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DEMOCRATS WANT REFORM

Big Gathering of Leaders at Hotel Dafayette, Philadelphia.

MEETING INFORMAL

Called for the Purpose of Exchanging Views.

Conference to Map Out a Plan Campaign Participated in by Chauncy F. Black -- Prominent Democrats About the State Pledge Their Support to the Movement.

Philadelphia, Sept. 29-The Democratic candidate for state treasurer and auditor general, Walter E. Ritter aid M. E. Brown, met a big gathering of state and local leaders at the Hoel Lafayette today. Although the moting was informal, there was an exchange of views on the issues of he campaign and a lining up of force in support of the ticket. State Committee Chairman Garman and Secretares Matt Savage and T. K. Van Dyke wre actively there.

Tonight there was a conference to map out a plan of campaign. This vas participated in by Chauncey F. Black, Chairman Howley, of the Allegheny committee; James Kerr, of Clearfield, and other prominent Denocrats. Some of those who pledged their support were: Representative Zulick and Congressman Mutchies, of Easton; Colonel Edwards, of Harisburg; General Brindle, formeris of Williamsport; Congressman Ententrout, of Reading: Bacon, of York, and John Graham, of Wilkes-Barre.

In discussing the situation, Mr. Ritter said: "It is admitted by every one, regardless of politics, that the fiscal government have affairs of the state not been administered for years past way that ought to in that businesslike characterize public affairs. The dissatisfaction with the control of the state treasury has een as great imong the better classes of Republicins as among the Democrats.

"The last legislature passed a bill act also provided that the two banks in the city of P ladelphia and two banks in the cit of Pittsburg and one in the city Harrisburg which were to be kno as active banks, should pay one a on daily balances This interest it is paid into he state treasury but the bly provides that the state treasury on ony lesses that may be occasione by failure of these s they have been banks, inasmuch selected as banks of deposits by the

poard of revenue c mmissioners. "While the discussion has arisen over the state dep osits and the state funds, the imports of electing an auditor general should not be overhe dountersigns all warrants and wh passes upon the legality of appropriations before they are paid by the state treasurer. The Reading platform emphasizes the necessity for reform in state politics, and its candidates are pledged, if elected, to carry out in the best way possible the promises of that D

KILLED BY A STAGE ROBBER.

A Passenger Shot in a Hold-Up Near Ukinh Cr

Uklah, Cal., Sept highwaymen held up the neville stage yesterday afternoon, and a passenger, was shet a ed by one of the robbe J. R. Barn i instantiy kill As the stag was passing through a part of the road, seven the bandits suddenly a iles from here ppeared and ordered the driver to was seated on the of the stage heard the order and d his hand inhis pocket to s his purse, The highwaymen thoug that Barnett was about to draw his ett in the neck, killing him instantly. The robbers then boxes and disappear ured three express outlaws with The sheriff is trait highwaymen are

captured they will undoubtedly be lynch-

RUNAWAY UPSETS A LOCOMOTIVE.

Tumbled Into a Ditch on the New England Road by the Collision. Willimantic Conn., Sept. 29.—The loco-motive of the easthound passenger train on the New England road, which leaves

A ten-foot ditch last night just after crossing the Iron bridge about two miles west of the city. The engineer and 3: man stuck to their post and escaped with bruises. The ac-cident was caused by striking a runaway team that was stalled on the bridge.

SMALL CATCH OF SEALS.

Branding Sends em to Islands Where Japanese apture Them. Victoria, B. C., Sept Swan, of the British ching Se patrol, has arrived in this According to the st her officers, Prof. Jor y old by one of electrical ap paratus for branding he seals proved failure and i. irons a few females. La a few females. Las operations drove the se north of Japan where, se have been yar's branding als o new islands it i said, Japanese have been reaping

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NEWS FROM THE YUKON.

More Gold on the Way .- Wreck of the Schooner Hueneme.

