TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

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SINGERLY'S BANK FAILS

The Doors Closed Pend- National government by a large sum, but all of these creditors are believed to be protected. When the Trust coming an Investigation of Affairs.

PHILADELPHIA SENSATION

Efforts to Avert the Financial under inspection for some time past. bisaster.

The Condition o. } Chestnut Street National Bank Was Well Known in Banking Circles of Philadelphia, and Efforts Were Made to Raise Money to Keep the Institution in Running Order. Trouble Caused by an Unprofitable Paper Mill.

wa treated in this city today by the ber of small accounts were carried by Street National bank, rene of the strongest financiul in. Street Trust and Saving in a short time. Fund comp. which does business unoking laws. William M. der the state

net as officers and directors. it is stated, that the deposits of the public Chestnut Street bank amounted to \$1,-

Treasury George M. Coffin, who was Walter T. Bradley. sent here from Washington by Comptroller Eckels today, said: "The matter Mortgage on Mr. Singerly's Farms. bank into voluntary liquidiation has of \$100,000, covering William M. Singerly will be to ascertain the value of the miscas of the bank. They must first ficient to warrant them in assuming the indebtedness."

Mr. Coffin has had great experience in resuscitating troubled banks, and he will remain here several days, aiding the men who have taken upon themselves the task of extricating Mr. Singerly from his financial difficulties. These gentlemen are in consultation tonight, and the belief is strong that they will provide the funds necessary for a voluntary liquidation of the two

KNOWN IN BANKING CIRCLES.

It was known for some time in banking circles that Mr. Singerly's banks were in trouble, and the National bank examiner, it is said, was aware of the condition of affairs. Last night a number of the leading bank officials of the city had a conference lasting until nearly 3 o'clock this morning considering the matter of caising sufficient money to relieve Mr. Singerly's bank of proposition to float \$2,000,000 preferred stock of the Philadelphia Record had Leen practically agreed to when the discovery was made that because of the trust company's finances this sum would not be within several hundred thousand dollars of the amount requir-Negotiations were therefore declared off and the banks were forced

Now it is hoped that the committee which began tonight where the former committee left off will succeed in satisfactorily adjusting the finances and thus permit the banks to pay depositdollar for dollar.

The net earnings of the Record last year are said to have been \$249,000 note than sufficient to pay dividends on a sum sufficient to pay all of Mr.

Fingerly's indebtedness to the banks. The statements of the cause of the failure current here agree with that made by Comptroller Eckels at Washington today, that it was primarily due to the loss of much money by Mr. at Elkton, Md., one of the largest in country. One statement placed much money invested in other enter prises in this and other cities. Rumors were current to the effect that ownership of the Record would pass from Mr. Singerly, but this he denied, stating positively that he is in absolute control of the paper and will continue

at its head. CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.

On Monday of this week the Chestnut Street National bank made the following report to the Philadelphia clearing house: Leans and discounts. legal reserve, \$396,000; deposits, \$1.789,000; due from banks, \$355,000 due to banks, 3686,000; eleculation

The reserve has been below the legal requirements for several weeks. The deposits on Oct. 5, when the bank reported to the comptroller of the treasury, amounted to \$2,035,856. The shrinkage in this item, therefore, has been more than \$300,000 in a little over two months. It is said there have been quiet but steady runs on both banks for several days past. Of the deposits in the bank, the city is represented by \$289,554; the state by \$225,000, and the and the gun was discharged.

pany made its last report to the state authorities on Nov. 16, the deposits amounted to \$1,142,253.

A meeting of the directors of the Trust company will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to decide upon a course of procedure. It is believed that the state bank examiner will then take formal possession of the institution. State Bank Commissioner Clikeson vas in the office of the company a short while today, and it is stated that he has had the books of the institution

Much sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mr. Singerly. He has occupied such a prominent place in the affairs of the city and the state for cears past that the news of his financial difficulty naturally created a senatlon. Mr. Singerly stated tonight that he had received hundreds of telegrams from all over the country expressing the sympathy of the senders, He has borne the strain well, although he naturally shows in his face and manner the deep concern his troubles are causing him.

