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Though stocks of nearly all sorts are "in the slough of despond," the New York Herald says, that or linary business this far in December is 10 per cent. greater than last year; that money is dirt cheap; that goods are moving freely and buyers are laying in large stocks. On the whole the prospect for a large and safe business in the spring, is highly encouraging notwithstanding the weeding out of weak and unsafe concerns.

There is a retaliation resolution in the House, on Germany, for refusing to receive American hog products. The resolution proposes to prohibit the importation of any German product which the president, by the advice of experts, shall deem injurious to health. It is supposed that wines, liquors, etc., from Germany may be brought under the Jan. They amount to a vast sight more than our hog exports, the aggregate of wh ich is less than 7,000,000.

The remarkable red sunsets and sun risings that have caused so much wondering in America, were seen in England as early as the 9th or 10th of last month, and they were seen in San Francisco as early as the 20th. Ocean voyagers now arriving report the same unparalleled phenomena both at sunset and sunrise all the way over. Whatever the cause of the singular appearance it is evidently wide-spread. In the course of a dis cussion at the meeting of the American Astronomical society, Packer institute, Brooklyn, last Monday night, the idea was given out that the "green sun" reperted from South America, a while ago, was due to the same cause, whatever that may be. And as to that, there was a theory that there might be a cloud of meteoric dust outside our atmosohere and through which we are passing. At all events, and whatever the cause, the sight is one of the most remarkable and finest ever afforded, and it is something to be long remembered.

Representative Washburn's bill to repeal the laws allowing pre-emptiom of the public l ands and amending the homestead and timber culture laws, is in some respects similar, to the amendment to the sundry civil appropriation Mr. Wash adopted by the house, but stricken out in the senate under the rule. This amendment is so modified by Mr. Washburn's bill this sesson as to overcome an important objection heretofore urged against the repeal of the pre-emption laws. This objection is that the preemption laws enabled a person who has failed to prefect his title under the homestead laws to obtain a piece of land ander the pre-emption laws. The bill allows a person to make a second homestead entry in heu of the pre-emption prevailing repealed. Mr. Washburn's bill is important to would-be settlers, and will no doubt receive a great deal of attention in congress but there is some doubt of its passage on account of the pressure of influence that prevailed "gainst the measure last year. The papers assert that the country is now passing through an epidemic of crime, and their various columns sustain the assertion. All agree that the ease with which criminals are able to evade the officers of the law or to escape the punishment prescribed for offences, has done much to encourage and embolden men prone to commit acts of villainy. It is plainly evident that more efficient legal means than we now have must be resorted to to stamp out this carnival of crime that is now sweeping over our land. The inefficiency of our constabulary forces and the recognized leniency of the courts and pardoning power in certain sections of the country, have, in many instances, afforded a pretext for the people to take the law into their own hands, and add to other offenses that of lynching. When scoundrels are made to understand that retribution will speedily and almost certainly follow their offending, many of them will abundon their life of crime, and we shall witness a return to peace and security. The subject is one demanding serious public attention.

Washington Gossip. Senator Harrison o' Indi na and his wife and daughter left washington last week for Indianapolis. They will go to Omaha to be present at the wedding, on the 29th inst., of their son and ex Senator Saunders daughter. They will give the young couple an entertainment in In interpolis before returning, and then Mr. Russell Harrison will bring his bride to Washington before

taking her to his home in Helena, Mont., where he is superintendent of the assay office. The report comes from Washington that

the sentence of the court in the case of Capt. Chambers McKibbin, Fifteenth in-(apr. Chambers McKibbin, Fifteenth in-fantry, recently tried at Fort Shelling, M nu., was suspension from rank and com mand for a period not exceeding one year, and even this it is thought will be mitiga-ted by the president, owing to the pecul or circumstance of the case, which indicated negligence, rather than deliberate intent to delraud.

Postoffices established: Dakota, Idylwilce, Turner county. Postmasters com-missioned: Abe Wilkins leosauqua, Iswa; George Knopt, Wheeling, Minn.

