THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.
PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL
Entered at the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., as second class matter.

A HEARTLESS EVICTION.

Miss Minnie Spaulding, for seven years principal of the Traverse City high school, has resigned.

Ernestena Quaddy, of Flint, has sued John Brown, saloonkeeper, for $5,000 damages, which she alleges she has sustained by Brown's selling liquor to her 17 year old boy.

Grand Haven's unused glass factory can have a fine industry inside its quiet walls if the city will pass a good title to the company's manager anxious to enlarge business there.

Seventeen men are on a strike at Hancock. They were employed in the molding room of the Quincy stamp mill there and would not stand a cut of 10 cents each per day in wages.

A Williamstown man went over to see his sister in Plymouth the other day. It has been 16 years since they have seen each other and they only lived about two hours' drive apart.

J. D. Eckler, of Leslie, tried a patent corn cure. It aggravated the malady, and the toe was amputated after gangrene had set in. Blood poisoning followed and Eckler has been buried at Jackson.

Little Bertha Laubach, of Grand Rapids, is recovering the use of the arm that was saved to it by the prompt act of seven young companions, who gave up pieces of their skin in a grafting operation.

Charles A. Burgess, of Cheboygan, has been appointed a member of the state board of pharmacy for five years from January 1 to succeed Stanley E. Parkhill, of Owosso, whose term expires.

The Flint & Pere Marquette railroad has made arrangements whereby Monroe will be the eastern terminus of its road, temporarily at least, and the depot there will be built on the north side of the river.

Pherorsa Clark, who raked and bound the first wheat raised in Richfield township, Genesee county, has died of the grip, at an advanced age. He was the leading town offices and was highly esteemed.

Montague, Muskegon county, is going into the sugar-beet industry. A sample raised by Fred Lamb and Orville Howe has been analyzed by Uncle Jerry Rusk's chemist, and 12 per cent of sugar found.

F. J. Arnold, secretary of the Alpena Y. M. C. A., has been forced by ill health on account of ill health. The association has prospered during his administration, gaining 102 members during the past six months.

The Grand Trunk railway has given Hagem, the Macomb county farmer, $1,800 for the fine stock and farm implements damages for a burned barn. Hagem claimed the building was fired by a spark from a locomotive.

The Michigan association of railway surgeons held its first annual session in Grand Rapids, and elected Dr. G. K. Johnson, of Saginaw, president, and Dr. F. W. Garber, of Muskegon, secretary and treasurer.

The funeral of Chr. ale C. McGoldrick, late assistant cashier of the Detroit post office, took place upon the fery day set for his wedding to a popular young lady of the village of Grosse Isle. The date and the young woman is almost heart broken.

A detachment of the Salvation army was sent to West Bay City, two strong, last time to see what the new company is full officered and numbers 70 soldiers. It has a fine new barracks and will celebrate the first anniversary with a jubilee January 13 and 14.

A gang of thieves is being closely pursued in Lyons township, Ionia county, but they have been at work industriously the past two years and many prominent Lyons farmers estimated to be worth $10,000, Warrants are out for seven citizens of the county, some of them well-to-do farmers.

The body of a little child of an aged Menominee couple named Genius, was laid out for burial, and the coffin caught on fire from a candle. The mother, crazed by grief, snatched the child from the coffin, pressed it to her breast and was badly burned in doing so. The child died before it was charred.

Miss Rose Dunsfield of Stevensville, publishes a card in the Benton Harbor papers saying the publication of a marriage license issued by Will Barnhardt, of Benton Harbor, in which her name appears, has caused her some embarrassment. Her consent to the application has not been given and now, she declares, the marriage will not take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrouchy, of Redmond's opera house, Grand Rapids, has caused papers to be issued for the arrest of Supt. Hartman, Cash. Johnson and Lieut. Hurley on a charge of conspiracy to kill $5,000. The theater is in the Brady & Garwood circuit and inaugurated Sunday night performances some time ago. The officers broke up the entertainments and caused suits to be brought against Burleighs. He has three of their men on his one pending. The manager claims the officers damaged his business and exceeded their authority.

A bloody fracas occurred in the saloon of John Navin at Trout Lake. Several toughs, headed by Jack Helwig, became intoxicated and refused to pay for their liquor or leave the place. Navin tried to drive the men out when Helwig struck at him. Then the proprietor stepped behind the bar and reached for a weapon. Helwig drew a revolver and fired twice, one bullet passing through Navin's neck and wounding him fatally. A railroad section crew, which was shot in the arm by one of Helwig's friends is also dying. Helwig escaped.

Captured a Chicago Drummer.

