TWO CENTS

THE NATION'S UNIVERSITY

An Institution Providing the Highest Type of Education.

WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED

Bills in the Interest of Scheme Have Been Prepared.

They Will be Introduced in Both the pending bill, and in due time the doubtedly Pass -- A Plan for the Establishment of a Magnificent Institution of Learning That Shall Have no Peer in the Country .- The Scheme Was First Agitated by George Washington 100 Years Ago.

Washington, Dec. 12.-The bill to establish the University of the United States will again be introduced in both houses of congress tomorrow,

The bill in general terms provides for an institution of the highest pos-sible type, for the graduates of accredited colleges and universities only, with special reference to the work of original research and the investigation in all important fields of inquiry. The government is vested in a board of regents and a university council. The board of regents embraces the president of the United States, the chief justice of the United States, the commissioner of education, the secretary of the Smithsonian institution, the president of the National Academy of Sciences, the president of the University, and nine other citizens to be apthe advice and consent of the senate. No two of them shall be from the same state. The university council is to have immediate charge of the work of instruction, research and investigation. It consists of the regents and twelve other members, to be appointed by them from among eminent educators, with a like impartial-distribution. All courses and officers of instruction are to be determined by the council, also all regulations governing the international management of the institution, Neither sectarian nor political preferences in any form are to be all whether in the appointments or in any of the operations of the institution Authority is given to establish with other institutions of learning such cooperative relations as are deemed advantageous. Provision is made for the

vested in bonds of the United States bearing five per cent. interest. A LONG TIME COMING.

use of what is known as "University

square," the site set apart by Wash-

ington for university purposes and

lately occupied by the naval observa-

tery. Congress is now asked for but

regents to organize and practically in-

enough means to enable the board of

augurate the institution. Gifts and

bequests are to be deposited in the

United States treasury in trust and in-

The present bill is the outgrowth of more than a hundred years of agitation. The thought of a national university first came to Washington while commanding the Revolutionary army. Subsequently, as president, he repeatedly urged its establishment and in his last will and testament left \$25,000 in stocks as a first endowment, the interest to be compounded. Had congress fostered the plan this sum would now be nearly \$5,000,000. The idea thus cherished by the father of his country. was also indorsed by Presidents John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe John Quincy Adams, and Jackson, and in recent years by Grant and Hayes. During all this time the measure was advocated by men the most distingidshed for learning and statesmanship, but owing to the lack of organ ized effort nothing practical was accomplished. The more modern movement in this cause may be said to have een inaugurated in 1869 by the National Education association, after an appeal from Dr. John W. Hoot, of Wisconsin, at the close of his educational tours of inspection in all the countries of Europe, and in the American states.

authority of the government. That great association thrice unanimensly indersed the university proposition and through its committee a bill was introduced and unanimously reperted in the house of representatives The measure continuing to receive the indorsement of leading scholars and statesmen from time to time and in 1890 a university bill was introduced in the senate by Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, and upon his motion referred to a select committee with Senator Proctor as chairman.

THE PRESENT MOVEMENT.

The present general movement was begun at the pan-Republic congress in 1891, by the appointment of a committee of promotion to be enlarged in the discretion of its chairman, ex-Goverpor John W. Hoyt, which committee. steady growth, became what is now known as the University committee of one hundred-a committee now grown several hundred, embracing the presidents of all the state universities and some two hundred other leading institutions, the superintendents of public instruction of all the states but one. and many of our most distinguished statesmen, scholars, scientists and men of affairs. In 1892, ex-Governor Hoyt presented to the senate a memorial giving a complete history of the efforts already made for a national university with the arguments therefor, of which everal editions have been printed. 1893 Senator Proctor's committee unantmously reported the bill. Senator Hun-Virginia, succeeded Senator Proctor as chairman and the committee was made the standing commit-It likewise reported unanimously in 1894, and the bill was

the national committee of one hundred formed an executive council to act in its behalf, both in the framing of a bill and in systematically promoting its passage, the membership being as fol-

