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Why Congressmen Strive Hard to Retain Their Jobs

THEY LEVE IN ORIENTAL LUXURY

Marble Palaces Being Built for Them, Where They Will Live Like Sybarites-Even in the Old Capital the Member From Produnk Leads a Life of Luxury, With Flunkies to Look After His Creature Wants and All at the Expense of the People.

George Robert Agnews in the Charlotte Observer.

A glimpse at the luxuries generously furnished to themselves by Congressmen out of the people's funds may explain why Congressmen are so anxious to retain their jobs which pay them only \$5,000 a year, and demand nearly as much in order to secure re-election. They receive more than \$5,000, when comfort and luxury are considered. In no country in the world is the legislative body housed with such imperial disregard of expense. Congress is not satisfied with the accomodations that building two marble palaces adjacent to the Capitol, where prodigal expense is used to add to

Each of these palaces will cost about \$7,000,000 furnished. The furniture has not yet been selected, but it will be of the finest and richest desate and House. These great expenditures are made by Congress without regard to other branches of the government. The President, for example, has nothing to say for or against the expense and could not stop it if he would. If Congress saw fit to make the pillars of these palaces of jasper and chalcedony, there would be no one to say it nay. Under the circumstances it is perhaps in order to stand aghast at the moderation of men who have the United States Treasury at their disposal.

Old Capital Not Bad.

Until the new buildings are ready, Congressmen and Senators must force of workmen who are forever the breast of the man from Podunk. altering, repairing and improving

The Congressman from Podunk, or show him the way to the barber shop. public expense. There expert barbers greet him corkeeper of the baths.

Revel in Marble Baths.

gressman serving his first term. He

frequents them oftener than he ever dallied with the tub and tea kettle in the old home kitchen of a Saturday night. He finds the same kind er-an old darkey who is carried on pending a cent. the rolls as a "laborer"-wraps him in a big, creamy Turkish towel. He proceeds along the warm marble floor to the gigantic basin called a bath tub. It is a solid block of whitest marble, voluptiously carved into a bath, and fitted with gleaming silver faucets, through which gushes filtered hot or cold water. The attendant looks after the water supply, produces a fresh cake of expensive soap for

The man from Podunk never experienced a bath like that before. He hundred other remedies prescribed by closes his eyes and imagines he is lord of a harem in Stamboul. The drowsy gurgle of the water, the expert manipulation of the attendant, the scent of attar of roses, and the him—at government expense. soft delight of fluffy blankets and

sonal call. When he arouses himself the United States. It is common ruhe is rubbed down by a skilled masseur, who is paid as a "messenger," and if he is a little languid and likes duced rates, and sometimes free. Of the sensation, an electric massage course, they are entitled to newspamachine is applied to his sensitive shoulders and trunk. If his nails need polishing, a manieure is at his service. Then the attendant helps to dress him and he returns via the elevator to the hall of the House, itol and is paid by the good-natured ready to read the newspaper and write letters to constituents. The morning's pleasures, from the moment the overcoat is removed by the servant until the luncheon hour, have not cost the Congressman a

All at Expense of People,

barber shops, etc., are maintained at the expense of the people of the United States. These are about twenty exquisitely fitted bathrooms on the House side of the Capitol, each with its attendant ready to administer the poppy of repose to the weary statesprice except for the occasionel tip. There are Russian, Turkish, Roman and Swedish bathing arrangements, all administered by skilled attendants who do nothing else and who are described officially as laborers, messengers, or clerks. Some of these bath attendants are paid liberal salaries, but through the method adopted by Congress in paying them; it is impossible to tell what they get. One of the old-time attendants, who developed especial skill, and who recently died leaving a comfortable served for nearly a century, and is fortune, is suppose to have received \$3,000 a year in salary and tips. The barber who succeeds in getting a job in the House barber shop is envied six months.

most ornate and lasting construction, ed great men time out of mind. They built largely by day labor under the treat the new members well, and if he direction of the superintendent of is the right sort he soon finds delicate the Capitol, who has every incentive tit-bits on his plate which are unto please his only masters, the Sen-I known to the vulgar horde. The mysterious word goes down to the cook, and he outdoes himself in fashioning delicacies to suit the jaded palate of the Podunk stateman, whose previous experience has been confined largely to beans, cracklin' bread and pot-liquor-excellent nutrition in itself, but not arrogant in its pretensions. The member discovers also a method of buying choice Havanas a little under the regular rate.

King in His Committee Room.