Three highwaymen held up a man not far from Benner's Ferry, in Montana, and robbed about $3,000 worth of jewelry from his person. The victim, representing a Chicago wholesale house. The robbers also got about $100 in cash. There were four men in the party and on the stage, a low sled, and there were three of the robbers. No violence was necessary as the victim quickly saw the drift of the robbery occurred in a dense wood, where there was three feet of snow on the ground. Hasting & Lowry are offering $500 for the return of the jewelry. No descr. p tion could be given of the robbers as they were fully masked. There is no prospect of their being captured.

Will Adopt Stringent Measures.

Chas. S. Goff, United States special agent in Canada for the detection of all violations of the alien contract labor law, is at Montreal. In an interview on the immigration question he said: "If the Canadian government will not make an amicable arrangement with the United States government respecting this immigration question the state department at Washington is prepared to vessel immigration sheds at all points in the states at which immigrants from Canada stop, make an examination and send thousands of each class that are now allowed to pass through this country to the states right back again to Canada."

A Terrible Traffic.

Mr. Varley, a social purist, who has recently visited Singapore, has written to Lord Salisbury charging the government with permitting a traffic in which 1,000 Chinese coolies to be carried on in Singapore. He says that these coolies are drafted or shanghaied, sold, and thrust into large receiving sheds in Singapore by agents commonly called slave dealers, whence they are shipped in English steamers to Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Johore and other countries, and hired out by contract to work as enforced labor, where they have no voice concerning their position, work or pay.

Curious Freak of a Suicide.

A well dressed stranger was found dead on the highway at Ypsilanti, Dec. 1. He had shot himself in the head, a revolver being found in its hand. On the ground around the body was $1,200 in greenbacks, $500 drafts for $1,300, and one for $15,000 issued to the bearer by P. S. Sargent, cashier of the Second National bank of Nashua, N. H., to the Continental national bank, Boston, dated Jan. 2. The currency and drafts were all in bills. The body was afterwards identified as that of L. N. T. Purtis, supposed to be a jewelry salesman. It is believed he wandered from home while mentally deranged.

Diphtheria is epidemic at Stonebore, Pa., and a number of deaths from it have occurred.

The Bay City Tribune says that Bay county ranks first in the number of persons committed and says that the officials are responsible for the state's laxness in enforcing the laws and particularly the liquor law.

The Cherokee council has formally ratified the agreement made by their commission with the United States, and now all that remains before the strip of 6,000,000 acres in the Indian country is for congress to ratify the agreement.

Gov. Winans Makes Several Prisoners Happy by Using His Prerogative in the Issuing of Pardons.

Ed H. Gilman Fined for Hunting Deer With Dogs.—Grand Rapids Man Follows Bad Advice.

The Doings and Happening in Our Two Peninsulas Which are of Much Importance.

Evicted a Family in a Storm.

The sheriff of Kalamazoo county evicted John Hartman and family from a house owned by John Knight and upon a writ issued from the circuit court. Hartman's wife was confined to bed with a daughter was not in good health. The officer turned them out, however, together with the household furniture, and the children's fruit and other perishable goods in the street. The day was the coldest of the season with zero weather and a high and bitter sero, and a storm was raging. The property was turned over to Knight, who rescinded the eviction. He has since removed the doors from the house, so that the family and no one else would have to live in the Hartman cottage. Even shelter by indignant citizens, who declare that the Irish tenants never fared worse at the hands of Turks, Russians or Armenians than this destitute and sick family.

The Pardoning Power. .

Upon the recommendation of the pardon board Governor Winans has pardoned Hugh Powers, who is serving a five-years' sentence at the Detroit house of correction having been convicted by the recorder's court of the city of Detroit of obtaining money under false pretenses. Powers is said to be in the last stages of consumption. The governor has also commuted two sentences. In the case of William Genaw, who was in May, 1886, sentenced in the circuit court of Kalamazoo county to the Ionia house of correction for 10 years for manslaughter, the governor has commuted to eight years' imprisonment. The time allowed to be made happy is Thanksgiving day, when Genaw will go from Jackson to Ionia for one year for uttering a forged paper.

This Marriage not a Failure.

Rev. J. W. Horner, of Sparta, has been ill with the grip for several days, but like a true Spartan he answered the call of a young girl to officiate at the side of a sick bed and rode nearly two miles to the appointed place. Arriving there, the change from the cold air to the heated room was too much for him, and he had to be turned back from a fainting spell while bride, groom and company waited. After counting himself sufficiently recovered to proceed he bade the couple stand up, but fainted again. He was once more brought back to life, and this time was allowed to get up, but finished the ceremony lying upon a couch.

Is She Unlawfully Detained.

The penal institutions board has decided to detain the inmate of the Adrian insane trial home, who recently eloped and was married in Indiana, and who returned and demanded discharge from the institution. The detention is considered necessary as a measure of discipline for the other inmates.

