THE SENATE SHORT SESSION.

What the Upper Branch of the Legislature Accomplished Yesterday.

ONLY A FEW BILLS CONSIDERED.

The Measure to Abolish the Third Party in Making Transfers of Property From Husband to Wife Causes Discussion.

Senate Proceedings.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7,-|Special Telegram to the BEE. |-- The senate convened this afternoon at 4:20, all save three of the members being present. House Chaplain Van Fleet offered prayer. The resignation of D. C. Shickley of Geneva, first assistant secretary, was offered by Mr. Snell of Jefferson and accepted, and Frank Hollingsworth was elected in his stead.

The committee on enrolled and engrossed bills reported favorably senate bill 126, the consideration of which, owing to the absence of Mr. Heartwell, was afterwards postponed.

Mr Colby, from the committee on labor, reported house roll 181 regarding the mechanics' lien law requiring a notice of twenty days, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Moore wanted to place it on the gen-

eral file. Half a dozen labor birls had been otherwise disposed of and it looked as if there was a desire to get this bill also out of Mr. Brown of Clay said that the bill had been passed by the house, and for that reason

he thought it ought to be treated in a fair manner. Mr. Robbins said the people were satisfied with the present mechanics' lien law and there was no use of carrying upon the gen eral file bills which could not be reached.

Mr. Brown said that if there was a senator on the floor who had read the bill he had not. It had simply been considered in the committee as it had passed the house. It ought to be considered in the senate. He thought that it had features which ought to cause it

Mr. Schminke hoped that it would be considered in committee of the whole. It was placed on the general file.

Mr. Colby, from the same committee, rec-

Mr. Colby, from the same commence, recommended that senate file 100 do not pass.

Mr. Fuller noted the singular fatality which generally struck all bills like these of the gentleman from Gage, or which had the misfortune to be referred to his committee. The last two bills were like Mr. Colby's, and the attempt to dispose of them justified the speaker's reference.

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The will was placed on the general file. The senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Snell in the chair. Senate file 143 was considered. This makes it a misde-meanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10, or imprisonment not exceeding ten days for any one intentionally to provoke or at-tempt to provoke an assault upon himself or others by the use of gross, vile or abusive

language.

Mr. Wright of Seward thought prevention better than cure, and on motion the bill was better than cure, and on motion the bill was recommended to pass.

Mr. Wright's senate file 14t was read. It compels land owners to mow weeds on highways adjoining their property between the 1st and 20th of August, and failing so to do, to have the cutting done by the road overseer and the cost of the same collected by the county treasurer. A long debate ensued, in the course of which several amendments were offered and Messrs, Fuller, Duras, Lindsay and Robbins spoke. The bill was finally recommended to pass with the undertanding that the cost of the work was to be assessed against the realty of the contiguous property owner and not the personalty, and that the same was to be listed by the county clerk and

same was to be listed by the county clerk and collected by the county treasurer. Senate file 26, amending section 1, chapter 53, was read. It provides that the property owned by any woman at the time of her mar-riage, and any rents, issues, profits or pro-ceeds she may derive from either real, personal or mixed property which shall come to her by descent or devise, shall remain her her by descent or devise, shall remain her sole and separate property and be not subject for disposal by her husband nor liable for his debts; provided, that all property of married women be not exempt from all attachments or executions for debt incurred in the maintenance of their families.

Mr. Moore amended by adding to the last act a large requiring first the return of an

act a clause requiring first the return of an execution against the husband as unsatisfied because of want of lands or other property.

The bill was reported to pass.

The next was senate file 35, which provides that a transfer or lien by deed or mortgage by either husband and wife shall be valid to the same extent as between other Mr. Lindsay said this bill aimed to do

away with the third person now necessary to legalize the transfer of property between man and wife. Mr. Robbins of Valley said that the doing away with that third person tended to increase the number of fraudulent transfers which now take place between husband and wife. It simply said to both wife and husband, "You may go into debt and defraud your creditors by transferring your property to one another."

Schminke held the same view. When a third party was required for the transfer fraud could not be practiced so well. He in-stanced a case where a bondsman, to avoid responsibility, transferred his property to a third party who, when the danger had passed, refused to re-transfer to the original owner, whereupon the latter committed sui-

Mr. Lindsay said that if the transfer to a wife, or vice versa, was fraudulent, the same could be set aside as at present. A third party rarely knew when a traud was intended.

Mr. Robbins said with the proposed law there could be no fraudulent transfer because a wife could not be made to testify against

her husband.

Mr. Brown of Clay said that it was a short Mr. Brown of Clay said that it was a short but dangerous bill. The senate had a dangerous practice of passing almost every bill, which came before it, so much so that it had been said that the state would derive incalculable advantage if the body should adjourn without passing another law. This bill ought not to be made a law. If it should pass millions of property would be fraudulently transferred in this state to avoid debts. Husbands would contract debts and wives would be found to own the property. The present law was a safe one, requiring a third party to the transfer, who had to be in collusion with the other two before a transfer in fraud could be effected.

lusion with the other two before a transfer in fraud could be effected.

Mr. Colby said that he believed even now a husband could transfer to his wife without the intervention of a third party, although other lawyers held differently. This law would settle the business. A third party was no protection against fraud, because he had acted in that capacity and did not know why the transfer was made. He declared a woman would be a witness against her husband in a case for fraudulent transfer.

Mr. Robbins quoted from the statutes to show that she could not.

Mr. Moore of Lancaster said the bill would

show that she could not.

Mr. Moore of Lancaster said the bill would remove the burden of proof of fraud to the nonest debtor instead of the third party, and this in the face of the fact that the supreme court had held that transfers ought to be regarded with suspicion.

Mr. Schminke amended that the committee

Mr. Lindsay said the bill do not pass.
Mr. Lindsay said the bill did away with three deeds as now necessary, and their sub-

sequent cost, to but two.

Mr. Robbins moved to strike out the enacting clause. The motion was lost.