Third assistant Postmaster General Hosen says the two-cent postage is a success, and that the deficit this year will be only about ten per cent.

Of 520 freehelders, worth from \$10,000 to \$20,000, in Washington, 120 are women.

Railroad News.

Articles of incorporation of the Moorhead & Chicago Railroad company were filed recently with the principal office at Moorcently with the principal office at Moor-head, and a capital stock of \$5,000,000 with the limit of liability the same amount. The corporation is to endure 50 years from Jaw. 1, 1884. The first board directors is E. C. Sprague, Jokn Erickson. P. H. Lamb, F. J. Burnham and F. E. Briggs. The road is to run from Moorhead to the southerm boundary of the state.

H. 7. Davis, assistant general passenge agent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Maniagent of the ot. rath, and response a man-tobs road, has resigned, to take effect Jap. 1. His successor in the passenger depar-ment will be C. H. Warren, at present pri-vate secretary to General Mar.ager Manvol, who will be known as the general passen-cer and tiplet acent. ger and ticket agent.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Central Iowa have issued a joint freight tar iff. dated Dec. 26, quoting rates on emigrant movables from Chicago, Milwaukee and Racine to points in 19wa.

Probably the wealthiest railroad cond 'ctor in America is employed on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia road. He is said to be worth \$50.000.

Crimes and Criminals.

Helens, Mont., Herald: Gov. Crosby was recently notified by telegraphic message from the department of justice, that on the intercession of Senators Sabin and Mc-Millan the president had granted to Frank Young, the slayer of McCarty, a reprieve for sixty days from Dec. 27. The family and friends of Young were able to secure, through the Minnesota senators in Washthrough the Minnesses sensors in wash-ington, what here, Gov. Crosby, with thlu-knowledge of the case, felt constrained to deny. The execution of Young was set for the 27th inst., the same day as that appoin-ted tor the hanging of Clark, and it would certainly have t keu place at that date, but tor the president's reprisval.

Mrs. Judith Fitzpatricz, a widow aged eventy, living at Lecompton, Kans., wes murdered at her home the other night, and an attempt was made to burn the house, with the evident pur, case of concealing the crime The motive is supposed to have been rabbery, as the old lady was known to have several hundred dollars.

The negro, Big Ike, who, while attempt-ing to burglarize the bank of Durango, N. M., last week, shot dead Bruce Hunt, son of ex-Gov. Hunt, died the other night in jail at Durango, from injuries purposely it flot-ed on himself in jumping headlong from a forty-foot embankment to avoid being cap-tured alive.

From singing at missionary meetings in the Gloversville, N. Y., jail, Aggie Austin, y giri, fell in love ord Roderick, a horse thief. In order to be with him she stole the same team he did, was sen-tenced, and last week was married to him The postcifice at Perryville, Kans., was roobed of \$800, the burglars going east on the Union Pacific. The sheriff and chief of police of Lawrence went to Lenope and captured one of the men. Willlie Whitley, the "Chicago Kid," was arrested at Lawrence, Kan., recently, for stealing a thousand dollars worth of drafts from a trunk.

Casualty Record. John Burk, fireman in the engine room

of the Fuller Electric Light company. 6 Aronde court, Chicago, was caught in the beiting this noon and whirled sgainst the stone wall. His arms and lers were torn off and he was disembowled. His remains were souttered all over the room.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The following priest- were ordained at the Cathedral in Baltimore by bishop Keane of Richmond: M. Moody, Dennis O. rowley, J. Gildlan, Keane of Richmond: M. Moody, Dennis O. rowley, J. Gilállan, Boston; J. D. Marr, Washingtor, D. C.; B. F. Moore, Convington, Ky; C. Dorahue, Richmond Va.; Joseph Lawler, Treaton, N. J.; E. O'Beilley, J. J. Green, Chicago; William Doherty, Providence, R. I ; James Degnan, Connecticut. Eight deacons and eight sub deacons were also ordained.

