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REPUBLICANS CONTROL

POLIDICAL COMPLEXION OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES CHANGED.

THE POPULISTS DECLINED TO VOTE

Except Kyle who Voted with the Democrats -- Butler Makes his First Speech, and Denied that the Populists Are in Any Way Responsible for the Result -- Republicans Strongly Protest Against Being Saddl d with the Responsibility for Legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30 .- The committees of the Senate to-day passed into the control of the Republicans. The change in the political complexion of the committees was effected by the adoption of a resolution organizing the committees, as agreed to by the Republican and Democratic steering committees. The Populists, with the exception of Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota, declined to vote, and the Republicans having a plurality of the Senate, were thus enabled to adopt the resolution by a vote of 30 to 28. Mr. Kyle voted with the Democrats against the reorganization.

A two-hour debate followed the adoption of the resolution, the purpose of which was political. The Democrats, under the leadership of Senator Gor-man, ably seconded by Senator Harris, attempted to show that the reorgani-ration was effected by an alling he zation was effected by an alliance be-tween the Republicans and Populists, contending that the silence of the latter, by making possible the reorganization, tion, indicated acquiescence. They also insisted that the Republican asalso insisted that the Kepublican as-sumption of control saddled them with responsibility for legislation. The Populists, led by Senator Allen, (Neb.), and Senator Butler, (N. C.) denied that they were in any fashion responsible for the result. The re-publicans, under the leadership of Senator Witchell obsis pub.cans, under the leadership of Senator Mitchell, chair-man of the Republican steering committee assisted by Senators Hoar, Hale, Allison and Chandler, combatted the argument of the Democrats by as serting most emphatically that the Populists had even refused to make any suggestions as to their committee assignments and had, as a matter of fact, been assigned under the re-organization in the positions to which they had been assigned under the Democratic control of the Senate. The Republicans strongly protested against being held responsible for

legislation. Before the re-organization Henry Lodge, the Senator from Massachusetts, who has made a brilliant repu-tation as an historical biographer, delivered an address on the Monroe doc-trine. He treated it from an historical standpoint and gave an exhaustive sketch of the dispute over the Veneate in language he took the ground that unless we insisted that Venezuela's dispute with Great Britain had been submitted to friendly arbitration we would surrender the es Sence, spirit and vital principle of the Monroe doctrine, which he contended was as esential to the safety and wel-fare of America as the balance of the power was to the safety and welfare of European nations.

BUTLER'S FIRST SPEECH. Mr. Butler (Pon

THE LYNCHERS USED FIRE. A Woman Burned to Death and a Man Shot by a Mob in Kentucky.

GIRGULA

LARGEST

LEBANON, Ky., Dec. 30 .- Within two miles of this city Saturday night a mob set fire to the house in which lived Mrs. Thomas West and Wm. Deveres. The woman perished in the lames and the man was riddled with ullets in attempting to escape.

Several months ago Deveres, a mid-dle aged widower, was accused by Thomas West, a prosperous farmer, of intimacy with Mrs. West. Quarrel ollowed quarrel throughout the fall, until West instituted divorce proceed ings and declared that Deveres must The men met in Lebanon. West snapped his revolver, which missed fire, and Deveres killed him on the

On the plea of self-defense the murlerer secured bail and scandalized the neighborhood by immediately taking his own daughters and moving into West's house. The relatives of the nurdered husband swore vengeance. Close to 10 o'clock a band of men rode up to the West homestead and demanded admittance. "Tom West is dead. Now is your turn," the spokes-man called, and Deveres and the woman awoke to find their house surrounded.

Mrs. West rushed to a darkened window and began a wild hysterical plea for mercy. A dozen bullets answered her cries, and the demand for immedite surrender was repeated.

Deveres too asked for a hearing, but the request was greeted with a shower of shot.

"We'll give you ten minutes to open up. Then you burn," said the mob's leader, and his men quietly retired from the door.

A hurried consultation was held inside the house and then the little girl of Deveres was thrust out to plead with the mob. Clad in her night-robe, barefooted and unprotected, she brave y walked out into the moonlight and sobbingly pleaded for her white-hair-d father's life.

"Get out. You're liable to get shot yourself," a ruffian said, and the child fled to the cabin of a negro neighbor.