THE CROWDS GATHER.

Crowds were gathered in front of the big granite banking building all day, but all was quiet. A line of policemen Philadelphia, Dec. 23.-A sensation kept the people moving. A great numement of the suspension of the the Trust company, and apprehension was expressed that some distress might follow the failure. If the hopes of a ions in the city. The sus- quick settlement are realized, however, ied with it the closing of all depositors will be paid in full with-

The Chestnut Street National bank was established in June, 1887, but was Singerly, publ. fer of the Philadelphia not incorporated until July 5 of the Record, is president of both companies, same year. Hon, Robert E. Pattison and the same men, with one exception, was its first president, assuming the office when he retired from the gov-The first information the public re- ernorship. When he again became govceived that the banks were in trouble ernor in 1891. Mr. Singerly succeeded was in the form of a notice posted this him. The present officers and direcmorning on the door of the building tors of the bank are: William M. Sing-occupied jointly by the two concerns, erly, president; Isaac Cooper, vice pressigned by National Bank Examiner ident; Benjamin P. Obdyke, Benjamin William M. Hardt, to the effect that A. Van Schalck, John Simmons, the Chestnut Street National bank had | Charles A. Porter, Walter T. Bradley closed its doors pending an investigation of its affairs. No statement of W. Price, paying teller; William assets and liabilities is available, but, Steele, cashier; J. F. Reardon, notary

The officers and directors of the 700,000, and of the Trust company, \$1,- Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund company are: William M. Singerly, President Singerly gave out a brief president; Isaac Cooper, vice president; statement tonight in which he said: Irvin C. Garverick, secretary and treas-We are working to secure the indebt- urer; H. G. Hart, title officer. The diedness of the two banks, so that they rectors are: William M. Singerly, Isaac can go into voluntary liquidation, and Cooper, Benjamin P. Obdyke, Benjathus avoid a receivership." in this min A. Van Schaick, John Simmons, connection Deputy Comptroller of the Allen B. Rorke, Charles A. Porter and

been taken up by Philadelphia men of great fivancial ability. Their first step will be to according the value of the gages is H. G. Hart, of Philadelphia, and Ill be to ascertain the value of the the instrument is dated March 21, 1807. The rate of interest is 6 per cent. The satisfied that they have a value suffarms of 116, 97, 88, 21, 32, 39, 192, 12, 82, 33 and 5 acres respectively; three lots of six acres and one lot of two acres, making a total of 728 acres in bign state of cultivation.

SOLDIERS SHOOT AT RAIDERS

Detachment of Militia Gnarding a Toligate Fire on Some Maranders. Danville, Ky., Dec. 23.-Captain Corn's detachment of twelve soldiers of the Hardin Rifles, who are guarding a toligate on the Stanford turnpike, a mile out of town, fired upon what they believed to have been a party of dynamiters at 2 o'clock this morning. Since the troops were ordered here there have been numerous threats that the toll-house in which they were quartered would be blown up, but as no violence had been offered for several days no alarm was felt.

This morning Sergeant Latta was patrolling a beat several hundred yards from the house when he heard a party of twelve or fifteen horsemen riding up. They stopped on a hill, and Latta ran back to the house to notify Captain Corn, who was in command. Latte decided to go around the back of the house, and as he did so came upon a man who jumped through a gate and ran. Latta fired at him and at the same moment another man ran by two other pickets, who also fired. The three then discharged their guns at the party of horsemen, who galloped off, soldiers are satisfied that the men had dipped up with the intention of dynamiting the toll-house, but were prised before they could do anything,

AN OPINION OF QUIGG. Louis F. Payn Thinks That the Lead-

er Has no Polifical Sagacity. New York, Dec. 23.-Louis F. Payn, close political friend of Governor Black was in the city today. He talked freely about the local political situation Singerly in his unproductive paper mill and particularly about the Republican county committee of New York. He was asked: "Will the up state Reputthe sum thus involved at rearly a mil- licans take any part in the re-organilion of dollars. Mr. Singerly also has zation of the Republican party in this

> 'No, not as long as Quigg remains at the head of the organization," replied Mr. Payn, "a friend of mine asked as the other day if I did not think that Quigg was dead. I looked at him with surprise and told him that he was not up with the times; that he did not keep pace with the procession. I told thim that Quigg was dead enough to success last summer. He bus been dead ever since. Why, he has no pol-Itical sagacity.