The sixth annual meeting of the Western Commercial Travelers' association was held at St. Louis with a targe attendance. The reports of the president and other officials abow the association to be in a very pros-perous condition. The following officers were elected: President, Isaso R. Frask; secretary and treasurer, John G4more, with aix vice presidents and a board of directors. Several days ago William H Conkling sume to Omaha from Minnecota and

Several days ago William H Conking came to Omaha from Minnesota and stopped at the Paxton hotel. He was a man of striking appearance and evident weakh, and said he would make that city his home, build a fine residence and bring bia family there. He had been drinking heavily ever since he had been there, and died on the 21st. It is believed that his father lives at Bidney, Ohio.

Frank Cole and Miss Neary of Cohoes, N. Y., were announced to be married Wednesday afternoon. The minister, in the presence of the guests, vouched for the genuineness of a marriage certificate pro-duced by the couple, dated four years ago. The minister, by request had kept quist.

The Ohio senatorial fight is hot, indeed. All the closing work is to be done during the holidays. There is no doubt-that Hunry B. Payne, individually, leads in the fight, but he does not lead the field.

Mr. Chidsey, fifty years old, persisted in paying his suit to Miss Johnson, who clerks in a New Haven seloon. Her eye lighting on a basket of eggs, she began a bombardment that did not cease till he was covered with

Thirty years ago lager beer was practic: lly unknown in this country; now there are 2,500 breweries with an investment of \$150,-000.000.

The case of Rev. W. Mitchell of Boston. arrested for stealing a book from a store, bas been dismissed. He is now in a private asylum.

President Rockwell, of the Educational association, wants congress to use \$65,000,-000 a year o: the sarplus revenue for public schools.

The son of the Dominion Premier says that the Manitobans are not so dissatisfied

as reported. John Abraham, a poor Rockford, 111., taitor, has received a \$60,000 legacy.

Paducah, Ky., has a groom and bride sixteen and thirteen years old.

A St. Paul tailor prophesies that 1885 will see knee-brerches in style.

Matrimony and Suicide

La CROSSE, Wis, Special Telegram, Dec. 26. -- A dispatch from Necedah gives the particu-lars of the marriago of the daughter of Samuel Hiles to William Armstrong, which was quite a brilliant event. Among the festivities was au excursion of the entire wedding party over the new Wisconsin & Pittsville railroad, with a unch at Dexierville at the residence of George Hiles, uncle of the bride. The following dispatch from Grand Rapids will be seen to have relation to the above event: "W. H. Johnson of Dexterville, who has been head bookk coper and general accountant for George Hiles for years, made an attompt at suicide to-day at 2 m. in his room at the Central house by shooting with a revolver. After din-nor he complained of being fatigued and went to his room. Calling the landlady,

nor he complained of being fatigued and went to his room. Calling the landlady, he put the muzzle of a revolver to his breast aud fired, just as she entered the room. The ball passed just above the heart and was taken out near the shoulderblade. The patient is in a precarious condition. He is about twenty eight years old. There is no definite idea as to the cause of this deed, but it is generally ballowed that the marriage of a certain young believed that the marriage of a certain young lady yesterday, on whom he had set his affectious, cut considerable of a figure in the case He had written letters to parties at Dexterville, informing them of his intontions, and the 3 o'clock train brought several persons over her to interfere.

CONGRESSIONAL

Following are the committees as announce by the speaker

by the speaker Elections-Turner, Ga.; Davis, Mo., Converse, Cooke, Bennett, Lawry, Elidott, Robertson, Ken-luckr; Adams, N. Y: Ranney, Petilbone, Miller, Pa.; Valentine, Hepburn, Iowa; Hart. Ways and Means-Mourison, Mills, Blount, Blackburn, Hawitt, N. Y?; Herbert, Hurd, Jones, Ark.; K-lley, Kassou, Iowa, McKinley, Ohio; His-coct, N. Y.; Bussell. Appropriations-Bandall, Forney, Ellis, Holman, Hanoock, Townshend, Hutchins, Folleste, Buraes, Kelfer, Cannon, Ryan, Calkins Horr, Wasiburn. Judiciarr-Tucker, Hammond, Culbertson, Tex.; Moulton, Broadhead, Dorsheimer, Collins, Beney, Beed, Me.; E. B. Taylor, Ohio; McCord, Brown, Ind.; Poland. Banking and Currency-Buckner, Ermentront,