Mrs. West then appeared at the door, and, referring to her delicate condition, made a last appeal for

mercy. It was unavailing. In another moment the house was set on fire. The shrieks of the im-prisoned wretches failed to move their torturers who, as the flames reached the living room, could see man and wonan in the agony of death by fire.

Just before the roof fell the woman vas seen to reel across the room and plunge headlong into the fireplace among the burning coals, and there the died.

Wild with pain, Deveres at the last dash for liberty, but a score of bullets stopped him and he fell dead half a dozen steps from the loor.

Sunday morning the little girl led her negro protector to the scene and there the bodies, scorched beyond reognition, were found, untouched by

the lynchers. There is but little doubt that the members of the mob will be captured is they were without masks and made no attempt at secrecy.

The child of Deveres is dangerously ill as the result of the fright and exposure, but upon her recovery she may be able to identify some of the lynch-

The scene of the horror was visited

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT. MRS DAVIDSON'S STORY Mr. C. C. Taylor, Formerly of Raleigh. Killed Near Wilson.

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 30.-(Special.) To-day C. C. Taylor, a young man, aged 22, while leaning from the plat form of the regular passenger train, No. 78, on the Wilson & Fayetteville Short-Cut, was struck on the head by one of the supports of the iron bridge, over Little river, near Kenley, and was in stantly killed. Taylor, until two months ago, had been employed by the Park Lumber Company, of Raleigh. He had been drinking heavily luring the holidays. He was originaly from Pleasant Grove, Guilford coun-The remains were brought here this afternoon on the local freight. Yesterday at Lucama, Roselle Luca boy about 15 years old, was accident shot by a companion of about the ame age. The gun was loaded with bird shot, and inflicted quite a serious

wound in the shoulder. It is not thought to be fatal. A man named Andrew Williams va struck by a train near Battleboro, N , Saturday morning and very seriously injured. He attempted to run across the track in front of an ap-

proaching train. DEATH OF MR JOHN A. LASH.

Cadet Rose, of Davis School, Dies of

Pneumonia.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec 30.-News cas received here to-day of the death of John Augustus Lash, a prominent citizen of Midway, Davidson county. The deceased was a former resident of Salem. He was 52 years old. Cadet Louis Rose, of Davis School, did to provenie wetterley of his

died of pneumonia yesterday at his home. His brother, Quartermaster J. H. Rose, took the remains to Ridge way to-day for interment.

It is learned here to-day that J. O. Foy has sold his paper, the Danville Evening Star, to the Register, of that city. Mr. Foy will probably go to Lynchburg and take charge of the Advance, an afternoon paper now pub-lished by owners of the News.

There were forty accessions to the Moravian home church vesterday.

Dr. Henry Stockton left here to-day or Bennettsville, S. C., in response to a telegram stating that his dental office. with fixtures, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. He carried no in-

Chief J. W. Hanes to-night tendered the members of Winston's fire depart

BIG FIRE AT ASHEBORO.

ment a big oyster supper.

The Loss is Some \$25,000, With Very Little Insurance.

ASHEBORO, N. C., Dec. 30.-(Spe-cial.)-Fire originated here to-day in Boyette & Richardson's drug store The buildings burned were Boyette & Richardson's drug store, J. L. Brit-tain's law office, Burns' hotel, W. F. Moragne's jewelry store, E.A. Moffitt's store and the Argus newpaper office. There was no insurance except on the drug store stock and on Moflitt's store house. The others are a com-plete loss, except Brittain and Sapp's. The library, part of the drug store stock and part of the furniture of the hotel were saved by the most heroic efforts.

