

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

RAILWAY MUST PAY.

A Youthful Pair of Hands Valued at \$10,000

Elmer J. Walbridge, aged 8 years, obtained a verdict for \$10,000 against the Schuylkill Electric Railway Company, of Pottsville, recently. The boy was run over by a trolley car in Pottsville over two years ago and had both hands cut off. The lad is an inmate of the House of the Merciful Saviour, Philadelphia. Arbitrators awarded \$8,000, and the company appealed it to court.

Harry Hindman, of Butler, aged 19, died the other morning from blood poisoning. Three weeks ago he had a decayed tooth treated by dentist on his way to having it filled. In a few days a sore place appeared under his tongue which developed into blood poisoning and caused death.

Eva, the daughter of Mrs. Charles Weiss, of Brodheadsville, was burned to death during the mother's absence from the kitchen last Monday. Eva, who is a little child, played with the fire. Her dress caught and her screams brought her mother and grandmother to her assistance but too late. The child was frightfully burned from the knees up over her whole body.

A can of kerosene oil exploded in the boiler house of the Beehive cement mill at Rosendale the other day setting fire to the mill and storage house. Both were destroyed, together with 4,000 bags and 600 barrels of cement and 300 tons of coal. The loss is estimated at 100,000; fully insured.

Burglars forced an entrance into the residence of James Gartz, near Millbrook, the other night, and at the points of revolvers held him up and then bound him with a rope. They searched the premises and secured a sum of money. Gartz freed himself, but his mother had most their escape.

A concert was given at the Harrisburg opera house recently for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers. About \$500 was realized. Gov. Hastings presided and made a brief address in which he expressed the hope that the people of Pennsylvania would contribute liberally for the relief of the starving Cubans.

In attempting to stop a runaway team of horses recently George Schreffler, of Rockefeller township, aged 24, was struck by a passenger train on the Northern Central Railroad and instantly killed, his body being scattered along the track for half a mile.

S. W. Scott & Son, Waynesburg, who have been holding half a million pounds of Green county wool, have just sold between \$200,000 and \$300,000 to a Boston firm at a good figure. About 200,000 pounds of this was bought two years ago at 15 cents per pound.

James H. Smith, a cattle buyer, of Cochranton, was ejected from a train on the Erie road near Conowingo, Md. at Buchanan junction, and was found drowned in a small stream nearby. He probably fell through the trestle.

The jury at Philadelphia acquitted Mrs. Anna Nigzel, who placed two children, aged 2 years and six months, in a bathtub and asphyxiated them by turning on gas. She will be sent to Norristown asylum.

Mrs. Jennie Sherman, a negro, shot her sleeping husband, George, at Norristown the other day, and tried to strangle him with an axe. She has not since been seen, and it is believed threw herself into the Schuylkill river.

Henry Cole, a Bessemer employee, was cutting off a bolt at Albion when the angle bar flew around, striking his nose and mutilating his eyes. It is doubtful if he will recover.

While Fred Belter, of Williamsport, aged 12 years, was leaning over a stove his clothes caught fire the other day, and he was so badly burned that death resulted four hours later.

Mrs. Edwin Obrosky, while crossing a trestle between Myrtle and Conowingo, was struck by a passenger train and had her skull fractured and her left foot crushed recently.

John McFadden, of Wilkesbarre, aged 9 years, was afflicted with an ulcerated tooth. A dentist pulled it, blood poisoning ensued and the boy died a few days ago.

Stacey Denny at Huntingdon, a few days ago, was taking a flash light picture, when the instrument exploded. John Black lost an eye and others were injured.

Michael Kohl, who died several days ago, near Kentersville, Bucks county at the age of 83, enjoyed the distinction of never having ridden in a railroad car.

Because Mary E. Druppeler, an heiress of Pottsville, married A. Rattigan, a laborer, her father took up his will, and says he will cut her off without a penny.

At a shooting match in Blair county Oliver Burket, aged 38, of Rodman furnace, was accidentally shot in the arm by his friend, Alexander Wilt.

Palmer Elliott, of the Center county Daniel Boone, who in his lifetime has killed 25 bears and over 1,000 deer, has gone to Washington state.

A hemlock tree has been cut in Jefferson county measuring 116 feet in length, which cut seven 10-foot logs and three eight-foot logs.

Thomas McConnell, 65 years old, died recently from being kicked by a horse three years ago in Shenango township, Mercer county.

While tending a log slide at Jamison City, Joseph W. Southard was struck by a log the other day and died from his injuries.