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O'Neill, Pa.; Davis, Ili.; Wadsworth, Lone, Stew-srt. Vt. Elvers and Harbors-Willis, Blanchard, Jones, Ala.; Gibson, Rankin, Breckenridge, Marphy, Summer, Fellows, Beine, Robinson, Guio: Chass, Stone, Burleigh. Agriculture-Hatch, Mo.; Aiken, Dibrell, Will-iams, Beach, Green, Winans, Weller, Patton, Cullen, Wilson, Iowa; White, Minn.; Ochlitres, Hovey, Stephenson, Raymond, Dak. Foreign Affairs-Curtin, Beimont, Deuster, Tex; Lamb, Ind.; Rice, Wait, Ketcham, Phelps, Hitt.

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Morgan, Wolford, Nicholis, Murray, Dancan, Steel,
Bayne, Lemon, Lyird, Cutchin, Marnuis, Mont.
Naval Affairs-Cox, N. Y.; Morse, Talbott,
Buchanan, E tron, Ballentyne, McAdoo, Harmor,
Thomas, Guff, Jr., Boutelle.
Postoffoce and Postroads-Monoy, Rees, Ward,
Cogrove, Riegs, Bogens, Ark., Taylor; Tenn:
Jones, Ter; Paige, Bingham, Peelle, Skinnar, M.;
White, Ky.; Watsfield, McCornick.
Railways and Canals-Davidson, Hoblitz, III;
Murphy, Pag-, Culbertson, Ky.; Turner, Ky.;
Wennie, Caldwell, James, Atkinson, Hatch, Mich.
Public Lands-Cobb, Scales, Oatee, Shaw, Lawis,
Henley, Van Eston, Bedford, Strait, Auderson,
Payson, Brents, Washington Territory.
Indian Affairs-Weilson, Orazy, Harriton.
Territorias-Evant, S. C. : Pryor, Arnot, Hardeman, Lanban, Alexander, Carleton, Foran, J. D.
Taylor, O.; Kellorg, Johnsoa, Lawrence, Struble,
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Manufactures-Bagiey, J. D. Wise, Virginia:
Mitchell, Caidwell, Orlsp, Lowins, Brewer, N. J.;
Macker, Elwood, Campbell.
Mines and Improvements of the Mississippi River-King, Dunn, O'Neill, Hi, Post, Cambbell,
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Worthington, Brainard, Holton, Kean, Jr., Breit-unz, Milüken. Pacifiz Railronds--Cassidy, Throckmorton, Ca-bell, Thompson, Jr., Jordan, Crisp, Post, Wilson Iowa; Milard, Dunham, Hanback. Expenditures of the Wat Department-Thomp-ton, Jr., Førrell, Taylor Tenn.; Eiliott, Mayo, Johnson, Hanback. Expenditures of the Navy Department-Morse, Hewit New York; Shaw, Davidson, Houck, Davis, Mass.; Lawrence. Expenditures of Department of Justics-Springer, Hemphill, Van Alstyae, Fyar, Stewart, Vr.; Bowen, Stephenson. Expenditures on Public Buildings - Bel-moot, Wilkins, Spriggs; Sumner, Wis.; Harmer, Weaver, O'Hara. Expenditures of the Postofice Department-Messra. Morgan, Talbott; Robinsou, N. Y.; Neece. Peelle, Stone, Nutting. Expenditures of the Interfor Department-Young, Clardy, Cock, Storm, Brumm, Dunham, Payne.

