TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES.

Senator Allison.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Senator Alli

on, as chairman of the senate com

mittee on appropriations, has announce

ed the sub-committees on the regula-

Petrigrew and Berry. Army-Quay, Hale, Sewell, Faulkne

Deficiency-Hale, Allison, Quay, Cock-rell and Teller.

Sewell, Cockrell and Gorman. Fortifications-Perkins, Hale, Cullom.

Murphy and Gorman. Indian—Allison, Petkins, Sewell, Cock-rell and Pettigrew.

Legislative-Cullom, Sewell, Allison, Teller and Cockrell.
Military Academy - Sewell, Perkins,
Quay, Teller and Murphy.
Navy-Hale, Quay, Perkins, Gorman

Pensions-Perkins, Cullom, Sewell, Ber-ry and Faulkner.

Postoffice—Quay. Allison, Cuilom, Petti-grew and Faulkner.

Sundry Civil-Allison, Hale, Quay, Gor-

The river and harbor bill will go to the

Steps Will Be Taken to Protect

American Citizens in the Orient.

It Might Lead to Serious Affairs.

tails of the killing of the two American

except that he was killed at Nagasaki

during the present month. He had

been on leave and was returning

aboard the ship when murdered. The

testimony gathered shows that he was

perfectly sober and some sallers on a

him being thrown from his boat, Lack-

ing a small boat, they could not suc-

boat in the harbor is obliged to regis-

PECULIAR DEATH OF A GIRL.

Speechless and Dying.

and died an hour later.

e made tomorrow.

other in Chicago.

to the latter:

wife and child.

Swift, Republican,

in a lethargic, frozen condition.

DRUG CLERK HELD UP.

Cleared Up.

up of a clerk in a drug store on Sun-

day night last in this city was cleared

up today when Samuel Mills and Frank

Powers, under arrest on suspicion of

being connected with the affair, con-

fessed that they were the two principals in the hold-up. These men stat-

ed that James Stack, the westerner,

who is under \$2.000 ball on a charge of

ing at all to do with it. Powers said

that he was passing the drug store

with Mills on Sunday night and said

'Here's our chance to make a dollar

I'll put up the gun and you go behind

The plan worked well and the men got

tol went off by accident, and he shot

himself in the leg. Mills corroborated

SUICIDE OF EPSTEIN.

Unable to Obtain Employment He

Drinks Chlorat.

istered as Edward Irving, but whose

proper name is supposed to have been

Edward J. Epstein, committed suicide

today at the Mills hotel by drinking

chloral. He was about 46 years of age.

He left an open letter to the public

and also letters addressed to George B.

Epstein, San Antonio, Cal.; Julius J.

Bach, Bound Brook, N. J., and Solomon

letter told of the futile efforts to get

Civil Service in Chicago.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.-The Hinois

Supreme court today handed down a End-ing to the effect that only the five heads

f departments in Chicago are not amen able to the civil service inw. Chief Jus-tice Philips took exceptions to this finding

but the majority of the judges on the beach favored it. The decision appar-ently nullifies a large number of official

appointments made by Mayor Carter H. Figrison when he succeeded ex-Mayor

employment and bade farewell to his

New York, Dec. 22 .- A man who reg-

each. Powers stated that his pis-

the counter and swipe the damper.

participating in the hold-up, had noth-

days later floating in the bay.

guilty parties.

as serious.

oked over the water in time to see

Montgomery, it appears, was

sion na follows:

and Teller.

man and Cockrell.

mmittee on conference.

## TWO CENTS **GERMANY WILL**

## CONDEMNING RUIZ AFFAIR

DeLome Makes Public a Letter From Congosto.

OPINION OF THE SHOOTING

Designated as a Cruel Act of Villainy.

The Press of the Island and the Public Opinion Generally Express the Sentiment Above -- He Believes That the Blood of Ruiz Will Bring Peace to Cuba.