Mr. Tzechuck moved to amend the bill "a bill to enable husband and wife to swindle creditors and do away with unpleasant witnesses." It auchter! nesses." [Laughter]. Mr. Behminke's amendment was lost by

vote of 9 to 11. Brown moved this amendment to the last clause. "providing the husband and wife have no debts and liabilities outstanding

against them."

Mr. Meikiejohn hoped the bill word: ret be defeated. It would set doubts at rest concerning the present law, and under it, if fraud were practiced, the parties could go into court and show it.

Mr. Moore's amendment was lost.

Another hour's debate ensued and Mr.

Tzschuck moved the committee rise and this The committee reported progress and the senate adjourned.

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A LATTLE FORECAST.

In the house to-morrow the Lincoln charter will be called as the special order. This will not require much time to dispose of, because the difference which existed between the county and city members in the Lancaster delegation has been adjusted. A unanimous report will consequently be made and the house will pass the charter as reported. In the afternoon an attempt will be made to run through the bill to sell the packers about three sections of Saline lands outlying their houses in West Lincoln.

Several days ago the idea of an adjournment of from one week to ten days to enable every member, merchant and professional

every member, merchant and professional man and farmer to return home and map out his spring business, was suggested and sup-ported. The adjournment of Saturday, however, has killed the project and it is now ex-perted that with the exception of a few short adjournments the session will be brought to a speedy termination. The Omaha charter cannot be reached before Wednesday, and perhaps not even then.

Railroad Bonds Carried. YORK, Neb., March 7 .- | Special Telegram

to the BEE. |- The returns are all in and the

bonds in aid of the construction of the Fremont, Eikhorn & Missouri Vailey railway have carried in every township. This is the air line from Fremont to Denver. The booming of cannon and displays of fireworks and bonfires attested the feeling of our peoand confires attested the feeling of our peo-ple. Securing this road gives York a direct competing line with Chicago and the markets of the east. York is on the eve of an ex-tensive boom. Three lines of railroad con-tribute to the boom and other interests are being looked after. Real estate is doubling rapidly in value and new additions are daily being platted. The present rate of increase in property values will place desirable lots at enormous figures before the close of the building season.

Kearney's Move For Greatness KEARNEY, Neb., March 7,-[Special Telegram to the BEE. |-At a large and enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Kearney to-night was unanimously agreed to organize a board of trade that will make Grand Island and Hastings green with envy. Several leading roads besides the Union Pacific and B. & M. are centering here and will have their trains running in the city before snow flies, and to keep things moving our citizens want to encourage manufacturing with water power unparalleled in the state Kearney's citizens have determined to be-come the third city in Nebraska. All ar-rangements were made and Monday night

next the organization will be completed. A Young Girl's Depravity. COLUMBUS, Neb., March 7 .- [Special Telgram to the BEE |-Mary Fita, a girl under fourteen years of age, was sent to-day to the reform school at Kearney, by Judge Speice, It is hard to conceive that one so young could be so shameless and wilful. She was arrested for prostitution and vagrancy. Her parents are industrious people and cannot turn her from the ways of sin, having taken her home on several occasions, but she runs away to the haunts of vice and eludes their

vigilance. Dynamite Works Blown Up. NEW YORK, March 7 .- The dynamite works of Mrs. Mary A. Ditmar, at Bay Chester, on Long Island sound, blew up for the fifth time at 1 o'clock to-day, killing one man and leveling the buildings to the ground. The explosion was in the mixing house. The explosion was in the initing house. The only person in the building at the time was Henry Allison, a German laborer, aged twenty-three. He was adding the chemical to a vat of the explosive. The vessel was open at the top and was lined with lead. In the manufacture of this mixtura it is necessary to keen the temperature ture it is necessary to keep the temperature down to a certain point. The operator evi-dently allowed the temperature to rise too high and the explosion followed. There was about 600 pounds of glycerine in the vessel to rise too There was enough to blow the house and everything it contained to atoms. The building was about 13x24 feet in dimensions and two stories high, built of rough boards. There is not a vestige of it left except small black splinters about three or four inches long. The site of the building is marked by a hole about ten feet deep and twenty feet in diameter. The detonation was heard twenty five miles. The sheek was and twenty feet in diameter. The detonation was heard twenty-five miles. The shock was felt in all the surrounding villages and people ran out of the houses in a panic, thinking it an earthquake. Windows were broken nearly a mile away The unfortunate young man's body could not all be found. Coronor 'I'ce gathered up some teeth, the skull and a foot, which were

put into a package and were viewed by the jury, which was immediately summoned. Base Ball Business. New York, March 7 .- The annual meeting of the National league convened here to-day. The delegates met in secret session at noon and took up the question of the eighth club. The matter, after discussion, was referred back to the committee which had the matter in charge with instructions to had the matter in charge with instructions to listen to the various propositions and report its conclusions to the full league at a subsequent meeting. The league then adjourned and a committee of three—Day, Young and Spalding—began their work. The committee were in session until 7 o'clock and adjourned without reaching a conclusion. The Indianapolis delegates offered \$12,000 for the franchise of the St. Louis club. The St. Louis delegates thought the amount too small but franchise of the St. Louis club. The St. Louis delegate thought the amount too small, but said he would consider it and give an answer to-merrow at the 10 o'clock session. The schedule was not taken up nor the disposal of Denny and Glasscock. The Kansas City club has withdrawn its offer of \$20,000 for the St. Louis franchise, which improves the chances of Iudianapolis. Six of the seven league members are understood to

seven league members are understood to favor the "Hoosiers," and Spalding, the only supporter of Kansas City, said that he was reasonably sure that Indianapolis would be the eighth club. Reach, Day, Rowe, Soden, Hewitt, Shears and Conant were conndent that Indianapolis would be the winning card. British Grain Trade Review. LONDON, March 7,-The Mark Lane Express in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheat was rather firmer. The condition of samples is improving. Sales of English wheat during the week were 42,306 quarters at 32s 9d, against 71,165 quarters at 29s for the corresponding period of last year. The spring growth of wheat is reported healthy. Trade in foreign wheat is slow with a steader market, free from the recent pressure to sell. Flour was slightly stronger. Linseed declined 6d. On to-day's market wheat was firmer with a ten-dency against buyers. American reds were 6d dearer. There was an increased demand for flour. American brands were 6d dearer, corn 3d dearer. Barley, oats and beans were