The blast furnace of the Warwick Iron Company, at Pottsville, last week made the remarkable yield of 1410 tons of pig iron.

The capacity of the Lehman Machine Works, at Williamsport, has been more than doubled, giving employment to 10 hands.

While shoeing a horse at Howard Benjamin Holter, aged 65 years, dropped dead from heart disease the other day.

While conasting, Charles Brown, an Adams school boy, ran against a telephone pole and fractured his skull fatally.

The store of Thomas Rush at Farmington, in which was the postoffice, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$8,000.

John Roach, a one-armed peddler, died at Scranton, a few days ago of wounds inflicted by a highwayman.

Jacob Young, aged 18 years, committed suicide at Ring Gold. He was half witted, homeless and friendless.

The Oil City Y. M. C. A. has purchased a \$10,000 site for a fine new building.

Mrs. James Finan, of Johnstown, was found frozen to death near Lilly, recently.

Robert Gilde, 55 years old, a miner at Courtney, was killed by a train a few days ago.

Henry Cribbett was crushed to death by a falling tree at Johnstown last week.

One of Harvard's athletes this season has won in prizes 9 medals, 9 watches, 51 diamonds, 4 silver tea sets, a silver water set, a rifle, and no end of cloth-

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, introduced in the House a resolution for a Constitutional amendment to increase the length of the Presidential term to six years, and to make Presidents hereafter ineligible for re-election.

Commander McCall of the United States cruiser Marblehead has made a favorable report on the condition of affairs on Navassa Island.

The Treasury Department has accepted the design of Boring & Tilton for the buildings of the new immigrant station on Ellis Island, New York Harbor, and a description of the arrangements for the reception and care of the immigrants is furnished.

The House passed the Indian Appropriation bill. The only two important changes made in the bill were the elimination of the provisions for the leasing of the Gilsonite mineral lands of the Uncompahgre Reservation in Utah and the coal lands of the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, and Wichita Reservations.

The House passed a bill making Santa Fe the permanent capital of New Mexico.

The Rev. E. D. Bailey, Chief Clerk of the Civil Service Commission, submitted a letter arranging the commission at the session of the Senate Civil Service Investigating Committee.

Charges of culpable neglect of duty in connection with the Brooklyn drydock are made by the Navy Department against Civil Engineer Menocal.

The President and Mrs. McKinley entertained the Diplomatic Corps at the first state dinner of the season. Mrs. McKinley appeared in a gown of heavy black velvet, with diamond ornaments.

Justice McKenna took his seat on the Supreme Bench and heard the Texas anti-trust law cases argued.

Representative Lond declared in the House that the Postoffice Department was responsible for the letter-carrier complications and that there would be no reduction in the service before June 15.

Information reached the Treasury Department of the failure of the National Bank of Paola, Kansas. At the date of the last report the bank had surplus and profits amounting to \$12,500, and deposits of \$7456. Bank Examiner Cunningham has been placed in charge.

The Senate had a four-hours debate on Teller's silver resolution. There was a good many sharp colloquies in it. The feature of the debate was a speech by Mr. Teller, in which he said he wanted bondholders to be paid in silver.

The Pension Appropriation bill was passed by the Senate.

Domestic.

Frederick Cook, who confessed to setting fire to the Tontine Hotel, in New Haven, Conn., was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

Dr. McViekar, of Philadelphia, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Rhode Island in the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Philadelphia, over which he had charge for twenty years.

Suits were begun against alleged partners of W. C. Rodgers, banker, of Jordan, N. Y., whose death was followed by the loss of all deposits, Rodgers having gambled all away in grain speculation.

Kentucky's lower house adopted a resolution calling on United States Senator William Lindsay to resign if he cannot support the Chicago platform.

Abraham Tabbitts, formerly a leather dealer, of Boston, Mass., has disappeared, after having obtained from bankers about \$20,000 in cash on bills of lading for leather valued at \$30,000.

Frank Carey, a twelve-year-old boy, was struck and killed by a train on a trestle near St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. King, who was with him, jumped and sustained injuries that were expected to prove fatal.

On account of the large amount of unemployed money now on hand, the Fourth National Bank, New York City, gave notice that it will pay only 1 1/2 per cent. interest on deposit balances. Other banks are expected to follow this example.

Mrs. Lucinda M. Huff, who claimed to have caught pneumonia in a Roxbury (Mass.) Hotel owing to the failure of the owner to provide sufficient heat, was awarded \$1000 damages.

