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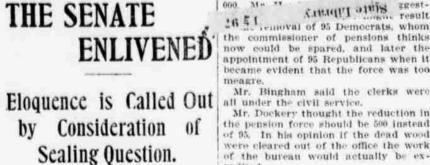


TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1897.

SPAIN'S HOPELESS CAUSE.

TWO CENTS



NO RELIEF FOR KLONDIKE

Mr. McBride's Resolution is Side-tracked.

Mr. Pettigrew Shows an Inclination to Make the British Liou's Tail Look Like a Corkscrew--In the House the Bill to Reduce the Force in the Pension Bureau and Throw Ninety-six Clerks Out of Employment is Considered.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Proceedings of the senate were enlivened today by an interesting debate upon the DER. presented by the foreign relations committee providing for the prohibition of pelogic sealing by Americans. The provisions of the measure were explained ny Mr. Davis, chairman of the come tween the beginning and close of the mittee, who said that it was in aid of negotiations now pending among the representatives of the United States Great Britain, Russia and Japan. Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) sharply antagonized the measure, saying that this courtry had already suffered more than enough humiliation on account of the real business and that he favored the petilement of the question by killing all the seals as they appeared at the rookerics of the Pribyloff islands, if by the first of June next Great Britain had also agreed to a prohibition of pelagic sealing. He offered an amendment to that effect but it was defeated. The bill was passed by a vote of 27 to 14.

Mr. McBride, of Oregon, endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution. directing the secretary of war to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and appropriating \$250,000 for that purpose, but the bill was recommitted. The session closed the government out of the banking with a spirited civil service delute business. upon the bill presented by the census committee providing for the appoint-ment of a director of the cynsus and the south needing currency for their thirty-two employes who should form the skeleton of an office force for the alone was insufficient for any prosper- a bleycle, and after spending some twelfth census. Mr. Lodge, of Massa- lous country, and that the provision in time there wheeled his way to Kanchusetts, made an extended meech this country for paper money were war dvocating the application of the civil measures now entirely inefficient. He Warner is due to his misplaced confi-

now could be spared, and later the appointment of 95 Republicans when it became evident that the force was too A Stampede from the Dyea to the New meagre Mr. Bingham said the clerks were Mr. Dockery thought the reduction in RICH the pension force should be 500 instead of 95. In his opinion if the dead wood were cleared out of the office the work of the bureau would actually be expedited. Mr. Todd (Dem., Mich.,) moved an

Anaqui amis great-

amendment to the amendment provid-ing that the reductions should be made from the several political parties in proportion to their representation or the pension office force. The amendment was ruled out on a point of order, and the original amendment was adopted

NATIONAS ENCAMPMENT,

General Gobin and G. A. R. Conneil Making Arrangements for 1898,

Cincinnati, Dec. 15 .-- Commander-inthef of the Grand Army of the Republic, Grand Encamoment, General J. P. S. Gobin, with the council of administration, arrived today. The pur-pose of the visit is to fix the time for he national encampment of 1898 to be held at Cincinnati

The local committee has recommended the last days of August and the first of September, but there is some opposition to that date, because it clashes with the Knights of Pythias, hose national meeting is held at Indianapolis, and also on the ground that soldiers' pensions are not due until just after the time indicated.

The evening session was business with a brief banquet sandwiched beanal routes.

by General Gobie, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, and Quartermaster General Charles Burrows, of New Jersey.

CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHERN BANKERS

They Seek a Currency With Elasticity Sufficient to Meet Automatically the Demands of Trade.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15 .- The Southern Bankers' convention met here today on call of the Clearing House association to consider currency reform and recommend measures which will give an elestic currency, and to take

Hon. Hoke Smith in his address of He urged that coin development.

IN THE KLONDIKE Placer Mines.

DIGGINGS ON THE YUKON Miners from Dyea 'Are Flocking to the New Finds in Large Numbers. Recent Discoveries Ninety-Six Miles Above Dyen Have Caused Much Excitement.