William Stone, of Adrian, is the girl's attorney. He was the attorney for the board of the industrial home during the interim of a Democratic governorship and was dropped from the new board as soon as it assumed control. Since this time he has seemed very acrid. He threatens habeas corpus proceedings for the release of the fair young client.

Kalamazoo Will Get Nelson.

Ever since the Nelson-Hall case at Grand Rapids last fall there have been rumors of negotiations on the part of the Kalamazoo stock backers, with the control of the great Nelson for the coming season. The announcement is now authorized that the negotiations are completed. Early in April next Nelson will be shipped from Waterford, Mo., to Kalamazoo, and placed under the direct management of S. A. Browne, who is the active member of the firm.

Fined $50 for Hounding Deer.

E. H. Gilman, of Detroit, against whom Game Warden Hampton preferred a complaint for hounding deer with dogs, was fined $50 and costs by Justice Cavanaugh of Alpena. Judge Gartner, of Detroit, appeared for Mr. Gilman and the case against the latter was admitted under an agreed stipulation the purpose being to secure a decision from the bench. The case will be appealed to the Alpena circuit court, and will doubtless be carried to the supreme court for final adjudication.

A Foul Crime.

John Abbott, of Grand Rapids, age 30 years, has been arrested on a charge of obtaining criminal relations with Anna Pondenson, aged 11 years, under the age of consent law. Her father is a wealthy farmer and didn't know anything of his daughter's actions. An old soldier who has also been intimate with the girl will be arrested.

Took His Wife's Advice.

Jacob Greenwald, janitor of the Baxter street school, Grand Rapids, attempted suicide by taking morphine. He married a widow 10 years ago and she has been making it hot for him. She drove him from home with the advice to commit suicide, which he would have followed the advice if the police had not interfered.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Prattville advertises for a good doctor.

Detroit and Pontiac "theatery" talk of building a kite track at Richmond.

The southeastern Michigan kennel club met at Kalamazoo and elected officers.

Mrs. Jennie Kidd, a Chesaning citizen, is in jail at Saginaw for threatening the life of his wife.

An inmate of the Ottawa county poor house was burned to death by her catching fire from a fall of coals.

John Sherman was thrown from his carriage and nearly killed. This particular John is a resident of Ludington.

The Fallasburg cart company, of White Pigeon has lost its entire plant by fire. Loss, $4,000; insurance, $3,000.

Sophia Graversaat, a descendant of the early Dutch settlers at Mackinaw, died at Petoskey, at the age of nearly 90 years.

Hannah Thompson, oldest resident of Ypsilanti, had died of the grip, aged 92. She moved to Ypsilanti from New York, her native state, in 1830.

Everiste Dorion is under arrest at West Bay City, accused of setting fire to his own house.

Thomas Waters has resigned as assistant superintendent of the state reform school. Supt. Wood has appointed E. J. Brown stenographer.

Mrs. Thomas Bates suddenly expired while witnessing the lowering of her husband's remains into the grave. They were pioneers of Hudson.

Dr. W. H. Smith, judge advocate has mustered in W. H. Sibley command No. 44, union veterans' union, with 30 charter members at Arcadia.

Special Indian Commissioner Cooper is delivering patents to the Indians at Chippewa reservation in Isabella county, disposing of all the original Ma-ka-te-be-nais.

Benton Harbor's population increased last year from 4,000 to 5,500 and over 200 new styles of buildings were erected, not including the summer cottages.

August Germain, farmer of Watson township, Allegan county, cut his throat with a knife at one of the barns. He bled to death before he was discovered. He was 70 years old and unmarried. He was periodically insane.

The Pontiac Lincoln club is making elaborate preparations that ever for its annual meeting and banquet, at which will take place at the Pontiac rink February 13.

Ernestena Quaddy, of Flint, has sued John Brown, saloonkeeper, for $5,000 damages, which she alleges she has sustained by Brown's selling liquor to her 17 year old boy.

The Veteran Politician of Ohio Again Sent to the Senate, Making 44 Years in the Public Service.

News Items of More or Less Importance Gathered From Many Sources —by Special Correspondents.

A Mining Horror.

One of the worst horrors of the west for years has occurred in the mines of the Osage mining company at Krebs, Indian Territory. Just as the day shift, about 300 persons, was preparing to ascend to the surface after the day's work the cage was blown through the roof of the tower and 50 feet into the air by a terrific flame shot up the shaft and above the ground fully 100 feet, which was followed by a terrific report which was heard for miles around and shook all the neighboring country so violently that the people in the surrounding towns left their houses in the belief that the earthquake was rocking the ground. The scene which followed was terrible in the extreme. Relatives and friends of the miners flocked to the mine many of them hysterical in the belief that the number of lives lost was only way of escape for the entombed miners was the point where they congregated, Many of the miners were able to make their way out of the tomb and they were welcomed at the surface by their waiting friends. A number of those who were terribly burned labored painfully up the ladder, strips of flesh falling from their hands and arms as they grasped the ladder's rungs. It is believed that fully one-third of the entombed miners escaped by the air-shaft, although many were mortally wounded. The work of rescue was begun as soon as possible, those who first reached the bottom of the hoisting shaft after the explosion described the scene as terribly revolting. Legs, arms and heads were found lying in a fiery mass and scattered at the bottom of the shaft.