In his committee room the Podunk lawgiver reigns a little king. He sits at a solid mahongany desk with antique brass trimmings. His chair is of lawmakers. The careworn member for her welfare. big, roomy and softly upholstered, from Podunk, if he wishes to escape struggle along under the hardships either in leather or velvet. On the the importunities of his constituents of life "under the dome," as the walls of the finer rooms are paint-Capitol is sometimes described. Of ings, the work of gifted artists course, there is no comparison be- brought to Washington especially for tween present conditions and those the purpose of adorning the walls which will prevail when the palaces with their art. Occasionally, when an of legislation have been completed especially fine painting is in need of and stored with their treasures of shelter, the Podunk Congressman Persian rugs, marble baths, statues, finds a place for it on the walls of frosted globes, fountains, mural his committee room. Some of these paintings, mahogany desks, feather paintings are the work of American couches, velvet carpets, and so on. masters, for which Congress paid as But public men manage to extract a high as \$25,000. They represent inlittle comfort from their present sur- spiring scenes from the national hisroundings, after all, assisted as they tory, artfully calculated to arouse are by an army of flunkies and a the smouldering fires of patriotism in

At home, in Podunk, the elect of distant, at a cost of \$2,000,000. All fall Cuba the worst is the evil of anhis fellows is ready to drink out of the appliances will be underground. archy, in which civil war and revoa tin dipper, or even from the old With the new power-house completed lutionary disturbances will assured-Smith's Cross-roads, is a little taken oaken bucket. But at the Capitol he | the Capitol will be overhauled and a aback when he first experiences the finds that Apolinaris, White Rock new ventilating system installed, pleasure of life under the dome. This Great Bear and half a dozen other which will heat each room indepenis because he was not fully "onto the mineral waters are necessary. His dently. Automatic thermostats will ropes." After he is sworn in, he is secretary draws liberally on those keep the temperataures constant and mighty apt in learing all about the supplies, which are paid for, of in warm weather cool air will be perquisites. He discovers that the course, by the Treasury. They are stationery soom is open and that beautiful Christmas gifts may be purof ice and during the hot months are chased there for a trifle. He finds a consumed in enormous quantities. eredit of \$125 at this place, ready to The "general public" discovered long be blown in. He is obsequiously ad- ago that expensive mineral water was dressed by old, diplomatic servitors. free at the Capitol, and many a thirs- Congress, Apolinaris lemonade in who take his overcoat and hat and ty hanger-on regales himself at the enormous quantities is prepared by

Sometimes the wife of the mem- of the Capitol. This beverage is predially, shave him, cut his rustic locks, ber from Podunk wishes to shine a pared without regard to expense, and give him an electric shampoo and a little socially at small expense. Then massage and hand him over to the he works the graft of the Botanic tired member wishes a stick in it, he Gardens. A government employe has merely to turn to his little privdrives to the member's house in a ate cabinet, where rare old Bour-These baths are the joy of a Con-load of choice cut flowers, potted quors are nestled. Sometimes plebeian plants, etc., from the government beer is preferred, and it is always gardens. After the dinner, Mrs. Po- forthcoming. The sale of intoxicatdunk enhances her reputation for ing liquor is prohibited both in the charity by sending flowers to the Senate and the House wings, but this poor. In the course of a winter influ- does not prevent a Legislator from old servants ready to help him. He ential legislators some times obtain obtaining the inspiration necessary to is assisted in divesting himself of thousands of dollars' worth of flowhis garments, and his faithful help- ers from the government without ex-

Medicines Furnished Free.

ipset the Podunker, he languidly out the corn? Shall the patient ass of touches the bell at his desk and sends legislation be denied his bundle of his faithful colored messenger to the thistles? Nay, nay, says the member Sergeant-at-Arms, with a request for from Podunk as he votes unanimoussome medicine. The Sergeant-at-Arms ly for the little perquisite and salkeeps himself solid with the lawmak- aries for servants who make life hearers by looking after their bodily lable for him in Washington. health. In order to do this he must | These are some of the reasons why have a good assortment of drugs, Congressmen from Maine to Califor- this word of adjuration of mine Minneapolis Ready to Sail For Cuba the bather and proceeds to initiate and of course, the government foots nia are fighting furiously to retain the bill. There are pills galore, bro- their pleasant upholstered seats in mo seltzer, quinine, calomel and a Congress. physicians. If a member should be seriously and suddenly ill, there is usually among his colleagues a practicing physician, who prescribes for

towels on a downy couch lull him to sleep. He is never disturbed. He is the "courtesy" of the telegraph and tappy, you matches. immune from telephone, bell or per- can send messages free anywhere in

mor that telephones are furnished to members at their residences at repers, which are delivered at their homes and paid for by Uncle Sam. Occassionally a Senator takes a liking to a magazine and has it sent to his house. But the bill goes to the Cap-Sergeant-at-Arms.