NEW GOLD FIELDS

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15 .---Charles G. Warren, of this pisce, a returning passenger on the steamship Alki, reports the discovery of rich placer diggings near Dyca. He says

there has been a stampede from Dyea to the placers, which are ninety-six miles above the town, and that the disoveries caused great excitement there. Nows was also beaught of a late discovery on Deadwood Creek, seven miles from Dawson City, on the opposite side

of the Yukon. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15 .- The following telegram has been sent to the Dominion gavernment by the British Columbia board of trade.

Whereas, The chambers of commerce of Sair Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Souttle have combined to force their povernment to close Dyea as a sub-port of

ment be asked to make representations at Washington protesting against such closing of Dyea, and in the event that the negotiations prove unsuccessful, the board of trade strongly urges upon the

muse to Tagish Lake and prevent the importation of goods or outfits via Lynn At the banquet speeches were made The survey of Hoctalingua river has

been completed by St. Cyr. the government engineer, who reports that it is navigable its whole length from Teslin Lake to Louis river. J. D. Wells, mining recorder for Om-

ineca, reports a rich strike on Tom creek, Omineca district. It is reported at Belal Bella that a small ten-ton sloop which left Puget Sound a short time ago bound for the Copper river,

has been lost at Dixon's entrance. ALBERT WARNER CAPTURED.

He is Wanted for Complicity in the Kidnapping of Johnny Conway.

Riley, Kas., Dec. 15 .- Albert S. War ner, the Albany, N. Y., lawyer, wanted for complicity in the kidnapping of Johony Conway last August, was arrested on a farm near here after a four months' chase. He broke down and admitted his identity. He said his first hiding place had been Jersey City; then he rode to Philadelphia on sas. It is said that the capture of

Information from Hayana Which May Lead to Intervention. Washington, Dec. 15 .- The Star says that a man of sufficient importance to **Resolution Favoring the Establishment** ave been in the cabinet of President McKinley, had he so desired, is in re-ceipt of an important letter from an of Postal Savings Banks. eminent American in Havana on the subject of the promises made by the PROVCKES A LIVELY

THE NATIONAL

Washington, Dec. 15 .- A resolution in-

Spanish cabinet to the people of Cuba. The writer says, in the most positive language, that there is no longer anything like a campaign against the insurgents, and that the Spaniards are hoping to end the rebellion by the extryagant and alluring promises they garding Railroads--Other Business have scattered broadcast. The letter of Greater or Less Importance. says that on all sides in Havana these promises are regarded as empty, and

therefore, accomplishing nothing, are. It is declared that autonomy is an impossibility, and that nobody will be deceived by it.

The startling statement is made in the letter that Spain has neither the money nor the food supplies to relieve the starvation among the reconcentrados, and it is pointed out that of nearly 40,000 Spanish soldiers in the hospitals of Cuba about one-half are there from venkness and exhaustion, the result of carcity of food. The writer says it is impossible to feed starving Cubans when the soldiers themselves cannot be fed.

The State department has been posted as to all these facts, and has the authority from whence they came. It is declared that this authority is such that President McKinley will soon have to recognize it as better than the prom-

One of the Guests Brings Out a Revolver and Five Persons Are Fa-

Jeffersonville, Ga., Dec. 15 -- The cititomorro tens of this place were startled last hight by a fusilade of pistol shots at he residence of R. L. Califfe, where a house party was in progress. The. tion imposing a tax upon and regulatacreaming of women aroused the town ing the manufacture and sale of mixed and the whole population gathered about the scene of the shooting, when t was discovered that three men were lying dead on the parlor floor and a