An Italian's Su cide.

Manchester, N. Y., Dec. 23-Steven Zene years old, an Italian, committed suicide the Lehigh Valley yards here this norning by deliberately laying his neck over a rull, allowing a freight train to cut off his head. It is thought he was in-sane, but it was also said that an unfortungte love affairs was the cause

Rabbit-Hunting Accident. North Torawanda, N. Y. Dec. 23.—August Broker. 23 years old accidentally shot and killed his 18-year-old brother. Paul, today while hunting rabbits. August states that in endeavoring to lower the hammer of his gurn his hand slipped and the run was discharged.

COAL INTERESTS ARE TO BE UNITED

What the Movement Means to Those Concerned

THE SCHEME FOR CONCENTRATION

Combination Striven For During Several Years .- Sure to Come and Sure to Please All Except the Sales Agents -- A Profit Would Result All

New York, Dec. 23.-The conf trade, as at present conducted, is in the hands of the sales agents of the companies, who dispose not only of the coal produced by their own concerns, but also of the output of many of the individual operators, that is, of the ollieries owned and operated by individuals and small mining companies, The price of this coal is fixed at 60 per ent, of the tidewater selling prices, the railroad companies taking the remaining 40 per cent, as the freight rate. On this basis, low prices in the tidewater markets mean no profit, not only to the miner, but also to the carrier. Sometimes the loss incurred on the sale of the coal itself has been offset by the profit in the freight rate, and this has led to excessive mining by certain interests with a view to making a good showing in transportation A Possibility That Leiter and Armreturns.

Low coal prices have resulted from this policy and also from the present system of marketing the product. As at present constituted the trade is often practically at the mercy of a single seller. Thus, the agent of a company whose yearly product may not per cent, of the entire output, finding bireself with an accumulation of costms a result of overproduction-which must be marketed for financial reasons has had to offer it at a reduced price to the dealers in order to move it. His customers' competitors in the retail trade hear of this and ask the sales agents who supply them to "protect" them by meeting the lower price at which their rival secured supplies. Reductions follow, first by one company, then by another, until prices are nil lower, to the manifest disadvantage of the dealers themselves, who contracted for coal earlier in the season at a higher figure.

SELLING AGENCY.

This unsatisfactory condition has been recognized and plans have been suggested to do away with it. A centrat selling agency has been recommended as offering the only practical dution. From the days of Franklin B. Gower, of the Reading railroad, the nation has been agitated every time trade has been in an unsatisfactory condition. Conditions today are more than usually favorable to its consummation, because Mr. Morgan's interest in the leading companies is very great and just now he is contemplating a transaction affecting the securless assurances were given that the company will, through improved trade conditions, be placed in a position to meet its interest and other charges. It is said on good authority, however, that negotiations looking toward that end are by no means completed and that some time must elapse before any positive announcement can be made. In well informed trade circles, it is understood that the sensational newsapers have merely rehashed old hisory in giving alleged details of the