The number of missing is estimated at about 250, and from the following figures: About 400 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion. Forty-eight dead bodies have been recovered. The names of 98 men injured are known, and 50 are known and 50 escaped without injury.

Sherman is Victorious.

Special from Columbus, O.: The republicans of Ohio have spoken and John Sherman will be the next United States senator from the Buckeye state. Governor Forsker is defeated, but even in defeat his star of political brilliancy excites the admiration of on his opponents. With the completion of the senatorial term to which John Sherman will be elected, he will have completed 44 years of continuous public service—but six years short of a half a century. It will be a record without parallel in the history of the United States senate, for every year of his long public service he will have been spent at Washington and in the service of the legislative department. Born in 1823, John Sherman is still hale and hearty. As a young lawyer he was elected to congress in the stormy days of the Kansas-Nebraska troubles, and as a member of the congressional committee on the question of admitting Kansas as a state in 1854 he wrote the famous anti-slavery report which thrilled the nation and made him the leader of the republicans of the day. How well he has maintained that prominence in a service of six years in the lower house of congress, in the senate, as secretary of the treasury, and an aggregate of 28 years in the United States senate, the pages of American history bear record.

The joint caucuses of democratic assemblymen and senators nominated Hon. Jas. E. Neal, chairman of the state central committee, as the democratic candidate for United States senator.

Twenty Killed But the Car Escaped.

A man named Kitchenkoz has been arrested in Minneapolis charged with being the Russian police on the strength of his own confession that he was a party to the attempted assassination of the czar on the road disaster at Borki, in October, 1888. The reported confession is to the effect that Kitchenkoz received money to exhibits an infernal machine. This he placed in a car next to the dining car used by the czar and his family. The manner of placing the machine in the upright instead of the horizontal position. Hence the damage done to the car. It contained the car that was not as great, as expected. The explosion made a hole in the floor of the car and three persons fell through the train, which was running at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The first and second carriages were wrecked, and it was said that 20 persons were killed and a number were injured.

Khedive of Egypt Dead.

The khedive of Egypt, who was ill some time with influenza, died. His successor Mehemet Tewfik was born in 1852, and was the eldest son of Ismail Pasha. He succeeded to the throne of Egypt on the forced abdication of his father on Aug. 8, 1879, and was forced to step out by a decree of the Turkish government. In 1873 he was married in January, 1873, and has two sons and two daughters. On account of a language barrier, about to break out in succession by Ismail Pasha, Tewfik's eldest son will succeed him as khedive, instead of the brother Abbas Hilmi, who is the favorite of the people, and, positively identified him, whereupon he called her a liar. Dr. Dowling, pale with suppressed anger, jumped up and struck Mr. Neal, who sprang at the prisoner. Before he could hurt the prisoner, however, two deputies caught him and took him out of the court room. After quiet had been restored the case proceeded. The doctor threatens to kill the Negro.

Pope Leo is Angry With Brazil.

Special from Rome: The pope is angry at the relations between the vatican and the Brazilian government are so strained that Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, said, will excommunicate President Peixoto, his cabinet and the members of the Brazilian congress, unless measures are taken to renew the former relations between the church and state in Brazil. The vatican received a report from Archbishop of the Brazilian clergy of the disastrous effect upon church interests of the policy of separation adopted by the republic. It appears that many churches are without pastors, and the seminaries are being deserted because the government withdraws the annual contributions for the maintenance of the clergy and of chairs in the seminaries.

Cheated at Cards.—Eight Killed.

Eight men were killed in a general fight at Bright & Williams' turpentine still in Clinch county, Ga. The fight started with a quarrel between two of the men named Ed Williams and John Parker over alleged cheating at a game of cards. Parker began the shooting. Both he and Williams were killed, as well as six others.

Will Kill His Wife's Assailant.

The court of criminal correction of St. Louis was trying the case of Lucy Gore Jones, colored, charged with an attempt to feloniously assault Mrs. Dr. Charles H. Grabby. His victim was in the stand when the prisoner was given permission to leave and negate the witness. He asked her if she knew Lucy Jones, who had assaulted her. She replied she would, and positively identified him, whereupon he called her a liar. Dr. Grabby, pale with suppressed anger, jumped up and struck Mr. Neal, who sprang at the prisoner. Before he could hurt the prisoner, however, two deputies caught him and took him out of the court room. After quiet had been restored the case proceeded. The doctor threatens to kill the Negro.