New York, Dec. 22.-Sener Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, who is in town, gave out tonight the contents of a cablegram from Senor Jose Congosto secretary of the government in Cuba. which includes the following telegram from Senor Marcos Garcia. Autonomist governor of the province of Santa Clara to General Blanco.

The governor of Santa Clara to the governor general-not in my official capacity, but as a Cuban Autonomist, condemn with all the force of my soul the cruel act of villainy perpetrated on the defenseless and chivalrous Ligutenant Colonel Ruiz, by a body of men who call themselves Cubans, and who say they aim at the independence not the liberty of Cuba. The moment has arrived when the immense majority of Cuban people, under the new legal rule of liberty and law, protests as one man against the acts of devastation and cruelty which are an opprobrium to civilization, a scandal to the laws of society and a denial of all respect to human feelings.

The passiveness of yesterday should be changed today to unceasing activity, until, within a brief space the pacifica - n of the country recommended to the efforts of the people generally is obtained after the triumph of the Autonomist ideal as meet reparation to justice. The generous blood of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz, immolated in the cause of conciliation and peace, will hasten the moment of peace in Cuba. Senor Congosto's cable to Senor de Lome savs:

The press of the island and the that sympathize with the insurrection express the same sentiment."

Senor Marcos Garcia was a colonel under Maximo Gomez in the ten years' war. Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz was not an aide to General Blanco. He belonged to the Royal Engineers, and held a civil position as head of the Havana water works. He organized the Havana Volunteer Firemen on American principles, and at one time was at the head of the corps. He had frequently been in the United States. and had many friends there.

SFARCHING FOR FILIBUSTERS.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 22 .- Schooners leaving port last night that were unaccustomed to the summary methods adopted by Uncle Sam in intercepting filibusters were treated to a surprise. The battleship Maine's launch fired a shot as a command for them to halt. Not understanding the signal, they proceeded on their course, but another shot brought them to. They were boarded by the naval officers and thoroughly searched, but no arms or ammunition were found, and they were allowed to proceed. The Maine's officers are unusually alert, and there must be strong ground for suspicion that a filibustering expedition is being planned for the big batileship coasted along the lines several times during the night, putting all vessels under the inquisitive glare of her searchlights.

### BLANCO'S POLICY.

Explained in a Sensational Letter From a Resident of Havana.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.-The Press to morrow will publish a sensational letter written to a resident of this city by "A Distinguished Resident" of Havana, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons. The letter says, in part: You know that the policy of Gen-

eral Ellanco has niways been a combination of bribery and assassination You will not be surprised, therefore, at what is to follow. The information is given to mely a Cuban, who, owing to the Autonomist force, holds a position in the councils of the captain general

The friend tells me that Dr. Congosto, who is the machiavelli of General Planco, has several schemes in store but the most important ones, thuse that will give you a clearer insight in-to the methods of pacification that the Spaniards intend, are the following:

The first scheme is most important, Congosto has sent an emissary to New York. I do not know his name. Ite is a tall man, with full beard, Mack and a masked Spanish assent, though I am not sure of his national-He has prebably started already for New York, where he hopes to join one of the fillbustering expeditions reach the army under General Gomez. He is to find out the depots of arms and the hospitals. When an occasion presents itself he is to murder General Gomez. His recommense for all these services will be some thousands of dol-

'My trouble is to understand where they will get the money.

"The second scheme is with reference to overtures to be made to those

fighting in the field for Cuban liberty You know as well as I do the old man, Jose Roban, and you remember as well that I do, that in the former uprisings he showed himself to be a Spanlard of the Spanlards. Now, his son, Luis, is the leader commanding the insurgent brigade in Sagua. For

he now resides. Dr. Congosto knows that General Gomez has issued a proclamation ordering every leader to sethat all emissaries who may present themselves with propositions of peace that are not based on the absolute independence of the island shall be sentenced to death. He further adds that all infractions of this order shall be considered the reason. Now, Dr. Con-gosto has conceived the idea of sending the father to the son with propositions looking toward autonomy, thus placing the son in the position of either shooting his father or being himself declared a traitor. The poor old man refused, but I know not how long he may withmand the pressure that is

being brought to bear on him. "The last scheme is as follows: Dr. Congosto is endeavoring to secure the services of some prominent man in the United States. This prominent person. is to come here, and on his return to the states is to declare that autonomy is an accomplished fact, that peace is firmly established and other foolish

"As if this could alter the real state of affairs, and as if Consul General Lee was not here to tell the truth. And, by the by, I very much fear if this gentleman (Lee) does not take his departure in good time he is running the risk of being blown to pieces."

