The Somerset Herald.

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THE occasional failure of a badly managed bank does not change the fact that every form of honestly conducted business is gradually improving.

WHILE New York is popularly regarded as the financial center of the country, Boston has at least a dozen more banking institutions than has Gotham.

JOSEPH B. MCCULLAGH, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, committed suicide in that city on Thursday by jumping from a third story window of his residence.

THE recent bank failures are not due to bad banking laws, but to the flagrant violation of good laws. A bank can not succeed when the resources are all loaned to its officers and directors.

THE PAST year will long be remembered on account of the great victory in favor of the gold standard, and the present one will be equally remarkable for the restoration of good times under Republican rule.

IT APPEARS to be settled that Mr. Dingley is not to be a member of the McKinley Cabinet; and it is much easier, by the way, to get that sort of information than to find out the names of men who are certain to be appointed.

THE FACT that nearly ten per cent. of the ballots cast in the State of New York at the last election were thrown out as defective goes to show that the Australian ballot system is a good bit of a mystery to the good people of that part of the country.

SENATOR CAMERON'S course on the Cuban resolution has made him popular with that large element of our population which favors the independence of the island. A Washington correspondent says his mail is filled with letters of congratulation.

KANSAS is entitled to ten votes in the Electoral College, but it is likely she will cast only nine for W. J. Bryan, owing to the fact that W. H. Linton, one of the electors, is an alleged deserter from the Union army, and, therefore, not qualified to serve.

OCCASIONALLY Cleveland hands out a bit of fourth-class postmaster pie, but it is a very small slice. It is a great wonder he does not put these postmasterships under the civil service rules, now that he has filled them with Democrats. Nothing like keeping things in the family.

THERE is a plan before Congress to introduce a thousand bicycles into the regular army, each of the forts and military stations to have at least ten riders fully equipped for service when rapid transit is required. Gen. Miles, it is said, is enthusiastically in favor of trying the experiment.

ONE OF the Boston papers hopes to see the day when cities will be chimneyless, and light, heat and power distributed from plants in the suburbs. But if there should be a break in the current, a chimney and an open grate would be a mighty handy reserve in a house to tide over the time of repairs.

MR. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN has struck his proper gait, and it is much slower than the pace he was traveling a few weeks ago when the people lifted up their voices in protest against the waste of so much raw material in the way of wind. His lecture tour having proved a dismal failure and a losing venture for the enterprising manager who thought he had a good thing in William, the ex-candidate for the Presidency has subsided and will eventually get back to earth again. Flying is very nice, William, but it is the lighting that gives one all the trouble.

EX-SENATOR EDMUNDS of Vermont, is about as good a constitutional lawyer as there is in the country, and he declares that "to recognize as a separate and independent state anything so mythical as the Republic of Cuba would put this country in a very undesirable position, and one in which no civilized nation would like to be placed." It is very well, he goes on to say, for us to "pity the condition of the people and deplore the atrocities that are being committed," but that is as much as we can afford to do, as a self-respecting nation, under existing circumstances.

SECRETARY FRANCIS, in his report for the Interior Department, expresses the opinion that if the rate of disposition of public lands in this country is continued for the next thirteen years, there will be little of the public domain left outside of Alaska But Alaska is a vast domain in itself, and probably by the time other land is exhausted, modern invention and development will make Alaska as readily accessible and as desirable as much of the land that has already been disposed of. Alaska has many valuable resources, and only lacks transportation to make it important territory now.

ENGLAND'S new cruiser, the Powerful, is undoubtedly the most formidable war-ship in the world, and in every way entitled to be called a floating fortress. She is 558 feet long and 71 wide, and her hull contains 100 steam engines for various uses. Her speed of twenty-two knots an hour is produced by 26,497 horse-power, and one coaling will carry her 9,600 knots. For offense she has guns that throw eight tons of steel a minute. In other words, she can direct upon an enemy 266 pounds of steel shot a second, and keep it up without cessation. Modern war-ships are gradually approaching the Great Eastern's 680 feet in length and 83 in width.

