TWO CENTS.

PHILADELPHIA HAS A RIPPER

The Bill Greating a Board of Revision of Taxes is Passed in the House.

OBJECTIONS ARE HEARD

Mr. Clarency, Mr. Bedford and Mr. Creasy Oppose the Measure-Mr. Cooper, of Delaware, Claims to Have Been the Recipient of a Gold Brick-Result of the Vote-A Companion Bill Is Considered-Other Matters of Interest Before the Lawmakers-Relief for James Gannon-The Chew Kidnapping Bill Passed in House.

At Partualve Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, April 10.-The Philadelphia "ripper" bill, providing for the election of the Philadelphia board of revision of taxes by the people, instead of appointment by the judges of the courts, was taken up in the house this afternoon for final passage. Mr. Clarency, of Philadelphia, said a large per centage of the citizens of Philadelphia were satisfied with the present system of assessments of property and that they were opposed to any change in the law by the passage of this bill. Mr. Bedford, of Philadelphia, was opposed to the bill, and he did not believe i would remedy any of the evils which are alleged to exist in the department

Mr. Paul, of Philadelphia, also said be did not know of a single taxpayer of Philadelphia who wanted this bill to become a law.

Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, was opposed to the bill because it took away from the board of judges the appointment of the members of the board of revision of taxes, by whom the assessors are appointed:

Mr. Creasy said he would be satisfied that the members of the board of revision should be elected by the people they were given a chance to have their vote counted through an honest ballot system. Two years ago, when be was a candidate for state treasurer. one of his colleagues on the ways and means committee from Philadelphia. put 200 votes in the ballot box against him before the polls opened.

Mr. Voorhees-"Does the gentleman refer to John H. Fow?"

Mr. Creasy-"I don't refer to Mr. Fow, nor do I refer to the gentleman whom you helped seat several years ago as a member of this body, who did not have enough votes to elect him." Mr. Cooper, of Delaware, said he was

a Republican and always had been, but he had no hestrancy in saying that if this bill becomes a law the great Republican party will be in danger. He was opposed to the bill because he believed by so doing he was helping to break a ring. He voted for the Pittsburg "ripper" because he believed that by the passage of the bill he was helping to break a ring, but he now finds that he and 106 members have been given a gold brick. He proposed to peel the gold off the brick and use it for some good purpose.

The Vote.

Mr. Cooper said he did not understand the recent political movements in Pennsylvania, and to give the great ader of the state a chance to be heard he moved to postpone consideration of the bill for the present. The motion failed by a vote of 78 year to 116 navs. The bill then passed finally by a vote of 116 to 78.

The negative vote was as follows:

Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Arnold, Beaver Bedrord, Bierman, Brennan, Brown, L. D.; Cast-net, Clarency, Clark, Cooper, Coray, Creasy, Dixon, Doutt, Drase, Drum, Edwards, Emer-Fake, Fisher, Ford, Foster, Fuerth, Godeharles, Goon, Hoag, Hall, Hamilton, Joseph, Hartman, Have, Heil, Heselbarth, Hitchcock, Hoch, Hosael leskins, Johnson, Albert W.; Johnson, Irvin N.; Kirk, Kirker, Koontz, Linton, Lomax, McLarn McPherson, McWhinney, Mahon, Mayne, Mills Frank; Moore, Mover, Myers, Nattzinger, Osler, Palm, Paul, Philbin, Ray, Reed, Reiff, Rodgers, Roth, Swage, Scott, Shane, Souibb, Swreney Thomas, Troxel, Turner, Wadsworth, Welty, Wil-

The bill now goes to the senate for concurrence in the house amendments. The house then took up the companion bill providing for the election of beard of revision of taxes at the next general election. Mr. Cooper moved to go into committee of the whole for an amendment providing that judges of the courts of the common pleas of Philadelphia shall appoint three examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine all applicants for positions of real estate assessors and prepare a list of eligibles from which the board of revision of taxes shall appoint all real estate assessors.

The motion failed by a vote of 71 yeas to 120 nays, after which the bill passed finally by a vote of 119 to 74. The Creasy bill taxing corporations for road purposes passed finally by a

vote of 120 to 3. The bill amending the act of 1895, reltive to the rebuilding of county bildges over navigable streams by exending its provisions so as to authorse the rebuilding by the commonwealth of county bridges which have become dangerous and unfit for nees intended and providing for hanges in the location of bridges rewift also passed finally.