#### CRACKERS FOLLOW DOLLAR WHEAT.

Marked Advance in Prices is Annonneed by the Officials of the Biscuit Trust.

New York, Dec. 22.- The Times tomorrow will say: The largest corporations engaged in the cracker business-the American Discuit and Manufacturing company, the New York Biscuit company and the United States Biscuit company-who have been negotiating for a combina-tion for some time have annound a

general and marked advance in the prices of their products. The new price list of the American company, the New York company, and of Harris & Holmes, of this city, also large manufacturers, show an advance over the lowest prices reached during the rate war which prevailed some time ago, of as much as 30 per cent. for certain brands. The heaviest increase is in the staple goods. The advance, however, is much less pronounced in the finer grades of goods, which are of most common table use, the immediate increases in them being slight.

It was stated at Park & Tilford's today that the rise in the wholesale price of the high grade biscuits was not enough to affect materially the retail frice. In most cases it was said the retail prices would not be marked up at all and the management did not think that the average consumer would ever realize that there had been an advance. At the offices of the American Bis-

cuit company and of the New York Piscuit company the advance in prices vas admitted. T. S. Olive, manager of the New York Biscuit company, said: prices but the increase has simply been cost of production to something approximating the cost.

### WAS GRINER INSANE?

Financial Troubles, It Is Thought. Had Unbalanced Ris Mind.

Wlikes-Barre, Dec. 22.-It is now daimed that expRepresentative James R. Griner, who yesterday shot and killed his stepdaughter, Mrs. Caroline Schaeffer, is Insane. There are many who know Griner well who say that he has not been quite right mentally for many years, and that of late he has been worse than usual, his financial roubles being the assigned cause.

Stories are told of his queer actions when at all enraged, and his strange remarks about men wnom he consider-ed his enemics. This, it is said, was especially notable after his defeat for renomination. Ever since then he has been saying that certain men "did and if certain things happened they would be sorry. This sort of talk is not new among disappointed politibut Mr. Griner's remarks were chi\*fly remarkable for their lack of SOURCE.

He said in jall today: "The news-parers know my story. They know the truth of how I was harrassed and ounded by those who should be my friends. I can say nothing but what is already known. He sat down on his cot, rested his hands on his head and repeated: "Yes, they robbed me, and when it was done they would not even give me one kind word."

How about Mrs. Schaeffer? Why did you shoot her?" "I took her into my home and she

tock advantage of me. When I think of it," he mouned, "I did not see her when I shot. I was dazed and crazed. don't know what I did." He continued to weep as he spoke of the family and said: "I raised them

and this is the result. When I had typhoid fever last summer they took advantage of me and robbed me." The thoughts of his wrongs seemed to arouse his passion and he suddenly turned and said: "I am not the murdever. Their attorney is the murderer He assisted them to harrass me, and

Death in a linth Room.

New York, Dec. 22.-Mrs. Frederick Sharp was found dead in the bath room of her home today with a piece of rubber tubing, through which, it was supposed she inhaled gas in her mouth, it was at arst thought she had committed suicide but later the police entertained a theory of murder as the woman's nose was found to be broken and her eyes were discotorest.

Killed by Dynamite.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Burt Scrafford, of West Berne, Albany county, and Charles Clifford, a woodsman, were blown to fragments by an explosion of 2 pounds of dynamite today. They were employed in the construction of a branch railroad at Clearwater, five miles above Old Forge. and were warming the dynamite before a fire when it exploded.