Port Townsend, Wash., Sept. 29.—The United States revenue cutter Grant, Captain Munger, has arrived from Un-alaska with the latest advices from St. Michael's and the surrounding country, Michael's and the surrounding country. The steamer Bertha arrived at Unalaska Sept. 12 and reported two inches of snow at St. Michael's, Mayor Woods and his party had their boat nearly completed for sailing up the Yukon, but will go no farther than Munook Creek, where there are lots of supplies for the winter. A be crowd of returning miners are expected on the steamship Portland and it is estimated that she will bring three estimated that she will bring three

Aboard the Grant were Captain Peters and crew, in all nine men, of the schoo-ner Hueneme, which left Scattle on Aug. for St. Michael's with lumber for build-ing boats for the Yukon river. At 10 'lock on the night of Sept. 7, during a dense fog the Hueneme went ashore on Uniak island, completely wrecking herself and cargo. All on board got to land by means of life lines. Eight days later the captain took three men in small oats, rowed from the wreck and started to Unalaska. After pulling three days in an open boat they were picked up by the steamer Dora and taken to Unalaska, where they were transferred to the cutter Grant. The cutter started for the Sound the next day, Sept. 29, and the first day out from Unalaska two sailors, William Hood and Otto Severn, were washed overboard while furling the out-

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT WASHINGTON

Central Power Station of the Capitol Traction Company Is Destroyed. Other Buildings Burned. Washington, Sept. 29 .- Fire broke out in

the central power station of the Capitol Traction company, a few minutes before il o'clock tonight, and in thirty minutes the magnificent six-story structure was somed. The building occupied the entire block from Pennsylvania avenue to C street, and from Thirteenth and Onealf street to Fourteenth street. The blaze started on the Southwest corner and despite the efforts of the entire fire lepartment swept like wind through the normous building. The heat was so inense that the men were driven from the adjoining streets. When it became evistation, the department turned its attention to the adjoining property, but the flames leaped across Fourteenth street County Chairman on the west to a big livery stable, and then across Thirteen and One-balf street on the east, and attacked a row of threestory brick houses. So fearful was the heat that the firemen could not get within reach of the burning buildings. They were driven back foot by foot until the streams from the hose pipes could not reach the fire. The entire fire department was on the scene, but so fierce was the

conflagration that their efforts were fu The power house was built four years ago, It is six stories in height, and, be-sides containing the power plant of the Pennsylvania avenue lines of the Capital Traction company, is occupied by dozens of offices. The walls began to fall by 12 which provided for interest to e paid o'clock. The walls began to fall by 12 o'clock, and with the decreasing heat, upon state deposits that were placed in certain banks of the state, at the adjoining property. Several houses, nowever, have been gutted. At this hour it is impossible to state the loss. Approxiullding, about \$300,000 on machinery and stored cars, while the loss sustaine tenants will amount to \$200,000 more, mak-

ng the total damage \$1,000,000.
At one time the offices of the Southers allway were threatened, but prompt work by the fremen checked the flames. As a result of the fire the navy yard and deorgetown division of the Traction comwill be tied up until power can be installed at some other point,

HAWAII'S GOVERNMENT.

Senator Wilson Outlines Its Form After Annexation.

ma, Sept. 29.—In an interview last light Senator John L. Wilson said there would be no contest in the senate over he annexation of Hawaii, and the only question to be considered would be the

orm of government.

He thought it would be territorial, with two houses, the upper house and the governor to be appointed, and the lower house to be elected. The governor would be from this country and nominated by the president subject to the approval of the senate. The upper house would be appointed from the island, and the mem-bers of the lower body would be elected, The national house of representatives will have nothing to do with the apcomments. Senator Morgan, Mr. Wilson said, will lead the debate in the senate.

KANSAS BARS FEMALE JURORS.

They Were Willing to Serve, but R jected for Civil Cases.

Fort Scott, Kan., Sept. 29.—Miss M. E. Ross, Mrs. A. W. Douglass, Mrs. A. Kauffitan and Miss Cora Wheeler, who were drawn on the district court jury-the vimen ever called for such service n Kanas-responded to the summon yesterdar and all but Miss Wheeler ex-pressed a willingness to serve.

The question of their eligibility was raised by Judge Biddle, who cited a Washington supreme court opinion to how that they were not competent, and Judge Sinons found that under the constitution and supreme court decisions a qualified elector must be a male. He wa unwilling that the women should serve in civil cases, but paid them a nice compliment for their willingness to do so.

A WOMAN LYNCHED.