E. M. Anderson, sixty years old, had a fierce fight with highwaymen in Brooklyn. They finally threw him into the river, and would not let him get out of the water till he had given them his money.

Nearly 1500 persons sailed from Seattle, Wash., for the Klondike within two recent days.

New England mills will share losses caused New Bedford mills by the strike. Any mill yielding to the strikers within thirty days is to pay \$50000 penalty.

Lieutenant-Governor Jones, of Ohio, appointed Senators Valentine, Cochran, Sullivan, Sheppard and Wightman the committee asked for by Attorney-General F. S. Monnett to investigate trusts.

The sarcophagus intended for the widow of General Grant has been placed in the middle tomb, New York City.

William Earl Cook, of Portsmouth, B. I., has passed his 101st birthday. Arrangements had been made to have a number of his descendants celebrate the event, but this had to be abandoned. Mr. Cook is one of the oldest Freesoilers.

At the first meeting of the Board of Local Improvement for the Borough of the Bronx, New York City, it was announced that the Heine monument had been given to the Borough.

It was declared at the Cuban Junta, New York City, that the ill-fated steamer, Tiltie, which went down off Barnegat on Sunday evening, was scuttled by treacherous men on board.

SENATOR GORMAN'S SUCCESSOR.

SENATE IS FOR SILVER.

Teller's Concurrent Resolution Passed, 47 to 32.

THE LINES ARE DRAWN FOR 1900.

Twelve Republicans Voted For the Measure, and One Democrat, Cafofy, of Louisiana, Voted Against It—Provides That Bonds Are Payable in Gold or Silver at the Option of the Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—By a vote of 47 yeas to 32 nays, or a majority of 15, the United States Senate has passed the Teller resolution declaring that the bonds of the United States are payable in standard silver dollars, and that such payment is not in violation of the public faith or in derogation of the public credit.

The debate leading up to the final vote, which was held on Monday afternoon, was the most interesting in the history of the Senate, and was crowded throughout the day, and that it was important was evidenced by the statements of several of the speakers that the discussion was but the preliminary alignment of the great political parties for the contest of 1900.

At 10 o'clock a. m. until 7 p. m. the contest was continued. When the voting began, it was evident that party lines were being broken on both sides of the chamber, but it was on the substitute offered by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts that the most decided break occurred. On the Republican side, Mr. Allison of Iowa and Mr. Burrows of Michigan, did not answer to their names on that roll call, and many of the Republicans voted directly against the amendment. Upon the final passage of the resolution, some Republicans who supported McKinley and the St. Louis platform in 1896, like Carter, of Montana; Chandler, of New Hampshire; Clark, of Wyoming; Pritchard, of North Carolina; Shoup, of Idaho; Warren, of Wyoming; and Wolcott, of Colorado, voted for the resolution.

Of the forty-seven Senators who made up the affirmative column, twenty-nine were Democrats, seven were Populists, three were Silver Republicans, seven were Republicans who have hitherto been attached with the Administration, and one was an Independent, Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota. The negative vote was composed exclusively of Republicans, with one exception, Mr. Caffery, of Louisiana. Of all the Gold Democrats, including Mr. Gray and Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Caffery was the only one to remain faithful to the anti-silver cause until the end. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Smith and Mr. Gorman backed themselves with the majority of their party and voted consistently on that side from the beginning of the vote until the end.

Married to an Indian.

Mrs. Minnie Cushman, a white woman, teacher in the Fort Shaw schools in Montana, has been married to Garratt White, a full-blooded Piegian Indian. The bride is a daughter of C. C. Bateman, Chaplain at Fort Belknap, and formerly of Fort Assiniboine. She is a handsome brunette, twenty-six years old.

Imitating Dr. Parkhurst.

Seventy-four ministers have organized to suppress disorderly houses in Philadelphia and have obtained evidence by visiting places to which they were directed by the District Attorney and huckmen.

MANUFACTURERS DINE.

National Association Entertains President McKinley at Its Annual Banquet.

The third annual banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers was given Thursday night at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, with President McKinley as the guest of honor. It was the largest public dinner ever given in New York, and the resources of the hotel were taxed to the utmost to accommodate the members and guests on one floor. Nearly 1000 were served in the large ballroom and its adjoining rooms and in the Astoria annex.

The banquet hall was decorated with flowers and the National colors, and a life-sized portrait of President McKinley hung on the wall behind the speakers' table. Many women listened to the speechmaking from the boxes.