Earthquakes in Constantinople. Constantinople, Dec. 22.-A number of earthquakes, increasing in intensity, hav-

occurred today around Smyrna, Asia Minor, Already considerable damage han been done, some have been killed and many injured.

World's Record Broken. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 22.-Walter C. Sanger this afternoon broke his own crime the father was expatriated world's record for half a mile unpaced, and sent from Sagua to Havana, where I riding the distance in one minute flat.

#### SECRETARY GAGE New Appointments Announced by WANTS ARGUMENT

He Replies to the Denunciatory Resolutions

A LETTER TO PRESIDENT GOMPERS.

The Secretary Believes That the Federation of Labor Has Been Unjust in Denouncing His Financial Theories--1s Willing to Abandon Them

Diplomatic and Consular-Hale, Perkina, Cullom, Faulkner and Murphy,
District of Columbia-Allison, Cuilom, ries -- Is Willing to Abandon Them if the kederation Can Show That They Are Not Salutary to the Great Economic Body.

Washington, Dec. 22. - Secretary Gage has written the following letter to President Gombers, of the Federation of Labor:

I have read with care the resolutions adopted the geth inst. at Nashville by the convention of the Federation of Labor, which recite as follows:

Resolved, That we declare ourselves most positively opposed to the Gage financial bill recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury, it is a measure that, if adopted as a law, will only the more firmly
rivet the gold standard on the people
of the country and perpetuate its disagtions effects in every form.
Resolved, That we pronounce the

dage bill an undisguised effort to retire our greenback currency and all government paper money, with a view to the substitution of national bank notes in their stead and thus fasten the national bank system upon the

American people. Now, if it be true that the gold standard by which things have been measured as to price for the last sixty years in this country—is inimical to the interests of the laboring classe of the United States, I think it is inimical to nil chasses, in other words, I do not believe that the exploitation of one class by another, either through faise weights, partial laws or a bad monetary system, can be made to work for the permanent benefit of the exploiting class itself, or for the general weal, even were it defensible on any ground of right or justice, which it is not. Granted, therefore, that the permanence of the gold standard (for which a argue) operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded, and I am justly charged, either with ignorance which constitutes me a foolish adviser, or with a perversity of motive which makes me an evil advisor.

I have a right to disayow the charge of perversity or evil purpose, since there is nothing in my whole life as related to my fellow men, and in word or deed, by which the possession by me of such characteristics can be inferred, much less demon

A POSSIBLE VICTIM.

But ignorance often unconsciously works as deep injury as evil intent might do and to this sin of ignorance (if it be a sin) I must confess myself to be a pos-sible victim. This confession, however, ought not to classify me as separate from tion officials do not regard the matter my fellow men generally whether they onsidered as individual units or congregated in groups. Ignorance is relative, not an absolute, term, since few from figures that were away below the are totally ignorant, and none is absolutely wise. Nor does the number contituting the group change this fact since the wisdom of a group, however large, cannot be greater than of the wisest man

This remains true whether the subject matter involving knowledge and judg-teent be astronomy, physics or finance. The condemnation, then, involved in the resolutions referred to is measured by the just or imperfect apprehension of tions relating to monetary science held by the wisest men who supported them. Laying these general considerations aside, let me say to you, and through you to the great body you so honorably represent, that if instead of denunciatory resolutions, which are not argument, you r any other on your behalf, will show that the views I entertain and advocate are other than salutary to the great economic body of which we are all independent members, I will abandon them without hesitation. My present convic-tion, the honest fruit of sincere study and reflection, is that a break down in our present money standard would be a most disastrous blow to all our commer-cial and industrial interests, and that upon the wage workers, as a class, would be entailed the most serious effects of the disaster. Believing this, I must so bear witness.

### MAN-KILLING ELK IS SLAIN.

Animal Formerly in Lincoln Park is Killed In St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.-The big clk that was the terror of Forest Park paddock is no more. He was killed Sunday morning by Nat Wetzel, of the Western Game company, and now decorates the front of that store. The animal had grown so cross that it was necessary to dispose of him. He was brought here from Chicago, where he had been on exhibition at Lincoln He had gored and killed two men

there, and in the fall of 1895 attacked and kiffed Henry Nelson, keeper of Forest Park paddock at that He was ordered destroyed then, but managed to escape.

