Items Picked up About the National Capital,

The ways and means committee agreed upon a bond bill which was presented to the house. It authorizes the issue of a gold bond at 3 per cent, interest, to be sold at int less than par, but limits the amount to \$65,116, 275, being the sum agreed upon in the pending contract. There is a provision that no part of the proceeds shall be used to pay current ex-penses of the government. Party lines the proceeds shall be used to pay current expenses of the government. Party lines were not maintained in the committee. Of the Republicans Messra Reed and Payne voted to report the bill while Mr. Hopkins opposed it, and Mr. Grosvenor did not vote. Four Democrats, Messra MeMilian, Whiting, Bryan and Wheeler, voted in the negative Mr. Bynum did not vote. Messrs, Daizell and Gear were absent. The vote in sommittee stood 8 yeas to 5 mays. While Mr. Cochran voted for the bill, he reserved the right to offer an amendment on the floor of the house. Mr. Reed said the pian was not his making, but he would vote for it under the circumstances as a scheme which might the circumstances as a scheme which might furnish some relief to the treasury, although ne was not very hopeful that it would.

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The work of the Special Examiners of the Pension Bureau has fallen into an arrestage of over 20,000 cases, owing to the recent lack of appropriations. There are now 262 Special Examiners in the field, and as a result of increase of \$250,000 in the appropriation for the service this force is now being augmented by 63 employee detailed for the purpose from the Bureau. It is expected, with the present force of 325, that the arrearage will be reduced to less than 10,000 cases during fiscal year, and that by the end of the calendar year, if the force is maintained, the work will be up to date.

#### A Busy Senator.

Besides attending to his Senatorial duties and looking after his investments here and elsewhere, Senator Chandler manages to practice law and to edit a newspaper away off in Concord, N. H. For, lawyer though he is, he is one of the few newspaper men in the Senate, and a first-rate newspaper man he is, too. He is as frank and as bold in his newspaper as he is in his speeches or his conversaper as he is in his speeches or his converpaper as he is in his speeches or his conver-sation, and therefore he makes it exceedingly interesting, especially when he has any con-troversy of importance on hand. His edi-torially comments on the politicians of both parties, and on the corporations which have stracked him at various times, have often heen very spicy reading. been very spicy reading.

The Senate is full of baldheads. Gallinger and Shoup are very nearly devoid of hirsute adornment. Senator Ferkins has only a stray lock which stretches across from side to side of his tophead. Mr. Hill is accorded the honor of being the most baid man in the Upper House. Senator Davis, of Minnesots, wears a light, fiuly fringe of brown hair on the back of his head, which is bridged over the top by a small lock extending from ear to ear. Senator Hale has a singular horseshoe-like bald crown merging into the middle part. Senator Cole has a very thin suit of straggling locks surrounding a good-sized full moon, and Senator Gray is similarly adorned.

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There are four quiet young men in Congress. They are W L. Henry, of Maryland, who was born in 1864; Lemuel Eli Quigg, of New York; Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, and Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, who is the eldest, and was born in 1862. Mr. Quigg is a newspaper man; Mr. Bailey is a lawyer.

President Cleveland draws his salary of \$4,166.66 on the first day of every month of perfectly new, clean notes, fresh from the press. He keeps out enough to pay the next month's expenses and deposits a saug saving in the tank.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

The New York produce exchange has com-plained to the agricultural department that spurious choese is being imported, chiefly from Germany and being sold as genuine.

The senate committee on Indian affairs has asked provision to visit the Indian schools and reservations during the coming receasand the resolution was favorably reported.

The civil service commission has completed its investigation of the San Francisco castoff house. The roport, it is understood, sustains the charges of violation of the civil service

The board of supervising inspectors of steam vessels has made several important amendments to the rules regarding tosting and building boilers, and changed the regulations concerning pilots, etc., on the Great lakes and western rivers.

Senator Sherman has introduced a bill to provide an additional circuit judge in the flixth judicial circuit, comprising Michigan, Ghio, Kastucky and Tennessee.