The table ornamentation consisted of cut flowers in glorious profusion. At either end of the President's table were immense set pieces of tulips, and on the centre was a basket of purple and white orchids. Each of the other tables—there were sixty-four in all—had one set piece of some particular flower on the centre, and great vases of the same flower extending its entire length. With the sorbet were served miniature cotton balls of polished wood, the wood showing little bands of color, with the words "National Association of Manufacturers" woven into them.

The souvenir menu card was an elaborate affair. It consisted of engravings illustrating the history of the Association. Five of New York. The menu card especially prepared for the President bore on the front cover the word "President," the monogram of the association, and the date in solid gold. It was enclosed in a polished bird's-eye maple case lined with white satin.

The President was cordially greeted when he entered, and again when, introduced by the chairman, he arose to speak. His address aroused even more enthusiasm. When he spoke of currency reform and quoted the words that it was the duty of the National Government "to coin money and determine the value thereof," and asserted that Congress should make every effort to put the currency of the country on a sound and stable basis, whether the effort succeeded or not, he carried his audience with him. They cheered for some moments, and during the remainder of his speech, which referred almost entirely to the necessity for stable currency and a redemption of the pledges contained in the St. Louis platform, his every sentence was punctuated with applause.

Other speakers were ex-Senator Warner Miller, Theodore C. Search, President of the association; Senator Frye, Charles Emory Smith and ex-Judge Henry E. Howard.

GENERAL ARANGURAN KILLED.

Cuban Brigadier Who Executed Colonel Ruiz Killed by Spaniards.

At noon Thursday Lieutenant-Colonel Benedict, with the Spanish Reina battalion, surprised, near Tapaste, Cuba, the camp of the insurgent Brigadier-General Nestor Aranguran, killing Aranguran and four privates, capturing five of the insurgents, and wounding others, who made their escape.

The body of General Aranguran was taken by train to Havana and delivered to the military authorities. After identification it was sent to the morgue.

Brigadier Aranguran was about thirty-four years of age, of fair complexion, with blonde hair and a small mustache. The body, which shows two bullet wounds, one in the head and one in the right leg, is dressed in cashmere trousers, a gray woolen coat, yellow shoes, and gaiters comparatively new. It is said that the Lieutenant-Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, the aide-camp of Captain-General Blanco who, having gone last December to Aranguran's camp with terms of surrender, was executed by Aranguran or with his approval.

According to the Spanish authorities, Aranguran was surprised while on a visit to a young woman on the Pita farm, between Campo Florida and Tapaste. He was wounded and, on trying to escape, was shot dead. Among the prisoners is the father of the young woman. He was the lieutenant of Aranguran's band.

To Improve Swamp Lands.

A Chicago company is about to drain and improve the swamp lands of Wisconsin.

First Indictment For Flirting.

The Knox County Grand Jury has indicted the first victim of the "Johnny law," enacted by the Tennessee Legislature last year, making it a misdemeanor to flirt with schoolgirls. The case, if tried, will probably go to the Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of a law which inflicts an inherent right to flirt with a girl.

Chicago Men Buy a Big Ranch.

A Chicago syndicate with \$1,000,000 capital has negotiated the purchase of the Lopez ranch, said to be the largest in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

DELIVER BARBECUE STAMPED.

Crowd Breaks Down Tables and Feasts on Six Tons of Meats.

A great barbecue closed the National Stock Growers' Convention at Denver, Col., after three days of harmonious and important deliberations. The organization of the Live Stock Association of the United States of America was completed by the selection of an Executive Committee.

The closing number on the programme was the last barbecue to be given in America where buffalo is to appear on the menu. It was held at the Union Stock Yards, and the Burlington Railway and the street car companies carried from 25,000 to 80,000 people to the grounds. The six tons of meats served were hardly enough to satisfy all, and before the crowds could be served the tables against which they were surging gave way, and brushing aside police and military guards the crowds overran the grounds, helping themselves to what was in sight. Governor Adams and Mayor McMurtry were present, but their expostulations were unheeded. The crowd was good-natured, and no one was hurt in the stampede, but there being no possibility of restoring order, the management declared the barbecue over.

LYNCHED A COLORED WOMAN

She Was Stripped by a Posse and Then Shot to Death.

John and Harvey Pearson, colored, were captured by George Beard, a planter of considerable wealth and political influence, of Vidalia, La., for an attempted assault and locked in an outbuilding. He left them under the guard of young Beard while he went for the parish officer. During his absence the prisoners opened fire through a window on young Beard, wounding him. He returned the fire, killing them both, but was clubbed into unconsciousness by Mary Pearson, mother of the men.