The store of W. P. Wood & Co., the court-house, J. A. Black's residence. N. H. Stack's residence, the law offices of J. A. Blair, Wm. C. Hammer, Geo. S. Bradshaw, Wiley Rush and M. S. inson were saved Twenty-five thousand will cover the He

SAYS HER CHARGES AGAINST MINISPER BROWN WILL

NORTH

BE VERIFIED. HIS LOVE FOR MISS OVERMAN

Mrs. Davidson Taught a Class in Sunday School at Dr. Brown's Church and Says he Confided his Love for the Young Lady to her Over a Year Ago -. Dr. Brown Denies it all and Explains Why he Gave Mrs. Davidson Money and Took a Receipt for It. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 30.-

Mrs Mary Davidson, who was arrested Saturday night on complaint of Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church, on a charge of extortion, has been unable to obtain bail, and is still in prison. Mrs. Davidson taught in the Sunday school of the church, which is one of the largest and most fashionable in the city, and her arrest has caused great astonish-

ment in church circles. She adheres says that, although she may be sent to State's prison, she believes her charges against the minister will ultimately be verified. Dr. Brown as steadfastly denies the accusations nade against him and declares that he

Davidson to prison. Mrs. Davidson says she had long

nember of the church, came to me one day and suggested that we should

gation. "We went to the church as sugwould have done. He seemed annoyed t our action

ever, and he introduced me to the secretary, Mr. McCoy. Then he asked Mr. McCoy for the use of a private room, one that he had often used. Mr. McCoy said he could have the room and we entered it. Mr. Brown swung

the door backwards but did not completely close it. "It was there that he told me that his passion for Miss Overman was consuming him; he said he would be willing to give up his family, his profession and entire career for her. was greatly shocked and again coun-selled with him and warned him of his danger. Once more I advised him to stick to the text: 'Love Thy Wife.' I advised him as a mother and a son and told him he should see the danger before it was too late. I called the affec-

tion an 'unholy passion.' He corrected me by styling it 'unlawful love.'

ANOTHER ISSUE OF BONDS. All The Details of the Contract Have

Already Been Agreed Upon. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- There

GAR

low no reasonable doubt that another bond issue has been fully agreed upon. and that the details of a contract with syndicate of which Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is the head, have been arrang ed so that nothing remains to be don to carry it into effect but for the Sec retary of the Treasury to sign his ame thereto.

Under these circumstances the Pres ident can well afford if he desires, to await the defeat by the Senate of the pending bond bill without taking the risk of being compelled at the last mo ment to accept unfavorable condition. which the gravity of the situation will then render necessary. In other words the President is prepared for any em ergency, and there is no doubt that should heavy withdrawals of gold for export, again set in another issue would be announced. The fact that there have been no withdrawals for export within the last several days, although sterling exchange has ruled at or above the shipping points, gives credence to an opinion held in treasury circles that the market has already begun to feel the syndicate's influence against exports.

The amount of the next issue it is almost certain, has been fixed at \$100, 000,000 and it is belived that the terms of the contract are rather more favor able to the government than these under which the last issue was made.

SOL HUAS HAS RESIGNED.

The Southern Will Kan "brough to Norfolk 'lo. horrow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Sol. Haas has resigned the position of assistant to the president of the Southern Railway, effective January 1, 1896, the position on that date will be discontinued and the duties performed by the third vice-president

The Southern Railway Company has made a joint trackage arrangement with the Wilmington and Weldon and the Norfolk and Carolina railroads, will on and after January 1, 1896, run own trains, both passenger and freight, to and from Selma, N. C., and Norfolk (Pinner's Point), Va., desigating that portion of the line as part of the first division.

E. T. Lamb has been appointed general agent of the Southern Railway, with office at Norfolk, Va. He will have general supervision and control of all this company's business and property at Norfolk, Pinner's Point and West Point, Va.

SENATOR JOYES' SILVER BILL. He Will Offer it as an Amendment to

the Bond Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Senator Jones, of Arkansas to-day presented an amendment which he proposes to offer to the House bond bill. It provides that any holder of silver bullion who is a citizen of the United States may tender the same to the Secretary of the Treasury and have it coined into dollars, the seigniorage to be the difference between the coinage value and the market price of the bullion in New York; for the cancellation of all bank notes of less than \$10; directing the Secretary of the Treasury to coin the silver bullion in the Treasury into silver dollars to be used in redeeming the treasury notes issued for the pur-pose of purchasing silver bullion under nd for the redemp

A HOT BATTLE IN CUEA.

Spaniards Claim the Victory but Have not Chicked the Cubans.

HAVANA, Dec. 30 .- News has been received during the day of movements y the insurgents which would indicate that their forces still overrun pretty much the whole of the province f Matanzas, and they seem to have an minterrupted line of communication lear across the province and into the outhern part of Santa Clara to the eastward of Cienfugos. They have burned the village of Gavilan, in the lienfugos district, southeast of Cienigos, near the coast.