Hon. Mclville W. Fuller, chief juslice of the United States, ex-Senator George Edmunds; Dr. William Pepper. ex-provost of the University of Pennsylvania; Andrew D. White, ambas-sador to Germany; Oscar S. Strauss, ex-minister to Turkey; ex-Governor John Lee Carroll, General President Horace Porter, Colonel Wilbur R. Smith, Kentucky university: ex-Senater Eppa Hunton; ex-Senator and ex-Attorney General A. H. Garland, ex-Senator J. R. Henderson, of Missouri; General John Eaton, ex-commissioner of education; Simon Newcomb, ex-director Nautical Almanae; John A. Kasson, ex-minister to Austria-Hungary, Dr. G. Brown Goode, assistant secretary Smithsonian institution, and ex-Governor John W. Hoyt, chairman National university committee, No. No. 4, Iowa circle.

BILL PREPARED.

This council after several meetings Chief Justice Puller presiding, prepared Branches of Congress and Will Un- senate committee, Senator Kyle chairman, submitted a favorable report, including letters of endorsement from some 300 eminent educators and leading public men, as well as the arguments of members of the council be-fore the senate and house committees, since which time there has been a wide correspondence and distribution of documents from the office of the mmittee with a speedy increase of public interest.

With the approval of the national university committee, patriotic women of the country, under the lead of Mrs. Ellen A. Richardson, of Boston, assuming the early establishment of the institution, have organized the George Washington memorial committee for auxiliary though independent work, their purpose being to raise by popular subscription \$250,000 for the erection on University square of a first university The ladies engaged in this work are of such character and in-fluence as to give great hope of the

success of their undertaking.

Moreover, distinguished friends of art are planning for national art galleries to be established in connection with and is part of the university of

the United States. It is the intention of the national university committee that the government and people shall co-operate in the establishment of the proposed university and it is interded that the bill shall be pressed for early passage so that July 9, 3899 the one hundred anniversary of Washington's bequest, shall witness at least the practical beginning of what should become the leading university of the world.

GENERAL WEYLER AT OLD MADRID.

He is Cordially Received by a Crowd of Partisans Who Shout "Long Live Weyler," and "Death to the Yankees."

Madrid, Dec. 12.-Lieutenant General Weyler arrived here this afternon. He was received at the railway platform by General Azearraga, former premier; General Borrero, former commander of the sixth army corps, and by a number of Republicans, Carlists, Conservatives and

Robledoists.
As he alighted from the train they cheered him and then carried him shoulder high to the entrance of the rail-way station, where he took a carriage and was rapidly driven off. There w further incident, the public appearing indifferent.

A few friends including Senor Romans Robledo, accompanied him to his apart-ments. About a hundred people had collected, but dispersed almost immediately after he entered the building.

The partisans of General Weyler pretend that a crowd of 8,000 people tendered him an ovation with shouts of "Long live Weyler," "Death to the Yankees." and the like. He will be received by the queen regent tomorrow.

El Correo Espanol says that the Carl-isis have abandoned their projected dem-onstration against President McKinley's message to congress, as they have not been able to agree on the subject. It is alleged that the insurgents in

Eastern Cuba have asked the govern-ment for details to the extent and nature of autonomy, with a view of coming

INSURGENTS' PLANS CHECKED.

They Will Not Strike a Decisive Blow

Near Havana. Havana, Dec. 12.—The plans of the in-surgents to strike a blow near the gity ave been checked, according to the offic is such as to make it unlikely that the busurgent bands will surrende Spanish authorities have been

The business concerns of the city ar They do not now look forward to a speedy end of the revolution. All say that they have abandoned the hope that the insurgents will surrender or accepthe conditions of autonomy,

ENGLISH ADVISERS FOR YALE.

Rumored Business of Two Cambridge

Oarsmen on the Way to America. London, Dec. 12.-C. P. D. Goldie, ambridge, who rowed for Leander i be grand challenge cup race at Healey his year, and W. J. Ferme, who stroked the Trinity Hall (Cambridge) crew in the same 1; we sailed for New York today or board the Cunard line steamer, Lucania. It is rumored that they are going ok into the rowing matters at Yale, and perhaps train the Yale crew.

BARGAIN SALE OF CATS.

A Philadelphia Department Store Orders a Large Consignment.

