Bryan to be held on Dec. 28.

A railway robbery was prevented at De Soto, Mo., by the carrying of an armed train crew who scared off the bandits.

The railroad to the Monte Christo mine near Tacoma, Wash., is blocked by snow, and the miners are suffering from a short provision supply.

Walter Jackson, a cigar maker, of St. Louis, Mo., is under arrest for aiding a gang in attempting to rob an Iron Mountain train recently.

L. Studebaker, 30 years old, of Cairo, Ili., having but 41 cents in his pocket, blew his brains out in the Elliott House, Sturgis, Mich., last night.

VARIOUS STATE TOPICS.

Reading stove manufacturers have re-stricted the number of their local agents.

Frank Bolinsky was nearly killed in a saloon fight with knives and blackjacks at Centrallia. Collieries at Centralia, have shut down for all winter, and this is a deathblow to all trade in the town.

Morris Moyer was convicted at Read-ing as the firebug who burned several barns in and near Womelsdorf.

Pittsburg physicians will urge a Penn-sylvania law to asphyxiate murderers in-stead of hanging them.

Flames from a bonfire around which she played burned to death 4-year-old Theresa Murray, at Tunkhannock. An affection of the throat forced aged Benjamin Balmer to starve to death at Reading, as he could not swallow.

Albert Mark, a North Lebanon town-ship public school teacher, has disap-peared and cannot be found. He was bur-dened with financial and other troubles.

Christmas Holiday Tours.

In pursuance of its annual custon In pursuance of its annual custom the Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged for two Christmas Holi-day Tours, one to Old Point Comfort. Richmond, and Washington, and the other to Washington direct, to leave New York and Philadelphia December 26 and 29 respectively. The same high standard of excellence which has made these tours so boundar in mast years these tours so popular in past years will be maintained during the present season. Tourists will travel in handsomely appointed trains, accompanied by Tourist Agent and Chaperon, and will be accorded accommodations at the leading hotels. The social season at both Washington and Old Point will be at its height.

be at its height. Round-trip rate from New York for the Old Point Comfort tour, returning via Richmond and Washington, \$35.00; \$33 from Philadelphia. Returning di-rect, \$16.00 from New York; \$14.00 from hub achable. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Cattle—Steady; light Ohio steers, \$3.75; alr to good cows; \$275a3. Bulls—Dull; \$2,56a3. Veals—Steady at \$363.75; common, \$44,50. Hogs—Fairly active and shade lower; Yorkers, \$3.55a 3.60; light grades, \$3.90; mixed packers, \$3,40a,246; mediums, \$3.400; pigs, \$3,55a,25; Sheep and lambs—Slow and 10a15c. lower for lambs; choice native lambs, \$5,15a5,25; good to choice, \$4,90a5,10; common to fair, \$4,55a4,75; sheep, about steady; good mixed lots, \$3,40a3,60; common to fair, \$2,75a3,25; Philadelphia. Rates for the Washington tour: \$14.50

from New York; \$11.50 from Philadel-phia. Proportionate rates from other points

points. For tickets, itineraries, and other in-formation apply to ticket agents, or ad-dress Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

If the Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

time in the last six months, and the greatest increase of working force has been made since election. The number of men now employed is between 1.500 and 2,000 more than on Nov. 1. The wages are the same as have been paid the last three years. When the business depression first manifested itself the furniture manu-of the largest concerns went into the hands of a receiver, another was sold

New York Produce Market.

New York Produce Market. New York, Dec. 16.—Flour—Neglected, unchanged. Wheat—Dull, weaker: f. o. b., 974a974c.; ungraded red. 80a98c.; No. 1 northern, SSba384c.; options closed weak, at Hail%c. under yesterday; January, 856.c. March. 88%c.; May, 85%c.; July. 81c.; December, 88%c.; May, 85%c.; July. 81c.; December, 88%c.; May, 81%c. Oats— closed weak; December, 28%c.; January, 28%c.; January, 29%c.; May, 31%c. Oats— Quiet, easler; options dull, weaker: De-cember, 21%c.; May, 21%c.; spot prices, No. 2 25%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3 24%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3 24%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3, 20%c.; No. 3 white, 25%c.; mixed western, 21a234c.; white do, and white state, 23a31c. Provi-sions—Quiet, steady, unchanged. Lard-Quiet, easy, unchanged. Butter—Steady; state dairy, HaBc.; do, creamery, Ha20c.; western creamery, Ha20c.; do, factory, 7a 12c.; Igins, 21c.; Imitation creamery, Ha 82c.; fee house, Ha17c.; western fresh, 20a 21c.; do, case, \$2a4; southern, 18a29c.; limed, 15c.