### DESDEMONA NOT UNTRUE.

A Colored lago Lectured by a Police Justice.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 22.—Before Powers' statement. Squire Kelley, Sarah Rollins, colored, accused Garrett Christy of circulating talse reports about her. After hearing the testimony, the 'squire said: "Christy, you are a modern lago. You whispered in the ear of Othello that his Desdemona was untrue. Such men as you who are going about lying about women are dangerous." In default of a peace bond Christy

was locked up. Platt at Washington. New York, Dec. 22.—Senator Thomas C Platt left for Washington today, Earlie

in the day he had a short consultation with Governor Black. It is easi he will discuss various pending appointments with the president during the holiday re-Armor Plate for Kearsarge. Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 22.-Nearly six ons of armor plates for the apperstruc-

ture of the battleship Kearsarge were shipped tonight by the Bethlehem Iron company to Newport News. Killed by a Falling Tree. Malone, N. Y., Dre. 22.—While skidding lags, Richard Sprugue, of Dunne, and William Dolan, of Whippleville, were in-stantly killed at Owl's Head today by a

falling tree.

NOT RECIPROCATE Negotiations With Uncle Sam Practical-

ly Suspended. eppropriation bills for the present ses Agriculture - Cullom, Quay, Perkins, SUGAR IS THE BAR TO PEACE.

> The Building Up of the Sugar Trade In the United States Will Probably Bring All Reciprocity Negotiations to a Standstill .- France and En-

ginne Also Affected.

Washington, Dec. 22.-The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both governments to look into the subject, but the inquiry did not develop any prospect of material concessions on either side. The articles on which a reciprocity "agreement" can be made are produced in France and not in Germany. The utmost extent of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Germany under the pres-OUR AFFAIR WITH JAPAN. ent law would be a 20 per cent. reduction of duty on certain agreed products. Germany is chiefly concerned about sugar, but the 20 per cent, reduction in duty permitted under the Dingley law. it is said, would be of insignificant consequence. Moreover, some doubt has Washington. Dec. 22.-Further de- arisen as to whether any concessions on this article would be granted by sailors attached to the United States | the United States in view of the tendfleet in Japan have been brought to ency toward building up the American the attention of the department of sugar trade as against that of bounty state, which has begun an investiga- paying nations. It was thought that the arrival of the new German ambaskilled in Yokohama Sept. 2 last, He sador, Dr. von Holleben, would give was not intoxicated, but was murdered an impetus to the negotiations, and by boatmen. Eppe's case was similar, | perhaps result in the conclusion of a treaty, but, on the contrary, the subject has lapsed, and neither government is showing any anxiety to urge the matter to a conclusion

similarly at a standstill, owing to the passing ship, heaving cries for help, course of the French government in raising the duties on lard and other American products. The reciprocity negotiations with Great Britain as to the British West

The negotiations with France

cor him. His body was found several Indies are proceeding slowly, but an The Japanese government was ap- agreement will be reached in the near pealed to in each case, and while some arrests have been made, the American entingent in Japan feel that the per-HUNGARIANS petrators of the murders are still at large. It is said that every Japanese AGAIN ACTIVE.

ter its passengers before carrying them The Rightists and Leitists Conoff shore so that under ordinary conditions it should be easy to find the tinue to Make Things Lively in Hongarian Parliament. At the Japanese legation today it was stated that the matter has not yet been