Expenditures of the Interior Department-Young, Clardy, Cook, Storm, Brumm, Dunham, Payne, Patents-Vance, Singleton, Mitchell, Greenleaf Halisoll, Dorgan; Winans, Wia; Hepburn, Education-Aiken, Converse, Willis, Bodd, Arnot, Duncau, Winans, Wis; Taylor, Ohlo; Miller, Ha ch, Mich ; Murrill, Iovalid Pensions-Matson, Leavitt, Leary, Fyar, Winans, Mich ; Budd, Sunner, Wis; Patton, Lov-ering, Bagley, Ray, Cuilee, Hanks, J. ft. Wise, Va; Holmes, Morrell, Pansions-Hewitt, Ala : Tillman, Robinson, N. Y.; Steele, Laird, Struble, York. Expenditures of the State Department-Harde-man, Dorgan, Worthington, Campbell, Barrett, Henderson, Iowa: Price. Expenditures of the Treasury Department-Davis, Mo; Hewitt, Ala.; Potter, Connolly, Lacey Libbey, Haines.

A Colored Messenger's Career From Correspondince of the Boston Tray. eller.

Washington is a city of quaint characters. They are everywhere, even in the most unexpected places, and, as a matter of course, many of them find their way into official positions. My attention has often been brought to the colored messenger of the attorney general's office, and the other day I questioned him about his history. He has held the present position for many years, and I doubt if there is a single

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years, and I doubt if there is a single member of congresses or a United States judge in this section of the country who does not know Coleman. I will give his history in his own words. Said he: "I was born in Forkhill county, Va., on the old plantation of the Lee family, I don't know exactly how old I am, but I think I will be sixty. three some time in next March. In 1848 Mr. Lee, my master, sent me to three some time in next March. In 1848 Mr. Lee, my master, sent me to Bichmond to be sold, as he had to raise some money, and I was carried a way from my wife, handcaffed, and put in a freight car. That night I lodged in the jail, and the next morning I was led out to the block. Years before I had been kicked in the head by a horse, which let the ugly looking scar which you see on my fore-head. That night in jail I rubbed the scar with my hands until it 'looked very sore, and on auction day, when the scar with my hands until it object very sore, and on auction day, when the traders came around, they asked me if I ever felt any effects of the wound. I told them that if I had a good master I guessed that I could get along well enough, but that I was subject to attacks of the I was subject to attacks enough, but that I was subject to attack of fits. I was appraised at a high figure, but the 'fits' story cut it down consider-ably. The day when I was led out to the auction block there were over 500 other slaves sold. A Frenchman named Brant bought me at a private sale for \$500, and I was his valet at the old Ex-change hotel in Richmond, now the Bullard house, for seven years, and at the end of that time I had some \$2,250, with which I bought freedom for myself and wife. I used to make a great deal of money at the Exchanze, and I remem-ber that some weeks I laid by as much as \$100 in a single week, but this of course did not happen oiten. Mr. Brant, when he found that I was a married man, told me that he had a

lot of "yailer" girls on his plantation, and that I could essily find another wife, but he liked me so well that he bought my wife. In 1859 I bought my wife's sister, and paid \$250 for her, as she was sickly. She hadn't been with us long before she died, at an expense of the librar accounter accounter the second f \$6). I had three sisters somewhere in Louisiana or Mississippi, and after the war was over I sent letters to the va-rious churches in that section to be read from the pulpits, with the hope that 1 could get some information as to whether they were dead or arive. One of my letters was read in a little town in Mississippi, when a colored woman jumped up and said that she was one of the sisters. I brought her here, and she is with me now. My remaining two sis-ters died during the war, or some time previous. I w.s appointed messenger by Attorney General Speed, who was in President Lincoln's cabinet, and I have served at this door ever since including served at this door ever since, and I have served at this door ever since, including the terms of office of Messrs. Speed, Sansberry, Evarts, Hoar, Akerman, Williams, Pierpont, Taft. Devens, Mc-Veagh and the present incumbent, Mr. Brewster."

About Amber. From the Philadelphia Times.