gist of the resolutions adopted was an oman and girl fatally shet. endorsement of the single gold stand-The parlor was a scene of gaiety, ard, the gradual retirement of United oung folks dancing and singing al-States notes, the enlargement of the ternately, and amusement was at its national bank circulation with a gradual reduction in the tax on the same, eight when Shaw Griffin, a young man and finally the establishment of nationinder the influence of liquor, became too offensive in his manner toward the al banks with a capital of \$25,000 or young ladles. Mr. Calific remonstrater in towns of over 2,000 population. ed with him and advised him to go A motion to locate permanent headquarters for the national board of home. This enraged Griffin and he drew a pistol and began to rave and trade in Washington met with general make threats against his host. Califfe approval but was referred to a special ommittee for final action. knowing Griffin to be a dangerous man The committee in charge of the curpropared himself and ordered the of-

fender to leave the house. This prerency resolutions and the bankruptcy bill called on Speaker Reed tonight to cipitated a fight. Seven shots were exchanged, both principals dropped present the two measures with the enorsement of the board, and learn if lead, and Clarence Jones, a young

neeting

campaign by an open rush upon it. The tired soldiers stood firm, and a withering, independent fire swept the **BOARD OF TRADE** advancing tribesmen, who charged almost to the bayonet's point. The Afridis, decimated, wavered, and then retreated to cover, from which they continued a harrassing fusilade until dark The action commenced again with the rising of the moon. In spite of the vigilance of the scouts, some of the DEBATE enemy got between the flanking bodies and the main column and kept up an unceasing fire, during which the Jema-The Question of Artificial Irrigation dar who was leading General Westis Also Brought Up--Philadelphia macott's horse was killed. The British troops behaved splendid-Grocers Present a Resolution Re-

ly and inflicted the most severe punishment upon the enemy which the latter has yet sustained, quite 400 men falling

DANGERS AT HAVANA.

Tribune. 10

troduced by the Chicago board of trade favoring the establishment of postal An Infernal Machine is Discovered avings banks, created lively debate at at the U. S. Consulate. today's session of the national board Havana, Dac. 15 .- A small box, apof trade. It was finally referred to a parently made to contain samples of

mulitee to report at the next meetome description, was found this morning at the Casa Nueva, where the The question of artificial irrigation Unit d States consulate is situated as brought up by the Pittsburg cham-An examination of the box showed it her of commerce, which recommended to contain a tube filled with an ex-plosive substance. Fortunately, the that congress enact laws to place the supervision of all irrigation enterpriscover was not removed in the ordinary es in the hands of the United States way, but was splintered open. Underauthorities where such work is underneath the cover was a piece of sand taken upon waterways affecting interpaper, intended to light a box o state navigation. An address in admatches and thus bring about an exvocacy of this resolution was made plosion. Mr. Andrews, of Pittsburg, The

On Nov. 24 last a tube said to concolution was adopted and a commitain dynamite was found on the premtoe was appointed to have charge of ses of the United States consulate at the matter and report at the next Havana by a man who was subse-quently arrested by the watchman of

The Philadelphia Grocers and Imporconsulate; but the affair was ters' exchange presented a resolution classsed as a poke and the man ar-rested was believed to have been the o the effect that in all cases whether railway lines, telegraph lines, tele individual who placed the tube where phone companies, or great commercial was found. In order to guard trusts or combinations affecting all the against any possible attempt hostile states the congress of the United States to the consulate or its inmates, the shall control them and hold them in Spanish officials took precautions to due subjection to the laws of justice protect the building and the consul and equity. The resolution was refergeneral. red to a special committee to report

PROTEST AGAINST A resolution which elicited much discussion was that offered by the Chicago board of trade favoring legisla

American Federation of Labor Obflour. It was referred to a committee The afternoon session was chiefly devoted to currency discussion. The ter-State Commerce Commissioner.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15 .- The Amercan Federation of Labor today reerred to a committee a resolution protesting against the appointment of Edward M. Paxson, as an interstate commerce commissioner. It says, in part:

E. M. Paxson has shown b Wheras. his conduct in resigning the office of chief f Pennsylvania by telegraph for the purose of accepting an appointment as reover of the Philadelphia and Reading ailroad, and assisting in wrecking that ampony, and