The stations at Caobas and Cabazas, where are in the neighborhood of Ma-tanzas and to the south, have been urned as well as the cane fields of the Joaquin plantations. Some stores been plundered. Camarioca is the fartherest point north at which the insurgents have been reported and 'abazas is almost on the line of the rovince of Havana.

No further reports can be had of the engagement near Calimete, as tele-graphic communication is still much nterrupted. It is believed that operaions are being conducted by the inurgents in Matanzas are much more xtensive than they have yet been reported.

Word has been received from Gen. Valdez, saying he overtook the insur-gent's bands of Gomez and Maceo at the Maria plantation where they were found stationed at advantageous points. The engagement which folowed was evidently a hot one, the insurgent cavalry making vigorous attacks upon the flanks of the Spanish troops. The artillery fire of the Spansh proved effective and the official report which was now received says that the insurgents took flight in two directions, having been divided by the assault upon them. They left seven killed.

The troops, it is said, lost seventeen wounded. It is further reported that an engagement is now in progress at a point between the villages of Terico, uevitas and Jovellanos, between Gen. Valdez and the insurgent forces.

In spite of the official report the be lief is entertained here that the Spanish forces have again sustained a serious reverse, and that instead of the insurgents being repulsed and routed the Spaniards are retiring before their advance. There are manifestations of grave uneasiness in official circles, and the belief is prevalent that the insurgents intend another extensive incursion into Matazas province and westward towards Havana.

PASSENGER TRAINS COLLIDF. Two Men Were Killed and Seven

Others Were Injured

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 30.-Two passenger trains on the B. & O. southwestern railway collided between North Bend and Delhi, ten miles west of this city to-night. They were the Louisville express, which left this city at 7:05 and the St. Louis accommodation, due there at 7:05 p.m. The latter was an hour late. Both engines were totally wrecked as the engineers had little time to check their speed. The combination car of the Louisville express and express car on the train from St. Louis were telecoped

The dead are Fireman Wilson, of the Louisville express, and unknown man buried under the wreck. Seven others were injured. It is feared that hree of them are fatally hurt

to her original statement with regard to Dr. Brown's alleged offenses, and

wil exert every effort to send Mrs.

been aware of the alleged relations be-tween Dr. Brown and Miss Overman. "Dr. Brown called upon me often and asked me to pray for him. I promised to do so. Mrs. Mason, a

both go down to the church at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning and pray for Dr. Brown and the congre-

gested, but Dr. Brown did not receive is in the manner that a true Christian

"He called upon me again at my place of business and asked me to go with him to the Y. M. C. A. building as he wished to speak to me privately. I thought it a strange request, as I knew no one there, and had never been there. I accompanied him, how

to-day made his first speech in the Senate while debate on the resolution for the re-organization of the commit tees was in progress by adding to Mr Allen's explanation his own views re garding the attitude of the Populists After explaining the condition in which they found the Senate with re-gard to parties, he said it became plain that the Populists must either act with the Republicans or with the Democrats or remain quiet and allow the "two old parties to fight it out among themselves.

Referring to the efforts of the Populist Senator to secure an organization on a silver basis, he asked Senator Har ris if he had not received an invita tion to the conference called for thi purpos

"I did," replied Mr. Harris, "and I have but one remark to make in that connection. Up to this hour there has never been a period in my life when I was willing to join any party based upon one single idea." He wanted to say that he was as earnest an advocate of the free coinage of silver as any man in the Senate. Explaining, in reply to a question of the combina-tion by which he had been elected to the Senate, Mr. Butler said that his success was due to the fact that the Democratic party in North Carolina had gotten to be so corrupt that it was repudiated by good men in all partie

THE BEER WAR SETTLED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- The beer wa which has waged for a year or so has been settled, all the brewing companies doing business in Chicago hav-ing perfected a mutual agreement by which the price of beer will be ad vanced on January 1st to \$5 a barrel the present price being \$4 or less. It is estimated that this will result in the losing of some 20,000 saloons in Chicago during the first three months of 1896

PERSONALS FROM CARY.