A bill was introduced in the house today by Mr. Smythe, of Philadelphia, which practically revives the ballot act existence prior to the enactment

of the Baker ballot act. The Beacom election contest bill was reached tonight on second reading and dropped from the calendar on motion of its author, Mr. Beacom, of Westmoreland. The order of business at conight's session was bills, on second reading. Among the measures passing this stage were bins providing an additional law judge for Luzerne county; by insurance. The cause of the fire ir

validating official cets done and performed by burgesses holding offices licensing the manufacture or ments; sale of "boiled" or "process" butter, and repealing the act exempting sewng machines and typewriting machines leased or hired from levy or sale or executions or distress for rent.

Mr. Patterson, of Blair, introduced a bill in the house today appropriating \$4,000 for the instruction of forestry in the Pennsylvania State College, When the judicial apportionment bill was taken up for final passage, Mr. Scott, of Allegheny, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed on third reading for the purpose of amending it by reducing the numbers of orphans court judges in Allogheny county from three to two as provided for by the existing law During a debate on the motion, Mr Scott, in reply to an interrogation by Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, said that Judge Hawkins, president judge of the Allegheny county orphans' court, did no want an additional judge, because there was no necessity for it. The motion tailed by a vote of 84 year to 96 mays. The bill then passed finally by 140 to 30. The bill regulation the publication of advertisements required by law in newspapers published in the English

finally. The Ford compulsory education bill; the bill amending the third class city act to provide for the adjustment of the indebtedness of such cities and boroughs or townships annexed thereto; the Chew bill punishing kidnapping by hanging and the Creasy road bill also

and German languages also passed

passed finally. The house adjourned at 10 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

RELIEF FOR GANNON.

Bill Passed by Senate-Other Measures Passed Finally.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., April 10 .- The senate today passed a house bill authorizing the courts in any proceeding at law in which a conveyance of lands or tenements shall be ordered, and where the party who is ordered to execute the same shall neglect to do so, to direct that such conveyance be executed with the same effect by the sheriff, prothonotary, clerk or trustees appointed by the court.

An interesting story lies behind the bill, and if the governor approves the measure it will liberate from prison a man who has been in contempt of court for seven years. The case is that of James Gannon, of Scranton, who has been sued by his brother-in-law, Thomas Reel, for the possession of a piece of land worth about \$3,000. Gannon lost the suit, and he was directed to make a deed in favor of Reed for all his interest in the land. This he refused to do. He was adjudged in contempt of court and thrown into prison. During the past seven years he has firmly refused to obey the order of the ourt, and has made up his mind to die in jail rather than make the deed. If the governor approves the bill, a Lackawanna jail official will probably be directed by the court to execute th leed and Gannon will be liberated from

his confinement. The brother-in-law and the judge who committed Gannon to prison are

both dead. The senate concurred in the amendments to the senate bill authorizing school boards to grant the use of school houses for lyceum and other literary purposes, and to the senate bill amending an act authorizing manufacturing companies to take, hold and have real estate to carry on their business by striking out the provision which limits the amount of land that such companies can take.

Bills Passed Finally.

The following bills were passed finally: Providing for the appointment of a furnicy

for county jails in counties where the sherid acts as jailer and has had his residence in the county bill.

House bill validating all elections held to vote ipon the question upon increasing the indebted-iess or ramicipalities all bonds issued or to be amed in parsagage to such elections and the in achtedness represented by such bonds from June 19, 1891.

Exempting soda water apparatus and appur manues thereto, leased or hired, from levy or sale on execution or districts for (cn).
Authorizing the policemen of (believer)

oughs to perform the duties of high resultables ind regulating compensation for their services.

Itomse bill regulating the weight of all black blasting powder used, made or sold in kegs to pe in coal mines and providing for the proper stamping for the logs containing the powder.

- Appropriating \$3,000 for the crection of a market for the grave of Governor Joseph Ritner. n the church yard at Mount Rock, Comberland

House bill providing for the addition of fivercentum of the amount of all taxes for which cated lands are returned for non-payment of hereof to the collector of taxes or other person

cure a license before hunting in this state. Providing for the election of recorders eeds and registers of will in counties having population of over 150,000.