Senator Peffer has given notice of his in-tention to offer an amendment to the agri-cultural appropriation bill providing for the inspection of all live catile, the meat of which fresh salted, canned, corned or pack-ed, is sutended for exportation to any forign country.

## A NEW K. OF L. ORDER.

It was Started at the Convention at

A new labor organization was formed a Columbus, Ohio, on the 14th, to be known as the Independent Order of the Knights of Labor. The officers are: General master

the Independent Order of the Knights of Labor. The officers are: General master workman, William B. Wilson, Blossburg, Pa.; general worthy foreman, James L. Michaeb. Pittsburg, Pa.; general secretary-treasurer. Charles E. Martin, Trifin, O.; general executive board, A. W. Simpson, Chicage; Wm. E. Taaffe, Albany, N. Y.; J. H. Barrett, Leadville, Col.; E. J. Lynch, Meridan, Conn. A revision of the constitution of the old Knights of Labor was begun. The two most important changes made were to eliminate all sections giving the general officers autocratic or arbitrary power, and to provide self-government foreach district assembly. The new organization, it is claimed, will start out with a membership of about 20,000, embracing the glassworkers, the brassworkers and the miners' organizations.

A large part of the old constitution is eliminated, so as to give local and district assemblies more latitude in the management of their own affairs. The authority of the general executive board to expel members and assemblies without the formality of a trial is abrogated. The committee on credentials will be appointed by the general assembly is adopted, similar to that in the United mine workers, one delegate to every 100 members or majority fraction thereof. Various districts are to have full power to manage their own affairs, without interference from General officers. A general assembly will be called not later than January 1, 1896.

The committee of 15 of the Columbus miners' convention unanimously reported that John McBride was not guilty of corrup-tion in connection with the Hocking Valley

The appellate court at Chicago affirmed the decree of divorce to Congressman Dun-tam. Mrs. Dunham was a society leader in thicago.

An explosion of natural gas at Eliwood' ad., wrecked the Eliwood fruit company's utiding and injured three men.

### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

An Outline of the Work in the Senate and House.

The house met at 11:30 o'clock. Among the executive documents was one from the secretary of the treasury giving additional information respecting the Bering sea seal herd. Mr. Bland (Dem., Mo.) called up for the committee on coinage, weights and measures, the senate bill directing that gold and silver be coined at the Denver mint. The engrossed copy of the bill could not be found, and the matter was passed. The speaker announced the assignment of Mr. Caminetti (Dem., Cal.) to membership on the committee on public lands in place of Mr. Somers (Dem., Wis.,) who had asked to be excused from service thereon. The consideration of the legislative and executive judicial appropriation bill was resumed, in committee of the whole.

#### FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

The question of taking up the petition of Hon. Sampson Pope, late Democratic candidate for Governor of South Carolina, for an investigation of the election in that State was brought up in the Senate Privileges and Election Committee to-day, but without discussing the matter the committee referred it to Senator Gray, the Chairman, to ascertain the wishes of the South Carolina Senators in the premises.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY. The senate resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Mr. Chandler (Bep., N. H.) made a sharp arraignment of the provision giving Fostmaster General discretion over expending the \$3,20,000 for railroad postal rates. The senate, in executive session, rejected the nomination of A. Augustays Healy, of New York, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the First district of New York, to succeed Ernst Nathan resigned.

PIETY-POURTH DAY.

After a brief but lively skirmish on the Honduras lotters bill to-day, the Senate took up the post-office bill. The senate voted to make no changes in the present railway mail system. The subject has been the chief point of contention of the post-office appropriation bill. The bill, as reported, gave to the post-master-general complete discretion in expending \$3,200,000 for postal cars, and cut off the present fast mail line from North fo south.

FITTY-FIFTH DAY.

The Senate confined itself strictly to business to-day, and as a result passed the post-office appropriation bill. Efforts were resulted to business to down sontals for postal cars and for the fastern fast mail service north and south, but all these amendments were defeated by decisive majorities.

The senate fluence committee to-day reported favorably the house bill repeating the one-tenth of a cent discriminating duty questions imported from bounty producing countries.