Waterville, Me., Dec. 12.-A \$1.200 ship-nent of cats has just been made to a hiladelphia merchant, who has coneived the novelty of placing them on sale a big department store in the Quaker

The shipment includes 100 kittens of all kinds and colors, the Angera variety predominating.

Spots on the Sun. Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Professor Wil-iam R. Brooks, of Smith observatory, eports the observation of a great group of sun spots approaching the centre of he suns disc. The group is visible to the naked eye through smoked glass and may be well defined with small tele-scopes. Measurements made by Professcopes. Measurements made by Professor Brooks show this vast solar disturbably discussed in the senate. In 1895 | ance to be 200,000 miles in length.

THE COMING WEEK IN CONGRESS

A Forecast of Events in the Senate and House.

MANY EULOGIES ON MR. HOLMAN

A Bill Providing for the Next Census Will Be Called Up at an Early Date -- An Adjournment for the Holiday Recess Will Probably Be Made on Saturday .- A Fight to Be Made Against the Civil Service Law in the Houses. The Seating Problem to Be Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 12.-The work in the senate so far as it has been mapped out for the week includes the consideration of the immigration till, which stands on the calendar as the unfinished business, the probable debate of the census bill, and the pronouncing of eulogies upon the late Representative Holman, of Indiana.

The general opinion among friends of the measure is that there will be no very strenuous opposition to the immigration bill and that it may be passed after a brief debate. When a similar bill was before the senate last ssion it had its principal opponent in Senator Gibson, of Maryland, and as he has retired from the senate the friends of the bill are hopeful that no one will be found who will feel called upon to champion the opposition. They remember, however, that when it was necessary in order to have the bill become a law to pass it over the president's veto the two-thirds vote required for that purpor could not be secured, Hence, while they are hopeful of the speedy and favorable consideration of the bill, they are realizing the possibility of delay on account of opposing speeches. There appears to be no reason to doubt that when the vote shall be reached the bill will pass,

By special arrangement between Senators Carter and Lodge, in charge respectively of the two bills, the immigration bill will be temporarily displaced on Tuesday in order to give Mr. Carter an opportunity to call up the providing for the next census. When this agreement was made on last Thursday, Senator Carter expressed the opinion that a very brief debate would be necessary to get the bill through, but there are now some indications that the civil service question will be raised in this connection, and if it should, a prolonged debate may be

raugurated. The friends of annexation on the committee on foreign relations are now expected to ask the senate to take up the treaty during the week, though quite well aware of the impossibility f securing final action before the holilays. They are decided also upon taking the treaty up as such instead of attempting to secure legislation on a joint resolution. They may postpone their request for consideration until

January. The senate leaders express themselves as agreeable to the house programme for adjournment for the holidays on Saturday. The senate culogies upon the late Representative Hol-

man will be delivered on Friday. IN THE HOUSE.

If the present programme is carried out congress will adjourn for the holiday recess next Saturday. The week in the house promises to be made memorable by the formal inauguration of the war against the civil service law. How long this debate will last it is impossible to predict, but as this is the only item in the bill which attracts much of a contest, Chairman Gannon hopes and believes the bill can passed before Saturday. This latter day, under an order made on Thursday, has been set aside for paying cribute to the memory of the late Representative Cook, of Illinois, Tomorrow Chairman Hitt, of the foreign affairs ommittee, will again seek to secure the passage of the bill to prohible pela gic sealing by citizens of the United

There is some very strong opposition to the passage of this measure in its present form, and the whole question of the Bering sea negotiations may be precipitated when it is called up. Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, and other memers favor a limitation on the period of operation of the act, if it is to be passed, so that in case Great Britain refuses to similarly restrict her citizens, our citizens may not be placed at a disadvantage. Others like Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, think that extinguishment of the scal herds in the near future is certain and are not disposed to favor any legislation looking to their preservation.

PHILADELPHIA'S FIRE.

The Damage Much Greater Than at First Estimated.