TROUBLE FOR MEXICO.

Revolt in the State of Chihuahua from the Diaz Government.

Couriers from Ascension in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, report a terrible uprising of Yaqui Indians in that state. They have declared for the overthrow of the present government of Mexico; for the restoration of the old constitution; for the regulation of the immigration; to establish a better postal service; to reduce the taxation charge; to pension members of life-saving service; to abolish tonnage dues on American shipping; to repeal the McKinley law; to repeal ocean mail subsidy act; substituting therefor a system of the navy to use sufficient vessels to convey correspondence to Russia. Adjourned.

SENATE.

SENATE.—At the session on the 11th the interior department asked for an appropriation of $138,000 to supply subsistence to the Sioux Indians; a remonstrance was received from woolen manufacturers against the adoption of the present rates of duties on wool. Important bills:—To admit the States of Colorado and South Dakota to statehood; to establish schools on ranges; to make location of postoffice buildings in towns where the postoffice receipts exceed $4,000 a year; to provide for public parks at Mammoth Hot Springs and in the Yellowstone National park; appropriating $5,000 for a pulpit built in a church at Erie, Pa. Mr. Teller introduced a joint resolution providing for an international bi-metallic agreement to adopt a ratio of value between gold and silver for the purpose of establishing internationally the use of bimetallic money and of securing a parity of relative values between the two metals. A bill to forfeit to the U. S. lands claimed by the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana, N. D., and Walula, Wash., was referred. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Bills: For a uniform system of bankruptcy; providing for an international bi-metallic agreement; appropriating $100,000 for corn display at Paris exposition. Bill requesting the president to inform the house what negotiations have been carried on with foreign governments relative to the re-establishment and use of silver coin as legal tender; repealing "options" and "futures" and imposing a tax on dealers there; for the free coinage of silver; appropriating $50,000 for the relief of the poor of Russia. Resolutions that the national legislative executive committee of the farmers' alliance in relation to the Ocala platform. Ordered printed. A resolution, asking information of the secretary of the treasury regarding unexpended appropriations for the fiscal year of the fiscal year 1889, was referred; providing for a special committee of five members to inquire into the work of the treasury department and into the workings of the agricultural department and into the truth of certain allegations. Adjourned.

SENATE.—Several papers were presented and referred on the 12th, among them the following: From the American national red cross association urging that steps be taken for the protection of the famine stricken Russia; from the national grange of husbandry in relation to Northern Pacific railroad lands; from the chamber of trade and commerce of Seattle, Wash., praying for appropriations for the war and navy departments to enable them to maintain our international dignity in all parts of the world. Among the bills introduced and referred were the following: To relieve soldiers of Indian wars. A resolution was offered and laid on the table directing an inquiry into the progress of work on the Nicaragua canal. Three messages from the president relating to Indian affairs were referred. The senate then took up the bill to provide for free coinage of silver. Mr. Stewart addressed the senate in support of the bill. Mr. Teller spoke briefly in favor of it, and in opposition to the bill for the free coinage of silver bullion. After he had finished Mr. Teller took the floor and declared for the measure. He said that coinage would bring the world to an American policy or force an international agreement on the monetary question. No vote was taken on the bill. Adjourned. HOUSE.—The speaker pro tem. laid before the house the senate's joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase a suitable site for a dock on the gulf of Mexico. The day after the election a mob of over 100 men suddenly surrounded the house of Ancheta and opened fire upon the inmates. Ancheta and his secretary, N. Devalos, were instantly killed. The mob took possession of the house after a hard fight with the friends of Ancheta. During the battle three revolution sts were killed and many on both sides fatally wounded. Prince Sanzo, one of the leaders of the mob, was among the killed. The impression prevails that there is a movement in support of Garza. The strength of the insurgents is reported at 80 armed men. Troops are reported at the point of outbreak. In the meanwhile the town is in possession of the mob and further bloodshed is expected.

"Foully Murdered."

United States District Attorney Garlen, who has been assisting Judge Advocate General Remy, in the land fraud investigation, at Vallejo, Cal., has said: "There is no doubt but that Riggin and Turnbull were foully murdered; that the assassins upon the Americans were unprovoked, and that many were outrageous. The testimony points conclusively to the fact that while the attack resulted from a quarrel between Riggin, Talbob and a Chilan sailor, it was seized upon by the Chilan mob as a pretext for a general attack. It was also fully shown that the police and soldiers in command under the mistaken effort to dispel the crowd and protect the Americans, actually aided them in the assault. Though there were instances of arrests made and protection given to the American sailors during that time, I still affirm that Riggin and Turnbull were foully murdered."