The House began consideration of the bill The House begap consideration of the bill making the appropriation for the Navy Department. The total amount carried in the bill is \$31,807,023, and carries a provison for three new battleships and 12 new torpedo boats. The debate was entirely upon the proposed increased navy, and the majority of the speeches were strongly in favor of the new vossels.

### PIPTY-SIXTH DAY.

There was a warm debate in the senate on Hill's resolution to define the policy of the government on the financial question, that bonds are to be paid in the best money. Senators Wolcott and Teller hitterly denounced the administration for the foreign gold contract, but Senator Hill defended the president.

The house committee on ways and means have agreed to the resolution to authorize the president to ask Great Britian, Bussia and Japan to unite in another commission to investigate the seal fisheries. If they do not then the seals are to be killed off under the Dingley resolution.

### LEGISLATIVE NOTES,

The Legislature of South Dakota has re-pealed the divorce law requiring six months' residence in the State before an action can be commenced, and restored the old law, which requires only three months' residence. This was brought about by petitions from all classes of people, many of the churches joining in the appeal.

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The tolling of the curiew bell is to be reestablished in Canada after a silence of 100
years. The Logislatures of Quebec and Ontarlo, on the recommendation of the society
for the Protection of Women and Children,
have passed laws authorizing Clfy Colladisto enact ordinances requiring the ringing of
the curiew at a certain bour at night to warn
children to get off the streets and to to their
homes. If they refuse police officers are
given authority to forcibly take them home.
The city of Craston, Is., rings the curiew at
night at 9 o'dock, and the regulation has
proyed so beneficial that other lows towns proyed so beneficial that other Iowa towns bave imitated its example, The South Dakota house defeated the pro-

It has been decided by the legislative Assembly of New Mexico that the work of reconstructing the Capitol building shall be dope by convict labor, and that the brief used in the building shall be that manufactured at the positionary. Work will begin March 1.

The committee on Woman Suffrage of the Massachusetts Legislature reported in favor of municipal suffrage for women.

The Missouri Senate has gone on record as opposed to the old vagrancy laws under which counties have been disposing at public sale of convicted vagrants. It has passed a bill repealing that section of the law and leaving cities and towns the right to punish vagrants only by imprisonment.

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In the New York assembly a bill has been introduced to prohibit the formation of pools, trusts and combines. It is fathered by Mr. Reinhard, and provides that any combine, pool, agreement, confederation or understanding whereby the price of any public commodity is controlled, fixed or limited shall be deemed conspiracy and all contracts made shall be null and void. The crime is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000, or imprisonment for one year or both. Nothing in the bill is to be considered as preventing the organization of workor both. Nothing in the bill is to be considered as preventing the organization of workmen or mechanics to secure higher wages in the regular course of employment.

A committee of the Missouri Legislature has been unable to agree on the bill to prevent the wearing of hats at public gathering.

The Tennessee Senate has rejected a bill making women eigible to the office of school ilrector.

By a vote of 25 to 26 the question of resub-mission of the prohibitory amendment was defeated in the North Dakota House.

The Tennessee Senate has passed a bill prohibiting the insurance of the lives of children under tweive years of age.

## For Good Homes.

Labor Commissioner Wright has sent to congress his eighth special report. It treats of the homes of the working people, chiefly as they exist in the great cities of Europe and America, and the public regulations to make them beautiful, safe and easily obtainable. The report exhibits the sanitary sthical and financial results achieved by European societies for the improvement of the dwellings of the poor. It is shown that had tenoments make had people. In nearly all cities where tried model lodging houses have proven to be good paving investments.

The anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was observed in many cities and lowns throughout the country. In New York it was made the occasion of the annual cinner of the Republican Club.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Philip Martin, the murderer of Eli Stillwell was hanged at Kansas City Friday.

The cold snap caused 100 deaths in Lon

There have been sixteen resignations from the present Congress,

Massachusetts shoe manufacturers lutely refuse to arbitrate.

The river Segura, in Spain, has overflown its banks. Several towns are inun duated.