quiet. Sad Drowning Accident. CINCINNATI, March 7 .- Yesterday morning near Scipio, Ind., Robert Blacker, a wealthy farmer, and his child, two years old, were drowned, and Mrs. Blacker had a narrow escape from drowning. They were crossing a swollen stream in a light wagon when the wagon was overturned and all were thrown into the swift current. Mrs. Blacker caught the wagon with one hand and held her interest the contract puril nearly exhausted. fant in the other until pearly exhausted, when the child slipped from her grasp. Blacker tried in vain to save the child and was drowned. Mrs. Blacker was rescued by the driver and witnessed the drowning of her husband and child. It is feared she will lose her mind from the shock.

Chicago Crooks. CHICAGO, March 7 .- The order for a special grand jury was entered in the criminal court by Judge Anthony to-day, on motion of State's Attorney Grinnell. The special panel is expected to consider the charges of cor-ruption against certain members of the Cook county board and county contractors.

Warfare in Africa. ROME. March 7 .- The Tribuna prints a dispatch from Massowah saying that the king of Abyssinia is marching to Goggiam and sum-moned a portion of Ras Elouah's troops to CLINGING TO LIFE

Beecher's Struggle With the Fell Destroyer Almost at an End.

GRADUALLY GROWING WEAKER.

He Remains Entirely Unconscious During the Day Without Any Perceptible Change - Relatives Hurry to His Bedside,

Beecher's Condition.

NEW YORK, March 7 .- It was a very weary night that the members of the Beecher house hold passed last night. One by one they would silently move in and out of the death chamber, taking their turns at the dreary vigil. Dr. Searles was at his post of duty without intermission until nearly 6 o'clock, when he returned to his home. Mrs. Beecher had kept watch over the sick man most of the night, fearing that he might pass away in her absence. She did, however, take a few hours' rest in the room adjoining where the sufferer lay. At60'clock when Dr. Searles went home this bulletin was issued:

Mr. Beecher has been gradually failing during the night. His death is not, however, anticipated at present."

W. S. SEARLES.

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(Signed.) W. S. SEARLES.

All day Sunday and until midnight the officer on duty at the door of the house was kept busy answering queries of friends and strangers. For hours people stood in the cold, damp weather, looking at the house and it was not until the lights in the windows were lowered that the crowd was entirely dispersed. Even as late as 1 o'clock persons climbed up the steps and tried to read the last bulletins. last bulletins.

Most of the flowers sent to the house came

from members of the congregation. Major Pond was in the house most of the day. He Pond was in the house most of the day. He told the circumstances connected with Beecher's daily occupations just previous to the attack with considerable feeling. He said that Beecher only Tuesday last told him how strong he felt and how glad he felt that he would be able to complete his work. In the coming September it was intended to give a grand celebration in honor of his fittleth year in the ministry and the first half century of his married life, also the fortieth year of his ministry at Brooklyn church.

This morning from just before daylight, there was collected a crowd of people on the sidewalk in front of Beecher's residence eagerly scanning the latest bulletin. A bulletin issued at 10:30 o clock says there A bulletin issued at 10:30 o clock says there is no change in Beecher's condition. Rev. Dr. Henry Jacobs, of the Jewish Ministers' association, called and was allowed to go into Beecher's room. Colonel Beecher said Mrs. Beecher was more composed now that she realized Mr. Beecher must die. She is in the room constantly. Mr. Beecher lies in in the room constantly. Mr. Beecher lies in a state of coma and does not move. He is unconscious, although Mrs. Beecher thought this morning he recognized her when she spoke to him. The Plymouth church com-mittee will hold a meeting to night to make

such arrangements as may be necessary.

2 p. m.—Beecher's pulse is a little more rapid. There is no perceptible change.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Harriett Beecher Stowe, who is in Florida, stating that she was ill and was not able to come. Telegrams have been received from Thomas K. Beecher, who is on his way from Thomas K. Beecher, who is on his way from Elmira, and from Charles Beecher in Florida. They will be with the family as soon as possible. At 6 o'clock this evening Dr. Searle left the house to go home to his supper. He said: "Beecher's pulse has increased consid-

erably and he is gradually growing weaker. I think that he is entirely unconscious, although some of the members of the family seem to think that he recognizes them when they press his hand. He may live through the night, and then he may die before morning." Many telegrams were received during the day, but none of them have been opened. At 10 o'clock to-night the following was issued:

Beecher is steadily failing, but we do not think he will die to-night.
W. P. SEARLE, M. D. At 10:30 the house was closed for the night.

A meeting of the parishioners of Plymouth church was held in the lecture room commencing at 8 p. m. The room was crowded with male and female members of the congregation and not a few friends from other churches, and there was scarcely a dry eye to be seen from the beginning to the end of the proceedings. Mr. Tilney presided. Rev.

churches, and there was scarcely a dry eye to be seen from the beginning to the end of the proceedings. Mr. Tilney presided. Rev. Dr. Halliday opened the meeting with a moving prayer in which he desired that their beloved pastor might not even be allowed to seem to suffer, but that he might speedily attain into the rest prepared for him. After the singing of a hymn, Jacobson offered a prayer and the chairman read a portion of scripture, commencing: "Finally, beloved, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, which is able to keep you from falling," etc. It seemed almost as if the words were a message to him who was leaving them, because it seemed as though he were a born warrior. In all the past years he had had to fight and struggle. There had always been something for him to battle with, and he had fought the fight. There has never been any flinching, never any turning back. he had fought the fight. There has never been any flinching, never any turning back. He had been equipped of God to do real and noble work, and now the time had come when he had to lay down the shield and the helm and the sword, and there was to be no more battle. He was just starting on the tide that would bear him to his home. They had none of them any doubt as to where he was being borne. It was said that all men were equal before God, but he thought that for such a royal heart there would surely be a royal welcome. It was all well with him. They would not call him back, for he was on his journey home. Other heartfelt remarks were made, and the following letter from Mrs. Beecher was read:

To the Beloved Members of Plymouth Church—I cannot speak my thanks to each

Church—I cannot speak my thanks to each one of you for the sympathy and love and devotion manifested in these last dark, sad days for your pastor. He can no longer speak to you for himself. Then permit me to do it for him, for myself, for my family. Each word of love from the people so dear to your pastor's heart has been a comfort and balm to a heart wrung almost to bursting. How he loved his church you will only learn in its fuiness when you stand with him in heaven. To each and every one of you my earnest thanks and most earnest blessing. Pray for his wife and children, soon to lose the truest companion, tenderest father; and if we must relinquish all hope of

father: and if we must relinquish all hope of his full recovery, oh, beloved, pray that his departure may be speedy, that we may not long be agonized by this struggle between life and death. Pray, if he must leave us, that before another day dawns he may receive his crown and be forever with his Lord.

EUNICE N. BEEGIER.

Midnight—A message just received from Brooklyn says that a very decided change for the worse has taken place in the condition of Beecher and that the members of his family are now gathered about his bedside.

2:30 a. m.-No reports of Beecher's condition have been received since the statement at midnight. Everything seems to be quiet

Not Like Their " Master." CHICAGO, March 7 .- An extraordinary scene took place at the weekly meeting of the Congregational ministers this morning. The topic which naturally came up was the sickness from which Henry Ward Beecher is thought to be dying, and the statements of some of the pastors present took the shape of resolutions of condolence, which it was proposed to send to Mrs. Beecher by telegraph. This was bitterly opposed by a number of ministers, their opposition being based on the alleged heterodocy of Beecher's views regarding future salvation and punishment. An acrimonious debate took place, and finally a motion to adopt the resolutions unanimously was lost. The majority vote stood in favor of the resolutions, but as it was not unanimous, it was withdrawn. Great excitement prevailed and the utmost efforts were made to keep the affair from the newspapers. cene took place at the weekly meeting of

A Buffalo Appointee. WASHINGTON, Murch 7 .- The president has appointed John B. Sacket postmaster at Buffalo, N. X.

THE SEPTENNATE PASSES. It Goes Through the Raichstag With a

Rush.

[Copyright 1887 by Junes Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, March 7.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the Bar, |-History was rapidly made in the square debate in the chamber of the reichstag to-day. In an hour's session one or more of the leaders of each of the great parties spoke and the "septennate' was passed without a division and without even the usual reference to a committee for a second reading. The rumor that Prince Bismarck would speak filled the galleries, but the better informed ministers and deputies wasted no time in attending the session, the result of which was known in advance. From the elevated ministerial benches below the speaker's chair, but facing the house, the uniformed war minister in-troduced the "septennate." The applause with which his short. sharp speech was received showed temper of the house, Herr Windthorst showed the effect the elections had had on him by his modified opposition to the bill, which was merely sufficient to allow

partel, in a uselessly irritating speech, bitterly opposed the "septennate." During the speech Prince Bismarck entered the reichstag and gave his usual formal bow and hand shake to the president, who rose to receive him, after which the "iron chancellor" greeted in the same manner the ministers who came forward. The prince held his bald head as erect as ever. His uniform was worn with the usual jaunty air. The contents of his dispatch box kept him for some time busy writing with a long pencil, which he held almost vertically. Then he stepped down to Count Von Moltke's seat in the second row of the house and held a whispered

him to carry on the debate in the second

reading. Herr Richter, of the freisinnige

confab with him. Herr Singer, the socialist, expressed his uncompromising opposition to the "septenuate" after Herr Richter had spoken. He was interrupted repeatedly by laughter and groans, Then, as the president announced the unonposed passage of the first reading, Prince Bismarck powed to the ministers and speaker and passed out on his way up the Wilhelm strasse to his palace. Enthusiastic crowds lined the streets and followed his carriage.

ON THE BOURSE. To-day's bourse was only saved from a serious "stump" by heavy purchases from houses most identified with Russian loans. Even their aid did not prevent a slight fall in

Status of the McGlynn Case.

[Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] ROME, March 7.- New York Herald Cable -Special to the BEE, |-I have made partieular inquiries to-day into the present state of the McGlynn case. This is exactly how matters stand: The protest of the McGlynn congregation has, in the natural order of things, been referred by the pope to the ecclesiastical department which it concerns, namely, the propaganda. Much depended from the out set on whether or not the doctrines of Henry George, which Dr. McGlynn advocated were likely to be condemned here. So far I gather they have not been condemned. As soon as Dr. McGlynn is well enough, however, he will be required to come to Rome to answer to the charge of offending against the church's discipline. If he does not come, then he will inevitably be condemned and the condemnation will remain in force just so long as the contumacy continues.

Jacobini's Successor Named. [Copyright 1887 by James Gorden Bennett.] ROME, March 7.—[New York H erald Cable

-Special to the BEE, -The pope has appointed Mgr. Rampolla, the nuncio at Madrid, as secretary of state to succeed Affairs in Bulgaria. Sorta, March 7 .- Thielmann, German con

sul-general, on behalf of Russia, has de manded the release of six rebels, two of whom have already been shot. Flesch, French consul-general, has complained that Karave consul-general, has complained that Karavejoff and Tsanoff were maltreated by the government. The government denies the charge
on the admission of the rebels themselves.
The porte had advised the government to
deal leniently with the rebels.

Berlin, March 7.—Much anxiety is felt
here as to whether or not Russia will allow
the execution of the Bulgarian conspirators
to pass unnoticed.

pass unnoticed. RUSTCHUK, March 7.—The German const nformed the authorities that he is instructed to demand that the persons of Colonel Filoff, Major Pansif and Lieutenant Kessimoff be

Major Paneff and Lieutenant Kessimoff be consigned to his charge as Russian subjects. Panoff has already been shot. Filoff and Kessimoff, owing to their wounds, have not yet been tried. The German consul sent Captain Ballman to Giurgevo.