Authorizing commissioners of townships of the nd class to enter into a contract with any one or more taxpayers or a township for making, mending and repairing the public highways and bridges in the township.

THE TEMPEST SETTLED.

Alarming Reports as to Russo-Japanese Rupture Dispelled by Official Advice.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 10 .-- The Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, today, received official advices from the foreign office at Tokio, entirely dispelling the alarming reports as to a Russo-Japanese rupture and showing that the Japanese government accepted the latest declaration of Russia on Manchuria with the same sense of satisfaction that it had been received in the United States. Mr. Takahira called at the state de

partment and informed Secretary Hay of the gratifying turn of events. Chair Factory Burned.

B. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baltimore, April 10.—The chair factory of Hech inger Brothers & Company, 868 Low street, this city, was totally destroyed by fire shortly before noen today. The loss is about \$70,000, covered

NO STRIKE ON THE CENTRAL

Strong Probability That a Gonference Will Soon Take Place Between Officials and Men.

WARREN'S STATEMENT

The Vice-President of the New Jersey Central Railroad Says That the Company Is Willing at Any Time to Confer with Employes-Other Lines Not Alarmed as to the Prospects of a Sympathetic Strike-It Is Not Thought That the Central Employes Will Go Out.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 10,-There is strong probability that the conference between the employes and officials of the Central Railroad of New Jersey bandoned at the time of the fruitless intervention of the railway brotherhood chieftains, may be resumed, and t is believed that if the disputants get together in friendly spirit the possibility of a strike on the line will become very remote. Some of the more conservative element among the employes have declared openly that they will not vote on the strike proposition until there has been another conference with the officials, and those who agreed with them are moving for the appointnent of a joint conference committee that will work with the grievance committee. If the movement is successful t will take shape within the next wenty-four hours. Speaking for the company, in answer to a direct quesion on the question, Vice-President

Warren said: "Yes, we are most certainly prepared to meet our men if they come to confer with us. We have all along expressed a willingness to confer at any time. I have been informed that the men will name a conference committee, but am not in possession of any direct information on the subject. either through the men or through my position on the railroad. If they come forward they will find us ready to treat fairly and openly with them."

to a sympathetic strike that might from a walk-out on the Central. but it has not created an apprehensive feeling among the officials of the lines that would be affected. Outside railployes will go out.

A Meeting Arranged.

John V Waite representing the engineers, and Timothy Shea, representing the firemen on the board of co-operation of the different divisions of the Jersey Central employes, waited on the officials of the company at Jersey City this afternoon with proposals for another conference. They said they wanted to try and settle matters as far as their organizations were concerned. They decided that the trainmen should be considered also.

After some talk it was arranged that they should hold a conference tomorrow morning with Superintendent Olhausen and District Superintendent Wentz. This, it is believed, shows that the men don't want a strike.

NATIONAL AID ASKED FOR NEGROES

Major R. R. Wright Gives Views of Conditions of His Race Before the Industrial Commission.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 10 .- Major R. R. Wright, a colred man and president of the industrial college located near Savannah, Ca., before the industrial commission today, advocated national id in the matter of the education of the colored race, saying that this is necessary to their advancement. did not consider the southern states financially able to give the necessary "It is impossible." assistance. said, "for northern men to realize the condition of ignorance among the colored people in the south nor the difficulties under which they labor in try-ing to secure information." He also would have the government agricultural experiment stations duplicated, because of the difficulties in the way of making the existing stations available for the benefit of the colored race In reply to Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Wright said that the requirement of an educational qualification for voting would be stimulus to secure this qualification.

"Very few colored people in the he said. "take any interest in polities and except in the cities they have come to the conclusion that they have no business with politics.

Convention of Catholics.

By Exclusive Wire Iron The Associated Press. Chicago, April 10.-Improvement of the Catho He educational system and plans for unitying the educational work of the church and raising it to a level in effectiveness with the state and non-sectarian institutions for higher learning will be discussed at the third annual convention of representatives of Catholic colleges which opened here today. The convention will continue three

Threw Up the Sponge.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Baltimore, April D. -Harry Lyons, the colored featherweight, of this vity, defeated "Tom" Moran, of Brooklyn, here tonight. Moran's seconds threw up the sponge in the sixteenth round to save him from being knocked out. The match was for twenty rounds at 125 pounds.