Philadelphia. Dec. 12.—The damage resulting from last night's fire at John and James Dobson's wholesale and retail carpet sales rooms, 805-11 Chestnut street, will reach a larger sum than was first estimated. Over \$800,000 in building and stock went up in smoke during the first all of which is fully covered by insurance. The losses are divided as follows: Dobson's building, \$20,000; stock, \$200,000. Sharpless Bros., adjoining Dobson's on the east, \$200,000 on building and stock. Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust company, adjoining Dobson's on the west, \$20,000, and W. H. Hoskins, stationary and fancy goods, \$15 Chestnut stationary and fancy goods, \$15 Chestnut street, \$25,000. Sharpless Bros. and the Commonwealth company were principally damaged by falling waits and water, Hoskins' loss was by water. Fire Mar-shall Thompson has not yet determined the origin of the fire. The ruins amouldred all day and were viewed by thous-

ands of persons. Railroad Company Censured.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 12.-The core in which two men were suffocated, or-dered a verdict consuring the Grand Trunk Railroad company for pulling too heavily loaded trains through the tunned and also for not taking prompt ac-tion in rescuing the bodies of Conductor Dunn and Brakeman Dalton. The jury recommended that some system of signal be adopted for use inside the tunnel.

Mr. Hanna Has Recovered.

New York, Dec. 12.—Senator Mark Hanna it was said at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel tonight, has recovered from the illness from which he had been suffering for several days.

MILLER WINS THE RACE.

The Chicago bicycle Rider Covers

2092 Miles in 142 Hours. New York, Dec. H.-The six-day bleych ace at Madison Square Garden which epiled last evering was won by Miller, of thicago. The final score was as follows;

FINAL SCORE, IC HOURS	i.
Miles.	Laps
Miller 2.093	4
Rice 2,026	D.
Schinneer 2,000	7
Ifale 1.920	2
Waller 1.883	1
Pierce 1.828	0
Golden	0
Gainnett 1.760	6
Enterman 1.753	7
Revierro 1,746	7
Elkes 1,660	7
Kinz 1,616	8
Julius 1,563	5
Moore 1.06	4
Beacom	8
Johnson 1,279	4
Grav 1.999	0
lest previous record, 1919 miles	s tor

made by Hate in 1896.

The great endurance of the men is indicated by the following table, showing how long they have slept since the be-

3	ginning of the 142 ho	uin'	mane:		
	Name.	Off	Track.	A	stee
	Miller	. 30	hours	4	hou
C)	Rice	. 12	hours	7	hou
2	Schinneer,			7	nou
	Hale			7	hou
ŕ	Waller			- 5	hou
1	Golden	. 27	hours	15	hou
	Pierce,			12	hour
	Gannon	. 12	hours	30	hou
3	Enterman			20	nou
	Elkes			212	hou
	Kinz	. 22	hours	20	hou
t.	Julius	25	hours	15	hou
ģ.	Just 15 men cut e			t s	tarte
	lasted till the finish.		100000		

As a reward for their week of pain and torture in covering hundreds of miles awheet. Miller will get \$1,500 aside from presents from wheel and tire concerns; \$1,200 of this is the winner's share of the se and \$20 more goes for breaking the

Joe Rice's share of the purse will be \$50 and Schinneer will get \$500; Teddy Hale will receive \$550 and Waller \$50 less. ierce gets \$90, Golden \$150, Gannon \$125, terman and Rivierre \$100 each and ses \$55. All the riders who covered Elkes \$75. e than LES will receive a prize probbly of \$50 apiece.

So much discussion has been aroused by the relative receipts of the managers and the contestants that it has been magnanimously announced that every man who finished will receive a purse. In adlition to those who finished who will reelve prizes is Rivietre, the Frenchman, who as tenth man, notwithstanding the act that he had been off the track more a full day and night, comes within limit of prize winners, there being

leven prizes on the list. Charles Miller, the winner of the race at the night at a Turkish bath, and on he reached the Bartholdi hotel tohe looked well. He felt in good con ition, he said, and that he was fit to another six days. He certainly did look like a man who had gone brough the terrible ordeal of working shours and sleeping four in the six ays passed. His eyes were bright and e said he was not in the least exhausted. Regarding his plans for the future, he said he had none, but smilingly an-nounced that he had received a two weeks' engagement to ride three miles