Found Hanging in the Woods of the

Shenandonh Valley. Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.-A special to the State, from Cowan's Depot, Rockingham county, in the Shenandoah valley says hunters yesterday found the body of Pet Falls, a potorious white woman, dangling at the end of a rope fastened

to the limb of a tree.

It is supposed that the woman was hanged by negroes, who have been her companions lately. No effort has been made as yet to apprehend the guilty parties. She was a married woman, but her putation was so bad she was driven to mountains, where she slept in fields and in the woods,

GREECE'S WORST ENEMY.

Princess Sophia Told Mrs. Chant It

Was Emperor William. London, Sept. 29.—During the course of lecture, which she delivered on Monday at Nunoaton, Warwickshire, Mrs. Ormis-ton Chant, the social reformer, who went to Greece with a party of nurses during the war between that country and Tur-key, said that the Crown Princess of ce, Princess Sophia of Prussia, had told her that the worst and most cruel for of Greece was not the Sultan of Turkey nor the Turks, but her own broth er, Emperor William of Germany,

SPANISH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

ASKED TO REMAIN

Gracefully Accepts the

AZCARRAGA

Situation.

His Services Required Until a Solution of the Present Crisis Is Found. List of Offices Made Vacant -- Ga-Foreign Affairs.

Madrid, Sept. 29.-The Spanish cabinet has resigned and the queen has accepted the resignation. Her majesty however, asked General Azcarraga to continue in office until a solu-

tion of the crisis is found. She will summon the leaders of the various parties and the presidents of the chambers tomorrow to consult as to the situation. Senor Sagasta has been telegraphed for and it is believed to form a cabinet, The ministry whose resignation has

just been announced was constituted as follows: Prime minister and minister for war

-General Marcelo de Azcarraga. Minister for foreign affairs-The Duke of Tetuan. Minister of marine-Rear Admiral Don Jose M. Beranger,

Minister of finance-Don Juan Na varro Reverter. Minister of commerce and agriculture-Don Aureliano Linares Rivas. Minister for the colonies-Don Tomas

Minister for the home department-Don Fernando Cos Gayon. the senate, the Marquis Paxo de Lamerrzed, held a long conference today and General Woodford presented to General Azcarraga the members of the United States legation. Owing to the cabinet crisis, the Cuban pourparlors have been postponed. It is said that Senor Sagasta is in favor of superceding Captain General Weyler and of granting autonomy to Cuba immedi-

Senor Gamazo will probably be minister of foreign affairs in the new cabi-

net. RESULT OF THE RESIGNATIONS. Washington, Sept. 29.-A careful inspection of the cable news for the past few weeks had left the general impression here that the cabinet erected in haste after the assassination of Premier Canovas could not be expected to survive long. The principal reason was the belief that the dissensions among the supporters of the governmenpt caused by the personal encounter between the Duke of Tetuan, the minister for foreign affairs, and one of the leaders of the dissident conservatives, had not been healed, but had

been only bridged over temporarily. As to what is to follow the resignation of the cabinet, officials here are completely in the dark. Secretary Sherman does not believe that it will materially affect the relations of Spain either to the United States or to Cuba, which seems to indicate an expecta tion on his part that when the cabinet is re-organized it will be found to be still of a conservative tendency. On the other hand, high officials in the administration expect that a Liberal cabinet under the leadership of the veteran Sagasta will be erected on the ruins of the Azcarraga cabinet. If this should be the case the future is held to be full of promise for Cuba, for it is recalled that the Liberals have not hesitated to express their opposition to the great expenditure of human life and vast treasure in the effort to carry out the repressive conservative prepared to go to the length of promising freedom to Cuba, but from the expressions of the leaders of the party. it is hoped that they are willing to grant so liberal a measure of home rule and autonomy to the island that of Spanish sovereignty, nothing would remain save a spread in the way of a few preferential duties, and perhaps the power of appointing some officials corresponding to the governor general of Canada named by the British crown. An incident to the selection of a Liberal cabinet, it is expected, would be the restoration of Martinez Campos to a position where he would be in position to carry out the programme of

the reformed government in its Cuban policy. VETERANS AT GETTYSBURG.

Survivors of Third Pennsylvania Ar-Miery Pold Twelfth Reunion. Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 29 .- The survivor of the Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and the One Hundred and Eighty-Eighth Pennsylvania infantry, the latter made up of an over plus of enlistment in the former, had their twelfth reunion here today, and visited the battlefield. The party numbers about one hundred.