Budapest, Dec. 22 -- In the lower brought to their attention. The legaing of the bill providing for a provinuszleich declared at the outset that he could not accept the resolution of Francis Kossuth, demanding the establishment Guest of an Indiana Family Found of an independent Hungarian customs regime by January 1, 1833, but, con-Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 22.-Miss Rose inued the premier, he would accept a H. Oliver, aged 20, of Scottsburg, Frankmotion to publish so soon as possible lin county, Pa., was found in an unthe date necessary for the establishnscious condition at the home of ment of such a regime, or for the con Selomon D. Rushman, about 6.30 clusion of a commercial treaty with o'clock last night. Two physicians Austria, and the draft of a customs were summoned at once, but the young tariff, and to arrange to ascertain the woman never rallied from her stupor views of business men. He pointed out that Hungary had the right to estab-Mr. Bushman and his wife left home lish an independent customs immediat an early hour, and it is alleged the ately, if it was in her interest to do girl, who was their guest, was in good but, she considered the comprohealth. Neither of them returned unmise arrangement with Austria more til night, when the looked doors were adventageous, if it could be arranged forced open and the body was found with due regard to Hungary's interest. That, however, was doubtful. An inquest and autopsy was held this government, nevertheless, the preevening, but the coroner withholds his mier continued, desired to give Ausverdict, pending further investigation. tria time to recover herself and did not It is strongly hinted that her death wish to cause a state of confusion, the was necessary to the success of a harmful consequences of which were scheme, and two men, prominent in incalculable. The present bill did not the community, are under surveillance, infringe upon Hungary's rights and in-The state's attorney says arrests will terests and, he added, the government would act vigorously against ettempts. Miss Oliver leaves a father and two similar to those of the Reichsrath to sisters, one in Indianapolis and the prevent its becoming law. This remark caused an aproar, after which the prender concluded with appealing o the house not to create difficulties. as Hungary's interest, he pointed out, The Mystery of a Daring Robbery is far from requiring her to loosen her re lationship with Austria, required that her ties with the latter country be New York, Dec. 22.-The daring hold

#### the Rightists; but it caused an uproar among the Leftisis) RAILWAY OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

made closer and stronger. (This state-

ment was greeted with applause from

Failed to Provide Vestibules for

Their Trolley Cars. St. Louis, Dec. 22.-Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Edward Whitaker, president of the Lindell Railway company; Corwin H. Spencer. president of the Southern Electric company; John Scully, president of the Union Depot railway, and Captain Robert McCuttoch, general manager of the Cass avenue and Fair Ground rail-

The four officials are charged with having failed to provide vestibules during the months of November, December, January and February and March of each year for the protection of motormen, as required by a statute enacted at the last session of the Missouri legislature.

Carter May Come East. Chicago, Dec. 22.-Mayor Harrison tous

go east to attend the civic parade and carnival to be held in the city half. New York. New Year's eve in honor of the mauguration of the officials of Greater New York. Mayor Harrison today received a telegram inviting him to attend the core-monies as the official representative of Chicago. In case he is unable to attend. the mayor will send a representative dele-Oppenheimer, of this city. The open gation of city officials.

Charged with Embezzlement.

Cleveland, O. Dec. 21.-John J. Shep-herd, the broker who is charged with emazziement by Frank DeHaas Robison was bound over in the common pleas court by Justice Bauder, in the sum of this afternoon. nished for the amount and Shipherd released.

Appointed by the President. Washington, Dec. 22-It is understood that Leander P. Mitchell, of Indiana will soon be appointed by the president assistant comptroller of the treasury in

place of Mr. Bowers, resigned.

PELAGIC SEAL SKINS.

New York Merchants Want the Provisions of the Law Entorced.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A number of New York manufacturers of fur garments and importers of furs called at the Treasury department today. They had a conference with Assistant Secretary Howell in regard to the regulations which are necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill passed recently by congress, prohibiting the importation of what are known as pelage seal skins. Under that act skins o seals not taken on the Pribylof islands are subject to confiscation on importation into this country. The New York importers asked that every pos sible precaution be taken by the department to prevent the bringing into the United States of the proscribed

John W. Foster, who accompanied the delegation, stated that all skins taken on the seal islands were numbered, so that United States consular of-Acers would have little or no difficulty in determining which were contraband. Later ex-Secretary John W. Foster accompanied the delegation to the White house, where a conference with the president concerning the sealing bill was held. The delegation endorsed heartly the general provisions of the bill, but requested the president to withhold his approval of it for a few days to enable the trade to import the skins which had been purchased in London in ignorance of the prospective

It is understood that the president indicated a disposition to accede to the request and he may not sign the measure before Dec. 29. The law is not to be applied to skins shipped prior to the approval of the act by the president.

