

lius and A. C. Smith were in Mid- anuel Wagner. dleburg last Wednesday ...... Miss Izora Walter is visiting friends in Williamsport....C. D. Bolig and sister, Carrie, of Winfield, were the guests of John Field's over Sunday .....Mrs. George Hoke of Danville Dengler, John Newman Sr.; School is visiting her parents at this place.....Mrs. A. W. Smith and Mrs. Emma Davis, of Selinsgrove, spent one day last week with Laphenus Walter.....Thompson Hilbish, of Selinsgrove, was in town one day last week . . . . Revival meetings commenced last Friday evening in the Evangelical church of this place ... A. D. Kreamer is agent for the Great Eastern Fertilizer Company kenburg and Hob. Mitchell; Assesand the farmers that intend buying a high grade fertilizer may not do bad by giving A. D. a chance.... Frank Thomas had his phone removed last week, and the telephone company established pay-stations at A. C. Smith's and J. E. Magee's store.

# SELINSGROVE.

The students of the University organized a scientific society last week

. Mrs. Dr. Wm. Ulsh and friend will be buried Thursday. Aged about 80 years.... Prof. Neotling was circulating in town this week .....The musical convention opened very auspiciously, the opera house Poor, H. K. Snyder; Assessor, H.

# NOMINATIONS

The following named districts ave handed in the names of nominations for borough and township officers :

BEAVER, R.

Judge of Election, John Heimach; Inspectors, Charles Dreese, Oliver Sanders; Auditor, John W. Hassinger ; Treasurer, Benjamin Hoffman ; Supervisors, Archie Middleswarth and Irwin Kinney; Assessor, John S. Kern; School Directors, Jacob Hetrick and John D. Herbster; Overseer of the Poor, Phillip Herbster.

# WEST BEAVER, R.

Judge of Election, J. W. Baker; Inspectors, F. W. Gundrum and G. G. Goss ; School Directors, Thomas Herbster and H. H. Herbster : Su-Mrs. John Mitchell, of Renova, and Mrs. Wm. Bollinger, of Sun-M. Wagner; Assessor, Isaac Midbury, are at present the guests of dleswarth ; Auditor, A. B. Spigel-Samuel Bollinger's ..... N. C. Gute- myer ; Overseer of the Poor, Em-

# CHAPMAN, D.

Judge of Election, John B. Herrold; Inspectors, Jacob Leach and J. R. Rine; Road Supervisor, S. T. Directors, J. S. Rine and Wm. P. Moyer; Assessor, G. W. Schreiber; Overseer of the Poor. S. B. Arnold; Auditor, Geo. I. Dengler.

## FRANFLIN, R.

Judge of Election, W. H. Houtz; Inspectors, Lester Derr and G. D. Maneval; Justices of the Peace, C. H. Dunkleberger and E. D. H. Walter; Supervisors, J. C. Hacor, John W. Walter; Overseer of the could not have been taken if there were Poor, Reuben Weirick; School Directors, Irwin Graybill and G. W. Diehl; Auditor, J. W. Eisenhaur.

#### MIDDLEBURG, R.

The result of the primary in the borough as follows:

Town Council (3 years), S. S. Schoch, 49; J. W. Swartz, 47; D. A. Kern, 60; Town Council (two years), Aaron Renninger, 74;

School Directors, E. K. Freyman, 58: J. W. Orwig, 40; G. C. Gutelius, 51; Auditor, G. H. Steininger, of Driftwood are guests of Druggist 82; Assessor, W. F. Feese, 59; Howard Ulsh and wife . . . . We are Calvin Stetler, 24 ; Judge of Elecsorry to note the death of an old, re- tion, I. H. Bowersox, 45; Alfred through the superior officer. There is spected citizen in the person of Hon. Clelan, 34; Inspectors, Edwin J. G. L. Shindel which occurred on Charles, 70; Aaron Renninger, 64; Monday morning at 3 o'clock. He Overseer, W. W. Wittenmyer, 77;

# MIDDLECREEK, R.

School Directors, J. R. Deemer and S. C. Meekly; Overseer of the ment of Admiral Sicard.