Mary Pearson was followed into the woods with hounds. She was captured by a posse and shot down. Mary Pearson was regarded as the leader of the colored faction. She had instigated the first trouble. Her death was terrible. Her body was stripped of its raiment, and running nude through the dark swamp was torn to shreds with buckshot. Her head was nearly shot off. The trunk was also mutilated with knife cuts.

PRIVATE JONES A HERO.

Seven Lives Saved at the California Jubilee Celebration.

Battery I of the Regular Army has a hero in Private John M. Jones, a native of Rogersville, Tenn. On California's late Jubilee Day, at San Francisco, he saved seven men from instant death at the Lime Point Fort. A squad of seven was firing a salute, fifty pounds of powder inclosed in a wooden bag being the charge.

One load did not discharge and the officer ordered it pulled out of the cannon. This was done, and as the bag dropped to the ground it was seen that one corner of it was ignited. In an instant the powder would have caught.

Private Jones was beside the smoldering bag, and with his bare hands he rolled and smothered the burning wool before it could ignite the powder, and to make sure he plastered some damp earth into the sanded edges.

MINERS' WAR IS SETTLED.

An Advance of Ten Cents in Wages and an Eight-Hour Day.

The joint convention at Chicago of coal operators and miners adjourned sine die having perfected and ratified an agreement which will prevent a general strike for more than a year. The miners say and the operators concede that the settlement reached involved a great victory for organized labor in this country. Three hundred thousand men will get an advance in wages equivalent to ten cents a ton, making an increase of about \$7,000,000 a year in the earning capacity of the miners in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. A far greater matter of importance is the concession of the eight hour work day, with a uniform wage for day work throughout the States represented.

Bridegroom 83, Bride 63.

The Rev. Lowell Harding and Mrs. Angli Watrous, former matron of the Old Ladies Home, was married at Binghamton, N. Y., by the Rev. J. H. Race. Mr. Harding is eighty-three years of age and Mrs. Watrous is sixty-two. Mr. Harding's children were opposed to the match, but he overruled them by dealing his property, valued at \$100,000, in trust to them, retaining only about \$10,000, which he gave to the bride.

Shot by His Own Deathtrap.

Former Judge White Carpenter, of Shepherdsville, Ky., set a guntrap for thieves in a country store which he owns and was mortally wounded by the device. He walked into the store, forgetting all about the trap. His right leg was blown off at the knee. He was eighty-one years old.

CLEVELAND BUYS A FARM.

He Will Stock It With Game Birds and Maintain a Shooting Preserve.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has purchased from Captain Foster W. Van Kirk an eighty-five acre tract of land adjoining the Captain's Rosedale farm, about two miles west of Princeton, N. J. Mr. Cleveland, it is said, will make a game preserve of the tract and stock it with quail, pheasants, partridges, and other game birds for the pleasure of himself and his friends. The neighboring farmers will join him in protecting the birds. This makes three game preserves in the section. The largest is that of Pierre Loillard at Jobstown, Burlington County, which is stocked principally with pheasants and English hares. It is several hundred acres in extent, and adjoins the pine lands of Burlington County. Just east of Trenton, Colonel A. B. Kuser, of the Governor's staff, has a large farm, which he yearly stocks with quail for the pleasure of his friends the following autumn.

Italian Reserves to Be Called Out.

Owing to the bread riots, it has been decided to call out one class of the Italian reserves. The Minister of the Treasury, Signor Branca, in the Chamber of Deputies introduced a decree reducing the duties on cereals, in view of the bread famine prevailing.

Germany and Dreyfus.

Germany's Foreign Minister confirmed by a solemn official declaration to a Reichstag committee the news of eleven weeks ago that Germany never had any dealing with Dreyfus.

Confessed to Save His Cousin.

Alexander Claramello, the self-confessed murderer of Natalio Brogno, told the story in New York City of how he committed the crime. He did not implicate his cousin, Angelo Carbone, who is now under sentence of death in Sing Sing prison's death house for the murder.

Russia's Offer to China.

Russia has offered to provide a loan for China on the same terms offered by England.

Griggs Confirmed.

The Senate, in executive session, confirmed the nomination of Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, to be Attorney-General.

SENATOR M'LAURIN RE-ELECTED.

South Carolina Selects Him to Fill Earle's Unexpired Term.

Both houses of the South Carolina General Assembly voted at Columbia for United States Senator. The primary nomination of Senator J. L. McLaurin was ratified.



SENATOR J. L. M'LAURIN.