deal. The real advantages of a central selling agency are that the danger of ruinous prices is avoided and some stability established. Dealers would be able to buy with the certainty that the future would not enable some of their competitors to secure "bargains" later on. The coal miner would profit in that he would know how much work he would be called upon to perform. The saving in expenses to the various companies would be great. Moreover, the public would not suffer, as, beyond a certain price, the temptation to break faith would be too great to be resisted some of those interested. Absolute centrol by one company has always been recognized as the solution and for that strong capital has been working for years.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Property Valued at \$125,000 in Ashess-A Terrific Explosion.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-Fire broke out this afternoon in the basement of the fivestory building at 191 Madison street the first floor and basement of which were occupied by the Tosetti cafe and restaurant company, on the second toor by the billiard partors of Frank Mussey. The blaze was insignificant at first and a crowd of people gathered on the aldewalk in front of the building to watch the work of the firemen. state superintendent of insurance, and a About a dozen policemen were busily engaged in pushing back the throng just before a terrific explosion tool place. The building was badly wrecked, the windows, window gratings, sidewalk lights and manhole covers were hurled into the air and fell among the crowd. Dozens of people were thrown from their feet and twenty-three were injured. Only one of them was seri-

usly hurt. The explosion caused a panic on the treet and in the frantic rush for safety which followed many people were thrown down and trampled upon. That many were not killed and many more injured was a sort of a miracle. The fire spread through the building with great rapidity after the explosion. The

loss is estimated at \$125,000.

A Racing ! hallenge. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.—Henry Kau-iska, a professional cyclist of this city, today issued a challenge to the world to race any distance from one to three miles on an indoor track for a purse of \$500 to \$1,000. The conditions of the challenge are that each rider is to furnish his own pocemakers. Kanaska prefers to go against Michael, the Welsh wonder, but failing in this is willing to take on any of the speedy ones. Kanaska holds the Indoor paced record for mile at

United Mine Workers Convention Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—A call was is seed today for the ninth annual conven-tion of the United Mine Workers of America to meet in Columbus January II. 1898. I deniy here today of heart failure.

RACING BOARD BULLETIN.

Special Circular Issued by Chairman Mott of the L. A. W.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Albert Mott, halrman of the L. A. W. racing board, ias issued the following special bul-

nected with the six day race at Madison Square Garden will be held at the Grand Union hotel in New York at 11 clock on the murning of Saturday Oec. 25. The hearing will be private and witnesses are assured that their estimony will be treated as confidentially as has been the custom of past racing boards and is with this. The oard cannot, like a court, compel the attendance of witnesses, and those who will give evidence are promised that the board will not blockade all its channels of information for the future by departing from the usual very prospective witness. All persons the have any evidence of acts which they know of their own knowledge are appealed to to present themselves and ation has been proceeding for some ime, and much documentary evidence he district and the chairman, and the identity of all who are concerned is ore be best for the interests of those oncerned that they should attend and

our Will Pool Their Interests.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The possibility that Leiter & Armour will pool their

George French, operating for the telter crowd, has piled up a line of at least 4,000,000 bushels of May wheat, wording to reports from the floor. rmour's radical change of front in alling May wheat is common knowlsige. It is equally well known that Armour has a pyrainid of May wheat sought which is supposed to come ose to the Leiter holding. As if to caphasize the buil talk, both Armour's nd Leiter's men bought wheat today. ur's movements are closely velld. but Leiter's engineers make no se net of their dealings in May wheat. Aiready that option is regarded as beog dangerous for the public to handle. 'May wheat is a long shot,' is the inswer given by commission men when approached by customers. The winter wheat crop in this country is not harested until July and according to the orecasters on 'Change, the situation as never been so favorable for a corer in May wheat as it will be this eason. Everywhere the price of May on the side and the difference beyeen May and December is being nar-

ORCHARDSEN-MERRICK CASE.

Ulinois Supreme Court Hands Down a Decision.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-The Illinois supreme court has handed down a deciities of the Reading company, which sion in the Orchardsen-Merrick marwould be difficult to earry through un- riage annullment care, affirming the decree of nullification granted by the ower court and giving the property to the relatives of Mrs. Merrick. The case - unique in that the marriage is set aside after one of the contracting partes has been dead almost four years. In 1833 Charles Orchardsen, an artist. and at one time Socialistic candidate r mayor against the late Carter Harison, was married to Mrs. Merrick, of Quincy, III. Mrs. Merrick, who was over *0 years old, was the possessor of property worth something like \$100,000.