# NO WARLIKE MOVEMENT

In the Sending of the Steamer Maine to Havana.

# VISIT TO A FRIENDLY NATION.

The Spanish Minister at Washington Fully Informed, and Sees No Reas For Objection-Consul General Lee Did Not Ask For a Warship.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Within a few hours, for the first time since the insurrection broke out in Cuba three years ago, the United States government will be represented in the harbor of Havana by a warship. The decision to send the United States steamship Maine was finally reached at a special meeting at the White House yesterday between the president, Secretary Long Attorney General McKenna, Assistant Secretary Day and General Miles, and it is a striking fact that with the exception of the secretary of the navy and the attorney general not a member of the cabinet knew of the president's intention to take this radical action.

It is not denied, however, that some such move has been long in contempla tion, as is evidenced in the following statement of Assistant Secretary Day

"The sending of the Maine to Havana means simply the resumption of friend ly naval relations with Spain. It is customary for naval vessels of a friendly nation to pass in and out of the har-

bors of other countries with which they are at peace, and British and German warships have recently visited Havana This is no new move. The president has intended to do it for some time. but heretofore something has happened to postpone it. The orders to the Maine mean nothing more than I have said. and there is nothing alarming or un friendly in them. The Spanish minister here is fully informed of what is going

on, and so far as I know has not made the slightest objection to it." Further, Assistant Secretary Day said that Consul General Lee had no

sent for a warship. This statement shows that the movwas made deliberately, and that i

serious apprehension of its results in Havana. The general belief here, how ever, is that in Madrid, rather than in any Cuban town, is trouble to be looked for, if there should be any misapprehen sion of the purpose of our government in sending the Maine to Havana. The temper of the opposition newspapers in

the Spanish capital has been threatening for some time, and it may require the strong hand of the news censor to repress utterances that would lead to rioting.

Admiral Sicard's orders were no made public in their text at the navy department, but it was stated that the substance of them was contained in the statement made by Secretary Day. The orders were not sent directly to the Maine for the reason that she is now attached to the squadron, and the naval some question whether the telegram reached the admiral before he sailed with his squadron from Key West for Tortugas harbor. The bellef is that it did not, but this will make little difference in the program, inasmuch as the telegram doubtless will be sent to the admiral by one of the torpedo boats or some other means of conveyance. The details of the Maine's movements

# ALGIERS RIOTS CONTINUE.

are believed to be left for the arrange-

# A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Jan. 19. r Nicolini, husband of Madame delini Patti-Nicolini, died yesterday at Pau, France

The national senate yesterday confirmed H. D. Saylor, of Pennsylvania, to be consul at Matanzas, Cuba.

Sanford B. Dole, president of Hawali, left San Francisco for Washington this afternoon. He goes by way of Chicago and New York.

Levi Poindexter, a negro convict, stabbed F. A. Dieffenbach, deputy war-den of the Maryland penitentiary, with a table knife, and Dieffenbach may die.

Thursday, Dec. 20. Reports of Mr. Gladstone's critical health are denied in London.

The curfew ordinance went into effect at Indianapolis Tuesday night. Captain Edward Murphy, on trial at Wilmington, Del., for Cuban filibustering, was acquitted.

On Monday next will begin the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California.

The Japanese government again declares that that country is "prepared to act vigorously, if necessary, for the maintenance of the peace."

Friday, Jan. 21.

The Iowa house has passed a resolution asking Senators Allison and Gear to vote for Hawaiian annexation.

The rumor is again revived with more positiveness that Russia bought the French military secrets alleged to have been sold by Dreyfus.

A young woman giving the name of Agnes McCarthy is in a Brooklyn hospital, a physical and mental wreck as a result of excessive cigarette smoking. Rev. Dr. John Hall, vielding to the wishes of his congregation, has withdrawn his resignation as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York.