CARY, N. C., Dec. 30 .- (Special) Mr. S. A. Best, Agent Southern Rail-way at Haw River and wife spent Sunday in Cary, visiting relatives. Mr. Geo. W. Franklin, foreman of

Dunn furniture factory, spent a few days with his family at Cary.

by crowds of curious people yesterday and it was well toward noon before the bodies were cared for by an under aker.

Mrs. West's corpse was charred almost beyond human semblance

Deveres' body was pierced by at least twenty-five bullets. Before his desperate dash for liberty he had been frightfully burned and would probably have died without the gunshol wounds.

No arrests have so far been made. Gov. Bradley feels that the law has been greatly outraged and the State disgraced by the brutal murder of Wm. Deveres and Mrs. T. J. West at the hands of a mob near Lebanon yester-day. The Governor dropped work on his message and acquainted himself with all the facts obtainable. He is communicating with the local authori-ties. In his inaugural address the Governor condemned lynchings very vigorously. He will offer a reward of \$500, the limit of the law, for the arrest and conviction of the members of the mob and issue a proclamation accord-

Fully 1,000 people assembled at the court house in Lebanon, Ky., to-day to take action on the burning to death of Mrs.J.T.West and the killing of W. A. Deveres. They were all vigorous in W. A. Deveres were all vigorous in denunciation of the disgrace on Marion county and some very strong resoluwere drawn up. A fund was raised to employ detectives to aid in ferreting out the perpetrators of the

CRAZED BY THE SIGHT.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.-Henry Harrison, living near Mound City, got up last night and falling in the fire-place, was burned to death. His grandson, who discovered the burning body. was so overcome with the horror o the scene that he has become a raving

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The St. Peters-burg correspondent of the Neuf Friere Press telegraphs that Russia and France have actually promised diplomatic support of the United States in the Venezuelan trouble and he adds

that Russia is prepared to facilitate the United States loan with her own reserve.

FOLLOW GROVER'S EXAMPLE. Two War Officials Come to North

Carolina to Hunt.

AURORA, N .C., Dec. 30 .- (Sp -Gen. Doe, Assistant Secretary of War and Col. Whiton, General Supply Agent for the War Department arriv-ed in our town last night on a hunting trip. They have been reading in the News and Observer of the 18 opossums up one tree and the killing of 60 wild geese by the gun a day in this section, hence their trip here. Monday morning they will sail with Capt Thompson on his pleasure yacht to the geese and duck grounds, where they will spend a few days. Gen Doe spent a few days in our water last winter on the govern ment boat Jessamine. They are pleased with this section. They will hunt around Ocracoke and Portsmouth because the water is not as rough as near Hatteras.

THE PRESIDENT CONDEMNED.

Baptist Pastors in New York Pass Resolutions About Venezuela.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At the weekly meeting of the Baptist pastors of this city to-day the following reso-

lutions were passed: Resolved, That, in our opinion, a way with England in the present circumstances will be a crime against Christian civilization, against the English speaking people and against God, and Resolved, That we regard the Turk-

sh massacre of Armenians as a very much more urgent subject for invest gation by this government than the disputed boundary lines of Venezuela. Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the President and to the Sec retary of State.

WAITING FOR HIS PIE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- (Special.) -Maj. H. L. Grant, of Wayne, State Senator, is at the Ebbitt. He is keep-ing a close watch on Butler and Pritchard to force them to insist upon their demand that he shall be given a soft berth in the Senate. They prom-ised before the election that he should be Secretary of the Senate or Sergeant-at-Arms.

He went away said it relieved him to unfold to

"Mrs. Davidson's defamation of my character is utterly inconsistent with her actions for the past year," said Dr. Brown. "She says she knew of all my illegal relations with this innocent girl. If she did, why did she walk, talk and eat or sleep with any woman guilty of such a crime?