Orchardsen, who was 60 years old, ret Mrs. Merrick at a spiritualistic seance at Quincy, conducted by Vera Ava, better known as Odelia Dis de Far, and with her help it is alleged, prevailed upon the used Mrs. Merrick o marry him and make a will leaving or property to him. Mrs. Merrick died within a year. Shortly after her for the first time in its history. He leath Mrs. Merrick's relatives brought | was a warm personal friend of Linsuit to have the marriage set aside. coin. The case has been in the courts for over three years.

FORGER ARRESTED.

Richard O. Davis is Captured by Postoffice Officials.

New York, Dec. 21 - Richard O. Davis, said to be a well known forger and thief, was arrested today by a postoffice inspector. Davis is charged with passing three checks for small amounts thich had been stolen from street mail caes at Toledo, Ohio. He is said to a member of a gang of letter box thleves who began operating on August 29 last at Milwaukes, and who, it said, have travelled all over the tion. unity and have realized about \$5,000 an checks stolen from letter hores, pavis, the postoffice officials say, was a ader of the gang.

He secured \$1,500 from the National ank, of Cincinnati. On that charge her was released on \$5,000 tail, which is still standing against him. Davis was held by United States Commissioner Shields in \$5,000 ball after being identified by George C. Hulden, of Cincin-

Judge Paxson Stated.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It is believed that the president has decided to appoint take Paxson of Pennsylvania, as a comber of the interstate commerce coun-mission to succeed Colonel William R. dorrison, whose term will expire in Jan Morrison, Whose form win explicit companies. The president toda; informed senator Delice, of Kentucky, who called upon him in the interest of Mayor Todd, of Louisville, that the place was promised and it is thought that Judge Paxson is the man slated for the place.

Case of Mary O'Leary.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Judge Showaiter, of the United States circuit court, today sus-tained a motion of the defendants' atgriess in the case of Mary O'Leary gainst the supreme council Catholic chights and Ladies of America, to discorgo the receiver recently appointed a Judge Dunne, holding the bill did not how the cause of action. It was therefore dismisesd for want of equity.

Steamship Arrivals.

w York, Amsterdam-Arrived: Werkndam, New York. Rotterdam-Arrived Spaarndam, New York. Sailed: Veendam. New York.

Death of Charles Green Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22.-Charles E. reene, one of the most prominent of the

RUSSIA AND JAPAN AT ODDS

State of Affairs in the East -- The

Action of Germany in Seizing Kino

Chan Disturbs the Peace of the

San Francisco, Dec. 23,-Commenting

the strained relations between Jap-

and Russia over Korea, the Chinese

full of Russian spies disguised as

Commenting up Kiao Chau affairs

toward the affair must be decided. The

foreign officers have therefore given in-

structions to the Japanese ministers in

various foreign countries to make re-

Japan is indebted to Germany in

many ways," says the Chugai Shogyo.

"Her military organization has been

opied after Germany, and her consti-

totion and local legislation are found-

ed on the German system. Besides, in

gratitude to Germany, Lastly, Ger-

many has now shown Japan another

instance of her kindness. That is the

seizure of Kiao Chau bay. We need

not dwell upon the particulars of her

Chan may give Japan the right of

permanent possession of Wel-Hal-

According to the official census just

empleted, the population of Japan for

the year 1896 was 42,761,029, an increase

of 437,644 over that of the preceding

CONGRESSMAN PATTON DEAD,

ndness here, but the seizure of Kino

ports concerning the matter.

Strained Relations Over the Occupancy of Korea.

East.