The vote for him was unanimous with the exception of the ballot of the lone colored member of the House. He voted for George W. Murray.

The two houses met in joint assembly the next day to canvass the vote and declare the result. McLaurin is elected to succeed himself for the rest of the unexpired term of the late General Joseph H. Earle.

M'KINLEY GREET'S DOLE.

The Chief Executive of Hawaii Arrives at Washington.

Sanford B. Dole, President of the Republic of Hawaii, is in Washington, the guest of the United States. The Hawaiian Presidential party arrived at 2:15 Wednesday afternoon, the train which brought the visitors from Chicago having been delayed two hours by a severe storm. The honors due the President of the new republic were extended with great simplicity on his arrival, but the plans which had been made for an elaborate military and civic demonstration were abandoned at his own request. President Dole had said that he preferred to come to the capital in a democratic manner, and, in accordance with his wish, only a simple escort party met him on his arrival.

President McKinley's carriage, occupied by Secretary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Adee, greeted the Hawaiian party at the station. Assistant Secretary Adee, of the State Department, Major Heistand of the Army, Lieutenant-Commander Phelps of the Navy, and Mr. Hatch, the Hawaiian Minister to the United States, had met the Hawaiian visitors at Chicago and accompanied them to Washington.

President Dole's party consisted of Mrs. Dole; his secretary, Major G. P. Iauka, and his physician, Dr. E. A. Day of Honolulu. They were driven to the Arlington Hotel, where the rooms on the second floor known as the state apartments had been reserved for President and Mrs. Dole.

Within an hour President McKinley paid a visit of courtesy to the Hawaiian President, being accompanied from the White House by Secretary Porter and Colonel Bingham, the army officer detailed as Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds. Cordial greetings were exchanged by the two chief magistrates, and some formal words of welcome were spoken by President McKinley.

Before 5 o'clock President Dole returned the call, being escorted to the Executive Mansion by Minister Hatch, Assistant Secretaries of State Oilder and Adee, and Major Heistand, Secretary Iauka, and Mr. Day accompanied Mr. Dole.

NEW CANCELLATION STAMP.

It Will Soon Be Introduced in All the Postoffices.

A new hand stamp to be used for the cancellation of mail matter will soon be adopted by the Postoffice Department. That now in use has been found unsatisfactory in several respects, the principal defect being that the impression made was not always complete and clearly defined. Several months ago the Department invited inventors to submit designs for the new stamps whose principal advantages should be in the direction of simplicity, durability and cheapness.

In consequence about 200 such designs were submitted. These have been under examination by a committee consisting of Alexander Grant, W. H. Lamar and M. W. Lewis. They have agreed on the design which they think is the best adapted for use of the service, and have made a report to Postmaster-General Cass. The new stamp will be introduced gradually, taking the place of the old ones as fast as the Department deems practicable.

AMERICAN MEAT ABROAD.

It is Sold Extensively Throughout Scotland, Ireland.

The State Department has been informed through Rufus Fleming, the United States Consul at Edinburgh, Scotland, that American meat, chilled or frozen, is sold extensively by the butchers and co-operative stores in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and in other parts of Scotland. At a recent meeting of the directors of the Scottish chamber of agriculture a resolution was adopted asking the Town Council of Edinburgh to take steps to "check or regulate the large quantities of foreign meat brought from Yorkhill, Glasgow." This action of the chamber was urged by the President, who said that "it is our duty to protest, as far as in our power, the interest of the agriculturists." The secretary stated that "there had been in course of recent weeks certain negotiations between some well-to-do people—landed proprietors and farmers—with a view of getting up some active opposition to the butchers in Edinburgh and elsewhere." He held that it was the duty of the chamber to support the movement.

This warfare waged by the farmers against imported meat, the consul says, is fully explained by the fact that the butchers and co-operative stores buy American beef at 4 1/2 cents (3 3/4 cents) per pound, and sell it at the same price they charge for Scotch beef, for which they pay six pence (1 1/2 cents) per pound, wholesale.

Engineers Give Up the Fight.

A majority of the engineers in England, who have been on strike for six months, have voted in favor of accepting the terms of the employers. The exact figures have not yet been divulged, but the proportion is said to be about 25,000 in favor of acceptance to 11,000 against it.

Progress of the Wheat Deal.

The price of cash wheat advanced five cents to \$1.10 in Chicago under the influence of the Letter party. Heavy sales were made for export. The Letter syndicate claims to control all the surplus wheat in the country, which it estimates at 15,000,000 bushels.

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