Joe Rice, the Wilkes-Barre representative, who is always unfortunate as to be just far enough behind the leader to win the second prize, was found at a hotel, stretched out on a sofa, reading a news-paper. He was holding a little levee at

"Oh, I'm first class, thank you," he said. I went right to bed after a good Turk-Twent right to not after a good true-ish bath and woke at le o'clock this morn-ing. Then are no hearty a breakfast as any man could want; just a plain sub-stantial affair without any frills. Then I took a walk and came back for a loaf. "I don't know what I am going to do to say whether or not I shall enter another six-day cantest. It all depends, things seem to come my way I will. might have finished better it my stomach had not gone back on me. I did no riding

Fred Schinneer, the third man, like Miller, hails from Chicago, did not ave much to say except that he was beling well and that he would race again

it the first opportunity. Teddy Hale is laboring under the same trouble that affected him last year. He has almost lost his voice. But he looks to be in good shape and he says he is. He tipped the scale at 164, his weight at the start. All he complained of in the race was that he hurt his knee in a fall durng the early part of it and was much or home on Wednesday, he says, unless decides to enter the six-day race at

Louis in February. Golden said: "I am getting old now. No more six-day races for me. We old fellows are 'dead 'uns' now; the youngrs are too much for us us, the little Swedish rider, de-l: "Next time I go in I'll make them

see things. I'm all right; don't be Enterman, the youngest of all the con-

stants, was resting at his home, but dd he was not used up at all. Harry Elices spent most of the day in sleeping, after having taken a long walk in the morning. He will spend his time in Florida this year in getting into trim for long distance contests. The others who finished are in satisfactory condition.

Manager Bunot had considerable to say egarding the two Frenchmen, Rivierre and Stephane. He even went so far as a declare that no foreigner had a fair ber of hance in this country in the race simply church, a pace some of the Americans. Regardng Rivierre's condition, he said that the Frenchman's leg was in bad shape, but therwise he was all right. Stephane's complaint was in reference to the sprint-ing that had been done by the exhibiton riders during the contest.

WHITTLESEY DISAPPEARS.

Surveyor of Customs for the Port o Council Bluffs Missing.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 12.-R. N. Whitof Council Bluffs, has disappeared under reumstances that lead to the conclu-on that he is a heavy defaulter. He se ired from a local importer on Thursday 100 to cover duty on a consignment estead of sending the money to the subreasury at Chicago he took it home with He left the house that evening and has not since been seen.

Recently be admitted to friends that he cas short in his accounts with the govrument and secured some money to help bim to settle. His books cannot be found.

Gold Coming Our Way.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The steamship Mona from Australia, due at this port December 16, carried according to cable dylees \$1,375,000 in gold. This makes the fifth shipment from the same source in five months and brings the total amount of gold sent here from Australia since August to \$11,375,000,

S. B. Mutten Assassinated. Amite City, Miss., Dec. 12.-S. B. Mul-len, brother of Judge Mullen, of Bureau-

gard. Miss, was assassinated here to

MRS. M'KINLEY PASSES AWAY

The Mother of the President Expires at

Canton. STORY OF AN EVENTFUL LIFE

She Expired in the Two Story Frame Cottage at Canton where She Had Lived for Many Years -- Her Pride in the Career of President McKintey, and Her Active Interest in the Campaiga.

> Canton, O., Dec. 12.-Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President McKinley, died at 2.39 o'clock this

> morning.
> Mrs. McKinley was distinctly a homloving woman, and the two-story frame cottage on West Tuscarawas street, in this city, where she died and where she had lived for many years, was dearer to her than any other spot on earth. There she spent her declining days with her daughter Helen and her grandchilliren, Grace and James McKinley, receiving occasional visits from her children, seldom going out except to church where she could be found every Sunday morning unless

> prevented by illness. While showing a deep affection for her other children, she had followed the career of William with pride and solicitude. With fond motherly administration she watched his rise from the position of prosecuting attorney of his own county, by successive stages to congressman, governor and finally to the presidency. During the memorable campaign of last year for the nomination and afterward for the election, Mrs. McKinley was one of the most interested observers. She was aiways given the place of honor at the home of her illustrious son and on the day that his nomination by the St. Louis convention was announced she hear the news as soon as he did. It was then William McKinley showed the deep love he bore his mother by kissing her as soon as he had received the announcement of the result at St. Louis. All through the trying campairn that followed she watched after her son with deep interest. She was a frequent caller at his house and was greeted by many of the visiting delegations of Republicans. She accompanied the president to the inauguration, riding in the special train and remained in Washington until Mr. and Mrs. McKinley had become settled in their new home. Then she returned to Canton with expressions of gratitude at getting home once mure.