A hearing relating to matters con SPIES IN THE MIKADO'S ARMY Chinese Papers Report a Serious papers report that the Japanese army This should be apparent to Japanese and that the Russian army is being tampered with by Japanese emissaries, who are doing all they can ve them to the board. The investito stir up disaffection among them. the Asahi says that the action of the in the possession of the member for Germans in having suddenly seized Kino Chau on the pretext of the murder of missionaries is outrageous, and elleved to be known. It would there- that it disturbs the peace of the far east admits of no discussion. Japan being near the scene of the trouble cannot regard the matter lightly, Sooner or later a line of policy to be pursued

CORNER IN MAY WHEAT.

nterests to corner May wheat is stirog traders on Change. The Post

Expires At the Aldine Botel .- Story of an Eventful Lafe.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.-Ex-Congress

nan John Pation, of Curwensville, who was widely known throughout Pernsylvania, died at the Aldine hotel tonight. He had been in poor health for over a year past and came to this city last September for treatment. For the past ten days his death has been momentarily expected, and he passed away surrounded by his children, five sons and two daughters. He will be buried on Tuesday next at Curwens-

ville. John Patton, of Curwensville, Cleareld county. Pa was born in Tioga county on Jan. 6, 1823. His paternal grandfather, Colonel John Patton, was member of General Washington's ody guard, and a colonel of the Sixte-nth Additional Continental regi-Mr. Patton was a Henry Clay Whig.

and in 1852 was a delegate to the national convention of the Whig party at Baltimore, which nominated General Scott for the presidency. In 1860 h was a delegate to the Chicago convention, which nominated Abraham Lincoln, and in the same year was nominated and elected a member of the Thirty-seventh congress from the Twenty-fourth district of Pennsylvania, covering an adverse majority, and likewise carrying the Democratic county of Clevraeld as a Republican

In 1864 he was one of the Pennsylania electors, when Lincoln was reelected, and it was on his motion that all the pay, mileage, etc., of the elecorial college was conated to the United States Christian commission in aid f the suffering soldiers. During that year Mr. Patton made an individual ontribution of \$5,000 to the Christian ommission.

He was elected a member of the Fifi-th congress in 1886, overcoming a bemocratic majority of nearly 2,000, and then representing the Twentysoth district of Pennsylvania. 1976 he was elected as one of the hoard of finance of the Centennial exhibi-

Mr. Patton early in life u tod with the Methodist Episcopal church. He vas a delegate to the Ecumenical conference at Washington, D. C., and twice served as a delegate to the general onference of the church. He served as | was of the Draw Theological seminary and her go." the American university at Washington. He gave a fund of \$10,000 to the hurch extension society "for the buildng of churches upon the frontiers. and donated thousands of dollars to olieges and schools.

The Patton graded public school at Curwensville, Pa., he built at a cost of \$25,000, and presented to the public school board. During 1882 Mr. Patton's contributions for educational purposes amounted to over \$40,000.

TRACE WAS CAUSED BY OPIUM. Remarkable Condition of a Boy So-

prano is Explained. New York, Dec. 25 .- One of the festtures that has drawn large congregations to the Church of the Transfiguration (the Little Church Around the Corner) for some months has been the singing of a boy sorrano, whose voice is said to be a wonder.

The boy is called a Cuban and is cnown as Johnnie de Costa. He has a New York, Dec. 27.—Sailed: Edam, Am-terdam. Queen-town—Sailed: Germanic, eyes that, his admirers say, speak of eyes that, his admirers say, speak of the music that fills his soul. He is only 11 years old, and small for his age, exceedingly bright, but it was renarked that at times, when his voice was at its very beat and his interpretation of the music near perfection. he appeared to be in a state approaching the hypnotic. "He is in a trance and sees the angels," said the

Pecently it was discovered that the oy was not all that he seemed. He is Cuban mu'atto. His step-father's name is De Costa, but his real name is just plain smith. His trances have en caused by opium. Last night he was found by agents of the Gerry society in a profound stupor from the use of the drug. He is a confirmed "fiend" and uses opium in greater quantities than most adults who are its devotees. Prominent members of the Church of the Transfiguration have interested themselves in the lad and will have him placed in some institution where his reformation may be attempted.

OHIO CONTEST BEGINS.