THE PILGRIMS AT PHILADELPHIA.

Governor Roger Wolcott the Chief

Guest at the Quaker City New England Dinner. Philadelphia, Dec. 22.-Governor Rog-Wolcott, of Massachusetts, was the chief guest at the dinner of the New

England society, of this city, held in Horticultural hall tonight, in celebraion of Forefathers' day. Notable men of this and other states sat around the board, Rev. Stephen W. Dana, president of the society, pre-

sided, and after he had made a feeling address, welcoming the visitors and dwelling upon the hardy achievements of the Pilgrim fathers, these toasis were answered: "The Day We Celebrate," Governor Wolcott, of Massachusetts;

Dutchman's Contribution to the New Englander's Greatness," Rev. George R. Vandewater, of New York; "The New Englander as a Citizen," President Raymond, of Union college, Schenectady, N. Y.; and "The Puritan house of the Hungarian parliament to- Idea of Government." United States day Baron Banffy, the premier, speak- District Attorney Beck, of this city. An interesting feature of the celebration was the ciety of the three-hundred-year-old poor box from the Ancient Pilgrims' church at Delft Raven, Holland. old box was in the church at the time the Pilerims worshipped there.

President Dana, in the course of his

address, said: "Fellow-citizens of Pennsylvania, to what extent were you represented in the last legislature that met in Harrisburg? Sons of the Pilgrims, what are we going to do about it? Is it not time for a new declaration of independence in this same city, where the first declaration was made, a hundred years ago and more? What we need is a little more of the Plymouth Rock inserted into our spinal column. What we want is more of the spirit of those who, in 1629, in 1776, and in 1861, died. that we, and our country, might live,'

### TWENTY PERSONS INJURED.

Wreck at a Delaware, Lackawanus

and Western Grade Crossing. New York, Dec. 22.-Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, be tween Passaic and Delaware, N. J. tonight. They were in a stage which was struck by a train. That any of them escaped is regarded as marvelous. The victims, all of Passaic, are: Probably fatally injured, William Crane, driver: William Moran, Charles Swenkle, Michael Burns, Lena Dennett, Michael Ernest, John Feeney, John Hay, Paul Joffey, Harry Johnson, Margaret Kitchen, Samuel Me-Olpy, John Nixon, George Roberts, Hugh Toby, William Roberts, Nellie Archdyke.

Prussian Mine Disaster.

Dortmund, Prussia. Dec. 29 .- An explo ion of fire damp took place today at the Kaiser Stuhlzwei pit, with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface and seven men living, but severely injured. There are five still miss-

Pennsylvania Pensions. infa pensions were issued today

Washington, Dec. 22.-These Pennsy nal-Henry C. Harris, Powell, Bradford Increase-Aaron P. Coons. Canton Bradford, \$14 to \$17.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Partly Cloudy: Cooler

General-Republican State Committee Names a Day for the Convention. Reciprocity Negotiations with Ger muny Suspended.

Secretary Gage Replies to the Federation of Labor. Spaniards Condemn the Rulz Shooting. General-Cubans Win a Notable Bat

tle from the Spaniards. Local-Programmes of Christmas Services in Various Churches. Editorial.

Comment of the Press. Local-Official Bulletin of the L. A. W. Bishop Talbot's Acceptance.

Local - Edward Reeves Shot Trampa New York Coal Trade Rumor. Local-Estimated Expenses of the

Inspector Bishop and the Merchants Local-West Side and Suburban. Lackawanna County Happenings, Neighboring County News,

The Markets.

# THE STATE CONVENTION

June 2, 1898, the Date Upon Which It Will Be Held.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE

Called to Order By Chairman Elkin.