Pourteen persons were killed by an explosion of fire damp in a mine at Lealerise, Silesia.

The work of revising the constitution and canons of the Episcopal church is about

completed.

Prince Ferdinand, the unhappy ruler of Bulgaria, has been dethroned and expelled from that country.

By an explosion of natural gas at Meadville, Pa., George H. Cutler, Sr., was killed his store and dwelling were wrecked, and three other men were severely injured.

The Emperor has reconferred upon Hung Chang the yellow jacket, the peacock feather and all the other honors of which he had been deprived. A State league of negro clubs will be

organized in South Carolina, Its object is to prevent disfranchisement of colored voters Deluded negroes of Mississippi who paid

J. F. Seals \$41 each for transportation to Africa, threaten to lynch the swindler. Seals is under arrest. Independent foil producers of Pittsburg took \$50,000 in stock of the new Pure Oi

Company, which proposes to fight the Standard.

The remainder of the work will be done by 90 clerks, under the Secretary of the Intertor. About 25 coastwise sailing vessels of New

York and New England are believed to have been lost in the recent storm, with all on board. The senate sub-finance committee recom

for the isanance of \$100,000,000 of beht cer-Three employes of the True American, the St. Louis A. P. A. paper, were handcuffed by

mends an amendment to the sundry civil bill

three masked men Friday morning and the subscription books of the paper stolen, The shifting channel of the Missouri river pear Le Camp, Neb., has caused fou tragedies among squatters on the new land, and their is no law to punish the murderers.

The house of Frank Jones, near Drennon Springs, Ry., caught fire Thursday night while the family were sleeping, and Jones' wife and two children were burned to death The municipal affairs of Philadelphia will

e investigated after the election by a senate cemmittee. Back of the proposed inquiry is Senator Ouny.

Nebraska Indians in future will be paid cash instead of the customary supplies of biankets, groceries, etc. This is to prevent traders from getting those supplies for almost

Wednesday's storm extended from Red river to central Texas, as far west as Abilene and cast to Longview and Marshall. It is the worst in fifty years, and if continued it will be the hardest ever known in Texas.

The temperance crusade of the W. C. T.!U. created a sensation in Sioux City. About 200 women marched from saloon to saloon singing hymns and reading to barkeepers the section of the Martin liquor law which they have been violating.

## INDIAN CORRUPTION.

Congress Advised to Take Charge of Five Tribes.

ry Hoke Smith has made public twenty-sixth annual report of the board of Indian commissioners. Concerning conditions in the Indian territory the report says: tions in the Indian territory the report says:

"The graphic picture drawn by Senator Dawes of the sad state of affairs in this territory, occupied and owned by the five civilized tribus, was," the report says, "to many a new revelation. Those Indian-have so often been held up as models of civilization, conducting a wise self-government, supporting their own achools and courts of justice, and enjoying all the comjorts of home life that it was surprising to bear that the courts and legislative bodies are utterly corrupt that the pubtive bodies are utterly corrupt; that the pub-lic school system is primitive and incilicient that the lands belonging to the whole people by treaty rights are to a large extent, ab-sorbed by a few enterprising half breeds, that sorbed by a few enterprising half breeds, that have gained complete control and pay no attention to the waifare of the great majority of the people; that crime goes unpunished, and that the while people who have settled in the territory have no protection. But all this has long been a familiar story to us. We have repeatedly called attention to the deplorable mots."

The suggestion is made that congress exercise its sovereign right, and take control of

cise its sovereign right, and take affairs there.

## MINERS CONVENTION.

The Trial of President McBride on the

In the United Mine Workers' convention a Columbus with the beginning of Tuesday afternoon's session the real live work before the body was started. The principal features the body was started. The principal features of the afternoon session were the presentation of the annual report of the president and the action taken in regard to the Adams charges. John McRede, having been president of the miners almost the entire term of '94, read his own report. The document touched at some length on the briber; charges against him. Wednesday's session was taken up with the speech of Mr. Adams The committee voted to organize an independent K. of L. body. A committee was appointed to prepare a new constitution. The vote was unanimous in favor of the new departure, but the result was only reached after a long and heated debate.