Whereas, E. M. Paxson has always hown an intense hatred for organized laor and has on every occasion when opportunity presented itself used his official the fast accumulating wheat is for deation to injure the interests of way livery on the December deal, and how irners as instanced by his action in de-cending from the Supreme court bench or the purpose of acting as a commit ting magistrate in the case of the Home-stead strike, in order to throw the weight line of financial legislation, but intitmaed that there would be no more chance for the bankruptcy bill after f his judicial position in the balance gainst the wage-carners who are strugling for living wages; therefore. The committee in charge of the pol-Resolved. That the executive council be astructed to enter a protest against his ng bill was in session at a late hour but such decided differences had depointment as interstate commerce comveloped that there was little hope of an issioner. agreement on cliber side of the ques-

The Big Operations of Messrs. Armour and Leiter.

WHEAT DEALS

CLIMAX IN

LAST CARGOES ARRIVING

Chicago Now in Control of the Situation.

> Enormous Receipts from the Northwest -- In Armour's Control to Meet Contracts and Sell on the Bull Market Leiter Has Made -- The World's Scarcity of Wheat May Carry the Present Level of Prices Along to the Month of May.

Chicago, Dec. 15 .- Navigation is now losed and the last cargoes of Duluth wheat are about arriving here, making a movement from that point of some 3,645,000 bushels in a little over seven weeks. In the last two days the local stock of wheat has been increased to the enormius extent of 1,-350,000 bushels and more is coming vy rail. Armour has succeeded in gathering together a stock of wheat which puts Chicago in control of the cash situation for the rest of the season, i. ., the home demand and foreign needs, EDWARD M. PAXSON for about all the levator interests in the Northwest is being garnered in here for about all the wheat not in the to the probable amount of nearly ten million bushels, whereas a short time jects to His Appointment as an In- ago it looked as if it would be impossible to get any stock concentrated ere, owing to the exigencies of sup-

ply and demand. The question of the December dealng has been the means of effecting \ this accumulation, and wheat ordinarily held for milling purposes is now cing stored away here; so that it yould seem that unless crop conditions at home keep as good as now, or those abroad improve, conditions in ustice of the Supreme court of the state May are likely to be found as tight as now, There are, of course, unforeseen possibilities, but, in view of the efforts now made to get all this wheat here, easing the price of December likely to boomerang on the price of May

The question now is. How much of

Resolved. That the dominion govern- ises of Spain. SOCIETY EVENTS IN GEORGIA lominion government to close the custom

With the Host.

tally Shot During His Encounter

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service law to the census office em- advocated the retirement of grownback rioyment.

The bill directing the secretary of the navy to consider the subject of a sta- trol. He urged that the percentage of tue of Admiral Porter in Washington | charge on the issue should increase as was passed.

During the discussion, of the seal question. Mr. Pettigrew said: "I am ticity sufficient to meet automatically tired of waiting upon England in this as in other matters. It is humiliating that we should be compelled to do so. not only in the fur seal but in Cuban and financial questions, hesitation to declare our independence because of England's possible opposition. The only interest England has in protect ing the Spanish interest in Cuba is that implied in the fact that Lombard street holds the Spanish bonds. This being the case, we can do nothing for suffering Cuba unless Great Britain is willing. So it is in financial matters and thus it happens that we must send a commission to fawn at the feet of the hook-nosed Jews of London to ascertain whether they are willing that we should do thus and so in the matter of our finances."

CLERICAL REDUCTION BILL.