CONSIDERABLE bitterness has been displayed in the preliminary skirmishing of the Senatorial contest in this State, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. There is no excuse for public men losing their heads and engaging in personalities for which they will be sorry when it is all over. Politics is a game at which many play, and, as both sides can not win, one or the other must prepare for defeat. Attacks upon character, cowardly insinuations and mysterious threatenings will do neither side any good. A dignified, manly course is the one to pursue, and when the smoke of the battle has cleared away, there will be fewer regrets and apologies.

THE House caucus held at Harrisburg Monday evening has practically settled the contest between Senator Boies Penrose and Hon. John Wanamaker as to which shall succeed Hon. J. D. Cameron as a member of the United States Senate from Pennsylvania. The line-up was had on the chairmanship of the caucus. Perry M. Lytle was the Penrose, and Ward R. Bliss the Wanamaker candidate, the former defeating the latter by a vote of 93 to 71. The Penrose lead will be greatly increased in the joint caucus by Senators and Members, when it is probable that Senator Quay's estimate of 150 for Penrose to 65 for Wanamaker will be found to be not far out of the way. Even should the Wanamaker adherents refuse to go into caucus or to be bound by the decision of the caucus, they can not, by combining with the Democrats, defeat Penrose, who has a clear majority of the combined vote of both Houses.

Hon. Henry K. Boyer, of Philadelphia, was unanimously nominated for Speaker of the House; Jere. B. Rex, of Huntingdon county, was nominated without opposition for Chief Clerk, as was A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery county, for Resident Clerk. Representative Miller, of Somerset county, was made a member of the House Slate committee. An adjournment will probably be had to-day until Monday, 18th, when a United States Senator, in the person of Mr. Penrose, will be formally elected.

At Buckner's Expense.

From the Savannah News.

Christmas, 1896, was a red letter day in the annals of Dudley township, Haskell county, Kansas. Dudley township on November 3 last lifted itself by the bootstraps into prominence by giving a majority in favor of the gold standard Democratic national ticket. It was the only section, or part of a section, in the whole country which gave a majority to Palmer and Buckner. Several days after the result of the election was known the six Democrats who had voted for Palmer and Buckner put chains upon the four Republicans who had voted for McKinley and drove them about the country, while the two Populists who had voted for Bryan looked on. They made a great celebration of the occasion, the voters on the wrong side seeming to enter into the spirit of thing with as much zest as the voters on the majority side.

But the grand blow-out for Dudley township came on Christmas, when the twelve voters of the township were entertained at the expense of General Simon B. Buckner, of Kentucky, whose compliments were presented to the people of the township through the six Democratic voters. General Buckner, a week or so before Christmas, sent to County Clerk Cave, the leader of the Democratic hosts of Dudley township, 25 gallons of the best Kentucky whisky that money could buy and a check for $50, with the request that the six Democratic voters give themselves a Christmas dinner and invite their late opponents to participate in it. Twenty-five gallons of liquor and a $50 dinner was more than the population of Dudley township—men, women and children, and dogs—could "destroy" in one day, so a number of friends from adjoining townships were invited to join in the feasting and festivities. Mrs. Mark Akers and Mrs. Sarah Henthorpe were appointed a committee of arrangements; and they provided such a dinner as will be the talk of Dudley township for years. After the turkey and trimmings were served, the punch dispensed and General Buckner's health drunk in bumpers thereof, the floor was cleared and the grown folks danced, while the children regaled themselves with games.

Thus it occurs that at least one township in the once rank anti-Southern State of Kansas is ready at a moment's notice to give its unanimous vote in favor of a Southern General for anything that he may desire.

Took the Judge's $100,000 Box.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—The recent failure of the banking house of Gardner Morrow & Co., of Hollidaysburg, will result in many sensational suits in Court. The strong box or casket containing the securities and title papers of the estate of the late Judge James Gardner, the senior partner in the bank, has been impounded in the Blair county court to help pay the claims of the depositors.