The Police Saved Connelly.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Louisville, April 10.—Top Couldig, of Bunkirk,
N. Y., was tonight given the decision over Eddie
Connelly, of New Brunswick in the circenth
round of a twenty-round hout. Connelly was all

2 and pursued by Captain Messar, who killed , out when the police stopped the light.

RAWLINS UNDER WATER.

The United States Transport Narrowly Escapes Destruction from

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 10 .- The United States army transport Rawlins, which was to have sailed this afternoon for Havana, Matanzas and Cienfuegoes, Is ying with her saloon deck awash in thirty feet of water to the south of the army pier at the foot of Pacific street, Brooklyn. Fire was discovered in the Rawlins' main engine room early this morning. The fire engines called to he scene pumped many thousand galons of water into the transport's hold and as a result she keeled over and, with water rushing in through her open ports, settled slowly until her keel touched bottom. The property loss will not exceed \$50,-

000. It will cost perhaps \$20,000 more o nump her out and raise her. The Rawlins was being loaded with miscellaneous cargo, consisting for the most part of horse feed for army

DR. JOSEPH DIXON **AGAIN IN COURT**

This Time He Opposes a Petition of His Divorced Wife to Gain the Custody of Her Children.

Lactusine Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, April 10 .- Arguments were heard in the superior court today on be petition of Mrs. Annie Dixon for alimony and the custody of her three

children. The petition is opposed by the Rev Joseph K. Dixon, former pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of this city, from whom Mrs. Dixon was granted a divorce last winter on grounds of adultery with a Mrs. Amerman, of Scranton, Pa., a wealthy vidow now deceased. Mr. and Mrs.

Dixon were in the court room. The former appeared more rugged and heavier than he did during the trial of the celebrated divorce case. Since the trial he has lived alternately in Boston and Philadelphia. He is out of employment, but expects to obtain a position.

A part of Mrs. Amerman's estate is now in dispute in the courts of this state, Mr. Dixon having been left \$50,coo by the widow, who also left \$10,-000 to provide for the comfort of her carriage horses and pet dog. One of Mrs. Dixon's children, Alice

aged 8, is now a member of Dr. Haw-ley's family. The oldest child, Rollin, There has been some speculation as is in a school in New Jersey, and the youngest one, Dorothy, is with her mother. Dr. Hawley and his sister both tes-Lified that Dr. Dixon, who was formerly stationed in Philadelphia, and is now

way men doubt that the Central em- living there, is broken down by the peryous strain of his recent family troubles, and would suffer severely if deprived of the custody of his children. He is out of work, but has been offered \$75 a month by a root beer concern.

The evidence occupied the whole day and argument will be made tomorrow.

ECHO OF GOEBEL MURDER

Ex-Governor Bradley Gives Sensational Testimony at the Trial of Captain Garnet D. Ripley.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Frankfort, Ky., April 10 .- Ex-Governor Bradley, chief counsel for ex-Govrnor W. S. Taylor in the gubernatorial contest case before the legislature last year, gave sensational testimony today in the trial of Captain Carnet D. Ripley, who is charged with onspiracy with others to bring about the murder of William Goebel. Bradley detailed a conversation which he said he had with Captain Ripley while the latter was in charge of his military company during the occupancy of the state capitol by the Taylor roops last spring, in which Ripley told him of frequent conferences with Governor Taylor prior to the assassination. The witness said Ripley told him he was in the executive office the day before the shooting and complained to Taylor because he had not called out his (Ripley's) company and asked him when he should have the ompany ready. Taylor replied:

"My God, haven't you brought them yet? Goebel will not live twenty-four hours, or cannot live twenty-four hours." "I have forgotten which he

said," declared the witness. Judge W. H. Yost, associate counsel with Bradley in the contest case, according to the witness, was present and heard the conversation. The trial was not concluded today.

LAMSDORFF RESENTS INSULT.

His Lackeys Throw the Chinese Minister Downstairs, Inflicting Fatal Injuries.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Paris, April 10.-The Patric today publishes a despatch from St. Petersburg, which says the Chinese minister there. Yang Yu. gravely insulted Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, during a discussion of the Manchurian question, whereupon the count ordered his lackeys to put the Chinese minister out and Yang Yu was thrown downstates and fatally injured in the head.