The house spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executiv and judicial appropriation bill. Eightynine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered, and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduces the clerical force at the pension office 95, involving a reduction in salaries of

The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today, and the proposition of Asdstant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip to retire clerks for age was McKinley's message to congress which made the text for donunciations by is considered insulting to the Spanish Mr. Moody, of Massachusetts, and Mr. acmy. It is added that a certain mar-Johnson, of Indiana, both of whom shal was asked to co-operate but he are defenders of the civil service law. merely replied that he would consider

Mr. DeArmond (Dem., Mo.), under the matter. General Weyler answered the latitude allowed in debate on appropriation bills, made an impassioned the first place to learn the diation of speech reproaching the majority for certain personages, the law not allownot voting upon the Cuban belligerency resolution passed by the senate at the last session. His remarks were given added importance in view of the jumors of a manifesto to the country action of the Democratic caucus last night declaring for an aggressive sup- aration.

port of the recognition of Cuban bel ligerency. He declared that he could not be mistaken in his belief that the American people, without distinction of party sympathized with the Cuban cause. The war on the island had been characterized on the one hand by heroism devoted to the cause of freedom and independence, and on the other by all the cruelty and devastation of the darkest ages of the world. He inveighed against the selfish agencies at the impression was an incorrect one work to prevent action by this government and asserted that every hour's

delay of our recognition of Cuban helligerency lent aid to the oppressor and placed us in the attitude of doing what pected that Senator Wolcott will explain Hgerency lent aid to the oppressor and ve could to stiffe freedom within sight of our own shores. The triumph of tyranny in Cuba, he said, would prova menace to liberty the world over, and in conclusion, amid a sound of Democratic applause, he appealed to the majority to give the house an opportunity of voting on that resolution.

AN AMENDMENT.

When the paragraph of the civil service bill relating to the pension office was reached, Mr. Bingham offered the amendment of which he gave notice at the opening of the debate, to reduce in a short distance of the scene of the fire were four pointering of the scene of

dence in an Albany woman with whom he kept up a correspondence. This woand treasury notes and the substitution of banks of issue under federal con- man imparted her knowledge of Warner's whereabouts to a man who promised to share with her whatever might the percentage on issue increased, be realized from the information. The man early in November offered to sell thereby making a currency with elasthe information to a newspaper for \$1,000, and the proposition was acceptthe needs of trade. He insited that the ed. The police, however, deny this government regulations should apply as well to state as national banks. story. William D. Wadsworth, editor of the

first lien upon their resources and the

double liability of stockholders under

mation in banking and currency.

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generals have come to an agreement

a similar request saying he desired in

Aged Widow Mordered.

irators purpose was robbery. There is no clue. Mrs. Gunn was supposed to be rich, but from indications in the house

Senator Wolcott Will Explain.

their work and there is much interest

manifest among senators as to what he

may say.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- In response

petition to the minister for war.

o engineer a protest against President

rency

Young Conway was abducted on Aug. 16. He was held for \$3,000 ran-New York Journal of Commerce, consom. The gang with which Warner demned the national banking system as operated is said to have planned the inelastic and unsuited to the needs of the country, and declared the greenabduction of a child of John D. Rockebacks a curse which vitiates the sysfeller's household, as well as a number of iren of wealthy parents in tem. He favored authorizing state and various parts of the state. national banks to issue bills to 75 per cent, of their capital, secured by

CRACKER TRUST HAS COME. Three Large Biscuit Companies

federal supervision and redeemable at such centers as will make them pass Consolidate. all over the country. He declared the New York, Dec. 15 .- The consolidation country needed a safe and elestic curof three biscult and cracker companand this could be supplied les, the result of the successful atthrough the issues of such banks. Restempt of the American Biscult comolutions were adopted sugesting reforpany to cut into the New York business of the New York Biscuit company,

has been effected. An official of the SPANISH GENERALS PROTEST. New York Biscuit company admitted it today, and his words were corrobor-They Consider President Mckinley ated by an official of the American company. The other company inter-Message Insulting to the Army. ested is the United States Baking com-Piarritz, France, Dec. 15 .- Mail ad

pany, whose headquarters are in St. Louis. The new organization is to be known, probably, as the United States Biscult and Baking company. The capital, it is said, is to be \$30,000,000. The last details necessary to complete the organization are to be ranged at a meeting to be held in Chicago in a few weeks.