At the business meeting in the hall of Post 9, of this place, Theodore F. Turner, of West Chester, was elected president; Theodore Haigh, of Richmond Center, and Henry Watson, of Greensville, vice presidents; Harry T. Graves, of Millerstown, secretary; T. F. Kreiger, of Philadelphia, treasurer; Henry Robinson, of Philadel-phia, corresponding secretary, and W. S. Settle, of Lewistown, chaplain. They decided to meet next year at Altoons. In post hall. President Turner presided, and short speeches and songs filled the evening. The party will leave by special train tomorrow.

OLEOMARGARINE SELLERS FINED.

I wo Men Ordered to Pay \$1,000 Each by a Boston Court.

Boston, Sept. 28.—Fines aggregating \$3,-500 were paid by Eddie K. Carlton and his associates in the criminal court yesterday for the violation of the oleomargarine law. Carlton was fined \$1,000, D. J. Moriarty \$1,000, Maurice Healey \$400 and Edwin P. Hickman, \$100.

Von Hengelmueller's Vacation. Washington, Sept. 29.—Baron von Hen-gelmueller, the minister from Austria-Hungary, this morning came back from his summer vacation for a day, leaving again this afternoon. His visit caused some comment in connection with the re-ports that the Austrian government is about to protest against the killing of a the rolls shall be incorrect there will be

number of Austro-Hungarians at the re-

cent miners trouble at Hagleton, Pa.

STATE LIQUOR LEAGUE.

Officers Elected at the Sessions at Reading Yesterday.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 29.—The State Li-quer league adjourned this afternoon, arter electing these officers: President, P. S. Huckestein, of Pittsburg; vice president, Arthur Mellan, of Philadelphia, and Jacob Etzel, of Read-ing; treasurer, P. J. Collins, of Brad-ford; recording secretary, P. P. McGuire, of Tremont; financial secretary, H. J. Kimmick, of New Castle; sergeant-at-arms, John J. Dietz, of Eric; organizer, P. H. Nolan, of New York; executive committee, James Riddle, of Aliegheny; G. M. Myers, of Lancaster; P. F. Frantz, of mazo Will Probably Be Minister of Barre; Richard H. Patterson, of Philadelphia; John J. Kelly, of Reading; Martin Schaeffer, of Carnegie; F. N. Burke, of Galitzin; J. P. Mulvey Hill, of Westmore-

land; Lewis Marcks, of Bradford. Resolutions were passed maintaining the legitimacy, morality and perfect respectability of the liquor dealers' cailing, en-titling it to the same protection and fostering care bestowed by the government on all other mercantile pursuits. The resolutions declare that the liquor trade is remorselessly discriminated against by the legislation of the commonwealth and that the league as a trade trade organization is entirely independent of political parties, having no interest that the Liberal leader will be asked in the success of one more than the other. "We warn political managers," they con-tinue, "that we are a greater power in political affairs than are the noisy disturbers who so unceasingly assail us, an 1 being now thoroughly organized throughout the state we are in position to demand that equal and exact justice to which we are entitled."

ALIEN TAX MUDDLE.

Treasurer Haywood Is Advised to Insist Upon Collections.

Harrisburg, Sept. 29.—Deputy Attorney General Reeder today gave State Treasurer Haywood an opinion in which he states that the law department advises that county commissioners shall insist United States Minister Woodford, the on employers of male aliens, making reper day on each male alien employed as required by the Campbell act, passed by the last legislature, until the law has been declared unconstitutional by a court of last resort.

The question was raised by a Philadelphia firm, which wrote to the state treas-urer, asking if it is proper to return to male aliens in its employ the tax which the firm has collected for the up-to-date in view of the decision of the United States circuit court, that the law is un constitutional and that some large firms have already paid back the amount held from the pay of the aliens.

PENNSY'S EARNINGS.