## GHASTLY TROPHIES.

Two Cartloads of Heads a Present for

A detachment of Moorish cavalry arrived at the town of Casa Bianca, an Atlantic sea-port of Moroco, on its way to Fez with some ghastly trophics of war for the sultan of Morocco. These consist of two cartioads of human heads, which and been obtained dura recent punitive expedition against the Rahamna robels. They have been saited in order to preserve them and will be presented to the suitan in that condition. They will afterwards be exhibited on the walls of Fen

#### KEYSTONE CULLINGS.

Items of Interest from all Over the Com-

monwealth.

A comical incident happened at the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania state darrymen at Meadville. A. J. Palm, editor of the "Messenger," who is opposed to the tactics of certain opposers of imitation butter, procured a one and a five-pound package of Chicago butterine, and entered it for competition under the name of a "Farmer Friend." The jury of awards granted it prizes, not distinguishing the difference between it and the real goods. The one pound package took second prize and the five-pound package third prize. third prize.

#### RICH AGAINST A NEW POST-OFFICE.

The citizens of Brinton, are opposed to another post-office there called East Flitsburg, which was applied for recently. They believe that if the new office is established half a mile away the Erinton office will be discontinued. A protest will be forwarded to Washington,

#### DEMOCRATS CHOOSE A POSTMASTER.

The Democrats of Bedford held an election for the selection of a postmaster. There were eight candidates. George A. Rash, postmaster under Gleveland's administration was elected by a majority of 23 votes.

Al Williams, a weating tarmer living near Greensburg, who some weeks ago knocked down his daughter and then choked her, and when her lover interfered in her behalt as-saulted him, was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Greer to pay a fine of \$200 and be imprisoned in the workhouse nine months.

Judge Wickham on Saturday dissolved the temporary injunction restraining Beaver Falls, from selling \$123,000 worth of bonds for the new waterworks. The bonds were sold to Street, Whykes & Co., of New York, at a premium of \$5,575.

Mrs. Sarah Heyle, of Beaver Falls, charged Grocer Levi L. Meyer with forgery before Burgess Piper. He borrowed, she alleges, \$500 from her and gave her a forged note as security.

The number of applicants for license to selliquor in Armstrong county next year is twenty, an increase of four over the number granted last year. All those who received license last year are again applicants.

Work has begun at the old Dithridge glass house, New Brighton, putting it in readiness for occupation by the Phoenix glass company which was hurned out at Monaco last week.

Ellis Allshouse and Wm. James, convicted of burglarizing the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston station at California, were sentenced to two years and six months respectively in the penitentiary.

Fred McDonnell, the Titusville boy con-victed of the murder of John McAndrew, has been refused a new trial by Judge Henderson of Meadville.

Levi Moyer, the Beaver Falls grocer charg-ed by Mrs. Sarah Heyi with forgery, was ar-rested at his brother's house tweive miles from that place. Hiram E. Evans, of New Brighton, the first patient admitted to the Beaver Valley hos-pital, died at that institution of dropsy Sun-

An execution was issued against the She-nango Valley street railway company, and the road will be sold the first Monday in

Guiseppe Boschino was convicted of mur-der in the first degree at Scranton, forkilling Franceso Conforti. Boschino shot Conforti from ambush.

The detail of First Lieutenant Philip P. Powell, Ninth Cavalry, as military instructor at Grove City College, Pennsylvania, has been revoked.

The Phoenix Glass Company, whose plans at Monaca was destroyed by fire, has leased the old Dithridge plant at New Brighton, and will resume work in about two weeks. Mary Martin, 4 years old, while playing with her sisters in their father's home at Davidson, fell into a grate fire and was burn-

Howard Wright, of Pittsburg, is plaintiff in a \$30,000 damage suit for injuries sustained on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, in progress at Youngstown.

Fire destroyed the printing establishment of Clargace M. Bush at Harrisburg. Loss \$100,000.