WIFE BEATER IN JAIL.

Rev. David T. Howell Sentenced to Five Days' Imprisonment.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- Rev. Daing military men to soud a collective id T. Howell, of the Protestant Episopal church, was yesterday sentenced Political circles are much excited at to five days in the county jail for wifebeating. He took the imprisonment in which is said to be in course of preplieu of paying a fine of \$5, but after he had been in jail a few hours one of his friends paid his fine and persuaded him to leave the jail instead of serving Trenton, N. J., Dec. 15-Elimbeth Gunn widow, aged 75 years, was found murout his five days' sentence.

Papers have been served on Mrs. Jencred at her home on the outskirts of the city, early this evening. She was found lying on the floor with a towel tiel nie L. Crein in a suit by Mrs. Howell for \$50,000 damages for allenating her around her mouth. Death was caused by suffocation. The house had been ran-sacked and the theory is that the perpehusband's affections,

COLLEGE GRADUATE A THIEF.

Oldham, From Trinity, Dublin, Arrested at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 15 .- A man who gave his name as James Noland when arrested by the police several days ago for the burgiary of several West End to the senate and the country his recent mission to Europe as the head of the bihouses turns out to be James Oldham. a graduate of Trinity college. Dublin. metallie commission. Mr. Wolcott and He acknowledged his identity and his colleagues have studiously refrained from a public discussion of the details of confessed that he robbed the homes of

a number of millionaires. Oldham came recently from Boston.

Unanimous Election.

Carbone Convicted. New York, Dec. 15.—According to pass-engers who arrived here today from sunta Martha there was a certain amount New York, Dec. 15.-In the Supreme ouri today Angelo Carbone was concourt today Angelo Carbone was con-victed of murder in the first degree. On of truth in the statements that President Caro had been re-elected unanimously. September 12 Carbone stabbed to death Natle Brogno within 200 feet of the Tombs. There were four policemen with-They say that the polls were surrounded by government troops who permitted only Caro's supporters to vote, while supporters of Senor Reys, his Liberal opponent. reduction of salaries aggregating \$115.- | convicted on cl. sumstantial evidence only. | were thrown into jail.

man, was also instantly killed. The possible what their chance would be three men dropped within a radius of a efore the house. Mr. Reed did no hold out much encouragement in the few feet.

As soon as the first shef rang out the young ladies began to flee for their . lives and before the room was cleared the holiday recess. two of them were fatally wounded. Califfe fired three shots, all three tak-ing effect, one striking Griffin in the right temple and two in the breast.

Griffin fired four times, one shot entering Califfe's breast, killing him instantly, another striking Clarence Jones in the ear. Mrs. Califfe was shot board tomorrow. n the abdomen, and her seven-yearold daughter in the neck.

When the fighting commenced the people fled, many of them getting into buggies and driving away.

DURRANT SENTENCED.

The Murderer of Blanche Lamont is Still Cool.

San Francisco, Dec. 15 .- Theodore Durrant was today sentenced to be hanged on January 7 next, for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

Durrant's attorneys made a desperter eulogized General Robert E. Lee placing him in the same category with ate effort to secure a further delay and pave the way for another appeal to the supreme court, but Judge Bahrs vas inexorible and overruled each and all objections to the proceedings. Durrant carried himself with his customary coolness. This is the fourth time Durrant has been sentenced.

BAD MEN CAPTURED.

Ed Smith and William Merry Hagged in Kentucky.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 15 .- Ed Smith and William Merry, alias Ed and Bill Roach, the latter wanted in Chicago for wife murder, and the former for complicity, were arrested near Eddy-ville, Lyon county, today,

Merry will not talk. Smith confessed that he was in Chicago, and is wanted for complicity in the killing of Merry' wife, and that his companion was Wilham Merry. He would not admit that either he or Merry killed the woman.