Excellent Showing Made for Month

of August. Philadelphia, Sept. 29.—Pennsylvania Railroad company's statement of comparison of earnings and expenses for the month of August and eight months of 1897, with the same periods of 1896, is as foliders: Pennsylvania railroad: Lines directly

operated-Gross earnings, August, in-crease, \$538,200-eight months, increase, \$44,300. Expenses-August, increase, \$182,-200; eight months, decrease, \$1,629,800. Net earnings-August, increase, \$360,000; eight

Lines west of Pittsburg and Erie, directly operated—Gross earnings, August, increase, \$287,200; eight months, decrease, \$854,100. Expenses—August, increase, \$68,-800; eight months, decrease, \$1,196,000. Net earnings, August, increase, \$213,400; eight months, increase, \$341,900.

COLORADO'S GOLD PRODUCTION.

The Receipts at the Mint Show

Large Increase. Denver, Sept. 29.-The gold builden re elpts at the Denver mint for the nine months represent what is estimated as a little over one-half the state's production of the yellow metal, because only two out of the seven smelters send their bars to this institution. The receipts during September aggregated \$1,149,355.59, the same month in 1896, \$443,356.74; gain, \$706,-During the nine months from Jan, 1 to

programme for the conduct of the war. Sept. 28, the receipts aggregated \$8,388,It is not believed that the Liberals are 088.56; for the same period of 1896 the aggregate amount was \$3,128,436.16; gain, \$5,-259,652.40. Assayer Puckett predicts that the mint will receive \$11,000,000 during the

NEGROES PROPOSE A LYNCHING.

Militia Prevents Their Revenge for

White Man's Murder of a Boy. Apalachicola, Sept. 29.—A white engineer on the steamer R. D. Owens sent a negro boy to a shoemaker for his shoes yes-terday. The shoemaker told the boy he could not get the shoes without the money. The boy delivered the message, the engineer attacked him with a knife, utting his throat, and killing him, The negroes became excited, gathered in large numbers and attempted to lynch

the engineer. The Franklin county guards were ordered out and with the assistance of citizens a lynching was prevented and order restored.

NINTH LEAVES HAZLETON.

Gen. Gobin Compliments the Boys Upon Their Excellent Behavior. Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 29.-The Ninth regiment left Hazleton at noon today and all but one battallon of the Eighth fol-lowed an hour later. General Gobin reviewed the troops at headquarters, prior to their departure, and complimented them for good behavior and discipline. In the afternoon General Gobin and his staff left. The Governor's troop and one battalion of the Eighth regiment, have been ordered to remain here until notice of withdrawal is received from headquar-Major Watts, of Carlisle, is in com-

BIG STRIKE AT PITTSBURG.

mand.

pute.

Five Thousand River Miners Refuse to Work. Pittsburg, Sept. 29 .- Owing to a disa

greement as to the differential between the rates for mining thick and thin vein coal, about 5,000 river miners refused to go to work today.

A conference between operators and miners will be held tomorrow in Monongahela City at which efforts will be made to reach an understanding on the differential and other questions in dis-

"The Ghost Will Walk" on Time. Harrisburg, Sept. 29 .- The pay rolls of the Twelfth regiment, Philadelphia City troop and Battery C, for duty at Hazleton, were received this morning at the adjutant general's department. They were immediately audited and tonight warrants were mailed to the proper offi-cers. General Stewart states that unless

vice in the strike region.

YELLOW FEVER'S RAPID COURSE

Shot Gun Quarantine Established All

Through Texas.

Railroads Closely Guarded .- Bustness in Many Towns at a Standstill .- Houston the Dreaded City.

In New Orleans and Mississippi.

SPREAD OF DISEASE IN NEW ORLEANS

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 29.—The yellow fever fright has struck the state in Nearly all of the towns in earnest. Eastern, Central and Southern Texas have declared shotgun quarantine against Houston. In Brazos county Health Officer Tabor has given out orders to the effect that every road entering the county will be closely guarded. No passenger trains will stop in the county hereafter and there will for the present be no papers or other mail received. At Dallas no passengers from Houston will be permitted to stop, although there has been no embargo on freight and mail as yet. The Houston and Texas Central railroad has practically abandoned its train service out of Houston, only one train a day running. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad is running trains

ton and nobody permitted to enter or leave the train. Galveston's quarantine against Houston is absolute. All the towns along the Southern Pacific railroad east and west of Houston and on the Houston and Texas Central railroad have established shotgun quarantine. Navasota. in Grimes county, is completely cooped There has been no mail since roads and persons not known to the