The Auditing Committee -- Lieutenant GovernorWatres and Senator Penrose Present -- Ralph Hutchinson Light Has a Grievance -- Declines to Become a Fraction of a Delegate .- Charles A. Stebbins Also Enters Complaint.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.-June 2, 1898, was today selected by the Republican state committee as the date for the holding of the next state convention at Harrisburg, when candidates for governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of internal affairs and congressman-at-large will be nominated. State Chairman Elkin called the

meeting to order and made a brief address, stating its objects, which, be-side the appointment of a day for the convention, included the auditing of his accounts. In concluding, Mr. Elkin said: "With dollar wheat and the wages of the laboring man increasing every day, we can look forward to an era of agricultural and industrial development in 1898 that should gladden

the heart of every Republican."
E. N. Eckels, of Venango: ex-Lieutenant-Governor Watres, of Lackawanna, and Charles H. Mullen, of Cumberland, were appointed a committee to audit the state chairman's accounts. They found the accounts correct and reported that the expenditures had exceeded the receipts by \$3,313.88. The report was accepted.

When the state committee convened, Ralph Huichinson Light appeared as one of the members for Lebanon county. His right to membership was disputed by Chairman Elkin, but he was finally recognized, with a fraction of a vote. Mr. Light declined to accept any such compromise, and withdrew from the committee.

He subsequently made this

"Under the rules of the party, each senatorial district is entitled to two state committeemen, who are named by the state delegates, at the state convention. At the state convention on last August, the four state delegates from Lebanon county were divided, two representing one faction and two the other. This being the case, there was a deadlock in naming state committeeen, but a compromise was finally affected, which resulted in Messrs, Wengert and Moyer naming A. R. Houck, and Messrs. Euston and Gerberick naming me.

"Today Chairman Elkin at first ig+ nored me altegether, recognizing a man named Noll, a supposed free silverite, as Mr. Houck's colleague, but finally agreed to admit all three, giving Mr. Not and myself half a vote each. This, of course, I declined to accede to. I was either a member or I was not. Chairman Elkin's conduct was an arbitrary usurpation of authority. Such action, at a time like this, when the people of the state are thoroughly incensed against machine rule, cannot do the party any good."

A LIKE COMPLAINT.

Charles A. Stebbins, of Potter county, had a like complaint. He said: "I am a member of the state committee of 1896, and was also named as a member of the committee for 1897, but was entirely ignored in the organization of the committee today. county. Potter, is entitled to one committeeman. At the recent state convention, in August last, our two state delegates could not agree.

D. T. Hauber named me and W. B. Wrightman named another party. This left a vacancy which, immediately after the state convention I was selected to fill, by three-fourths of the mentbers of the county committee, in accordance with the custom prevailing in the state, all vacancies having been so filled heretofore.

"The county chairman notified Chair-man Elkins of my selection, but Mr. Elkin replied that he had filled the vas cancy himself. His action in the premises is without warrant in law or simple justice, and is contrary to wishes of the Republicans of Potter county. This is not a good time for Caesers to ply their vocation in the Republican party. Surely the meonle have some rights."

Among those present at today's meeting were Congressman Arnold and ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder, Auditor General Mylin, State Treasurer Haywood, Auditor Generalelect McCauley, ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, Senutor Penrose, Senutor Andrews, A. M. High, of Reading; Squire Jones, of Allentown, and ex-Congressman Robinson, a majority of whom are members of the state executive committee.

League of Republican Clubs.

Erie. Pa., Dec. 22.-President Sobel, of notice today of a meeting of the exect committee at the Lochiel hotel, Harris-burg, January 20, at 2 p. m. Among other business of impertance will be the selec-tion of a place for the next convention, Lebanon, Wilkes-Baire and Pittsburg are applicants, and the Americus and Tariff clubs, of Pittsburg, have united in an

effort to get the convention Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 22.-Arrived Majestic, Liverpeol: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Cleared: Edam, Amsterdam, Sailed; New York, Southampton; Priesland, Ant-Britannic, Liverpool, Liverpool-Arrived: Teutenic, New York,