Bankrupter Bill Agreed Upon.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The house jud standing upon the leading Irish quesciary committee agreed on a bankruptey bill today and it will be reported to the tions before the reassembling of parliause this week as early as possible ment, and suggested a conference with Chairman Henderson was authorized to report the serate bill, known as the Nelthe Irish members on the subject. son bill, to the house, with all after the enacting cause stricken out, and the Henderson bill as agreed on inserted as an amendment or substitute.

Engineering Dispute.

London, Dec. 15 .- The prospect of the agineering dispute is more hopeful today. is understood that the combined committee of masters and men have arrived at an agreement as to the three leading unless they are pledged to home rule." points in dispute, freedom of employment piece work and overtime. When the reainder of the points have been settled the committee will report to the conference for approval.

ng his visit to Washington say that Mr. Croker is taling no special interest in political questions of a national character, and that his visit had no significance in that direction.

Senator linnan Has Recovered. New York, Dec. 15 .- Senator Hanna left this city for Washington today. He said that he had fully recovered from his recont illness.

P. J. McGuire moved that the presition, and a majority and minority reient of the federation be instructed to port may be submitted to the full telegraph the presidents of the organ izations a most solemn protest against

the rumored appointment of Paxson DENOUNCED PRESIDENT ANDREWS. This motion was enthusiastically supported by many speakers and was car-

Rhode Island G. A. R. Men Object ried unanimously. The Paxson resolution will be re-His Eulogy of Gen. Lee.

orted tomorrow. Pawtucket, R. L. Dec. 15 .- Members Various addresses were delivered of the staff of the State G. A. R. de during the session on the eight hour pariment commander made a bitter atand convict labor laws. Several deletack on President Andrews, of Brown gates spoke on the textile workers' university, at a meeting of Tower post strike, that is imminent throughout The cause of the attack was a rethe country, advising immediate and cent address delivered by President definite action. Andrews in Chicago, in which the lat-

ASSAULTED AND MURDERED.

the great military captains of ancient San Francisco, Dec. 15 .- A horrible mur San Francisco, bec. is a formal nor-der was perpetrated here at dusk this evening. The victim is supposed to is Mrs. Mary C. Clute, a wealthy resident of Watsonville, Cal. She had just rented a flat from a Miss Blanchard and the and modern times. He compared Lee with Grant, Sheridan, Hooker, Burnside and other of the Union generals. Much of President Andrews' speech has been printed here, and it has tobse of carpet laying was heard by the copie in the lower flat. All at once the raised a storm. The scene at the meeting of Tower post was the first tacking ceased and all was quiet, then terrible screams were heard. The occu-pants of the lower flat became alarmed public outburst, but doubtless more will follow, as the G. A. R. veterans are angry over the matter. The speaknd started to investigate. The dead was found, the position indicating ers did not mince words, and one of vboi them, Dr. Peck, the medical inspector, that the woman had been assaulted. police are searching for Miss Blanchard and also for a clue to the carpet layer. said he believed that Dr. Andrews was

Caucus of Populists.

ight to outline their policies on pending mestions. They will probably oppose the atirement of the greenbacks, the extenof further privileges to national banks, the annexation of Hawaii and favor the recognition of Cuban independcan of the Irish Nationalist party, addressing the meeting of the National nce and the repeat of the civil service Federation here today, said he agreed with Mr. John Redmond, the Parnell-1.W.S.

Cabinet Meeting Called.

ite leader, that all sections of the Nationalists should arrive at an under-Washington, Dec. 15 .- The president has alled a cabinet meeting for 10 o'clock omorrow morring to dispose of an ac-umulation of business. No calefrs will received in order that the meeting ma roceed expeditiously.

Fair: Northwesterly Winds.

General-National Board of Trade De-

Big Wheat Operations in Chicago

Local-Court Proceedings. Statement by the Evangelical Alli

Serious Scheme to Defraud Uncle Zam.

Local-Depositions in Aid of Van

Horn's Argument fon a New Trial.