through Houston to Galveston, the cars

being blocked in passing through Hous-

Wednesday and no prospect of any soon. Guards are stationed on all the guards whether they have health certificates or not are fumigated. There is a famine of cotton ties and newspapers have been forced to suspend ousiness because they have no paper. Business is dead. Beaumont has quarantined against Houston. Washing-ton county has laid an embargo on everything from all over the world. Robertson and Wharton counties have done the same. Henderson county has established a quarantine against all

infected towns. A special to the News from Victoria, Tex., says: "W. H. Suggs, who came to Victoria three weeks ago from East Texas, was taken sick on Sunday night and Dr. Thornton proclaimed it a suspicious case. Nearly every vehicle that was obtainable was engaged yesterday and last night to take the people to farms in the country."

antined against Houston on Monday night, but the health board does not regard the sicknes of Eva Duncan, the negress at Houston, as being yellow fever. State Health Officer Swearengen insists that the case is suspicious Ocean Springs, Miss., Sept. 29 .- The doctors are enjoying a much needed Only four cases of sickness are in the town, and two of these will be discharged today. Two others have typhoid fever and will not be out of

Galveston, Sept. 29.-Galveston quar-

danger for some days.

Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 29.—The official report of the Mississippi state board of health for yesterday was: Total yellow fever cases to date, 127; under treatment, 75; new cases, 13; deaths yesterday, 1; total deaths to date, 6. New Orleans, Sept. 29.-Today has been a record breaker in the number of new cases of yellow fever reported, while the deaths equalled in number those of any day since the yellow fever was first discovered in the city. The in creased number of cases has caused no general alarm because the increase of deaths has not been in proportion. The death rate is a trifle under 12 per cent., when five or six days ago it was shown to be above 15.

FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Two Deaths and Five New Cases Re

ported Yesterday. New Orleans, Sept. 29.-The number o the city, but the disease is not more malignant than it was ten days ago. Up to noon today five new cases and two deaths were reported. A tent, fifteen hundred feet away from the main building, has been established at the camp of detention for the care of developed cases of the fever until they can be removed to the isolated hospital. It is announced that the reported sickness on the steam-ship Tartar Prince, is not yellow fever, malaria. The cases were examined

Dr. John Guiteras was invited to accompany President Oliphant and Dr. Car er on their trip as far as Shreveport, to onfer with health officials in the inter est of more rational quarantine regula tions. The trip will be through Southwest | ment for Chatham, was chosen lord mayand Northwest Louisiana and the party will board on the train. The newspapers were not permitted to send representa- Phillips.

tives along. A new case of fever was reported to day at St. Philip and Bourbon streets where there is a grocery and drinking saloon. A numbs of people were in the place at the time or king and they were temporarily quarantined. Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a dam, New York. go before leaving for the country to do ork on the sugar plantations. There is a large demand in the sugar districts fo

A new law requires people living in th "Tenderioin" district to move to new lim its. The law was to have been put into effect on Oct. 1, but the city was this week enjoined from enforcing it. meet the possibility of a dissolution of the injunction the city has given notice that the ordinance is not to be enforced until the fever is wiped out

SURGEON-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Washington, Sept. 29 .- Reports to th surgeon general of the Marine Hospital service are to the effect that there were nineteen new cases of yellow fever and two deaths from that cause in New Or-leans yesterday; five new cases, but no deaths at Scranton; one new case at Ocean Springs, but no death; thirteen new cases and one death at Biloxi. Ten refugees were received at Camp Fontainbleau no delay in the pay of the troops for serluring the day and twenty-cight dis

STRUCK BY THE FLYER.

Alexander Steel Killed Instantly Two Others Badly Wounded. Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 29.—A wagon in which were scated Alexander Steel, Henry Steel and John McNulty, was struck by the Scranton flyer on the Delaware and Hudson railroad at the Parson's crossing

his evening. The two horses were killed, the wagon demolished and the occupants thrown high into the air. Alexander Steel, the driver, aged 34, was picked up dead. Henry Steel, his brother, sustained a ractured skull and was injured internally and McNulty had a leg broken in two places and his collar bone fractured. It is feared both men will die.

LEHIGH VALLEY STATEMENT.