BRIEFLY TOLD.

An extra session the Missouri legislature will be called by Gov. Francis early in February. The session will be devoted exclusively to the redistricting of the state for congressional purposes.

Fifteen persons, of the sheriff and three deputies were killed by some men in ambush. The murder is the result of the famous Sheerin county feud, which has been going on since July, 1888.

Dr. Pfeiffer, son-in-law of the distinguished Dr. Koch, has discovered the influenza bacillus, which is the smallest germ ever found, and has transplanted it in six cases with complete success.

A strike of 4,000 employees of the Homestead steel plant, of the Carnegies, of Pittsburg, Pa., is threatened unless 14 men who were discharged for refusing to work on New Year's day are reinstated.

Charles G. Hale and J. L. Laughlin, professors respectively of Latin and political economy in Cornell university, have accepted offers of chairs in the new Chicago university such at a salary of $7,000.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

Bill Took the Oath of Office—New Mexico Wants Into the Union.

SENATE.—Very little business was transacted on the 7th. David B. Hill, of New York, took the oath of office and was given a place on the following committees; Territories, interstate commerce and relations with Canada. An amendment was offered to the bill for an inquiry into the Nicaragua canal matter by Mr. Mexico; to regulate immigration; to refund letter postage; to establish registered parcel postage; to reduce postage charge; to pension members of life-saving service; to abolish tonnage dues on American shipping; to repeal the McKinley law; to repeal ocean mail subsidy act; substituting therefor a system of the navy to use sufficient vessels to convey correspondence to Russia. Adjourned.

SENATE.—At the session on the 11th the interior department asked for an appropriation of $138,000 to supply subsistence to the Sioux Indians; a remonstrance was received from woolen manufacturers against the adoption of the present rates of duties on wool. Important bills:—To admit the States of Colorado and South Dakota to statehood; to establish schools on ranges; to make location of postoffice buildings in towns where the postoffice receipts exceed $4,000 a year; to provide for public parks at Mammoth Hot Springs and in the Yellowstone National park; appropriating $5,000 for a pulpit built in a church at Erie, Pa. Mr. Teller introduced a joint resolution providing for an international bi-metallic agreement to adopt a ratio of value between gold and silver for the purpose of establishing internationally the use of bimetallic money and of securing a parity of relative values between the two metals. A bill to forfeit to the U. S. lands claimed by the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana, N. D., and Walula, Wash., was referred. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Bills: For a uniform system of bankruptcy; providing for an international bi-metallic agreement; appropriating $100,000 for corn display at Paris exposition. Bill requesting the president to inform the house what negotiations have been carried on with foreign governments relative to the re-establishment and use of silver coin as legal tender; repealing "options" and "futures" and imposing a tax on dealers there; for the free coinage of silver; appropriating $50,000 for the relief of the poor of Russia. Resolutions that the national legislative executive committee of the farmers' alliance in relation to the Ocala platform. Ordered printed. A resolution, asking information of the secretary of the treasury regarding unexpended appropriations for the fiscal year of the fiscal year 1889, was referred; providing for a special committee of five members to inquire into the work of the department and into the workings of the agricultural department and into the truth of certain allegations. Adjourned.

SENATE.—Several papers were presented and referred on the 12th, among them the following: From the American national red cross association urging that steps be taken for the protection of the famine stricken Russia; from the national grange of husbandry in relation to Northern Pacific railroad lands; from the chamber of trade and commerce of Seattle, Wash., praying for appropriations for the war and navy departments to enable them to maintain our international dignity in all parts of the world. Among the bills introduced and referred were the following: To relieve soldiers of Indian wars. A resolution was offered and laid on the table directing an inquiry into the progress of work on the Nicaragua canal. Three messages from the president relating to Indian affairs were referred. The senate then took up the bill to provide for free coinage of silver bullion and Mr. Morrill addressed the senate in criticism of the bill. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Mr. Dingley introduced a bill to provide for the free coinage of silver bullion and to pay the holders of the bullion certificates issued for the same. After he had finished Mr. Tuller took the floor and declared for the measure. He said that free coinage would bring the world to an American policy or force an international agreement on the monetary question. No vote was taken on the bill. Adjourned.

SENATE.—The speaker pro tem. laid before the house the senate's joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase a suitable site for a dock on the gulf of Mexico. The day after the election a mob of over 100 men suddenly surrounded the house of Ancheta and opened fire upon the inmates. Ancheta and his secretary, N. Devalos, were instantly killed. The mob took possession of the house after a hard fight with the friends of Ancheta. During the battle three revolution sts were killed and many on both sides fatally wounded. Prince Sanzo, one of the leaders of the mob, was among the killed. The impression prevails that there is a movement in support of Garza. The strength of the insurgents is reported at 80 armed men. Troops are reported at the point of outbreak. In the meanwhile the town is in possession of the mob and further bloodshed is expected.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Both Branches Get Down to Work in Dead Earnest After the Holiday Season Vacation.