This box is said to hold $100,000 worth of United States bonds, a sum sufficient to pay one-third of the bank's indebtedness. It will be opened in Court on Monday by Judge John M. Bailey, of Huntingdon county in the presence of District Attorney Hammond and the many depositors.

Kansas' Turn to Bark.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 1.—Kansas' birthday, January 29, will be made a State holiday. People will meet, irrespective of party, to denounce the East, which has maligned her good name because Populism prevailed at the recent election.

The appeal for meetings everywhere says: "Every yelping dog has had his bark at Kansas; every cesspool of ignorance, squalor and iniquity in the East has gasped a curse at Kansas. Let us stand up for our State and rebuke those hoary, wrinkled, hardened sinners."

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Crimes of 1896.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—There were 137 lynchings in this country in 1896, 40 less than in 1895. Only one of the victims was a woman. The record of mob murder is now attracting attention not only of moral workers, but legislatures. Of the lynchings, 122 occurred in the south and 9 in the north. Of the victims, 80 were negroes and 51 whites.

The number of legal executions in 1896 was 122. The south had 83 of the executions and the north had 39; whites executed, 70; negroes, 48; Indians, 4.

There were 6,520 suicides in the United States during 1896. Of the suicides 5,078 were males and 1,442 females.

The number of murders committed was 10,652, as compared with 10,500 in 1895.

The amount of the embezzlements, forgeries and bank wreckings in 1896 was $9,465,921, as compared with $10,423,205 last year.

Mr. Kelley a True Prophet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The late W. D. Kelley, of Philadelphia, more commonly known as "Pig Iron" Kelley, made the prediction in the House shortly before his death that it would not be many years before the cotton growers of the South would be knocking at the doors of Congress for a tariff on their product. The prediction came true when W. D. Craig, of Mississippi, representing the cotton growers of the Mississppi Valley, appeared before the Ways and Means Committee and asked that a duty of 3 cents per pound be imposed upon Egyptian cotton. The imports of foreign cotton, nine-tenths of which comes from Egypt, for the first ten months of this year amounted to over $5,000,000, an increase of over $1,000,000 over those for the same period of last year. While this may not seem large, yet it is not without its effect upon the home product, and this, with the probabilities of a continued increase, leads to the demand for protection and the consequent fulfillment of "Pig Iron" Kelley's prophecy.

Using Corn For Fuel.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.—As a result of continued wet weather throughout the State farmers have begun to utilize a part of their immense corn crop for fuel, for fear it may spoil. The market price is only nine cents a bushel and it is much more precious for fuel.

BRIBERY IS CHARGED.

Thrilling Story of a Detective Who Has Been Inside the Wanamaker Boom.

TRYING TO BUY OVER LEGISLATORS.

A Story of Disgrace, Corruption and Infamous Conspiracy.

Corruption is alleged to run riot in Pennsylvania, through the ambition of a millionaire merchant to sit in the Senate of the United States. The climax in a long story of numerous attempts to bribe members of the legislature was reached Thursday in the arrest of E. A. Van Valkenburg, a well-known state politician, who is in charge of Wanamaker's quarters at the Lochiel hotel in Harrisburg. The evidence against Van Valkenburg is furnished by a trained detective, and the details of this story are astonishing beyond measure. The detective is John Tillard, of Altoona.

Friends of Boies Penrose have been in possession of the daily reports of this detective since early in October, and knew of the organized efforts of the Wanamaker contingent to corruptly influence the legislature. It was to these facts, even then in his possession, that Senator Quay referred when he asked Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in the Senate, not to push his bill for the present providing for the election of United States Senators by the people, as something was likely to develop shortly in Pennsylvania that would have a bearing on the subject.