"Is amber found in this country?"

asked the reporter. "Yes, it occurs at Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard and Camden, N. J. In the atter place, some years ago, several barrels were taken from the green sand but burned by mistake, or rather through the ignorance of the finders At the present day it finds its g eatest value as an adjunct to the smoker's outfit, but in olden times it was considered tumulus a cup of amber has been found that would held half a pint. The Czar of Russia possesses a tea set cut from am ber blocks that are probably worth much more than treble their weight in gold. "For commercial purposes the raw material is separated into different class-es. The finest generally goes to Con-stantinople, there being made into mouthpieces. The next class, com-posed of smaller pieces, are made into beads. They find ively sale abroad, but go off rather slow here. A set of amber jewelry—pin, ear-rings—can be bought very reasonable here, but at present there is no call for it. The low price is on account of their being no du-ty on it; curiously enough. it comes up "For commercial purposes the raw ty on it; curiously enough, it comes up der the head of guns and is admitted der the head of guns and is admittee free. For the last year nearly \$50,000 worth of it was imported, showing that there is some demand for it; but, as I have said, it comes from smokers. The have said, it comes from smokers. dealers here buy it by the weight; where about 250 pieces make a pound it is \$1.50, but where four pieces go to a pound it runs up to \$50 or \$100, as the case may be. It has many colors. Green is most valued, though others prefer black, that matches well with colored meershaum. The real amber yellow, however, brings the best price; the cloudy is pretty, but not so valuable." .re large pieces rare?" asked the reporter. "Yes," was the reply, "both rare and costly. There is a pie.e weighing eigh-teen pounds in the Berlin Museum, for teen pounds in the Berlin Museum, to which \$1,000 was paid, and previous to this \$5,000 was refused for an eighteenpound lump found in Prussia. The mines all along the Baltic coast yield yearly about 300,000 pounds, and some one estimated that the amount still in the ambas distance in the second states of the one estimated that the amount still in the amber district is worth \$1,250,600. The vast amounts taken sem incredible, yet since the beginning of this century 2,000 tons have been quarried and for the last 3,000 years over 6,000 tons have been taken from the Baltic locality and made up into jewelry and articles of luxury As the amber is taken from the mines it is placed in baskets and stowed away in valits arranged according to the States a draft for 3650 sent him as salary for the quarter ended Oct. 30, and declined also to receive the salary due him for the quar-er ending Dec. 81. He states that he has been unable to attend to the office since July 1, an² does not consider that he can conscientiously take the pay.

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Personal Gossip.

Admiral Stephen D. Trenchard, U. S. N. died on the 5th of last November. He made a will on the 29th of January, 1856, appointing his wife sole executriz, legates and devises. She died five years before him, and as he never executed another will that made in 18th because income time and him, and as he never executed shotner will that made in 1856 became inoperative, and Edward Trenchard, the only surviving son applied for letters of adminstration on his father's estate. The decedent's real estate is valued at about \$20,000, and personal property at \$2,000.

Archbishop Perche of New Orleans has for some weeks been in failing health. Christmas night his condition was so slarming that it was deemed imperative to admin-ing that it was deemed imperative to admin-ister the last sacrament. The suchlehop suffers more from age than sickness. His death is expected momentarily.

Reuben R. Springer has given the Cincinnati art museum a lot of valuable pic-tures, and the college of music \$10,600.

Sprague, the living skeleton, has willed his bones to Harvard college.

3 Jessie McGee died at Kappa, Ill., 101 years old, Sunday, the 23rd.

Foreign Items of News.

London Cable: The Fenian scare is subsiding, owing to the reported official con tradictions of sensational rumors which are chiefly traceable to the Central News agency. The United Irishmen demands that the legislature should step in and check the or-ganized circulation of these falseboods, which, it says, helped to fan the English craze about dynamitards and Invincibles, and "through these lies the English mind becomes in flamed into the passing of coercion bills.'

A Typical Texan Matinee.