Local-Alleged Forger Sent to Jail. Firemen After Insurance Money.

Local-West Side and Suburban

9 Lackawanna County Happenings.

19 Neighboring County News.

The Markets.

State-Forger Beatty's Career.

Comment of the Press.

Fire Casualties in Philadelphia

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Editorial.

Referring to the fact that the platform adopted on December 7 at the an-THE NEWS THIS MORNING. nual meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Derby contained no men tion of home rule, Mr. Dillon said: "If that programme is authorized no alli-Weather Indications Today: ance between Irishmen and Liberals is possible, and no Irish votes will hence forth he given to Liberal candidates

Congressional Doings. New Gold Fields in Alaska. FIGHTING IN BARA VALLEY.

March of Gen. Wesmacott's Men is Accompanied by Deeperate Battles.

Simla, Dec. 15 .- The march of Gen eral Wesmacott's brigade down the Bara Valley was accompanied by the most desperate fighting since Dargal Ridge. The enemy for the first time in the whole campaign exposed themselves in their efforts to cut off the rear guard and poured in a constant Lee-Metford and Martin-Henry rifle fire, in replying to which the British troops exhausted their ammunition. While the rear guard was worn out by constant attacks and a difficult position, the enemy made the coup of the

great is that deal? On this depends the likelihood of a soaring market toward the end of the month, and how much of it in the mean time will be used to ease off the December price from time to time, as happened last Saturday, The general opinion seems to be that

the Leiter bull crowd will take the bes opportunities to make a profit that the narket may afford, accept actual delivery of part of the wheat they have bought, and carry some of it into January and perhaps into May

WEATHER FAVORABLE.

Weather conditions-the mildnesshave, of course, helped much in making possible the great lake delivery of wheat of the last ten days or so. Very little contract wheat is now left in Duluth. The most of the wheat to ome now will be from Minneapolis by rall, and the opinion from that point is that the demand has been so great that the mills will later have to get in wheat from other states.

W. T. Baker, president of the board of trade, says of the situation: "Cash wheat is at a premium over future de ivery here and in all parts of the world, secause more of it has been sold than can be delivered. Wheat is scarce all over the world. Not enough was grown last year to supply the demand. America now has the opportunity to make its own price for wheal."

"In the past unlimited quantities of wheat have been sold on the market and resold with no demand for its delivery. Now, however, the wheat is wanted so badly by consumers that contracts calling for delivery can stand for no "wind" wheat. We shall probably see the same tight conditions in May wheat when May comes as we now set in December wheat.

"I think that this country already Washington. Dec. 15.-The Populists ave decided to hold a caucus tomorrow it will soon need for its own consump tion, and that the full searcity is not by any means yet appreciated.

As might be expected, conditions here are affecting all the other markets, and the interest in the situation, brought into sharp relief by the delivery, is very widespread.

AN OFFICIAL WARNING.

Spain Regards the Foreign Press as Extremely "Yellow."

Madrid, Dec. 15 .- An official note was issued tonight describing as "inventions and exaggerations intended to mislead the people," the sinister rumors as to the relations between Spain and the United States, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in the army, the attack on the American consulate in Havana, and the report that filibusters sunk the floating dock there.

It urges the people to "distrust the foreign press" and to rely on "news dtrectly emanating from Madrid and Hayana."

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 16.-in the middle states and New England, today, fair weather will prevail, with fresh northwesterly and southwesterly winds, shlitng to southerly, with etoudiness in the northern districts of this section by tonight and slightly lower temperature, ris-ing slowly west of the Blue Lidge tonight. On Friday, in both of these sections, parily cloudy weather and fresh to brisk southerly and westerly winds will prevau, with snow near the lakes and eastward, and nearly stationary followed by falling temperature and by a cold wave in the western districts of this section.

Croker Not interested.

Washington, Dec. 15.-The Tammany riends of Mr. Croker who met him dur-

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out of his mind.