Saturday, Jan. 22. senate confirmed Joseph Mc-The Kenna as associate justice of the supreme court.

Hallet Kilbourn, of Washington, has been sent to an asylum, having developed suicidal mania.

August Nickerson, a sailor, died at Port Townsend, Wash., after living 11 days with a broken neck. Edward M. Shannon, 70-year-old wife

murderer, was sentenced at Wheaton. Ills., to be hanged Feb. 11. The Maryland deadlock over a suc-

cessor to United States Senator Gorman still continues. McComas leads. but with little chance of success. Monday, Jan. 24.

The striking New Bedford textile workers have issued an address appealing for assistance.

Evelyn O'Connell, a bright little girl of 10, has strangely disappeared from her parents' home in New York.

The French chamber of deputies becames so turbulent Saturday that soldiers were called in to suppress the disorder. There were numerous fist fights. Charles Thomas Parsloe, the actor, famous for his presentation of "My in conjunction with Louis Partner." Aldrich, is dead at his home in New York

President Dole, of Hawali, arrived in Chicago yesterday, and was formally welcomed by representatives of the president and by Mayor Harrison. He is now the guest of the nation.

Tuesday, Jan 25. John D. Rockefeller proposes to spend \$200,000 in improving the roads of Westchester county, N. Y.

The Iowa supreme court upholds the anti-cigarette law in a case in which the sales were not original packages. The Tennessee senatorial deadlock is still unbroken. The 69th ballot result-

ed: McMillin, 37; Turley, 30; Taylor, 23. Justice Gaynor, of Brooklyn, handed

# ATLANTIC COAST STORM.

to Serious Damage Reported From the Heavy Winds.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.-Reports from arious parts of eastern Pennsylvania and south Jersey indicate that a wind storm of more than ordinary velocity passed over those sections yesterday, but no great damage resulted. The prinripal damage consisted of the uprooting of trees and blowing down of telegraph and telephone wires. In a few instances houses were unroofed. Heavy winds prevailed along the coast, but up to a late hour no disasters to shipping were reported. In this city the wind reached a maximum velocity of 41 miles an hour, but beyond damage to trees and signs there were no serious results. The tide in the Delaware river reached its highest in a year.

With a deafening crash that was heard for squares a portion of the east wing of the old state house fell in last night. No harm was done to the historic building, as the arches which collapsed were not connected with it, a rection of the wing next to the east wall of Independence Hall having been torn out under the restoration plans now being carried out.

# SHE TOLD HER SECRET.

And Her Common Law Husband Was Arrested For Murder.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 25 .- The sixt pected murderers of Andrew J. Pepper. 75 years old, who was found dead in his barn in Rush, Susquehanna county, Pa., Oct. 19, have been arrested as the result of a confession made by Mrs. James J. Smith, common law wife of one of the alleged murderers. As a resuit of the confession James J. Smith was arrested Sunday in Coventry, N Y., and on Saturday night officers ar rested Cornelius M. Shaw, near Hancock, N. Y. The murdered farmer was afraid of banks, because he had lost \$2,000 in a bank failure four years ago. and he kept all his money in the house. The murder was committed for the money, which, however, the men failed to secure. Mrs. Smith, while pretending to be asleep, heard the men discussing the murder. She confided the secret to a friend, who told the authorities, in the hope of securing a reward of \$1,000 offered.

#### ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Nanticoke, Pa., Jan. 25 .- Eleven familles were made homeless early yesterday at Alden, a small mining town near here, by a fire which did \$40,000 worth of damage. The total insurance is about one-third the loss. There were no fire engines or hose on, and a cold wind was blowing.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25 .- Thomas Long. a real estate agent at Twenty-ninth street and Girard avenue, has been missing since Jan. 12. He is about 55 years of age, and a number of property owners for whom he collected rents say he has not settled his accounts with them. The amount is estimated to be about \$15,000 or \$20,000. Long's family, consisting of a wife and grown up children, know nothing of his chereabouts.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 24-Annie D Struck was granted a divorce Saturday from George F. Struck, with whom she lived but 24 hours. The day after their marriage, July 24, 1895, Struck committed a robbery. He was arrested and sentenced to one year. When he was liberated from prison he eloped with a sweetheart who antedated his wife in his affections. He is now serving two years at Trenton for forgery. Struck declares she has no further use for such a husband.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25 .- Mrs. Anna

Speaker Reed and Leader Balloy

a Question of Verneity. In the senate on Tuesday of last week the urgent deficiency bill carrying \$1,913,810, was passed, and the Teller bill providing for the payment of government bonds in silver coin was favorably reported. In executive session Senator Morgan spoke in favor of Hawaiian annexation, predicting that failure to annex would plunge this country in wf. within ten weeks. In the house an efort to attach the senate Cuban recognition resolution to the consular appropriation bill was defeated after a lively debate.

Wednesday's session of the house was enlivened by a further debate on Cuba, resulting from an unsuccessful effort to direct the foreign affairs committee to report the Cuban resolution adopted by the senate last session. Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee, made an impassioned appeal against action at this time, declaring that the Cuban insurgents urged recognition only with a desire to plunge this country into war with Spain. He asserted that the president's sympathies were strongly with the insurgents. The senate discussed a resolution of Senator Hoar regarding the reduction in the number of letter carriers in the large cities. Senator Morgan continued his Hawallan speech in executive session.

On Thursday last there was quite a spirited controvery between Speaker Reed and Mr. Bailey, leader of the Democrats in the house, on a question of veractly. Mr. Balley openly declared, that he had an understanding with the speaker that a vote should be taken on a motion to recommit the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Mr. Reed positively declared that he had made no such agreement, though Mr. Bailey reiterated it, and the controversy created a sensation. The senate took up the Teller resolution authorizing the payment of government honds in silver

On Friday an agreement was reached in the senate providing for a final vote the Teller bond resolution. on Thursday. In the house the urgent deficiency bill was sent to conference.

On Saturday in the house the controversy between Speaker Reed and Democratic Leader Bailey was renewed. each reiterating his previous statement. The statements and counter statements. were enthusiastically cheered by the respective sides. In the senate amend-ments to the Teller bond resolution were offered, one declaring it to be the duty of government to maintain the parity of gold and silver and the other declaring for a gold standard until an international agreement can be secured.

Monday of this week in the senate gave Senator Morgan another opportunity to review the question of Hawaiian annexation. Despite a published denial of ex-President Cleveland, the senator made a long argument in support of his previous declarations that the then president favored annexation. Mr. Turple made a speech in support of Teller's resolution authorizing pay ment of bonds in silver. The house devoted most of the day to the Indiana apprepriation bill.

# MINT DIRECTOR PRESTON RESIGNS

He Is Succeeded by George E. Roberts. of Fort Dodge, Ia.

Washington, Jan. 25.-The resignation of R. G. Preston as director of the mint was yesterday tendered to the president to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor.



# THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

afternoon. Mrs. Shaw will arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday to remain the rest of the week . . . . Frem looks of things the concerts will be well attended as the reserved seat boards are beginning to fill up.... The frame work of the shoe factory is rapidly being put into place ... Prot. Billhardt is taking in the musical festival. We are glad to see him as he is a good musical stand-by .....Frank Glass, of Freeburg, is

also one of the old reliables in Bass .....Our people, musical and otherwhere he expects to operate it .... Mrs. Mary Duck, who for many years has been baking bread for sale

has been compelled thro' ill health to quit the business ..... Mrs. O. W Meek and son spent Sunday with friends at Allenwood. . . . Mrs. Rev. J. B. Focht and children, of Barren Hill (near Phila.) are welcome guests at Born's..... Miss Stella Meyers, of York, is being entertained by Miss Lillie Schoch.....Miss Carrie Strickler, of New York, was in town between trains.