Philadelphia Provision Market.

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ree, York.

A. B. BRIGGS CLEANS PRIVY VAULTS and cess pools; no edor; improved pumps used. A. BRIGGS, Proprietor. Leave orders 1100 North Main avenue, or Erckes' drug store, corner Acams and Mai-berry. Telephone 4525.

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CHIROPODIST AND MANICURE

CORNS, BUNIONS AND INGROWING nails cured without the least pain or drawing blood Consultation and advice given free. E. M. HETSEL, Chiropodist, 350 Lack-swanna avenue. Ladies attended at their residence if desired. Charges moderate.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED-BY A YOUNG man, 22, in show, clothing, groczry, fur-nishing or hardware store, as clerk or mana-ger. Years of experience in each. Well ac-quainted with city. Olyphant, Peckville Jermyn and Carbondale. H. E. LOWRIE, 537 East Market street, Scranton, Pa.

WANTED - POSITION AS HOUSE-widow. Address, HOUSEKEEPER, tais

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Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000 head; market, 10a20c. high:#: common to extra steers, \$3.50a5.50; stockers and feed-ers, \$2.85a3.85; cows and buils, \$1.60a3.75; caives, \$35.25; Texans, \$3.60a4.60; Hogs— Receipts, 35,000 head; market firm and 5c. higher; heavy packing and shipping lots; \$3.15a3.40; common to choice mixed, \$3.25a 1.45; choice assorted, \$3.35a3.45; light, \$3.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$3.35a3.45; light, \$3.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$3.35a3.45; light, \$3.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$3.5ba3.45; light, \$4.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$4.20a,50; light, \$4.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$4.20a,50; light, \$4.20a 1.45; choice assorted, \$4.20a,50; light, \$4.20a,50; li Chicago Live Stock.

Oil Market.

Buffalo Live Stock.

Oll City, Pa., Dec. 16.-Option oil mar-ket closed 97c, Credit balances, 97c.

Philadelphia Provision Market. Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Provisions were quiet and steady at unchanged prices. We quote: Beef hams, fila18.50, as to age and brand; pork, family, filoa10.50; hams, S. P. curetd, in therees, 849c.; smoked, 954a11c., as to average and brand; sldes, ribbed, in sait, 45445c; to, do, smoked, 554a55c; thoulders, pickle cured, 554a55c; do, do, smoked, 554a55c; pichte hams, S. P. cured, 554a55; co, do, do, moked, 654a655c; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 554a55; do, do, do, in tubs, 5 a555c; do, butchers', loose, 4a45c; city tallow, in hogsheads, 5c; country do. 219a3c, as to quality, and cakes, 354c. 21ga3e., as to quality, and cakes, 314c. Chicago Grain and Provision Market Chicago, Dec. 16.-The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat-December, 77%c, 70%c; May, 80%c, 7%c, 100, 74% 7%c, 70%c; May, 80%c, 7%c, 22%c, Jan-uary, 22%c, 27%c, May, 25%c, 23%c, Jan-uary, 22%c, 27%c, May, 25%c, 24%c, 20% Mess pork-January, 47.67%, 47.65° May, 87.97%, 57.69%, Lard-January, 35.87%; 33.85° May, 34.07%, 34.05° Short rbs-January, 85.7%, 53.87%; May, 54.05° Cash quo-tations were as follows: Flour-Quiet, steady, prices unchanged; Ko. 2 spring wheat, 76%arSc, No. 2, corn, 23c, No. 2 outs, 17%c, No. 2 ryc, 23%c; No. 2 varis, 17%c; No. 2 rate, 23%c; No. 2 varis, 17%c; No. 2 rate, 35%; May, 56, 25%, No. 2 varis, 17%c; No. 2 fax seed, 75a77c; prime timothy seed, 82.55; No. 2 varis, No. 2 varis, 17%c; No. 2 the May, 58, 26%; No. 2 ryc, 23%c; No. 2 barley, 55a%c; No. 1 7aárta; prime timothy seed, 82.55; mess pork, 55.86a; 55; lard, 33.77%g2; 8); short ribs; side; 33.55a4.65; dry salted shoulders, 34.25a 4.50; short clear sides, 34a4.12%; whiskey and sugars unchanged. Chicago Grain and Provision Market

SITUATION WANTED-BY A MIDDLE aged lady as honsekeeper. Can give good references Address, M. WILLIAMS, Peck-ville, Pa.

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