It seems that the detective in question was employed by the Penrose people to find out what was going on in the inside of the Wanamaker boom. He succeeded in having himself employed by Wanamaker, who introduced him to Van Valkenberg as "one of his managers." Valkenberg subsequently gave the detective $1,200 to give Dr. N. C. Mackey, a member from Lackawanna county, exacting from Mackey in return a pledge that he would vote for Wanamaker for Senator. This transaction is corroborated by another detective, who was in an adjoining room when the money was paid, and also by a photographic reproduction of the pledge which the Doctor gave. In the course of this Mackey deal Van Valkenberg, the detective says, was frequently in communication with John Wanamaker. He said to the detective: "I am not going to do anything unlawful any more than I can help. I think the end justifies the means, and I would cold-bloodedly buy a block of 25 members if we had to pay $100,000 for them. "My people," he continued—and he afterwards mentioned Thomas Dolan's name in this connection—"never question my judgment in matters of this kind, and for this reason I do not wish to pay more than is absolutely necessary. They are always willing to pay any price so they are sure of the goods. Sometimes I say to them that a certain point can be made for $2,000, and I am afterwards obliged to tell them it will take twice that amount; but they never object if I can assure them it will bring the result. We are doing business on that basis. We don't object to paying the price, but we want to see the results. That is why I want to do business with a man like you."

Subsequently Van Valkenberg, Tillard says, gave him five $100 bills with which to buy the support of W. C. Weiss, a member from Schuylkill county. This money the detective marked, and returned to Van Valkenberg by registered letter five other $100 bills. The detective holds Van Valkenberg's registry receipt for this, and also for the pledge signed by Dr. Mackey.

At the hearing in Pottsville on Thursday Van Valkenberg dodged the charges by giving bail for trial. When he got back to Harrisburg he gave out a denial of the detective's story There are, however, few people who have read the details of the proceedings who are not impressed with the probability of the allegations.

It was knowledge of these facts that induced Senator Quay a few days ago to send the following letter to some of his friends:

"DEAR SIR: I am sincerely anxious that the attempt in progress to purchase the succession to Senator Cameron shall be defeated, and will be greatly obliged if you will cooperate to secure the vote of your members of the House for Boies Penrose.

"M. S. QUAY."

Wedded Her Wounded Wooer.

WEBSTER CITY, Jan. 4.—The fact that her lover, Paul Sutton, had just been filled with buckshot by her father did not deter Mary Hargreaves, a pretty girl of 17, from carrying out her intention to marry her choice yesterday. Sutton worked for Mary's father, a farmer, as a farmhand, and the farmer's daughter fell in love.

Elder Hargreaves did not fancy the match, but Mary and Paul persisted in love-making. A week ago Paul was discharged and warned to keep away. Yesterday Sutton called at Hargreave's home and asked to see his daughter. The old man grabbed a shotgun and told him to leave. Sutton hesitated, and Hargreaves emptied both barrels in Sutton's shoulder.

Sutton ran to a neighbor, who dressed the wound. Before the task was complete a note came from the young lady expressing sympathy and promising to meet her lover in any place he might name and be married. The ceremony was performed an hour later at Oakland Valley.

Bound, Gagged, and Robbed.

Another brutal outrage by robbers in Westmoreland County occurred about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, Mrs. Barbara Hartman, an aged woman living alone at Penn Station, being the victim. Two masked men forced their way into her house, and on being told she had no money, beat her unmercifully, bound and gagged her, and threw her on the floor of an adjoining room. They then searched the place, securing $6.

After several hours' of work Mrs. Hartman succeeded in freeing herself and arousing the neighbors, but the villians made good their escape. The old lady is in a very critical condition, and the chances of her recovery very slight, she being eighty years of age.

The guilty parties are believed to be residents of Penn or Jeannette, and if they are captured will be severely dealt with.

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To Promote International Bimetallism.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, sailed for Europe on Saturday last. The object of his foreign tour is to confer with leading bimetallists in Europe on the expediency of calling an international bimetallic conference.

Senator Wolcott was asked the question as to whether or not he was going abroad as McKinley's personal envoy. He smiled at the question, but positively declined to discuss the subject.