As the session draws to a close the Pednnk statesman finds he has made a number of good friends among his colleagues, and it pains him to think that he must be separated from them for several months while he is plodding away in his dingy law office at These baths, massage treatments, Podunk. So a junket is arranged, either by special Pullman train or by special government steamer, for the purpose of "inspecting" the wild West or Porto Rico, or the Panama canal. These junketing trains and staemsr are luxuriously furnished. and the Sregeant-at-Arms has charge man, without money and without of them, seeing that the members are treated to the best food, wines, cigars, etc., that money will buy. Future Full of Promise.

When the new House and Senate palaces are completed there will be a better opportunity for the Srgeantat-Arms to carry out his plans for the comfort of the lawmakers. He is se sensation in the field of armed eramped now, but when he will have activity. Already it is known that everything handy. In the first place, American property has been devaseach member will then have a stately office, fitted with new mahogany furniture, costly rugs and paintings. There will be 410 of these offices in change, marines will be landed from the House palace and the Senate palace will contain ninety-nine suites of two rooms each. A Senator's office will be 16 by 25 feet, with high ceilthe bodily comfort of the lawmak- by his fellows. It is a poor year when ing, and his secretary will struggle he cannot make \$2,000, working only along in a room 12 by 25 feet in Bacon started Sunday for Cuba to size. The dining room in the Senate The member from Podunk, if he is building will be thirty feet wide and their report the matter of intervention wise, soon discovers that the House 65 feet long, two stories in height, restaurant is a pleasant place, with with an ornate ellipitical ceiling. The will swing, for by it Present Roosecription. The buildings are of the its courteous waiters, who have serv- House dining-room will be the same velt will be guided. size on the second floor with a ceiling two stories high. The diningroom will be finished in ornamental plaster, with paintings and sculpture, t will overlook the library of Con- lows:

In each building will be a great rounda, not as large as the Capitol rotunda, but more richly designed, with columns of pure white marble, appropriate statuary, and mural decorations. Heavy marble intramural stairways will add richness to the effect, and twelve elevators will be provid-

From the House palace to the Capitol and thence to the State palace, will be cut a subway, with a complete electric tramway system, supplied with luxurious little cars for the use can descend in an elevator, step into an upholstered car and be whisked across to the Capitol or to the Senate palace. There he can emerge in another elevator nearly a quarter of a mile away from his tormentors. The public at large will of course be exeluded from the tramway. The subway will be richly tiled, ventilated and warmed by the same power that propels the trams and brilliantly lighted.

Warm in Winter; Cool in Summer. A new power-house, designed to ventilate, light and heat the Capitol and the two legislative palaces is now forced into the myriad of rooms. The same system will be installed of course, in the Senate and House

buildings. When the weather becomes hot toward the end of a long session of the culinary department in either end dispensed with a lavish hand. If a make eloquent speeches and prepare wise laws for a billion-dollar Con-

Is it not a billion-dollar Congress? to anarchy.

If one could only close one's ears to the cry for heip that is going up from every farm in the great Northwest, observes the Chicago Inter-Ocean, one might get more satisfaction out of contemplating the sea of happy, youthful faces at the ball

Taft and Bacon Go to Point of

Hostilities

PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS

Quesada Forwards President's "Solemn Warning' to Executive at Havana-Whole Island Expected to be Put Under U. S. Flag Unless Hostalities Cease.

Mr. Quesada, the Cuban Minister to Washington, on Saturday forwarded to President Palma Mr. Roosevelt's letter to him, in which he made solemn warning that intervention would fellow unless there was permanent peace and a discontinuance of the destruction of American property on the island.

Dispatches from Washington and Cuba and information from official sources all make plain the fact that the veiled threat will prove an immentated, American liberties threatened, and unless there is an immediate the cruisers now in Cuban waters and the whole island will be put under the American flag.

Mr. Taft and assistant Secretary an investigation of the conflict. On

Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Quesada, written Friday night following an all-day conference on board the Mayflower at Oyster Bay, is as fol-

> The Presidnt's Letter. Oyster Bay, Sept. 14, 1906.