Maggie Steiger, 13 years old, of Trotter, was frozen to death Friday while on her way home from school.

Judgments aggregating \$12,000 have been entered against the Central stove works, of Lebanon. Mrs. Joseph Choporinski and her 7-year-old child were burned to death in their dwell-

The Harmony society at Economy cele-orated the ninetieth anniversary of its organization Friday.

ing near Scranton.

The Y. M. C. A. of Washington, has invited the district Y. M. C. A. convention to meet Beaver Palls council has let the contract for the new water works. The total amount

foots up @100,460 20. Louis Tockso, of Andenreid, committed suicide in a church in presence of his wife, Despondency was the cause.

James A. McKee, of Claysville is dead. He was 67 years of ago and a lifelong Demo-The supreme court has decided that William

Freeman, tee Westmoreland county murderer must hang. The Northwestern Fencing Company, of Connelisville was chartered at a capital of \$10,000.

Leonard Armstrong, a farmer living near Blairsville, caught an engle measuring 756 feet frrm up to tip.

Executions for \$29,000 have been issued against Jones & Caldwell, furniture dealers, of Tyrone.

A new trial was refused William Freeman convicted of murder, in Westmoreland county.

Gas has been struck on the Coulson farm near Monongaheia, at a depth of 2,506 feet. The President has signed the act establishing a National military park at Gettysburg. The Westmoreland county Grand Jury re-

J. B. Cupps's grocery store at Greensburg.

## Snow in the South.

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There is no storm in the memory of the present generation as severe as that prevalled throughout the south last week. Even Mexico was treated to show and several incheil at Corpus Christi. At Gaiveston fourteen inches fell and New Orleans reveled in eight inches. There was a heavy fall at Tallabasse, Fia., and the first in eighteen years at Brunswick, Ga. Mobile was surprised by twe inches, while snow fell heavily at Savannah, Ga., for the first time in twency-five years. For three days the thermometer at Jacksonville, Fia., registered below 30 degrees.

## Mexico and Guatemala Agree.

Mexico's conditions have been peacefully accepted by Guatemaia, who guarantees their fulfillment. Both sides have made concessions. The boundaries between the two countries will be definitely determined upon, and an indemnity is promised by Guatemaia, which republic will also pay damages for Mexican property destroyed.

# PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Important Measures Considered by Our Lawmakers.

Monday—In the senatte these bills were introduced: McCreary of Erie, to authorize xertain companies with special charters to ito it incess as banks of discount, to come under the corporation act of 1874, and to confine their operations to the buances of savings and loan companies; to authorize a commission to purchase the bistories of Pennsylvania regiments and batteries of artillery, and to have 400 copies of each printed at not more than \$2.50 a volume, and to appropriate \$20,000 to pay the expenses of the proposed work; for the establishment of school libraries expept in cities of the first-class.

Landis, Lancaster, to promote decency, itemiliass and healthfulness in the public schools.

ideanliness and heartsruiness in the public schools, Grady, Philadelphia, to establish an ad-ditional common pleas court in Philadelphia, with three judges.

Mackrell, Allegheny, appropriating \$10,-000 to Roselia foundling asylum hospital Pittsburg, Ps.

Steinman, Cambria, premitting disabled soldlers who are peddlers to canvass for or solicit orders and deliver goods without being swarer of the same.

soliders who are peddiers to canvass for or solicit orders and deliver goods without being owners of the same.

Baldwin, Fayette, repealing the local option law at Dunbar.

Devim, Philadelphia, providing for the removal of the Eastern ponitentirary, and appropriating \$200,000 therefor.

I the house these bills were introduced: Stewart, Philadelphia, appropriating \$385,000 to orphan school commission.

Griggsby, Lawrence, providing that no other flag than the Stars and Stripes shall be allowed to wave from public buildings of the state, or be placed over any house, office or other building, public or private, except such as tray be occupied by a duly accredited minister or consul of a foreign civil power to these United States. Violation of the proposed act is punishable by a fine of \$100 or three months imprisonment.