"Up to the time she robbed me of \$500, for I can use no other words to characterize the manner in which she got the money, she says she knew I was not morally fit to occupy the position of pastor of my church. Yet she was one of the people who went about singing my praises to the trustees, deacons and other officials of the First

Congregational church. "It may seem strange that I have given her any money, but when I come to think of it, or rather figure it out logically, you will readily see there was no other course for me to pursue. If I had not given her the money and secured the signed receipts, she would probably have gone about circulating her infamous lies about me. I would have nothing to show that she had first come to me with the same story

with the purpose of extortion. Now that I have the receipt I have positive, as well as legal evidence to prove her rue character. "Miss Overman will tell her story in

the court room. She will take the stand and proclaim my innocence. She will tell all she knows about the diabolical plot of her pretended friend to

ruin m Dr. Brown is one of the most promi nent ministers in this city and is well-known throughout the Pacific coast. He was formerly identified with religious work at Battle Creek, Mich., and Dubuque, lowa

MAY ALSO BE A SWINDLER.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30 .- The police here believe that the Mrs. Davidson under arrest in San Francisco charged with blackmail by Rev. C. O. Brown, is the same, who had an interesting experience in this State several years ago. She was charged with defrauding piano factories while in the music business at Lynn, and the trial, which resulted in her conviction and sentence to two years imprisonment, was highly sensational, the prisoner acting as her own counsel.

tion of the greenbacks in either gold or silver and for their re-issue a ing to the provisions of the act of 1878.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY A BOY.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 30.—At the re-idenc of J. H. Wilcox, six miles from this city G. Berry Voss, a prominent citizen of Caswell county, N. C., was nstantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Mr. Wilson's little son. The little boy was carrying the gun to Mr. Voss for him to shoot a squirrel with, when in ome way it was fired.

DELIBERATELY BURNED HIS WIFE

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Dec. 30.-Jno. Martin, a Lehigh Valley dock hand, threw a lighted lamp at his wife last night. The lamp broke and the oil igniting, set fire to the woman's cloth-The husband, who was drunk shut himself into a room and permitted his wife to burn to death. The house was saved from destruction by neigh-Martin was arrested.

SITUATION IN COREA SERIOUS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.-A des patch to the Novoe Vremya from Vladivostock, says that the situation of affairs in Corea is serious. The King is constantly surrounded Japan spies and he fears that he will be assassinated. The despatch adds that his Majesty is guarded nightly by the American missionaries.

BIG POSTOFFICE ROBBERY

CHICAGO, III., Dec. 30.-Safe blowers entered the postoffice at Highland Park last night, wrecked the safe and escaped with money and postage stamps amounting to between \$1,000 and \$1,700. From the appearance of the safe it is believed dynamite was used and the work appears to be that of professionals.

IT WAS A JUST VERDICT.

BARDSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 30.—Mrs. K. W. Nally, was found "not guilty" today of the murder of school-teacher Frank Doherty. Doherty attempted to assault Mrs. Nally in her husband's absence, and she killed him.

The cause of the accident was the failure of the Operator Sorrs, station-ed within the city limits, to report to the Louisville train an order to wait at Delhi and let the St. Louis train pass it there.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE.

A Company Formed to Build a Branch Road to Spartanburg.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30 .- A compa BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—A compa-ny of capitalists of Spartanburg, S. C., has been forced to build a branch rail-road to the Seaboard Air-Line, 24 miles long. This will give the Seaboard Air-Line a connection with Spar-tanburg, which is one of the principal mill cities of the South and one of the largest cotton manufacturing cities. In case the Port Royal and Western Carolina Railroad is separated from the Southern system, by order of the court the road would connect with it, giving the road would connect with it, giving a new independent route by the way of the Seaboard to Augusta, Ga., and Port Royal, S. C. Mayor Calvert, of Spartanburg, is President of the com-pany and a President of one of the largest banks is included in the directory.

Surveys are now being made prior to early construction.

DEATH OF EDITOR MURRAY.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30.-Kenton C Murray, editor of the Norfolk Land-mark, a long established morning newspaper, died at his residence in this city this afternoon at 5:40 o'clock from the effects of a stroke of paraly-He was well-known throughout the State, both as a journalist and a politician.

LARGE DRY GOODS FIRM FAILS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30 .- The H. W. Ladd Company, one of the larg-est dry goods firms in Providence, and of which ex-Governor Ladd is the head, assigned to-day to James W. Scott. The assets amount to \$354,-513.78 and the liabilities \$227,589.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Mr. Jus-tice Brewer, of the United States Su-preme Court, has been tendered and has accepted a position on the Venezuelan boundary commission.