Parts, March 7.—The Temps asserts that the political prisoners arrested at Sofia for participating in the recent revolt were whipped with knots during the entire night following the arrest; that Karaveloff is now dying from the effects; that ive officials have already died from the effects of the punishdying from the effects; that he officials have already died from the effects of the punishment. The Temps says the Bulgarian regents hope they will succeed by the exercise of such cruelty in terrifying those meditating revolution and thus prevent new uprisings. The regents, the paper adds, trust Russia will not interfere and intend to soon proclaim the obscilit independence of Bull will be a proclaim the checkular independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute independence of Bull will be a proclaim the consolute in the proclaim the proc

absolute independence of Bul. aria.

The German consul at Rustchuk, whose protection was sought by Captain Ballman, one of the leaders of the recent revolt, and who claims to be a Russian subject, has been requested by the Bulgarian authorities to surrender the refugee and has refused on the ground that his government has not in-structed him to do so.

King William Talks.

BERLIN, March 7.-Emperor Wilham yes terday received Pidorff, president of the reichstag. In the conversation which took place the emperor said he was reluctantly compelled to dissolve the late reichstag. Despite his explanation of the superiority of Germany's neighbors over her in military matters, the opposition majority refused to sanction the military hills by the same of the military matters. majority refused to sanction the military bill. It was a necessary measure and reasonable hopes that the septennate term would have been adopted after the example given by France, proved fallacious. It was gratifying to cherish the hope that the large majority in the new reichstag would accept the bill at the outset. Referring to the attitude of the pope during elections, he said he had already been convinced of pacific disposition of his holiness and that it was on this account that Germany had asked him to act as arbitrator formany had asked him to act as arbitrator in the dispute with Spain about the Caroline islands. In conclusion the emperer expressed the hope that all ecclesiastical troubles between Prussia and the vatican would soon be peacefully and completely settled.

German Affairs. BERIN, March 7 .- The deficit that will be caused in the budget by the operation of the septennate law will be covered by a fresh loan. All projects for fresh taxation have been postponed, and the session of the reichstag will probably terminate in two months. The Kilnisch Zeitung warns Russia that patience towards her neighbors has limits and says: "If Russia compels Germany to take an account of the France-Russian agreement, let her beware lest she herself may have to conquer hostile Germany." The Kreug Zeitung says: "A letter from St. Petersburg states that the general hatred of Germany and the popularity of France are becoming a sort of violent epedemic in Russia." the septennate law will be covered by

A Wasted Session. INDIANAPOLIS, March 7 .- The session the general assembly expired by limitation to-day and both branches adjourned to-night, the house at 10 o'clock and the senate half an hour later. Nearly all of the important legislation of the session has failed. Governor Gray to-night states that he will not call an

FATAL PROHIBITION FIGHT.

A Des Moines Constable Shot Down After Having Fired Once.

HE MADE HIS LAST ARREST.

Decisions Handed Down By the Iowa Supreme Court-Witnesses Being Subpænæd in the Haddock Murder Case.

Killed an Officer. DES MOINES, Ia., March 7 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |- Early this evening Contable Logan, who has been very active in the enforcement of the prohibitory law, stopped a dray with a barrel of whisky on it belonging to Hulbert, Hess & Co., wholesale druggists. which was about to be delivered to a retail druggist. He ordered the driver, Ab Campbell, to go with him back to the warehouse to see if he had a permit for delivering liquor. Entering the store he went to the rear and said that this driver was under arrest and wanted to know if the house had a delivery permit for him. Mr. C. H. Ward, one of the proprletors standing by, replied that he did not know. Thereupon another driver. Joe Rowe, stopped and inquired what was the matter. Logan replied that he had arrested Campbell.

"Have you got a warrant for his arrest?" asked Rowe.

"It's none of your d-d business," replied the constable; "and if you don't keep still I'll arrest you, too."

"Not unless you have a warrant," said Rowe; and, turning to Campbell, he said: "If he hasn't got a warrant you go along and tend to your work."

As he spoke, Logan drew his revolver and fired at Rowe, who returned the fire, sending a bullet into Logan's breast. The latter, with revolver extended, started after Campbell, but fell within ten feet and died in a minute. Rowe was at once arrested and is now in jail. There is much excitement in town over the murder, but no serious results are feared. Public opinion is divided, some holding that the fatal shot was fired in self defense and that Logan was altogether too free with his pistol. Logan belonged to a quartette of constables who have been making nearly all the who have been making nearly all the searches and seizures under the prohibitory law of late and have been very ready to draw revolvers whenever their authority was called in question. Rowe was a peaceful, good-natured fellow, and has always bore a good reputation. He had been twice arrested before for delivering liquors in his capacity as drayman, and it is thought that he had been goaded by the annoyance to the point of carrying a revolver for his own protection against the officers. tection against the officers.

lowa Supreme Court Decisions. DES MOINES, Ia., March 7 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |- The supreme court rendered the following decisions here to-day: J. L. Robinson vs. Cuicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, appellant, from Polk cir-Charles E. Risser & Co. and Sperry, Watt & Garver vs W. W. Rathburn and G. W. Rothwell, appellant, from Pocahontas dis-

George M. How & Co. et al vs E. R. Jones and H. E. J. Beardman, receiver, appellant, Marshall district. Affirmed.

Theodore and Theodora Gillicis, appellant, vs Lorenz Aulman et al, from Polk circuit. Reversed.

Lames Kirly vs Gates 5. Process. trict. Affirmed

Reversed.