Two Men Asphyxiated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Providence, R. L., April 10,-Charles Van Ness 25 years of ago, of Newark, N. J., and Jesse Simpson. 20 years old, both of New York, em-ployed in the works of the Brown & Sharpe company, in this city, were found dead at their boarding house today. They had been asplyxiatof by ithuminating gas, which escaped from a jet lett open by accident.

Chinese Robbers Surprised.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, April 10 -According to a dispatch of tuenty of their number

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Officers Who Are in Gharge of This Important Gathering of Ghurchmen.

STANDING COMMITTEES

They Were Appointed at the First Session Held Yesterday Morning. Bishop Fowler Is Presiding Over the Conference and Conducted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Assisted by the Presiding Elders. Reports of Several of the Presiding Elders Were Heard-Last Night Was Devoted to the Freedmen and Southern Education Movement.

special from a Staff Correspondent.

West Pittston, April 10,-This was the coldest day chronicled as an opening of the Wyoming conference since it was held in Elm Park church in a blizzard: but the warmth of fellowship and earnest intensity of purpose animated the brethren at the early morning communion service and the gloomy skies and sullen wind outside were unremembered.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was conducted by Bishop Charles II. Fowler and the presiding elders. Rev. Dr. J. B. Sweet then called the roll, revealing the fact that many ministers were absent. Nominations for secretary was called and Rev. Dr. J. B. of Scranton, was named by Dr. Griffin. Dr. Sweet promptly and positively declined a renomination, as he had served four years in the same apacity and felt that he could not again devote so much time to the work. The bishop, however, hastened to put the question, and Dr. Sweet was en-thusiastically elected in the midst of his protests. The following officers of conferences were elected:

President—Bishop C. H. Fowler, Buffalo, N. V. Secretary—John B. Sweet, 222 North Hyde Park avenue, Scranton, Pa.
First Assistant Secretary—John W. Nicholson, Second Assistant Secretary—Thomas M. Furey, Statistical Secretary—Charles M. Olimstead, Builford, N. V. Assistant Statisticians—A. O. Austin, T. D. Guiltord, N. L.
Assistant Statisticians—A. O. Austin, T. D.
Palmer, A. Clarke, G. M. Bell, E. A. Martin,
John Humphries, G. S. Connell,
Conference Treasurer—Charles M. Surdam, Conterence Treasurers S. Santan, Pittston, Pa. Assistant Treasurers T. H. Parsons, Carl Connectinan, O. B. Williams, Frank James, C. C. Vroonan, W. W. Watrous, Entro Detailed Missionary Report—Donald S. McKelly, Pages Lake, Pa., assistant, David L.

MacKellar, Beach Lake, Pa.: 85 Mecker. Standing Committees.

Following are the standing committees for the year:
Auditing Committeer-S. A. Terry, G. L. Williams, T. J. Vanglin.
Bible Canse-Charles Smith, chairman; L. W.
Karselmer, secretary; W. W. Wafrous, H. E.
Wheeler, S. D. Galpin, H. G. Harned.
Brotherhood of St. Paul-A. W. Hayes, chairman; J. Brundle, secretary; R. W. Lowry, W.
A. Edwards, J. W. Nichotson, C. E. Mogg.
Church Extension-J. H. Boyce, chairman; W.
S. Wilcox, secretary; J. D. Davis, treasurer; L.
Jennison, W. M. Hiller, F. Gendall,
Courch Music-S. Jay, chairman; J. S. Custari,
secretary; T. B. Miller, G. C. Jacobs, A. C.
Olver, M. L. Andarcise,
Clurch and Parsor ages-B. N. Butts, chairman; tees for the year: Olver, M. L. Andareise. Church and Parsoraget-B. N. Butts, chairman;