My Dear Senor Quesada: In this crisis in the affairs of the Republic of Cuba I write you not merely because you are Minister of Cuba accredited to this country, but drawn together at the time when the United States itnervened in the affairs of Cuba with the result of making her an independent nation. You know that I never have done and

in her carreer as a free republic.

a word of solmn warning to your people, whose earnest wellwisher I am. obtained under her own independent in process of building not far for of all possible evils that can bely throw her.

Whoever is responsible for armed friends of the country's inde- stopped by American intervention, jeopardize that independence.

For there is just one way in which Cuban independence can be secured, and that is for the Cuban people to show their inability to continue in

This nation asks nothing of Cuba save that it shall continue to develop. as it has developed during the past seven years, that it shall know and practice the orderly liberty which will assuredly bring an ever-increasing measure of peace and prosperity to the beautiful Queen of the Antilies.

Our intervention in Cuban affairs restraint necessary to peaceful self-

triots to band together, to sink all tion of the law. differences and personal ambitions the civil war. I earnestly hope that eral of the head conspirators. given in the name of the American people, the stanchest friends and well assured.

States, have a duty in this matter to Cuba.

which I cannot shirk. The third ar-ticle of that treaty explicitly confers upon the United States the right to interfere for the maintenance in Cuba of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty.

The treaty conferring this right is the supreme law of the land, and furnishes me with the right and the means of fulfilling the obligation that I am under to protect American in-

The information at hand shows that the social bonds throughout the Island have been so relaxed that life, property and individual liberty are no onger safe. I have received authentic information of injury to and destruction of American property. It is, in my judgment, imperative for the sake of Cuba that there shall be an immediate cessation of hositilities and some arrangement which will secure the permanent pacification of the is-

I am sending to Havana the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Bacon, as the special representatives of this Government who will render such aid as is possible toward these ends. I had hoped that Mr. Root, the Secretary of State, could have stopped in Havana on his return from South America, but the seeming imminence of the crisis forbids further

Through you I desire in this way to communicate with the Cuban Government and with the Cuban people, and accordingly I am semling you a copy of this letter, to be presented to President Palma, and have also directed its immediate publication. Sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Senor Don Gonzalo de Queseda the Cuban Minister

Money and Troops Given to Palma.

Havana, Special.-President Palma the force of rural guards, to double the force of artillery, and the right to appropriate all public funds for the vigorous prosecution of the war.

The critical situation by which the life of the Cuban Republic is threatened has not been modified by the events of the past twenty-four hours. Persistent rumors are still afloat that because you and I were frequently President Palma wishes to resign his office, and is only restrained by the pleadings of Government heads in the Cabinet and Congress.

It is asserted that President Palma never shall do anything in reference wept when he saw American marines to Cuba save with sincerest regard from the Denver land in Havana on Friday, for in that demonstration he You also known the pride I felt read the handwriting on the wall by when it came to me as President of which the fate of the republic i the United States to withdraw the sealed. There is no effort to conceal American troops from the Island of the fact that Palma himself asked Cuba and to officially proclaim her the American Government for aid, independence and wish her godspeed nor that the Government would rather surrender to the United States I desire now, through you, to say than to the insurgents.

President Palma's wife, whose father, the late President Guardiola, of For seven years Cuba has been in Honduras, was murdered by revolua condition of profound peace and of tionists, is said to be urging his resteady growing prosperity. For four tirement. In the event of his resignayears this peace and prosperity have tion Vice-President Capote will assume the Presidency. This would not government. Her peace, prosperity relieve the situation in the slightest and independence are now menaced, degree, as Capote is as unpopular with the Liberals as is Palma.

Will Yield Only to U. S.

In the action of Senator Zayas and General Loynas, who is rebel commissioners boarded the Denver on Frirevolution and outrage whoever is re- day and conferred with Comander sponsible in any way for the con- Colwell, supporters of the Governdition of the affairs that now ob- ment see only a determination on the tains, is an enemy to Cuba, and part of the revolutionists to surrendoubly heavy is the responsibility der to no one but American officers; of the man who, affecting to be the that is, to continue the war until it is pendence, takes any step which will The rebel commissioners asked for protection through Havana for envoys, who wished to confer with him. The commander explained that as a foreigner he could not interfere with authority. Later, when he returned to the palace and told the nature of their path of receful and orderly the rebels' requests, he was informed that the Government would not authorize such a visit.

It would be hard to imagine a more critical condition than that in which the Government now finds itslef-a country which is not military totally unprepared for war, almost at the mercy of armed bands of revolutionists, which are growing in number.