James Kirly vs Gates & Broman, appellants, from Polk circuit. Affirmed.
Duncal Barrett vs Lawrence Dolan, appellant, from Case district. Affirmed.
E. L. Smally, appellant, vs H. B. Miller, from Boone district. Affirmed.
Seth Lewis vs Burlington company, appellant, from Mitchell circuit. Reversed.
R. M. Dillon, appellant, vs A. M. Warfel, from Union district. Affirmed.
National Bank of Galena, appellant, vs A. C. Chase et al, from Plymouth circuit. Reversed. versed. Jacob Nielson vs Joseph Mattocks and

Prudence Mattocks, appellants, from Wood-bury circuit. Affirmed. Hawkeye Municipal Elections. DES MOINES, Ia., March 7 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Returns from all parts of the state show increased republican gains in thirty elections to-day. In Carson the republican gain was 300 per cent over last year. In Mason City, Toledo, Muscatine, Stuart, Colfax, Grinnell, Cedar Rapids and other towns the republicans made steady gains. Here in Des Moines they elected five out of six aldermen and with increased majorities HAMBURG, Ia., March 7.—|Special Tele-gram to the Bee.]—The excitement growing out of the municipal election centered largely in the contest for the mayoralty. One

out of the municipal election centered largely in the contest for the mayoralty. One of the candidates was posing before the community as a prohibitionist, but the people repudiated him by giving a majority of forty-two to A. Hydinger.

Stoux City, Ia., March 7.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The greatest interest and not a little excitement has been manifested all day in the city election. The weather has been delightful and lively work has been witnessed on the part of candidates and helpers. The tickets are badly scratched and counting the votes will therefore be slow. Party lines have not been drawn. The workingmen have a ticket in the field.

ATLANTIC, Ia., March 7.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—In the city election today 666 votes were cast for John R. Reynolds, against whom a bitter fight was made, it being claimed that he was the tool of the Rock Island road. He was elected by 21 majority. The proposition to improve the waterworks to the extent of \$5,000 was overwhelmingly defeated.

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Will Probably Recover. SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 7 .- | Special Tele gram to the BEE. |- Charles Defrann, who gram to the BEE. —Charles Defrann, who was shot by George Larkin in one of the Pearl street dives Sunday morning, it is thought now will recover. Larkin appeared in court to-day and was given a hearing. It seems that Defrann was intoxicated and causing considerable disturbance. Larkin requested him and his party to leave, which he did, but afterwards returned and a row ensued. During the melee the shot was irred.

sued. During the melee the shot was the bullet entering Defrann's left breast. Fire in a Print Shop. DAVENPORT, Ia., March 7 .- | Special Tele gram to the BEE. |-At 7:30 this morning flames were discovered on the second floor of the Gazette building. The third floor, containing the composing room, was destroyed and the building flooded with water. The fire communicated to the roof of the postoffice block adjoining and considerable damage was done by water. The mail matter was all taken into the street and saved. The origin of the tire is unknown. The Gazette stock and fixtures were insured for \$6,000; the postoffice block and fixtures for \$11,000. Several families were burned out.

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Serving Subpoenas. Sioux Ciry, Ia., March 7 .- | Special Tele gram to the BEE. -The sheriff and his deputies are busy now serving subpænas upon the witnesses in the near approaching Haddock murder cases. The case will be called for trial on the 21st of the present month. It is not known yet which case will be called first. It is the supposition now that either Grandle or Bismarck will be tried first. Arensdorf will not lead off, that having been definitely de termined upon.

Killed By Falling Slate OTTUMWA. Ia., March 7.- Special Telegram to the BEE. -- By a fall of slate early this morning in the Philips coal mine A. C. Wiley was instantly killed and John White, the mine boss, was also seriously injured.

The Earthquake Panic. NICE, March 7 .- In consequence of the panic caused by the recent earthquakes, hotel keepers here are selling out at a great sacrifice. Many inhabitants are still camping out.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL. Reasons Why the President Would Not Sign It.

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE . |- In speaking of the attempts made to induce the president to sign the river and harbor bill after March 4, Mr Cleveland has said that if he had had time he would have vetoed it. "Why," said he, it only seemed to me a few weeks ago that I signed a river and harbor bill, appropriating \$15,000,000 or \$16,000,000 and there is more money on hand now than there was last year. None of that \$10,000,000 has been expended yet and here comes along another expanded yet a: \$10,000,000 bill.

Congressman Grosvener, of Ohio, to whom Congressman Grosvener, of Ohlo, to whom this talk was repeated said that showed how little the president knew about the subject, "Of course," said he, "last yers's money is in the treasury and will be, probably till the 30th of June. The bill we just passed is for the next useal year and has nothing to do with this year's money. I am sorry the pres-ideat did not have time to yeto the bill. We would have passed it over him so quick that it would have made his head swim."

The senatorial southern by way of Charleston and Savannan, was to excursion which starts to-morrow for Cuba have about seventeen members, but a report that there has been a case of yellow fever at Hayana has scared Mr. Teller, and will probably keep some others from going. The central figure in the party will be John Sher-man, whose friends understand this to be the beginning of his campaign for the nomina-tion in 1888. Sergeant-at-Arms Canady is from North Carolina, and he will see that the republicans in the south do the Ohio senator honor on his return, and for this purpose he has arranged a number of receptions at the leading cities of the south. Newspaper correspondents connected with the leading republican papers of Ohio and the east will

republican papers of Ohio and the east will accompany the excursionists.

MILITARY MATTERS.

A general court martial is ordered to convene March 15 at Fort McDowell, Arizona, for the trial of Lieutenant Alexander T. Dean, Fourth cavalry. Lieutenant Dean was a resident of Washington when appointed to the army in November, 1880, and was promoted to first lieutenant last month. Colonel John S. Mason, Ninth infantry, is president of the court, and Captain John S. Bishop, Thirteenth infantry, judge advecate.

The death of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Scott, Third artillery, Saturday afternoon, will promote the following named officers: Major Larhett L. Livingstone, Fourth artillery, to lieutenant colonel of the Third; Captain Henry C. Hasbrook, Fourth, to major of the Fourth: and First Lieutenant Frederick Fuger, Fourth, to captain. Captain Fuser has been a lieutenant for over twenty-Fucer has been a lieutenant for over twenty-three years, and was breveted captain for gallantry in action twenty-two years ago Major Henry C. Cook, Thirteenth infantry,

Major Henry C. Cook, Thirteenth infantry, has been ordered to his regiment in New Mexico.