David Ward, the luckly gold miner, who brought back the news of a rich find of gold on the American side of Alaska, and who says that the rush next spring will be far down the Yukon on the Ameri- Auditor, J. S. Reichenbach. can side, spent three years prospect-

ing in Alaska, and in that time only received seven letters from home. Since his return he has had more

than that thousands of letters from would-be argonauts in three months. by writing to him.

being crowded, the stage also, there being 160 singers on the stage. Dr. Perkins arrived during Monday Control of the stage of Electron to the sta Election, Frank Row; Inspector, Citizens Renew Their Attacks on the Ellsworth Aurand.

# MIDDLECREEK, D.

School Directors, J. R. Heintzelman, L. F. Hummel; Overseer of the Poor, Wm. A. Hummel; Assessor, Norman P. Hummel; Road Supertion, F. W. Thomas; Inspector, C. O. Lenig.

# PERRY, R.

Judge of Election, John R. Troup; Inspector, Wm. H. Kalwise, are hoping for good weather writer; Supervisors, Enoch Smith this week .... G. R. Hendricks has and H. B. Gelnett; School Direcmoved his portable sawmill from tors, Irwin Boyer and Jacob D. across the river to Firestone Valley Shaeffer; Overseer of the Poor, Jonathan Troup; Assessor, Benton Kreigbaum; Auditor Geo. W. Sierer.

PERRY, D.

Judge of Election, T. G. Arbogast ; Inspector, G. B. M. Roush ; Supervisors, Levi Kanwell, Elias Heintzelman; Overseer of the Poor, Benj. Hummel; School Directors, H. G. Hornberger and Wm. Good; Assessor, W. R. Gordon, W. K. Hornberger.

UNION, R.

Judge of Election, Wm. Fisher; Inspector, H. Shaeffer; Justices of

the Peace, P. M. Arnold and Allen S. Sechrist; Supervisors, I. W. Witmer and J. H. Wise; School Directors, J. R. Reigle and Jno. Brubaker; Assessor, Jas. Shaefter;

# UNION TWP.

E. S. Bordner, of Northumberland, was visiting friends here last week....E. G. Brown, of Paxinos, He is now in Philadelphia, Pa., and was a business caller in our towntries to answer every inquiry con- ship last week .... W. W. Sholly is neapolls, was yesterday found guilty of cerning the Far North, its perils, busy hauling lime on his new farm. riches. His practical experience bushels....Harrison Stahl is creet-makes his advice highly valuable. makes his advice highly valuable, ing a new house.... Hon. N. T. and any one interested in Alaska Dundore made a business trip to Se-should avail himselt of knowledge linsgrove on Monday.... Well, everybody is talking election just now. plicated with the affairs of his office.

stores of Jews. Algiers, Jan. 25 .- Rioting occurred vesterday when it was learned that a Hebrew had stabbed a Spanlard. mob gathered, attacked and looted the Hebrew stores. Governor General Lepan personally intervened in order to induce the rioters to desist from further disorderly conduct. The governor visor, G. J. Roush ; Judge of Elec- general narrowly escaped a chair which was thrown at him from a store.

At the head of six zouaves, with fixed bayonets, the governor general, preceded by military drummers, traversed the streets, appealing for quiet. He was followed by a mob of about 3,000 people, who shouted, "Down with the Jews!" "Resign!" intermingled with a few cries of "Vive le gouverneur gen-erale!" The governor general finallyre-turned to the winter palace, escorted by \$854c.; No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Deladetachments and zouaves.

During the afternoon the manager of n anti-Jewish newspaper, accompanied by the widow of a Christian who was killed Sunday evening, herself Finally the chasseurs and infantry, headed by beating drums, cleared the

Jew ventured upon the streets. Last night the town was in great turmoil. All the shops were closed, and troops picketed in all the squares. Several Jewish shops were sacked, and the chasseurs several times dispersed the crowds.