Clurch and Parsor ages—B. N. Butts, chaiman; W. S. Adams, secretary; S. B. Keeney, L. E. Smford, A. Eastman, G. F. Ace.
Conference Cellecticus—C. E. Sweet, chairman; L. E. Van Hoesen, secretary; F. W. Young; S. Homan, L. D. Palmer, L. P. Howard, Conference Relations—J. N. Lee, chairman; W. H. Alger, secretary; George A. Place, William Frisby, I. J. Smith, L. C. Murdeck,
Education—J. A. Faulkuer, chairman; A. J. Neff, J. B. Cock, H. C. McDernott, H. N. Van-Deusch, M. S. Hard, L. L. Spragae, C. M. Giffen, W. H. Pearer, J. B. Sweet, A. W. Beach, W. E. Samson, George I. Wilber, A. I. Decker, William Connell, Dr. J. M. Farrington,
Episcopal Fund—W. M. Shaw, chairman, L. T. Vantampen, secretary; J. W. Johnson, F. D. Hartssek, C. D. Schpurd, D. Evans,
Epworth League—G. E. Prentice, chairman; J. Hartsock, C. D. Sucpius, C. Frentier, Chairman; J. Epwarth League—G. H. Prientier, chairman; J. W. Price, secretary: L. C. Mandock, C. H. Newing, Albert Charle, F. Kilpatrick, C. Freedman's Aid and Scuttern Education—D. L. Meeker, chairman, E. V. Atmetrong, scoretary; J. E. Bone, G. H. Preutice, H. A. Green, I. B.

Meeger, charman, F., C. Adustrom, Science, J. F. E. Bone, G. H. Preutice, H. A. Giben, I. B. Wilson.
Local Preachers and Poscoffices—C. C. Vroeman, S. H. Wood, J. N. Mesher, John Humphires, S. H. Flory, C. H. Bernoids.
Memoirs—George Forsythe, chairman; I. R. Cook, secretary; W. L. Thorpe, L. C. Floyd, William Frisby, M. S. Hard.
Missionary Cause—A. D. Daviel, chairman; C. M. Surdam, secretary; J. S. Crompton, S. G. Srowden, H. M. Crydenwise, C. M. Ohnstead,
Ministerial Support—H. D. Smith, chairman; E. B. Singer, secretary; E. A. Mattin, G. E. VanWoerl, J. F. Jones, A. O. Williams,
Nominations of Officers for Conference Societies—W. Treibbe, chairman; M. D. Fuller, secretary,
J. R. Davis, H. A. Williams, J. H. Littell, A. J. VanCleft, D. C. Barnes,
Observance of the Sabhatis—W. G. Simpson, J. B. Sumner, W. T. Blair, C. B. Personeuts, J. W. Nicholson.

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Public Worship-A. Griffin, O. L. Seversca,
Public ations of Book Concern-Thomas Harrown,
chairman: S. C. Simpkins, secretary; H. B.
Benedict, W. L. Linnaberry, W. H. Stang, John

Benedict, W. L. Linnaberry, W. H. Stang, John Bradshaw, Reception of Members—A. F. Claffee, chairman; M. S. Godshall, severtary; R. W. Lowry, F. H. Patsons, H. L. Ellsworth, A. D. Decker, Resolution—A. F. Brown, Chairman, E. E. Pearce, secretary; L. C. Estes, R. M. Pascoc, M. V. Williams, E. L. Jeffrey, Snewgrds—C. H. Sackett, A. J. Cook, B. H. Williams, S. L. Jeffrey, Snewgrds—C. H. Sackett, A. J. Cook, B. H. Williams, S. J. O. Rowe, W. W. Coubin, S. Jadson Stark, William Fletcher, E. Carley, J. D. Miller, Sunday Schools—T. R. Warnesk, chairman; C. P. Tiffany, secretary; F. P. Doty, D. W. Swegtland, G. M. Bell, J. L. Thomas, State of the Church—S. Moore, chairman; J. A. Transne, secretary; William Edgar, H. H. Dresser, J. C. Johnson, G. A. Cure, State of the Country—Henry Tuckley, R. P. Ripley, P. R. Tower, D. L. McDenald, L. B. Weels, W. L. Thorpe, Substription for Minutes—G. N. Underwood, chairman; Gustave Gorless, secretary; W. H. Dorten, J. M. Carrell, P. F. Mead, J. D. Carlell, P. Carlell, P. F. Mead, J. D. Carlell, P. Carlell, P. F. Mead, J. D. Carlell, P. chairman; Gustave Gorisse, secretary; W. H. Horton, J. M. Correll, P. F. Mead, F. D. Cor-

nell.
Temperance and Prohibition—W. H. Hüler, chairman: E. A. Quinnby, secretary; N. B. Bipley, Carl Councilman, Isaac Jenkins, R. L. Clark, Tracts—A. M. Colgrove, D. H. Gridley, Clark Callendar, A. O. Austin, J. B. Wilson, E. D. Dr. Hard's Resolution.