The Foebt bill, increasing the amount of preferred claims of laborers, mechanics and working girls from \$200 to \$500, and the limit from six months to one year, negatived by Colorative, was placed on calendar by tole of 100 to 0.

TUESDAY.—The following bills were read in place: To establish ercuit courts of appeals. This act establishes two circuit courts, the first embracing the eastern portion of the state, the sessions to be held in Philadelphia, the sessions to be held in Philadelphia, the sessions to the sessions to be held alternately in Pittsburg, Harrisburg and Erie, to provide for the changing of county seats. This bill is intended to help out the people of Bradford, who may change the county seat from Towarda to Athens; appropriating \$35,000 for the propagation of fish in the streams and lakes of the commonwealth.

The following bills passed finally: An act to establish a department of agriculture, to regulate the sale of articles of traffic or merchandles within one mile of religious gatherium, to administer oaths without kissing the Bible.

Bible.

Thursday.—A local taxation bill similar to the New York act was introduced in the house to-day. It provides that all lands and personal estate, except property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places for burial, not used for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity, whether owned by corporations or individuals, shall be liable to taxation, and that all laws exempting property from taxation other than that enumerated, shall be world.

The word "land" is defined everything within the common parlance that may be so designated. The bill also puts a construction on the words "personal estate," which includes forniture, moneys, goods, debts due from solvent debtors, whether on stocks, note, bond or mortgage, and stocks in money-ed corporations, as well as capital stock not invested in real estate. It provides that the taxes on all property shall be levied and assessed under existing laws.

Faidax—The house was in no mood for

Faidax —The house was in no mood for business when it convened this morning. The prospects of a 10-days' recess seemed to be a cheering one, and while the session lasted

cheering one, and while the session lasted there was more fun than work.

Mr. Griffith, of McKean, introduced a bill providing for the erection of a bospital for consumptives. The cost of the site and building shall not exceed \$150,000. The rules cammittee reported a resolution, which was adopted, providing for two sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10 to 1, and 3 to 5, each week, on and after February 26.

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After reading a number of bills the first time, the house adjourned until February 25.

### OBSTACLES IN TRADE. Cheapness of Parm Products and Re-

stricted Operations. The two obstacles which block the path just now are exceeding cheapness of farm products and restricted operations in the in dustries. Corn is nominally half a cent highdustries. Corn is nominally half a cent higher, but with insignificiant movement, while wheat, with a movement bardly half of last year's, is a quarter of a cent lower for the week. Cotton remains unchanged. The corn crop is undeniably short, although probably a much larger supply than official reports indicate. Wheat and cotton supplies are so far behind the world's demands that extreme low prices are natural, and any speculation for advance is greatly handicapped.

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Sales of steel rails were only 158 tons in January, and the weather has arrested structural work and retarded deliveries of all kinds. But there appears a better inquiry for some finished products; especially in wire, wire rode, mails and barbed wire the business is encouraging. Pig from is unchanged in price here and at the west, though northern sales are pressed, and the demand for bar iron are about the same.

Failures for the week were 270 in the United States, against 323 last year, and 51 in Canada, against 55 last year.

Bradstruct's says:

The heavy snows of the last few weeks have aggravated the business position of western lines in general. This is reflected by a generally bearish feeling in regard to the granger stocks. It may also be noted that western railroad authorities, however, have been somewhat encouraged by the propect that the exceedingly heavy snows of the winter tend to improve the outlook for the next crop.

winter tond to improve the case principally in the hands of an individual trader, and was confined to narrow limits until the close of the week, when what seemed to be Washington salling developed itself, based, obtensibly, upon the belief that the bill removing the 1-10c differential duty would pass the senate, American tobacco was somewhat of a feature, dropping from 10% to 57%.

The oil market closed Friday at \$1.06 bid, while pipe line prices remained at \$1.03.