Speaker Crisp Unable to Preside and Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, Occupies the House Chair.

Numerous Bills Occupies the Time in the House While the Senate Discusses Free Silver.

After the holiday recess congress has again settled down to work. Both branches were well attended at the opening of the session on the 7th. SENATE.—Vice-President Morton, presiding. A large number of petitions of minor importance were presented and referred. President Harrison's message was received, reconstruing the chartering of a vessel to carry the gifts of the people of the United States to the suffering Russians to that country. A joint resolution giving authority for such action was passed. Mr. Perkins (the late Senator Plumb's successor) and Mr. Vance took the oath of office. Mr. Vest spoke on his resolution of the 10th requesting the president of the United States to cause correspondence and negotiations to be had with the authorities of Great Britain for the purpose of securing the abrogation of the resolutions which require cattle imported into the United States to be slaughtered at the port of entry and prohibit their being carried alive to other parts of the country. The resolution was passed. Bills introduced: To establish a bureau of irrigation and to prescribe the duties thereof; to increase the circulation medium by the issue of treasury notes based upon silver coin and bullion and to amend the coinage laws accordingly; to amend the interstate commerce law so as to prohibit pooling. Trusts and combinations; to regulate the rates of pensions, and a bill to prohibit free railroad passes. Certain amendments to the settlement of the Sioux City and Pacific railroad company's debt to the government were offered and referred to the committee on territories. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, presiding. The journal of the 6th was read. Leaves of absence was granted to Mr. Mills, Mr. Wilson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Buchanan, of Virginia, for the 7th. Mr. Price, of Illinois, introduced a bill for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the alleged frauds in the pension administration act; authorizing national banking associations to loan money on real estate security; to amend the postal laws relating to mailing; to regulate immigration; for the admission of the Indian Territory as a state; to abolish and regulate the coining of fractions into the United States; prohibiting aliens from holding office of trust under the government of the United States; for the free coinage of silver; to place lumber, shingles, jute, iron ties and binding twine on the free list; also to prevent the payment in advance by the secretary of the treasury of interest bonds; also to create an income tax to tax trusts; for the election of postmasters by the votes of the people; to maintain the purity of the ballot box; for the investigation of the administration of the land office; to amend the internal revenue laws relating to the various general appropriation bills to report the same with eighty days during the long session and with forty days during the short session after the meeting of congress; placing tinplate and agricultural implements on the free list; to amend the bankruptcy law; to extend the system of government banking; to extend the free delivery of mails into the rural districts; for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the practicability of constructing a ship canal from the great lakes to the navigable waters of the Mississippi river; to revise the grade of lieutenants in the army. Various Bills were introduced and referred to the erection of public buildings at Menominee and Grand Haven. Adjourned.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by seven Chicago women men to rob a Missouri Pacific express train near Omaha, Neb. The railroad authorities tried to suppress the fact.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.		
CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 25	@ $4 75
Hogs	3 75	@ 3 85
Sheep	4 25	@ 4 55
Lambs	5 25	@ 5 75
Wheat—Red spot, No. 2	92	@ 92
Wheat, Spot, No. 2	90	@ 90
Wheat—May	91	@ 91
Corn—No. 2 spot	41	@ 41
Oats—No. 2	30	@ 30
Oats—No. 2 white spot	34	@ 34
Barley	1 50	@ 1 70
Rye	1 50	@ 1 70
Hay—No. 2 per ton	13 00	@ 13 50
Lard—Per pound	6 25	@ 6 25
Sweet Potatoes—Per bbl.	3 25	@ 3 50
Beans—Per bu	1 75	@ 2 25
Butter—Per lb	15	@ 17
Creamery	18	@ 19
Eggs—Per doz	27	@ 28
Live Poultry—Fowls	9	@ 9
Chickens	10	@ 10
Turkeys	12	@ 14
Ducks	12	@ 14
Chicago.		
CATTLE—Steers	$4 25	@ $5 25
Cows	1 75	@ 3 00
Sheep—Native	2 90	@ 4 20
Lambs	4 50	@ 6 50
Hogs—Common	3 75	@ 3 85
Wheat—No. 2 red	89¼	@ 89¾
Wheat—No. 2	89¼	@ 89¾
Corn—No. 2	36¾	@ 39
Oats—No. 2	21	@ 21
Rye	47	@ 47
Barley	59	@ 60
Pork—Per bbl	$7 85	@ 8 60
Lard—Per cwt	6 35	@ 6 35
New York.		
CATTLE—Natives	$4 10	@ $5 60
Hogs	3 90	@ 4 30
Sheep—Good to choice	3 00	@ 4 50
Lambs	6 25	@ 7 50
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 01¾	@ 1 02
Corn—No. 2	44¾	@ 44¾
Oats	33½	@ 33½
Kansas City.		
CATTLE—Steers	$5 00	@ $5 25
Hogs—All grades	3 45	@ 3 90
Wheat	1 01	@ 1 01
Lambs	3 80	@ 5 25
Buffalo.		
CATTLE	$4 50	@ $4 55
Hogs	3 45	@ 3 90
Sheep—Good to choice	3 60	@ 4 00
Lambs	5 85	@ 6 50