General John G. Parke, colonel corps of engineers, who has long had charge of the river and harbor appropriations expenditures, is granted four months' leave to go to Europe.

Lieutenant Colonel George M. Brayton, Ninth infantry, promoted recently from the Fifteenth infantry, has been granted six months' extension of sick leave. He has been assigned to station at Fort Thomas, Arizona, where he will join at the expiration of his leave.

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Captain Allen Jackson, Seventh infantry, and First Lieutenant Charles W. Powell, adjutant Second infantry, have been ordered to Fort Coeur d'Alene. Idaho, from the Department of the Platte, as witnesses in the court of inquiry on Colonel Frank Wheaton, Second infantry.
THE TRADE DOLLAR REDEMETION.
The order of the treasury department of Friday directing that trade dollars to be redeemed must be deposited in the sub-treasury

Friday directing that trade dollars to be redeemed must be deposited in the sub-treasury either at New York or San Francisco, called forth vigorous protests from holders in Boston, New Orleans, St. Louis, and from the west generally, and the department was asked to rescind that order. In response to his demand Secretary Fairchild to-day stated that immediate steps would be taken by the department to provide for the redemption of the coins at any of the sub-treasuries. It is thought at the department that the necessary arrangements can be made this week and that there will be no cause for complaint after Monday next. cause for complaint after Monday next.

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PENSIONS GRANTEE IOWANS.

Pensions were granted Iowans to-day as follows: Harrison J. Goddard, Ft. Atkinson: Jas. W. Florence, Mason City; Joseph M. Groser, Keckuk: James Dee, Vale; John P. Lavman, Des Moines: Joseph M. Lepper, Floris; Henry C. Havens, Coffax: Martin Walker, Des Moines: William G. Stephenson, Colfax: James Scripture. Wyomiug; Thomas Jones, Davis City: Colby C. Tupper, Mason City; William Cook, Anamosa: William C. Holmes, Milton; Oscar Moffett, Albia; William II. Sullivan, Fairfield; Tillinan Longford, Hibbsville; David W. Ulm, Humeston; Warren K. Bonner, State Centre: Madison M. Boyer, Bloomfield: John Keefe, Cresco; David Y. Lytle, Kellorg: John P. Mullenix, Fairfield; James Laney, Decatur; Ames Babcock, New Hampton; John Fleer, Ottumwa; Samuel H. Chapman, Kasson; Allen Bush, Mason City.

Mason City,

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE,

John F. Glover, of Ashton, ia., was to-day admitted to practice before the interior de

POSTAL CHANGES. The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: A. G. Smith, Arbor Hill, Adair county, vice James W. Fisher, resigned; W. L. Stuart, Mondamin, Harrison county, vice Jas. D. Stuart, resigned: Jno. P. Danger, Olds, Henry county, vice R. Miller, resigned.

Striking Railroaders.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 7 .- The Chronicle-Telegraph's special from Youngstown, Ohio, in regard to the strike on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railroad, says that the conductors and brakemen in the employ of the Pennsylvania company struck this morn-ing and no freight is being moved in or out of the yards. They ask that conductors shall receive 26 cents per hour, brakemen 1914 cents, that ten hours shall constitute a day's work and have at the same rate for all overwork, and pay at the same rate for all over-time. The men are quiet and orderly, Brakemen on the Pittsburg, Cleveland & To-ledo road have asked that the third brakeman be put on, and if it is not conceded they assert they will strike next Thursday. In-dustrial establishments are badly crippled for stock, and a general shut-down is impera tive this week unless traffic is resumed.

The Reserve Cities Named WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The comptroller of the currency said this afternoon that he has not been able as yet to ascertain in regard to the designation of the additional reserve cities under the recent act of congress authorizing such designation when requested by three-fourths of the national banks in a city where such privileges are desired. He will do nothing, he says, until he has received a certified copy of the bill from the department of state. He expects to receive this in a few days and will at once make ar-rangements for the speedy execution of the

Jay Gould Denies.

NEW YORK, March 7-| Special Telegram to the BEE. |- Speaking of the alleged sale of the St. Louis & San Francisco road to him Gould said yesterday, there is not the slightest thread on which to hang the story. I never dealt in the stock of the San Francisco road, individually in my life, I have not bought stock myself nor am I a member of the syndicate, and I have no desire to buy it. I do not intend to increase my cares. President not intend to increase my cares. President Winslow and Jesse Seligman, directors, said there was no truth in the report. The Royal Dutch Succession,

THE HAGUE, March 7 .- The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 43 against 98, approved

deputies, by a vote of 53 against 28, approved the law regulating succession to the throne. The law provides if the direct line fails the succession fall first, upon Solia, sister of the king; secondly, upon the descendants of Mariane, daughter of the late king; thirdly, upon the descendants of the late Queen Louise of Sweden; fourthly, upon the Princess Marie of Wicke. The Elgin Dairy Market.

CHICAGO, March 7 .- The Inter Ocean' Elgin (III.) special says: Butter ruled active and strong at Sie, regular sales being 60,000 pounds. Nothing was doing in cheese. The total sales were \$18,780.

DOINGS IN SUPREME COURT,

The Highest Tribunal in the Land Reassembles For Work.

MANY DECISIONS HANDED DOWN

An Insane Man's Suicide Held to Be an Accident and an Insurance Company Liable For His Policy.