The Forces Are Marshalled in the Senatorial Fight.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.-The marshalling of forces in the Ohio sematerial contest has begun. Charles Kurtz is It was in the Hands of Patin Columbus and has dropped all pr tense of not seeking to defeat Senaor Hanna, and has for some time beer organizing his forces. Today there were many important conferences in Senator Hanna's office among his lieutenants. Among those who visited the

enator were: George K. Nash, chairman of the Republican executive committee, of Ohio Harry Dougherty, chairman of the Republican state central committee; John R. Malloy, clerk of the house of rep esentatives, and a candidate for reelection; Colonel Alex Cary, cierk c the state senate and a candidate for re-election, and President D. D. Woods nansee, and Secretary B. E. Case, of the Ohio League of Republican clubs. Although none of these gentlemen yould reveal what transpired at their conferences, the general import of the neetings is easily inferred.

WHITE HOUSE CLOSED.

caming the laws and adopted medical Christmas Will Be Observed Quietly ience, etc., Japan owes a debt of

by the McKinley Family. Washington, Dec. 23.-During the re nainder of the present week, the White House will practically be closed to all except those who call upon urgent official business, and who have engage ments to see the president, in order that Mr. McKinley may consider some important questions and obtain a needed rest. The death of the president's mother, and the more recent death of his cousin, Mrs. Charles R. Miller, of Canton, caused an entire abandonment f preparations for holiday festivities at the White House. Christmas day

vil be observed quietly. Only the president and Mrs. McKinand their immediate household. which includes their meces, Miss Barber and Miss Duncan, and two or three personal friends will be present at the Christmas dinner.

WANTON SHOOTING.

John Haskill Dying From Wounds Inflicted by Otis Beller.

New Marlborough, Mass., Dec. 23 .-John Haskell died this morning from the effect of a gun-shot wound inflict-che by Otis Beller, aged 14. Haskell and The bill provides for a Republican rethe Curtis family visited the Beller family last evening, and Otis Heller the fires. Haskell returned in advance gerrymander. The Republicans assert of the rest, and after knocking repeatedly, opened the door and walked in. Young Beller picked up a gun and shot rated in the so-called gerrymander of Haskell in the abdomen, and then at-Beller has suffered for some time rom St. Vitus dance. He is the son of a Brooklyn, N. Y., ice dealer,

HER SLIPPER CAUGHT FIRE.

Aged Mary Daily Fatally Burned While Sewing at Her Fireside. Babylon, L. L. Dec. 23.-Miss Mary

Daily, 84 years old, died at her home in this place this evening from the effeets of burns she had sustained while sitting by the fire sewing this after-Her slipper caught fire, and the flames spread to her clothing. Her

prother Nicholas, who is 82 years old,

was severely burned while attempting

WHEAT FOR NORTH AFRICA,

to save his sister's life.

The Steamship Algon Leaves Ta-

come With a Large Cargo. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23.-The large tramp steamship Algoa sailed from Taoma last night with the largest cargo of grain ever loaded in a single vessel. carrying 377,509 bushels of wheat, valued at \$312,000.

The Algon is bound for the northwest coast of Africa and is expected to be about seventy days making the VOYBURE.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21-Promptly at five minutes to 12 this forence Byan, who on December 4 brutally mir dered his wife, was hanged, director of Dickinson seminary, a nervy to the last. When asked by the trustee of Dickinson college, and also sheriff if he was ready, he replied "Lat

III Health and Suicide.

New York, Dec. 23. Mrs. George #1 Naylor, 28 years old of Amotong, Pa. ommitted suichly today by shooting hersuffered from ill health and melancholy

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Fair: Colder.

General-Two Prominent Philadelphia Bunks Close Their Doors. Strained Relations Between Japan and Dimols Senate Passes an Apportion-

ment Bill. Proposed Union of Coal Interests. State-Incidents of the Duryen Shoot-

Leval-Christmas Music in Scranton's

Editorial. Comment of the Press. Local-Social Events.

Local-Testimonial for Chief of Fire Department Hickey, Ominous Lall in the Frewery War,

Local-Patrolman Saul Snot Firemen's Relief Ordinance. 5 Local-West Side and Suburban.

9 Lackswanna County News. a Neighboring County Happenings.

REPUBLICAN **TRIUMPHS**

Senatorial Apportionment Bill Is Passed in Illinois.