"You can not expect me to answer that," was all he could be induced to say.

"Still, I can say this," he added. "My conferences with foreign bimetallists will be entirely unofficial, and nothing I will say will in any way commit the Administration to any fixed policy. We are looking for information; that is all. The sole object of my visit will be to sound the English sentiment on the question of international bimetallism and to promote, through the bimetallists of London, the appointment of representatives of the English Government to the proposed monetary conference.

"There has been a great deal of correspondence of late between bimetallists in this country and the Secretary of the Bimetallic League of London, which encourages us to believe that the calling of another international monetary conference in the near future is highly probable.

"Invitations have been extended to me to visit London for the purpose of conferring with members of the League."

Although Senator Wolcott did not say so in so many words, he tacitly admitted that he was also under instructions from the Republican Senatorial Caucus Committee, and with the understanding that he has authority to represent the views of President-elect McKinley.

A bill has been prepared by the Caucus Committee providing for the appointment by the President of a commission to represent the United States in the proposed money conference. This bill is to be presented to the full Republican Caucus for approval before being introduced in the Senate. It confers upon the President the right to appoint delegates to any conference which may be called having for its object the re-establishment of bimetallism. It is expected that this bill, and any legislation that may be needed to enforce it, will be passed during the present session and be approved by President Cleveland.

The effect of this will be that when Major McKinley enters upon his Presidential duties he will find all the preliminary work cleared, and will be enabled to call a conference and appoint the delegates on the part of the United States as soon as he may wish after his inauguration.

Senator Wolcott will return to the United States before the close of the present Congress.

Stubborn Faith Curists.

CANTON, O., Jan. 2.—Emma Stevens has been judged by the probate court as subject to epileptic fits and ordered sent to an asylum for epileptics. While attending the Church of God about two weeks ago Miss Stevens fell in a fit, from which she has never fully recovered. For some time friends would not allow a physician to be called, asserting that the trouble was not a physical ailment, but that she had fallen into a trance from which she would recover in due time. The friends are strong believers in the "faith cure." Later it was thought best to have the services of a physician, although this was done under protest from several relatives of the young woman. Last Thursday night about midnight she was taken to a creek and immersed. This caused more trouble. She has been having several spasms daily, and finally complaint was filed in the court as to the treatment she was receiving. An examination was made by the city physician and Judge Wise ordered her taken to the asylum. The church people still assert that she does not have epilepsy, the testimony of physicians notwithstanding.

A Woman Pastor Weds.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 1.—Rev. Caroline J. Bartlett, pastor of the People's Church, surprised her flock last evening by wedding Dr. A. W. Craine, pathologist.

The local papers contained a general invitation from Miss Bartlett to a reception at her church last evening. At 9 o'clock a musical programme was begun, during which Rev. Miss Bartlett withdrew. A little later she and Dr. Craine entered the church and walked down different aisles unattended, meeting in front of the platform, where each plighted his and her troth, and then their union was legalized by Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones.

It was the People's Church of which Infidel "Bob" Ingersoll said:

"I like the church. The object of it is to make people better, kinder and nearer, just by developing the brain and civilizing the heart. The church is a character builder. If there were a similar place near my home I would join it, if the members would permit me."

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Three Tots Suffocated.

HANOVER, Pa., Jan. 1.—Last evening the three little children of Mr. and Mrs. George Duttera, who reside in the country about four miles from this place, were suffocated. Mrs. Duttera left home to see a neighbor, and locked her three small children and a pet dog in the house. When she returned she discovered smoke issuing from the house and entering through the front door, she fell through the floor, which was badly burned. She landed in the cellar. Quickly crossing to the steps, she ascended to the first floor, where she found her three little ones with their dog, all huddled together in a corner of the room dead.

It is supposed that a spark from the stove fell on the carpet, causing a smothered fire that soon filled the room with smoke and burned the floor.

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THE ENTIRE NOVELTY of many of the plans for 1897 is noticeable. For instance, the series devoted to

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