In his message to Congress Presiwill only come if Cuba herself shows dent Palma declared that he had that she has fallen into the insurrec- known of the plot to overthrow the tionary habit, that she lacks the self- Government and murder the executive and the members of his cabinet long government and that her contending before the outbreak of the revolution factions have plunged the country in- but that he had deemed it wise to wait until the plotters had put them-

He knew, he declared, that the con and to remember that the only way spirators were all of the political that they can preserve the indepen- party which is opposed to him. It was dence of the republic is to prevent not, he said, until one of the the necessity of outside interference plotters came out in open rebellior

Philadelphia, Special.—The crew of the cruiser Minneapolis, lying at the wishers of Cuba that there are in all League Island Navy Yard, was busily the world, will be taken as it is meant | engaged in loading stores and proviswill be seriously considered and will ions aboard in preparation for sailbe acted upon, and if so acted upon ing, probably for Cuba. In addition Cuba's permanent independence, her to the vessel's regular complement of Europe investigating the subject of permanent success as a republic are men, 200 marines are also to be taken immigration to Southern ports. It is reported here that the Tennes Under the treaty with your gov- see, which was put into commission

Items of Interest From Many

Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Import ance Told in Paragraphs-The Cot-

On Trial For His Life.

ton Markets.

Dallas, Special.—The trial of John Y. Kincaid, of Bessemer City for the murder of Will Brown was begun in Gaston Superior Court Thursday morning. The court room was crowded throughout the day and unusual interest is being manifested in the case. The deed for which Kincaid is now answering to the court was committed on the morning of August 1st in the back room of a store near the passsenger depot at Bessemer City when he shot Brown to death claiming that the latter had betrayed his sister. Brown had just that morning married a young woman of Bessemer City and had come to the depot with the intention of leaving on an early train with his bride for a trip to Danville, Va.

Claude A. Matthews Dead.

Asheville, Special.-Mr. Claude A. Matthews died at 11.45 o'clock Thursday night at the Kenilworth Inn. His wife and thild who arrived from Chrlotte at 7:45 o'clock Thursday night, were at his bed-side when the end came. Mr. Matthws regained conscionsness about ten minutes before he died and recognized his wife. Mr. Matthews was for a number of years city editor of the Charlotte Evening News, and was popular and well liked. He was a painstaking and has been granted by an extreme meas- | careful writer and had won a high ure of Congress the power to triple place in the esteem of his employers. He was about 36 years old and leaves a wife and one child.

Reward For Alleged Murderer.

Raleigh, Special-The Governor offers a reward of \$200 for Irvin Peatross, who on Sunday, August 5th, near the Mt. Airy granite quarry, killed J. F. Timmons. Peatross and his two brothers and Timmons had been drinking the night before. The next morning as Timmons was walking along a highway, singing, Peatross and his brother appeared armed and told his to hold up his hands. Then Irvin shot him in the abdomen. As Timmons fell Peatross threatened to shoot again but in a moment Timmons was dead.

Hardin is Found Guilty.

Greensboro, Special.—The jury in the case of United States vs. R. H. Hardin returned a verdict of guilty o fthe third count and not guilty as to all other counts. The third count charges that the defendant neglectfully and designedly permitted James Ledbetter to carry on the business of illicit distilling, with intent to defraud the government of the taxes on the spirits manufactured.

New Hotel For Spencer.

Spencer, Special.—Spencer is to have a new hotel in the near future which will be owned and operated by Murray Brothers, of this place. This firm had leased the Michael & Peacock building, which is centrally located and which will be converted into a hotel with all modern conveniences. The new hostelry will be open to the public about November 1st.

Flagman Killed.

Asheville, Special-James T. White a flagman in the employ of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, was knocked or fell from the rear passenger coach of train No. 12 near Point Tunnel Wednesday evening and killed. Mr. White had been in the employ of the railroad less than a month and just had received his flagman's uniform.

Cashier Left Bank in Strange Man-

Cahrlotte, Special.-W. A. Jones, cashier of the Hope Mills bank, a branch of the Bank of Fayetteville, who very mysteriously disappeared ten days ago, was located Sunday at Crewe, Va., where he has taken a position in the dispatcher's office of the Norfolk and Western. The news came in a message to his father, all previous efforts to locate him having proved futile. His accounts are found If the feast of good things should Shall the ox be muzzled that treads I solemnly adjure all Cuban pa- selves into the position of open violation open violation open violation open violation open violation open violation open vi for his strange action.

First Steamship Sails in October.