FROM A NEW ENGLAND FAMILY. Nancy Allison McKinley came of a family which was transplanted from England to the hills of Virginia. The Allison family subsequently removed Green county. Pennsylvania, where Abner Allison, Nancy's bern and where he married Ann Camp-bell, of Scotch-American descendants of a regular election around the caucus Early in the present century Mr. and Mrs. Allison came from Pennsylvania to Columbiana county, this state, traveling by pack horses. In 1809 near the present city of Lisbon, Nancy Allison was born. Her girlhood was passed on the farm and in 1827 she married William McKinley, a young iron manufacturer. The couple lived first at Fairfield and afterward at Niles and Poland before removing to Canton. Nine children were born to them. They were David Allison, deceased; Anne, de-ceased; James, deceased; Mary, deceased: Helen Minerva, now living at Canton: Sarah Elizabeth, now the wife of M. A. J. Duncan of Cleveland; Wilof any account until Thursday, but I'm | tiam, the president; Abigail Cecil, deceased, and Abner whose home is in New York.

William McKinley sr., died on November 18, 1892, aged 85 years. THE FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Nancy Alilson McKinley will be held in the First M. E. church of this city at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will follow in West Lawn cemetery, just west of the city and Tuesday evening President McKinley and wife and officials from Washington who attend the funeral will leave for the capitol, reaching there about noon Wednesday. These are the arrangements so far completed since the death of Mother McKinley shortly after 2

clock this morning. Three weeks ago she was in her pew as usual and though she was nearly 89 years of age her attendance had en regular all the while. This is also the congregation with which the president has always been associated. It was in this church that he was superintendent of the Funday school, thirty years ago, and here that he always attended services when in Canton, usually going with his mother. They last attended together in September when the president was here during his summer vacation. The president is a member of the board of trustees of the

At daylight this morning, at the suggestion of some of the older members of the congregation that an old time custom now almost obsolete be served, to publicly announce the death. the bell in the tower of the church slowly tolling off the years of her age.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

It is a coincidence that Mrs. McKinley died at almost the identical hour the day as did her husband, on Thanksgiving five years ago. Assistant Secretary of State Day has

emained as an old friend of the prestdent and is assisting in making the feneral arrangements. During her life Mrs. McKinley showed a fondness for visiting with her children and besides having them at her home as much possible, frequently visited at their homes. She spent one winter with her sen, David, in California, shortly before his death, and frequently went to the Somerset, Pa., home of her son Abner, as well as to Pittsburg and later to Cleveland, the home of the Duncans. From reports received here this evning Secretary Bliss, of the interior department; Secretary of War Alger Attorney General McKenna, his wife and his daughters; Postmaster General Cary and Secretary to the President Porter and his wife, will reach here Tuesday morning over the Pennsylvania lines to attend the funeral ser-

vices of Mother McKinley. WASHINGTON ATTENDANTS. Washington, Dec. 12.-The members

of the cabinet whose official duties will **BOTH BRANCHES** permit their leaving Washington at this time will start for Canton tomorrow evening to attend the funeral of Mrs ARE UNITED McKinley. The party will includ-Secretaries Alger, Bliss, Wilson, and Gary; Attorney General McKenna and Secretary Sherman if the latter is feeling well enough to make the trip. Sec-

retaries Long and Gage are detained

in Washington by pressing departmen-tal business. Vice President Hobart

will also remain here, his presence be-

ing necessary as the presiding officer

The ladies of the party will be Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Alger, and

Mrs. Porter. The arrangements for the

ourney are being made by Mr. Porter.