Dr. M. S. Hard offered the following resolution:

Pesolution:

While we are saddened by the giral loss to the general church that makes the coming of Bishop Fowler a necessity, still we wish to assure him that he has a brother's welcome. The opening religious services of this assion that were so tender and helpful already give prefuses of a spiritually profitable meeting of our conference. For this good outcome we will prey. Since Bishop Fowler presided to recently over ear conference he is largely familiar with the work of the conference, its necessities and outselves. We trust that his coming will be a pleasure to

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: PAIR: MORTHEAST WINDS.

General-Philadelphia Ripper Passes the House at Harrishing.
Opening Sessions of the Methodist Conference, Probability of a Conference in Central Rail road Difficulty.

Cuba Will Send a Commission to Washington.

General-Carbondale Department,

Local-Doings in Federal Court, Jutors for May Term of Court,

Editorial.

Note and Comment Local-Recorder Moir Doesn't Care, Mr. Gannon Not a Bit Eluted

Local-West Serinton and Suburban General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Local-News of the World of Labor.

Criminal Court Proceedings.

BOTHA AGAIN BEGINS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

He Is Convinced That General De Wet Is Irresponsible - Botha's Action Will End the War.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pleas. Cape Town, April 10 .- It is underrecent interview with General Botha. refused to surrender. General Botha egarding him as irresponsible, now undertakes to negotiate in behalf of the entire Boer forces. The British authoritizes consider that if General Botha surrenders, De Wet's following

can be easily taken. As explained here, this action was determined in part by General Botha's discovery, at a recent meeting, that General De Wet's intellect had weakened, and that his influence with his followers was diminishing, and that a continuance of the campaign, in view rested with General Botha alone,

MAJOR BROWN'S POSITION DEFINED

Will Act as Recorder of Pittsburg Without Being Under Obligations to Senators Quay, Flinn and Penrose or Cov. Stone.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, April 10.-Major Adam Brown arrived home from Philadelphia at midnight, after attending a confer ence of Governor Stone, Senator Quay and other political leaders Wednesday What transpired at th morning. meeting Major Brown declined to state. When asked the object of his sudden

and quick trip to Philadelphia and re turn, Major Brown said: "Accompanied by Mr. Burke, I left for Philadelphia Tuesday night. We arrived at Philadelphia early this morning. After breakfast we met Governor Stone. I thanked the governor for offering me the recordership of Pittsburg. I did not tell him whether I would accept or reject the position. While we were talking Senator Quay entered the room. He congratulated me upon my appointment and stated he hoped I would accept. I told him the same as I did the governor. I was assured by the governor that if I accepted the office I would have full power to appoint who I pleased to any

position." When asked if E. M. Bigelow would be offered the position of director of the department of public works, Major Brown stated he would not discuss any appeals until he had decided to accept reject the position of recorder. He denied that the meeting at Philadelphia was called to instruct him as to his duties if he accepted the position and brought the interview to a close by stating emphatically that if he assumed the office of recorder he would conduct the office without being under obligations to Senators Quay, Flinn and Penrose and Governor Stone.

KRUGER IS RESTING.

His Visit to America Has Been Post poned Until Fall.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 10.-Charles D. Pierce, official representative in New York of the Boers, gives positive denial of the statement cabled from Europe that President Kruger will sail for

the United States on May 31. "There is absolutely nothing in the story," he said, "Mr. Kruger may come ere in the fall but not sooner He is aking the rest which he needs so had-

Democrats Indorse a Republican. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Pa., April 10.-By a vote of 76 is the Democratic county convention this morn-og placed the Republican candidate, iton. Join B. Livingston, on their tickel, for judge of com-mon pleas court. B. F. Davis was named for subje of the orphans' court and Dr. D. H. Cormick, of this city, for congress, occurry ticket was also named.