A special from New York announcement was made on Thursday that the North German Lloyd Steamship by rescuing it from the anarchy of that he had ordered the arrest of sev. line has decided to send a steamer about the middle of October on a trial ship from Bremen via Baltimore to Charleston and Savannah. A regu lar service will depend on the result of this trip. The action was taken at the instance of E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture and immigration of South Carolina, who is in

It takes 40,000 tons of copper a demands.

CAROLINA AFFAIRS OHIOANS IN PANIC TO SEE MRS. LONGWORTH

She Pulls Flag Off McKinley Statue to Divert Crowd.

WOMEN WERE TRAMPLED DOWN

Terrorized Thousands Stampeded in Columbus and Exercises Are Postponed and Completed at Night-Scrambles For Relics.

Columbus, Ohio. - To prevent a. panic and save human life the exercises attendant upon the unveiling of the monument to William McKinley

were brought to an abrupt close. The thousands of people that packed the Capitol grounds and adjoining streets to witness the unveiling of the monument became so unruly in their efforts to see at close range Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth that she was compelled to release the drapery which covered the statue and withdraw. The addresses on the program were postponed until

night. Nothing like the wild rush that the people made was ever seen in Ohio before, and no such crowd of women was ever gathered here. More than 50,000 people, at least 40,000 of whom were women, pushed and shoved, yelled and wept in a mad fever to gain vantage points when the guests appeared on the platform. Five acres of swaying persons scrambled and pushed until those in front

were jammed against the stand. Scores of women fainted, while thousands were pulled and tossed about in the surging throng. Two women were trampled on and removed in ambulances. Their garments were torn, their hats tossed askew and their hair disheveled.

At last Mrs. Longworth, without ceremony, stepped to the front of the ribbon till the flags that veiled the statue of the late President fell. A cheer went up, and Mrs. Longworth stood smiling and bowing.

It was thought that, her part in the program over, order would be restored. Instead, the crowd made a rush for the ribbon with which she had drawn the veil. It was torn into shreds, and then a dash was made for the wire which had held the ribbon in place. The brass rings were torn from it. Many were in danger of being cut by the wire, which the mob was trying to tear into pieces for

Unable to proceed, Governor Harris announced the suspension of the

exercises until night. The program of exercises was carried out at Memorial Hall. The immense hall was filled with people. Governor Harris presided. speakers were William R. Dav, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States: John W. Daniel, United States Senator from Virginia, and General Joseph McKay, of Brooklyn, National Commander of the Union Veterans' Legion, and General R. B. Brown, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. McKinley was unable to attend the dedicatory exercises, but she was

represented by her niece, Mrs. Ida McKinley Day. The McKinley Memorial was built at a cost of \$50,000, half of which sum was raised by public subscription, the other half being provided by

the Ohio Legislature. The memorial is in the form of a semi-circle, in the centre of which is the nedestal, surmounted by a figure of the dead President, nine feet four inches in height. On either side of the semicircle are : llegorical pieces.

FOUR KILLED IN A TORNADO.

Others Fatally Injured in Storm Which Passes Over Nebraska.

Tecumseh, Neb .- Two violent and eemingly distinct storms swept over Johnson County, causing the death of four persons, the fatal injury of two and the painful injury of five others. The dead are: O. L. Giel. August Zieman, Royal Carmine and George

The first three crawled under a threshing machine, which was shattered by lightning. A companion was severely shocked.

The second storm, a tornado in vioence, passed west of Tecumseh, demolishing a school house, killing George Koehler and fatally injuring two other school children and inflicting severe injuries on four others in the school house. Many barns and windmills were blown down.

CRIPPLES FORM A UNION.

Composed of Men Who Have Lost Arms or Legs. Chicago. - The only union of crip-

oles in the world was organized here. The union is composed exclusively of the one-armed and the one-legged men who tend switches or wave flags at railroad crossings.

In the city there are about 1200 cripples who earn a living by acting as switch tenders and flagmen. They complain that advantage is taken of teen hours a day and seven days in the week at wages ranging from \$40 to \$50 a month. Most of them are old railroad men who have lost a leg or an arm in an accident, and they are regarded as pensioners by the railroad companies.

Laughed Herself to Death. Mrs. George D. Baker, a wellknown summer resident of New London, Conn., laughed too heartily while attending aplay in the Lyesom Theatre and as a result died at the Crocker House.

Insurance Agents Besiege Bank. The run on the 11 Lernia Bank, in San Francisco, has caused by disernment, I as President of the United only recently, will also be dispatched month to satisfy home and foreign grantled agains of a use insurance company,