The party will have two private cars

at their disposal. They will leave Washington at 7.10 p. m. over the Pennsylvania railroad reaching Canton

about 16 o'clock the following morn

ing. After an informal luncheon and

funeral services and return by the ev

president's car will probably be added to the train and he will return at once

The president on his return will de-

rote himself to disposing of the large

amount of routine business which has

accumulated in his absence and will

receive ne callers for the remainder

Call for a Grand Conference to be

Held in New York on January 14 --

New York, Dec. 12.-The following call

as given out tonight by Ralph M. Eas-, secretary of the civic federation of

hicago, who has been acting for a large number of reform and quasi-political or-

The object of this conference is to brin

gether men with practical ideas from

il the large cities and especially from

tates where substantial progress has seen made in caucus reform. The pro-

gramme will include speeches from men

of national reputation in both political parties as well as reports from practical

men as to the working of the various laws now governing primary elections or

Considerable attention will be given to the question "How to Get Voters Out to

the Primaries," after fair laws are se

Special interest will be taken in reports

rom New York, Massachusetts, Mary-and, Illinois, New Jersey and Ohio, when

degislators will then be in session and consider primary election laws. Headquarters will be opened at the Ho-

Manhattan, New York, December 27,

"Believing that our caucus or primary

election customs and laws lie at the vory root and source of our entire elective franchise system, and that the misrule

of our larger cities is due in a large measure to the defects in such practices and customs, it therefore follows that to purify this system is to take a long step in the direction of honesty, economy and of-

ficiency in every branch of the public s

actment of laws to prevent corrupt car

or primary will encourage many mor

good citizens to take part therein, we the undersigned, for the purpose of dis-

cussing and discovering as far as possible the precise defects in the various sys-

tems which now obtain, and their remed-

ies, and to take such action as may seem wise in the premises, do hereby join in

calling a conference of persons interested

in said question to convene in the city of New York on the 14th and 15th days of

"We deem it desirable that the confor-

ence be made up of men from all parts

Among the signers of the call are

Mayor William L. Strong, ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, ex-Minister to Turkey

Oscar L. Straus, President of the Boa-

of Trade Darwin S, James, Charles E, Milholland, ex-City Chamberiain Will-lam Ivans, Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott, Charles Schurz, Gustav Schwab, Henry Randall Waite, president American Institute of Civics; B. F. Gilkeson, secre-tary League, American Municipalities:

tary League American Municipalities George K. McAbany, secretary National Civil Service league: State Senator F. D Pavey, Mayor Edgar L. Jewett, Buffalo

Lyman J. Gage, secretary United States treasury; Melville E. Stone, Oliver Mc Clintosh, Pittsburg; M. M. Garland, pres-

ident Amalgamated Association of Irot and Steel Workers; William R. Thomp

son, Pittsburg, and many other wel

QUIET AT PORT AU PRINCE.

Marbichead Will Remain a Few Days

to Look After American Interests.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary Long slay received a cable dispatch from aptain McCalla, the commander of the

uiser Marbichead, now at Port-au-

of the extertion of the indemnity in the Lueders case by the German warships, and says that all is now quiet, at Portsur-

Prince. The Marblehead will remain a few days, however, to insure protection

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 13.—In the middle tates and New England, today, fair to

sartly cloudy weather will prevail, with

owed by slowly rising temperature and n this section by increasing cloudiness

fresh and light westerly and shifting to easterly winds and nearly stationary foi-

On Tuesday, in both of these sections

cloudy to partly cloudy weather will pro-vail till the afternoon with slight tem-

erature changes, fresh to brisk variable

becoming westerly, prece

rain or snow, and high winds on the

east, and fellowed by clearing and cold

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

O. S. of A.

of American interests.

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January, 1898.

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FEDERATION.

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of the senate.

Bishop McFaul Delivers His Decision as Arbitrator for Bodies.