Supreme Court Decisions. WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The supreme court reassembled to-day after the February recess. All the justices were in their seats except Justice Woods, who is still in California. Decisions were rendered in twentyeight cases, of which the following are those

of the most ceneral importance: No. 12.—The executors of Elias Speidel, deceased, vs the trustees of Harmony society of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Appeal from the United States circuit court for the western district of Pennsylvania. Tris was a suit brought by a former member of the Harmony community to recover what he claimed as his individual share in the community's property. The appealance of the punity's property. munity's property. The appellant maintains his suit against the trustees upon the ground that the trust is not charity in the legal sense; that the members of the society are equitable tenants in common of the prop-erty held in trust, and that the trust is unlawful because founded in fraud and against public policy, and should therefore be dissolved. This court, without con-

lawful because founded in fraud and against public policy, and should therefore be dissolved. This court, without considering the questions thus raised, as to the nature of the community and of the trust, decides that inasmuch as Speidel withdrew from the community in 1831 and never returned to it, and for more than fifty years took no steps to obtain an account from the trustees or to assert his alleged rights, he is not entitled to relief. If he ever had any rights he could not assert them after such delay. The decree of the circuit court is affirmed.

No. 1126—Accident Insurance company of North America, plaintuff in error, vs. Loretta M. Crandall, in error to the United States circuit court for the district of Illinois. This is a policy upon a suit of accident insurance and presents a question whether a policy of insurance against "bodily injuries effected through external, accidental and violent means," and occasioning death or complete disability to do business, and providing that "this insurance shall not extend to death or disability" which may have been caused wholly or in part by bodily infurnities or diseases, or by the taking of poison or by suicide or self-inflicted injuries," covers death by hanzing ones self-while insane. This court holds that the question is to a great extent determined by a previous decision as to the effect of a policy of life insurance which provides that it shall be null and void if the assured "shall die by suicide" or "shall die by his own hand." This court has repeatedly and uniformly held that such provision not containing the works "sane or insane," does not include self-killing by an insane," does not include self-killing by an insane," does not include self-killing by an indie by his own hand." This court has repeatedly and uniformly held that such provision not containing the works "sane or insane," does not include self-killing by an insane person. There can be no doubt, in the present state of the law, that Crandall did not die by "suicide" within the meaning of this policy; and the same reasons are conclusive against holding that he died by "self-inflicted in juries." If "self-killing," "suicide," "dying by his own hand" cannot be predicted of an insane person, no more can "self-inflicted in juries," for in either case it is not his act—not the act of himself. Nor does the case come within the clause which provides that the insurance shall not extend to "death or disability which may have been caused wholly or in part by bodily infirmities or disease." The words "bodily injuries through external, accidental and violent means." The court holds that this sentence does not speak of what the injury "is caused by, but only looks to" the means by which it is effected. No one doubts that hanging is a violent means of death. As it effects from without it is external, and according to decisions as to suicide under policies of insurance it cannot, when done by an insane person, be held to be other than accidental. The judgment of the circuit court in favor of this plaintiff was correct and is affirmed.

No. 1244—Chicago, Burlington & Kansas

affirmed.

No. 1244—Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City company, plaintiff, on error, vs the state of Missouri, ex rel. John F. Guffey, collector, in error, to the supreme court of Missouri. The judgment appealed from in this case affirmed the liability to taxation in Missouri for state and county purposes of what was The judgment appealed from in this case affirmed the liability to taxation in Missouri for state and county purposes of what was properly known as the Central North Missouri branch of the St Joseph & Iowa railroad, more recently named the Linneus branch of the Burlington & Southwestern railroad company, and now owned by the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City railroad company. The latter company claims to have succeeded to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to the St. Joseph & Iowa railroad company in its charter of 1857, among which was an exemption of its stock from taxation for state and county purposes. In the opinion of the court it is not clear that the exemption from taxation given by such charter as that granted to the St. Joseph & Iowa railroad company should be extended. The statute does not in terms grant immunity from taxation, and a system established by it is complete in itself without reference to other legislative enactments. The present claim to exemption must be dealed, for it is an established doctrine of this court that immunity from taxation by a state will not be recognized unless granted in terms too vasin to be mistaken. tion by a state will not be recognized unless granted in terms too plain to be mistaken. The judicent of the supreme court of Missouri is affirmed.

The Tilden Will Trouble. NEW YORK, March 7 .- The answer of the executors under the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden to the complaint of George H. Tilden, who contests the will on the grounds of being illegal and invalid, was filed to-day in the supreme court. The reply recites that the plaintiff has no right to institute or main-tain the suit; that deceased was unmarried and his father and mother deceased, the sister, Mrs. Pelton, and the nephow and nieces are next of kin, but under the will are not entitled to any of the estate. It is denied that the amount of the estate is anywhere near \$15,000,000. It is claimed in conclusion that the defendants are appointed as executations. tors under the will and refer to the original as

their authority. Negro Murderer Lynched. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 7.—The Ava-lanche's special from Winona, Miss., says: lanche's special from Winona, Miss., says:
Alex Crawford, a negro murderer, was taken
from jail by an immense crowd of citizens
to-day and hanged from a crosstree on the
railroad bridge near town. He made a desperate fight in his cell against the crowd,
being armed with a broomstick, which he
wielded with good effect, but was finally,
overpowered. He died game, refusing to
make any declaration. His victim was a
prominent merchant of Winona, whom he
killed last month.

Postmasters Iteappointed. Postmasters Reappointed.

Wasnington, March 7.—The following reappointments as presidential postmasters were made to-day, the senate naving failed to act on the original nominations: William T. Kirk, Atlanta, Ill.; William F. White, Barry, Ill.; Samuel P. Tuits, Centralia, Ill.; Agnes Ross, Ravenswood, Ill.; Joel H. Johnson, Woodstock, Ill.; James P. Carleton, lows Falls, Ia.; Richard Burke, What Cheer, Ia.; George W. Lewis, Black River Falls, Wis.

A Decision on Drummers' Tax.

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The supreme court to day rendered a decision in the case brought from Tennessee, which involves the right of one state or municipality to impose a license tax on a drummer or traveling sales-man from another state seeing to sell goods by sample or otherwise. The decision is that the taxation is interference with inter-state commerce and is therefore unconstitutional.

Two More Votes Lost. PEORIA, Ill., March 7.-A Galesburg spe-cial to the Transcript says: Worthington

loses two votes by to-day's investigation. One voter had not completed his naturaliza-tion. The one had only illed in the state six months prior to the election,