Anti-Scalpers' Bill Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Albany, April 40.-After protracted debate, by vote or 61 ayes to 68 mays, the assembly today which provides that no person shall issue or sell passage tickets except the authorized agents of railroads and steamship companies. The bill falled to receive the requisite constitutional vote.

BASE BALL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. At Philadelphia -- Philadelphia (National League), 9; Rochester, 5. Philadelphia - Philadelphia (American At Georgetown—Georgetown university, Phivesity of Penasylvania, 2, At New York—Yale, 5; New York, 4, Av Norfoll—Beeton (National)

CUBA TO SEND A COMMISSION

There is a Desire to Consult the President and Secretary of War on Platt Amendment.

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

The Delegation Will Learn That Cuba Can Hope for No Modification of the Law by Congress, and That Nothing Can Be Accomplished by Waiting Until Another Session. The United States Continues to Exercise Military Authority Over the Island Until Conditions of Platt Amendment Are Complied

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By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 10.-Information was received at the war department today to the effect that the Cuban constood here that General De Wet, at his stitutional convention is contemplating sending a commission here to consult the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba. While it is known that the administration would much prefer to have the constitutional convention accept the Platt amendment instead of sending such a commission, it would rather the commission should visio this country and discuss the subject. than that the Platt amendment should be rejected. Flat rejection would leave matters in a strained condition. The commission will visit this country upon its own responsibility as an invitation to come might imply a disposition on the part of this government to make continuance of the campaign, in view concessions. It has been suggested of General De Wet's irresponsibility, that some of the most radical oppocents of United States control became members of the commission in order that they might ascertain definitely what the situation is in the United

States. There has been some discussion as to what such a commission can accomplish by coming to Washington. It is said that for one thing it can obtain from the president and secretary of war a construction of the Platt amendment. The third section relating to intervention is the one which meets with the greatest objections from the Cubans, and it is believed that the administration can convince the delegation that there is nothing but the best of intention on the part of this gov-

No Hope for Modification.

The delegation, it is said, will learn hat the Cubans can hope for no modification of the law by congress and that nothing can be accomplished by waiting until another session. It also will be made plain that the present administration does not wish any modification and that the spirit of the Platt amendment must be accepted. The delegation will be informed that they can tell the members of the convention upon their return that until the conditions of the Platt amendment are complied with the United States will continue to exercise authority in the islands under its military power.

There is a desire on the part of the Cubans to have some information as to what may be meant by coaling stations. It is understood that the delegates have been given an intimation that the selections are not likely to be made within any of the cities of Cuba, but at points which the United States regards as convenient for war-Probably the delegation may ships. desire additional assurances from the president upon this point when it

comes to the United States. As to the time for the visit of the commission there is no definite infor-The president leaves for the mation. west the last of the month, and it is pected that he will not see any delegation of this character until after his

No Action Taken.

Havara, April 10.-The Cuban constltutional convention at today's session took no action regarding the proposal o appoint a commission to go to Washington in reference to the future relations between the United States and luba. The whole time was taken up by Senor Gomez and General Sanguilly, who made long and impassioned speeches, the former against the Platt amendment and the latter in its favor,

Steamship Arrivals.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 10.-Arrived: Houenzollern, Naples: Majestic, Liverpool and Queenstown; Westernland, Antworp and Southampton, Cleared; Rhein, Bremen: La Champagne, Havre; Auguste Victoria, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbeurg. Sailed: New York, Southampton; Germanic, Liverpeol; Southwark, Antwerp, ren-Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, York via Cherbourg and Southampton. South-ampton—Sailed: St. Louis, New York. Queen-Town—Arrived: Tentonic, New York for Liver-pool and proce-ded. Lizard—Passed: Maasdate, New York for Boulogue and Rotterdam.

Attorney General Knox on Duty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 10 .- Attorney General Knox took formal charge of his office today. During the afternoon the officials and clerks of the department of justice were presented to their new chief. It is said that Mr. Knox will spend large part or the symmer at his desk and that n all probability he will not accompany qualifient on his western trip.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mongolia, Ark., April 10,-Will Black and Heary Wilson, negroes, were hanged here today for the marder or by Young, one year ago.

Two Negroes Hanged.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, April 10.-Forecast for

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eastern Pennsylvania; Fair Thursday; duninishing northerly winds Friday; londy, probably tain in southern per-