Mr. Cleveland's Denial.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 25 .- "It is one of the strangest things of these strange times that my position upon the Hawallan question should be misunderstood." That is the way ex-President Cleveland expressed himself when annexation of these islands as not only opposed to our national policy, but as perversion of our national mission. The mission of our nation is to build up Islands."

Thieving City Treasurer Convictea. Minneapolis, Jan. 25. - Andrew C. Haugan, former city treasurer of Minmisappropriation of the funds of the tence will be passed next Saturday. Mr.

down a decision granting: a separation to Mrs. Sarah S. Conner for six months only, in the hope that a reconcillation may be effected.

The skeleton of a man, the wrist bones encircled by handcuffs, has been found in the "Bad Lands," Mont. The remains are believed to be those of Lou-Williams, a once noted desperado of the northwest.

# THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadet-

phia and Battimore. Philadelphia, Jan. 24.-Flour firmly held: winter superfine, \$2,5063.16; do. extra, \$3.15 73.60; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$4674.20 do. straight, \$4,35474.45; western clear, \$4.10074.25; do. straight, \$4.40074.70; city mills, extra, \$2.20072.40. Rye flour sold

Seg.c., No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Dela-ware red. spot. 391491994c. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow for local trade. 314c.; No. 2 mixed. in export elevator. 325,033c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 30c.; No. 2 white, ellip-ped. 305304c.; No. 1 white, ellip-ped. 305304c.; No. 1 white, elliped. 31c. Hay slow; choice timothy, \$12 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams. \$22,50623. Deck stream mass \$6,55610 short chest. anti-Jewish excitement. The people and strong: mess. \$25,55(10); short clear, massed beneath the arcades, shouting "Down with the Jews?" and shouting and strong strong the strong stron Elgins, 20c.: imitation creamery, 13010c. New York dairy, 13@18c.; do. creamery, 14 @19c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing boulevard. A number of the natives at 22025c.; do. wholesale, 21c. Cheese joined the mob in hope of pillage. No quiet; large, white and colored. Septem-

ber, statistac.; do. do., September, 94,0 95c., light skims, 6665c.; part skims, 46 55c.; full skims, 7573c. Eggs easter: New part skims, 40 York and Pennsylvania, 18020c.; western fresh, 18c.

Baltimore, Jan. 24 .- Flour quiet; western superline, \$2,7013,10; do. extra, \$1,350 4; do. family, \$4,3504,65; whiter wheat, patent, \$4,7505; spring do., \$595,25; spring wheat, straight, \$4,8004,50. Wheat firmer spot, month and February, 884 01874c.; March, 9814c.; May, 55401354c.; steamer No. 2 red, 814 095c.; southern, by sample, Corn

953,41995,c. Cur. 953,41995,c. Cur. 9502994ac.; do. on grade, 95440295 firm; spot, month and February, stood." That is the way ex-President Cleveland expressed himself when shown the statement of Senator Mor-gan relative to his position in the sen-ate yesterday. "I regard the proposed 531gc. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$13, Grain freights very dull, demand flat; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 34d., February, Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s. 49d., February, Sugar strong: granuand make a greater country out of what lated 5.20%. Butter quiet: fancy cream-we already have, instead of annexing ery, 21c.; do, imitation, 16917c.; do, ladie, good hadle, 13614c.; store packed, 126

Mc. Eggs quiet: fresh, Ifc. Cheese steady funcy New York, large, 95,610c.; do. me dium, 100710%c.; do, small, 10%0710%c. Whisky, \$1.2501.25 per gallon for finished goods in carloads; \$1.2761.28 per gallon for

obbing lots. East Liberty, Pa., Jan. 24.-Cattle acsorted medium weights, \$2,55-04; best Yorkers, \$2,900(3.95; heavy hogs, \$3,750(3.85; his personal difficulties to become com-plicated with the affairs of his office. calves. \$5,5007.25. Veal