OF ORGANIZATION NAME

Will Be Known as Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Old Constitution Will Be in Force .- Question of Irish Descent. Qualifications for Membership Are the Same as Those in the Old Organizations .- Full Text of the Opinion Written by Bishop James A. McFaul, of Trenton, N. J .-- A Bond of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity Shall Exist Between the American and European Bodies.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 12 .- The long. expected decision of the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, arbiter between the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States of America, affiliated with the Board of Erin, was made public last

night. The opinion of the bishop is intended to set aside forever all the differences existing in the organizations since the split of 1884. The trouble which began at that time came about through the rather rigid rules of the Board of Erin in demanding that no person should be eligible to memberin their association that was not born of Irish parents and required a direct both on the father's and

mother's side. There was no such provision with the A. O. H. They were willing that any one should become a member of their organization whose mother or father was Irish, a descendant of an Irishman, and only required that one parent be a son or daughter of old

At the last national convention of the two bodies, held a year ago, neither faction could offer a suggestion looking toward a settlement of the differnces that would meet with the approval of the other side, so the car was left to Bishop McFaul to arbitrate.

His decision leaves all divisions of either the Board of Erin or the American branch faction to remain undisturbed as organized units of consolidated Hibernians. County, state and national organizations shall be superseded by single boards respectively, Each organization shall have equal representation on boards. The opinion in full follows:

THE BISHOP'S OPINION.

Messrs, P. J. O'Connor, national president; John C. Weadock, national vicepresident; Maurice F. Wilhere, national director; John P. Murphy, national director; James O'Sullivan, national secre-tary; Rev. William F. McLaughlin, a committee representing "The Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, and Rev. E. S. Phillips, national delegate; E. R. Hayes, national secretary; John P. Quinhayes, national secretary, John F. Quin-nan, Joseph McLoughlin, Myles F. Mc-Partland, James H. Murphy, a commit-tee representing "The Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States of Amer-ica," in affiliation with the board of Erin; Gentlemen:

In virtue of powers delegated to you by the organizations which you repre-sent, you entered into the following agreement at Atlantic City, N. J., on the 3d day of August, 1857;

the 3d day of August, 1857:

"Whereas, There is an almost unanimous desire among the members of the above named organizations for the uniffication of both bodies, and believing that the interests of our race and religion can be best subserved by such a union, and also believing between our respective organizations is by arbitration; now, therefore, the said ecommittees hereby murally covenant and agree, each committee with each other, and each organization, through its committee, with the other organization, that they will be and after hereby directed, governed and bound by the following articles:

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"First-That all questions in dispand between the two bodies be referred to an arbitrator, to be chosen from the hierarchy of the United States, said arbit to be Irish, either by birth or descent, giving, granting and delegating to limit full, final and exclusive jurisdiction, and also indickal power to investigate and reconcile existing differences, constitutional and otherwise. He shall fix the time of the hearing at the carliest possible moment, and have full and discretions ary power to determine the order, manner and extent of the presentation of the case of both former bodies, to summon before him such officers and members, and to order the production of such decuments as he may deem expedient to the end that he make an equitable adjustment of all differences, and formulate a plan of union which will be landing, honorable and for the best interests of the order, and for this purpose we delegate him all power and authority which we may have in the premises.

"Second—That each organization shall continue to manage its own affairs as at present, until the arbiter shall have finished his work and announced his decision, which decision shall be binding upon all officers and members of both former orders, anything in the constinution, have and customs of either former order to the contrary netwithstanding; and that we hereby pledge our official honor and the and rain or srow in the western and lake districts, and possibly by rain and rising winds on the seabcard by evening.

contrary notwithstanding; and that wa hereby piedge our official honor and the honor of the organizations we respectively by represent to a faithful and strict obed-ience to the decision of the arbiter."

BISHOP M'FAUL CHOSEN.

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In pursuance of this agreement you came to my residence in Trenton the next day and requested me to act as orbitrator. I cheerfully consented, with the understanding that my consists a with the understanding that my powers extended not only to the devising of a plan for uniting the two bodies, but to such an union as would clearly manifest your fillal obedience to the teachings of Holy Mother church, and your earnest desirs to be known as exemplary Carbolics. Catholies.

I have employed every available means for thoroughly informing myself of the principles and aims of the organizations, the difficulties which have arisen and their causes, and, after weighing, I be-lieve justly and impartially the evidence

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