THE BALANCE OF POWER

rick Meaney.

He Furnished the Seventy-Seventh Vote Necessary to Pass the Meass ure .. The Democrats Shout and Jeer and Raise a Great Tumult. The Bill Provides For Republican Re-Apportionment of the Legislative Districts of the State.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23. -- Amid ecenes of riotous aisorder and intense xcitement, the house today passed the Republican counterial apportly bill by a vote of 79 years to 54 nays There were but two votes to spare. It was a hairbreadth recape from defeat for the Republican managers. Representative Patrick Meany, of Chicago, saved the bill for the Republican or-ganization. He furnished the seventyseventh vote necessary to pass the measure, and when he ended a speech with the words, "I vote yea," Sta-Treasurer Henry Hertz, a Resold eader, who stood at his side trembling with anxiety and excitement, flung his arms about Menney's neet and hugged him as though he was a long lost sen returning from the Klondike. Repreentatives Funk and Scorgin, the Me-Lean county kickers, then voted for

the bill, making 79 in all. The Democrats shouted and Joered and did their best to make so much noise that business could not be transacted. A score of their loudest-lunged men mounted their desks and started hullabules that was maintained until two calls of the roll were finished. So great was the tumult that everybody in the state house was drawn to the scene and the floor of representatives hall was crowded with excited men whom neither the speaker's gavel nor the sergeants-at-aims could con-

trol. SUCCESS OF APPORTIONMENT.

Today's events insures the success of the apportionment as the senate is apportionment of the legislative districts of the state. According to the went to the Curtis home to attend to Democrats the re-apportionment is a that the changes simply correct the outrages alleged to have been perpetthe state. So elever was the Demoempted suicide by cutting his throat. Cratic man-making that under existing conditions it is necessary, Governor Tanner declares, for the Republicans to carry Illinois by at least 80.-000 majority in order to central the

state legislature. PRESENT TO SAM SLOAN.

tie is Made Happy by a \$16,000 Golden Service.

New York, Dec. 23 - Samuel Sloan, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was teday presented with 1 316,300 golden service by the officials and employes of the company in commensuation of his eighticin birthday, which fails on

Christmas. President Sloan in the early morning had made up his mind not to accept the testimontal, but after luncheon be an things in a different light and in his brief address of acceptance prais ed his officials and employ a for their consistent attention to duty.

RUSH FROM AUSTRALASIA.

All Available Space on Vessels for the Stondike Engaged.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.-Travel from Australusia to the Klondike will be very heavy next year, and the Oceanie Steamship company is preparing for it. All the available space on the Marioosa, due here in February, and the Moana, due here in March, has been engaged

In the case of the Mouna the bulk of the passengers will come from New Zealand, and the permit is to be obtained from the government for yer-mission to erect borths in some of the space reserved for freight.

Hogs Devour Little Children.

Tiff City. Mos. Dec. 21.-Two little chils dren of theorie Couldey, a farmer living near here, clin sed into a pix six tudas and were set upon by a number of hors, which killed and devoured both children, The children had been left alone at home while their mother went on an arrand to a neighbor's house. Warren Gets Fifteen Years.

Albany, N. Y., Der ZL-Albert S. War-ner, the kidmayper, was sentenced under to Clinton prison for a term or liferen years at hard labor. Bloke and Hardy,

his follow consultators, are serving urrans of fourteen years and six months at the ame place for the same arime. Burgtars' Big Haut. Newark, 'N. J., Dec. 2L-Levi Yartor a othing store was entered last night and finished carments of the augregate value of \$1.00 were carried sway. The goods

were leaded upon a wagon at a rear win-

New York, Dec. 24.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair and clear weather will prevail, preceded by light snow on the coast, with brisk westcris to northerly winds, high off the coasts, and considerably lower temperature. On Saturday, fair and cold weather will prevail with fresh northerly winds, snifting to northeast, and nearly stationary followed by slightly higher temperature.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.