Weekly Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, January 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The first week of the year is usually much broken by some striking events. These changes do not necessarily tend to help the legitimate business of the country which is over confident speculation at this time might have disastrous results. A striking feature in the week is the final statement of the yield of wheat, over 490,000,000 bushels, which is now reported so far exceeds previous departmental estimates that the price has dropped sharply. 8¾c for the week or 10¾c since Dec. 18, 560,000 bu. Oats also dropped 2¾c, but corn has advanced 1c, rye 1½c and barley exceeding those of wheat for three days of the week, sustaining the price. Pork and coffee a quarter. The business failures reported throughout the country during the eight days since December 31, are 425, the largest weeks, a week ago 340, last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 403.

Wreck in West Virginia.

A terrible accident happened to the Baltimore & Ohio Chicago limited express near Fairmont, W. Va. A track under one of the baggage cars broke down while the train was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The entire train was completely derailed. Express Agent Applegate, express messenger, of Newark, O., and George Hudson, baggageman, of Baltimore, were killed, and Engineer George Schaun is dying. Thirteen passengers were more or less hurt.

Eight men were killed in a general fight at a turpentine still in Clinch county, Georgia. The quarrel started over a game of cards between two of the men.

AMERICAN TOOLS!
REAL ESTATE AGENCY
—OF—
Whitehead & Mitchell
Birmingham, Mich.
Why They Are Recognized as Superior to Those of Other Agencies.
The progress of a nation can be very well followed by noting the character of the tools required in prosecuting the manual labor. The more agricultural methods are coupled with primitive plows and other instruments of the Mexican peon. There is an old saying that a good workman never has but few tools, and the most elaborate kit collected by a modern enthusiastic carpenter at the beginning his trade may be no indication of his mechanical skill, but on the other hand, the workman who has added to his stock of implements new though simple aids, is apt to be the one who can do the best work the most rapidly.
The United States is now recognized as particularly strong in the machine-tool trade, says the Engineering Magazine, not only in regard to the higher class of lathes, planers and boring machines, but in all the minor hand tools, measuring devices and graduated scales, and in the many productions that were but a few years ago obtained only from importers, poor in quality and dear in design.
The fundamental principles that underlie the theory of construction of machine tools have been studied by the best mechanical talent, limited by the necessity of doing good work in large quantities through the instrumentality of only moderately skilled workmen of average ability.
It would be invidious to point to any one man or set of men as presumably the originators of what is theoretically good in the application of the laws of physics to the construction of these laws in labor-saving machinery, nor will space permit the mentioning of the many correct principles introduced little by little have been accepted by all, and thus in time become characteristic of our designs.
The good, all-round tools makers have produced labor-saving machines capable of doing the best work with less skill on the part of the operatives is very apparent, and the introduction of such machinery in some cases, still greater improvement has been made, while in other cases the best features have been combined, the failure of the conylst to grasp the theory of the conception and to understand the motive and aim of the originator.

THE DIVINING ROD.

Will It Be Consolidated California and Virginia Mines Were Located.

A recent issue of your paper contained the unsigned letter from Salem, addressed to Van De Vanter Lashmutt, in which the writer states that he is possessed of a secret by which he is enabled to locate deposits of precious minerals without the ordinary course of prospecting for them, writes a correspondent of the Portland Oregonian.
Mr. De Lashmutt's humorous reply indicates that he considers his correspondent to be either a crank or a knave. This may be natural, but I differ with him.
Some years ago an Illinois man, saddled with the very uncommon name of Al Peck, came to Virginia City, Nevada, and began to have a "divining rod," the nature of which I do not remember. However, he alleged that it could accomplish what the Sacramento Indians were said to possess.
Peck's representations were so plausible that he succeeded in ingratiating himself into the confidence of the business men who were engaged in mining in that famous camp. Among them were such people as United States Senator John P. Jones, James Fair, Flood & Mackay. Frank Osbiston and Ewan Williams. The Illinois man was engaged to work his "rod," upon the north end to the southeast boundary of the Comstock lode. He remained in Virginia about Virginia City some months, but at length his patrons lost confidence in him and his "rod," and packing his grapsack, the diviner left for parts unkn