McDado Special: Henry Phenfler, Wright McLemore, and Thad McLemore were taken McLemore, and Thad McLemore were taken rom a saloen here by fifty well-armed masked men, carried a mile into the brush, and hanged to a tree. Thed McLemore was under arrest at the time, having been taken early in the evening on a charge of burglary by S. J. Walker. The other two happened to be present when the lynchers arrived. Pleifter was under indictment for horse stealing in this county. Six men, iriends and relatives of those hanged, came to town and picked a quarrel with Tom Bishop and George Miltorn. A fight with abot guns and six-shooters ensued. Two of the six, Jack Bayley and Asa Bayley. shot guns and six-shooters ensued. Two of the six, Jack Bayley and Ama Bayley, were killed, and a third. Hayward Bayley, wounded. Wallis Griffin an estimable were killed, and a third. Hayward Beyley, wounded. Wallis Griffin an estimable citizen of McDade, while assisting Milton and Bishop to defend themselves, was shot through the head n.ertally by Hayward Bailey. Five corpses, those of the two Ia-mores, the two Bayleys, and Pfeiffer, are lying in the market house yet unclaimed. It is thought that friends will come, and trouble is threatened. trouble is threatened,

Constancy Rewarded.

Canton, Ohio, special: Twenty years ago William Craig quarrended with his pret;y young sweetheart. He went out of the neighborhood and was never heard from. His betrothed and was never heard from. His betrothed mourned him as lost, but refused all offers of maringe. Friday, Dec. 7, a bearded man of forty wa ked up the path to the house of his old sweetheart. Muthal recognition followed and the long deferred maringe took place yes-terday. Craig said he served in the army and then wont to Nebraska, where he took up a valuable tract of land which he had since cul-ivated. ivated

Mr. Mahone's desk in the Senate Chamber was adorned on the 17th inst., with a floral sword, the blade of was dark red and the hilt white. which

Ventilation and Acoustics-Hardy, Cabell, Green, Shelly, J-ffraya, Evans (Penn.), Browsr (N. Y). Escolled Bills-Necco, Warner (Tean.), Suyder (W. Va.), Yaple, Peters, Ho'mes.

Beform Civil Service-Mitchell, Cox, Clements, BELECT COMMITTERS. Reform Civil Service-Mitchell, Cox, Clements, Hoblitzel, Finerty, Barksdale, Seymour, Roberts (N. Y.), Biogham, Phe ps, Midard, Lyman, Hitt, Alcoholic Liquor Traffic-Hill, Bland, Kleinst, Carleton, Evans, Davis III.; Guenther, Goff, Jr., American Shinbalt

Campbell, American Shipbuliding and Shipowning-Slocum, Deuster, Dibble, Throckmorton, Hunt, Findlay, Love, Dingley, Jr., O'Nell, Pa.; George Long. Law Respecting Elections of President and Vice-dent-Eaton, Springer, Clay, Jordan, Price, Ben-nett, Keiner, Findlay, Parkor, White, Ky.; Poters, Hart, Wait.

Among the contested cases in the present house is that of Fredericks against Wilson, house is that of Fredericks against Wilson, of the fith Jowa district. Fredericks is a Democrat, and Wilson, whose certificate gave him the prima facic right to the seat, is a republican. Fredericks claims he was elected by twenty-three majority, according to the returns of the local authorities. The returning board by its count gave Wilson a majority of seventeen. He (Fredericks) de-clares this was a frand on him, a put up job, by which he lost his certificate, and he proposes to go before the elections comproposes to go balors the elections com-mittee immediately after the bolidays. The papers have been filed. Fredericks is in Washington, and is confident as a man can be who has the count on his side.

Gen. McKenzie, commander of the depertment of Arizona, has, as already published, become insane during the past week. but the matter has been kept quiet at the but the matter has been kept quiet at the war department to avoid trouble in bringing him Kast. He has no idea of his own con-dition, and is coming on under orders to report at the department. Nothing is known at Washington about the cause of his men-tal break down. It is said to have violant tal break down. It is said to have violent phases. He will be taken to the govern-ment asylum for treatment.

John N. Irwin, governor of Idaho Territory, returned to the treasurer of the Uniter States a draft for \$650 sent him as salary for