dren, Frank, aged 2 years, and Henry aged 6 months, was yesterday acquit ted of the crime, the jury adjudging her to be insane. The crime was commit-ted on Dec. 2. Mrs. Niggi placed the two children in a bathtub, and turning on the gas, lay down beside them. Her husband arrived home in time to save her life, but the little ones were dead. Mrs. Niggl will be sent to Norristown Insane asylum.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.-During a quarrel early yesterday morning John H Gavin, proprietor of a logging house at Twentieth and Commerce streets, was horribly cut and slashed about the face and body with a razor. He died several hours later. Frank Robinson a lodger in the house, was arrested later in the day, charged with the crime. Robinson, when arrested, had no razor. and there was no blood on his clothes. He was under the influence of liquor. On Saturday morning Frank Monroe, a colored bootblack, had a fight with sev eral white men. As a result Michael Salmon had his throat cut and two others were fearfully slashed with a razor. Salmon died soon after.

# The Miners' Convention.

Chicago, Jan. 25 .- The interstate bituminous coal miners and operators made little progress at vesterday's session, but the miners made their position plain by a reiterated demand for a ten cents advance and a uniform base of weights. As the convention seem nearing a point when action would be absolutely necessary the whole matter including the resolutions presented by the miners, was referred back to th scale committee with instruction to report today. The main question is now whether Illinois will break away from the contracts running to May L or In sist upon holding them good. If the Illinois operators can be arranged for nothing will prevent a quick settlement as the others operators are ready and willing to grant the advance demanded.

### Postoffices Need More Money.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Postmaster General Gary sent to congress yesterday a request for an appropriation of \$163,000 to meet a probable deficit in the free delivery service for the current fiscal year. He estimates the net de ficiency in salary account July 1, 1898, will be \$117.653; in incidental account, \$67,625; total deficiency, \$185,281, while convertible balances in other acco unts reach \$22,000, leaving a net deficit of \$163,281.

#### Two Killed in a Card Duci.

Pineville, Ky., Jan. 25.-William and Harvey Topie are dead and Lew Wallace is fatally wounded as the result a pistol duel in a room in Leslie county. The fight started over a card game. Pistols were drawn, the lights shot out and a desperate duel began. When the shooting ceased the two Topies were dead and Wallace fatally in-

## ROBERT E. PRESTON

Mr. Preston has been connected with the treasury department for more than 42 years. The president later sent to the senate the name of George E. Roberts. of Fort Dodge. In, for the VILCIARCS created by the resignation of Mr. Preston.

#### Asserts Drevfus' Innocence. Periln, Jan. 25 -- The minister for for-

eign affairs, Baron Von Buelow, made a solemn statement vestorday before the budget committee of the reichstage in regard to the Dreyfus affair. He declared most emphatically that there had never been relations of any kind between German representativo toragents and Dreyfus. The minister said the story of the waste basket incident ar the Gorman embassy in Paris, and the finding therein of compromising documents affecting Dreyfus, was sheer invention.

Exploding Locomotive Kills Three. Madison, Wise, Jan. 25.-By the ex-plosion of the boller of a locomotive standing in a roundhouse here three men were killed, two others seriously injured, and the building and three en gines wrecked. The lead are: Frank Beck, roundhouse foreman. Wesley Schelper, engineer of the wrocked on gine: Charles Young, engineer. The seriously hurt are: Fred V. Baxter. fireman, leg burned and scalid d. Emil Olsen, machinist, terribly burn-1 datas? scalded by escaping steam.

### Dr. Talmage Again Wedded.

Pittsburg, Jan. 24 .- Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, of Washington, was married Saturday to a widow, Mrs. Eleanor M. Collier, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James McCutcheon. This is Dr. Talmage's third matrimonias venture. He is about 60 years old, and his bride is 40.

#### Shoriff Martin's Trial.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 25.-Colonel T. R. Martin, the new district attorney. announced to the court yesterday that the trial of Sheriff Martin and his Sb deputies, charged with murder and felonious assault, would be called be-fore Tuckday, Feb. 1.