Earnings for August Compared with

Other Years. Philadelphia, Sept. 29.—The statement of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company for August shows gross earnings of \$2,011,174; net earnings, \$693,549, an increase of \$173,-691, compared with August, 1896. For the nine months ended Aug. 31, the net earn ings were \$2,893,663, an increase of \$220, 369 compared with the corresponding per

The statement of the Lehigh Valley Goal company shows a net loss of \$34.870 for August and a net loss of \$296,246 for the nine months ended Aug. 31. For the nine months ended Aug. 31, 1896, the los

BIG ROW AT THE LABOR CONVENTION

An Exchange of Blows Narrowly Money Plank the Cause.

Chicago, Sept. 29.-There was a lively row at the National Labor convention to day, and for a time during the proceedings it looked as if an exchange of blows could not be averted. Dr. H. S. Taylor, one of Mayor Harrison's cabinet officials, was the cause of the disturb-

Dr. Tatlor was present as a delegate, and he wanted the privilege of speaking in regard to the platform, which has been submitted by the committee on resolu-tions. But the majority of the delegates seemingly did not wish the doctor to speak. The delegates expressed approval, however, when the doctor said:

"I am highly gratified at the money plank in the platform." The money plank in the platform calls for a legal tender money to be issued direct by the government. A change came when the doctor announced that the time had not come for the attempt to establish the system of nationed paper money. The doctor quickly followed the announcement with a plea to have the 16-to-1 idea put in the platform to the exclusion of the

money plank aiready present.

The audience instantly turned against Mim and an uproar ensued, which did not cease till the speaker sat down,

ADMINISTRATION PRAISED.

Massachusetts Republicans Speak Glowingly at Boston. Boston, Sept. 29.-The Republican state convention today re-nominated the present state officers, headed by Governor Welcom and Lieutenant Governor Crane, The platform adopted opens with a warning reference to the free silver issue

ingly praises the present administration. WALTER GOODWIN'S TRIAL.

in the last national campaign; and glow-

Wellsboro, Pa., Sept. 29.-The trial Walter E. Goodwin, charged with the murder of his wife, Effie, ca Sept. 3, in Mansfield, was begun here today, The day was passed in the examination of witnesses who were present when the body of Mrs. Goodwin was found. Everything appears to hinge on the testim trude Taylor, the 14-year-old girl who ac companied Goodwin on the fatal night, and who is now held in jail as a witness. It is thought that her evidence will

Governor's Appointments.

Harrisburg, Sept. 29,-Governor Hast-ings today announced the appointment of Robert Brownlee, of Ralston, as chief of the bureau of mines, a new position created by the late legislature. Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta has the appointment of the deputy, and he will name E. S. Scofield, of Wellsboro. The governor also appointed Richard H. Koch, of Pottsville, judge of the common pleas irts of Schuylkill county, vice, Mason

Weidman, deceased.

Veterinary Examiners. Harrisburg, Sept. 29 .- J. C. McNeil, of Pittsburg, and Harry Walter, of Wilkes-

ipsburg, deceased. Ninth Regiment Home.

trouble in the strike region.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 29 .- The Ninth regient arrived home shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon, having left Hazleton be tween 12 and 1 o'clock on a special train over the Lehigh Valley railroad. Colonel time tomorrow. Dougherty says he apprehends no further

Honors for Mr. Davies. London, Sept. 29.-Mr. Horatio David

or of London today with the usual ceremonial, succeeding Sir George Faudel Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Sept. 29.—Sailed: Paris, Southampton: Southwark, Antwerp; Ma-Edam, Amiestic, Liverpool. Cleared: Southampton-Sailed: Trave,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Fair: Warmer; Southwesterly Winds. General-Uncle Sam's Relations With Spain. Spain's Cabinet Crisis. Yellow Fever's Progress, State Democrats Want Reform,

Whitney's Weekly News Budget, Sporting News. Local-Lutheran Women in Conven-

Old Forge Case Amicably Settled.

Editorial.

Comment of the Press. Local-Coroner Will Hold an Inquest Over Jermyn No. 1 Victims. Wants \$5,000 to Mend a Broken Heart.

Local-West Side and City Suburban. 7 Lackawanna County News. Neighboring County Happenings, Financial and Commercial.

THAT AFFAIR WITH SPAIN

Our Relations with the Country Causes Diplomatic Comment.