## Death of Minister Gray.

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The death of Hon. Isaac P, Gray, of Indiana, minister to Mexico, leaves open one of most desirable diplomatic offices in the gitt of the president. The salary is \$12,000 a year, and, unlike all other foreign mussions, the appointee can take a Puliman car from his American home to the scene of his duties the delightful valley of Mexico, in some respects the most interesting city of the western hemisphere. Dr. Gray was a politician of influence and ability in Indiana, was a candidate for vice-president at the Chicago convention, and would have had the nomination but for the fact that Indiana, falling into the Cleveland column, angered the New York delegation, which turned against Mr. Gray.

## Proposed Bailroad in Africa.

### LA GASCOGNE IN.

The Missing French Line Steamer Arriv-

ed at New York, La Gascogne, the long overdue French steamship, limped into port Monday night, with three red lights hanging from her foremast as a signal that she was disabled. Her
passengers were all on deck, some of them
singing and most of them ensering, as persons are wont to do when their minus are
suddenly relieved of a heavy strain. For 13
days of a voyage lasting 16 days the ship has
been disabled, one of her main piston reds
having broken on her third day out from
Havre. For 16 hours on that fateful third
day the vessel hove to while the break was
been grepaired. It was comparatively good
weather when the break occurred, but the
disabled steamer was fated to run into some
of the insaltest weather of her voyage.

When the break had been repaired the
steamer proceeded on her way, but under
greatly reduced speed. When near the banks
of New Foundiand, La Gascogne ran into a
gale that increased to hurricane force. While
off Sable island, February 5, the machinery
broke down again, and the steamer was hove
to again, this time for 41 hours. During all
that period the engines did not make a single
revolution. When the second repairs had
been made, the steamer started abead once
more under further reduced power, and
headed toward the Long Island coast.

It is a remarkable fact that during the entire voyage across the Atlantic La Gascogne
did not sight a steamer until she passed one
bound for Philadelphia late on Sunday.
Late Monday afternoon the French steamer
signalled Fire Island and then proceeded toward Sandy Hook lightabip.

While the passengers were considerably
worried on account of the delay, there was
never a panic among them. They knew their
ship was a staunch one, and they had all
sontidence in their captain. And, besides,
they kney that the ship was not totally disabled. But they have nervous and approhensive at times, and they halled the contization of their voyage with joy. They
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trow and they cheered the with three red lights hanging from her foremast as a signal that she was disabled. Her

The A. J. A. Split.

There has been a split in the A. P. A. ont west, and a new society has come to the front, called the "Loyal Patriotic League," which was organized at a convention held in Chicago on Tuesday. Its platform of principles is somewhat more liberal than those of the A. P. A., which was denounced by the convention as in the hands of office-scekers and being a secret political machine dangerous to liberty.

Latest reports from Hawaii are to the effect that the military commission had brought in findings in 24 cases. The only one liable to the protection of the United States is Wm. T. Seward.

The Chilean Government announces its Intention to purchase all railways in that country.

#### MARKETS.

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Fancy Country Roll
Low grade and cooking
CBEESE—Ohio, new..... New York, new Wisconsin Swiss Limburger, newmake. Fruit and Vegetables. APPLES-Fancy, 5 bbl 8 50% 4 00 BEANS-Hand-picked, per bu., 1 60 1 80 POTATOES-Fine, in car, bu.....

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RYE—State
CORN—No. 2
OATS—White Western

DATS White Western BUTTER Creamery EGGS State and Penn LIVE STOCK. CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, PA

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Chicago, Cattle—Common to extra steers \$2.50ga.05; stockers and feeders, \$2.50ga.05; stockers and feeders, \$2.50ga.05; to cows and buils, \$1.50ga.05; caives, \$2.50ga.75; logs—heavy, \$4.00ga.15; common to choice mixed, \$4.80ga.10; choice assorted, \$4.10ga.15; ight, \$3.75g.\$4.05; jigs, \$42.50ga.93; Meep—injerior to choice, \$2.50ga.25; lambs, \$4.50ga.33. The National Zeitung says that negotiations are on foot between the colonial department and a group of bankers far the construction of a narrow guage railway from a port of the German East African litteral to the Victoria Nyanza and Lake Tanganyika. The estimated cost of the line is \$7,500,000.