POSITION OF EUROPEANS

Austria Favors an Alliance with Spain.

Germany and France Are Considering What Action European Powers Should Take in the Event of American Intervention in Cuban Matters. Instructions to Foreign Embassies.

Washington, Sept. 29.-The relations etween the United States and Spain has become the main subject of comment among diplomatic officials, some Averted at the Meeting in Chicago. of whom are communicating with their ome governments as to the status of affairs. The cable reports from various European capitals that our ministers abroad have learned that Austria was favorable to an alliance with Spain and that Germany and France were considering what action European powers should take in the event of American intervention has given the Cuban question a new and broad significance to the foreign representatives here. At least one of the embassies has been directed to keep its foreign

office fully advised of all developments and this it is believed applies to all the leading foreign establishments. There is a general desire to get the exact text of Minister Woodford's instructions. As to these, the state department maintains the same reticence to diplomatic officials that it does to the general public. The presence of the Spanish minister has permitted an exchange of courtesy and confidence. The general conclusion among diplomats and the one which they are conveying to their governments, is that the Woodford instructions do not embody an "ultimatum." At the same time, these of-ficials take the view that the United States has taken an advanced position, although not one involving any pres-

ent critical issue. In commenting on the situation, a diplomat from one of the countries forming the triple alliance, said that the reports of Austria's attitude was of interest owing to Austria's being a member of the Dreibund of Germany, Italy and Austria, but added that it was generally understood the alliance applied only to continental questions and to be mutually defensive rather than offensive. For this reason he did not believe it would apply if Austria became the ally of Spain as that would be a voluntary action of Austria in behalf of Spain and would not be one in defense of the integrity of its terri-

REPORT OF CANNIBALISM DENIED.

Explorer Peary Expected to Arrive in Brooklyn Today. New York, Sept. 29.—Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., the arctic explorer, is expected to arrive in Brooklyn today to meet his vessel, the Hope, which is expected at the Navy Yard tonight or tomorrow morning. Up to noon, owever, he had not reached the city. C. Bridgeman, an intimate friend of the

explorer, said today that he did not know when Mr. Peary would arrive. "I received a telegram from Mr. Peary this morning," said Mr. Bridgeman, "say-ing that he would call on me some time during the day, but he has not done so. I do not place any faith in the story al-leged to have been told by Assistant Engineer Knight of the Hope, that the expedition found evidences of cannibalism in the Greely camp at Cape Sabine. I have just read the despatch from Boston containing an explicit denial of the story, by Mr. Peary, and I think the denial is sufficiently full to dispel any doubts on

the subject." The Hope left Boston last night, having on board part of the scientific expedition which accompanied Mr. Peary north, including Professor Figgins, Dr. Saher and Mr. Pertie. She also brings some Esquimaux, dogs and the big meteorite of nickel steel weighing about 100 tons, which the derrick at the Nay Yard will hoist out of her hold. The work of getting the metorite out will probably be done some

CAPITOL COMMISSION MEETS.

All Members Present Except Governor Hastings.

Harrisburg, Sept. 29.—The capitol build-ing commission met this afternoon at the executive department, for the first time since the stormy meeting at which Pro-fessor Laird, the architectural expert, withdrew. All the members were present except Governor Hastings, who declines to attend any meeting while legal pro-

ceedings are pending. Auditor General Mylin, who was chosen vice president, appointed Senator Mc-Carrell to secure counsel to look after litigation against the commission. The ommission then went over to the senate chamber in Grace church to view the eleven drawings that have been received and placed on exhibition. The commission will meet next Wednesday, The commis

New York, Sept. 29.—Kitty Joyce, the oung woman from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who attempted to commit suiside last night by swallowing carbolic acid, will

Kitty Joyce Will Recover.

recover. The physicians Roosevelt hospital reported today that she was improving. The Hernld's Weather Forecast. New York, Sept. 30 .- In the Middle States and New England, today, clear, slightly warmer weather and light to fresh

outhwesterly and southerly winds will prevail, the winds becoming easterly and followed by cloudiness on the Southern coasts of this section. On Friday, in both of these sections, fair to partly cloudy and slightly warmer weather will prevail; hazy on the coasts, with fresh easterly and southerly winds followed by light local rain on and near the lakes and pos-

sibly by rain on the southern coasts of this section.