TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. The schooner Richard S. Spofford is wrecked near Ocracoke-At Pollocksville, N. C., Henry Murrell has a leg TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF broken while wrestling-Near Ravenwood, N. C., Riley Arthur has a leg broken by the capsizing of a log wagon. -The Supreme court orders reargument next term in two important Building and Loan association cases --- Secretary Herbert reprimands Capt. Glass. commander of the Cincinnati, for grounding the cruiser on Execution rock-The Yorktown reaches Che Foo, making six of our warships in Chinese waters. The Monocacy and the Petrel are frozen in for the winter at Tien Tsin and New Chang-In Little Rock all electric wire poles are taxed 50 cents each-At the opening session of the convention of coal operators and miners at Pittsburg, Mr. Burns, the British Commoner, was denounced by Col Rend, the coal operator of Chicago. John McBride, president of the United Mine Workers, said the condition of the miners was worse than begin January 1st. The new State treasbefore the great strike -The Populet leaders in conference in St. Louis had quite a lively session yesterday—Near vote.

Vassar, Mich., George Palmer kills his

wife and then himself by cutting their

throats - A half frozen tramp, ejected

from a rolling mill in Onio by the night The first snow of the season, save two watchman, is found next morning froz n little flurries in November not worth to death on the ash-heap -Two young mentioning, fell to-day. There was just ladies and their escort, in Indiana, lost enough to whiten the ground, and the fall continued almost an hour. The their way in the storm Thursday night. ground is hard frozen. West and north The ladies when found were unconscious. of here there was a heavy sleet Wednes -The excitement in Augusta, Ga., day night, but there was none here. over the death of Detective Murray was States Senatorships, the bulk of people who will talk adhere to their original beintense, but has greatly subsided-The gold reserve stands at 486 848,628, having lief that Butler and Pritchard will be the been reduced \$1,450,000 yesterdayprize winners. Butler will "hands off" so far as the Republican is concerned. Owners of the Whittier cotton mill at thinking it impolite and impolitic f r Lowell, Mass., will build a cotton mill in him to interfere. But what will the Pop-Georgia—Two mates in the navy, ulists do? Dr. Mott says the Populists Lowell, Mass., will build a cotton mill in under the new act of Congress, are put had better take part in the fight over the on the retired list-W, H. Lindsay, of Republican Senatorship. He says this to Bedford, Va., dies of hydrophobia plainly, too. Dr. Mott distrusts some India levies a tax of 5 per cent. on im- Republicans, who he says, are enemies orted and domestic cotton goodsof Jusion, and he declares fusion must James H. Robertson, once mayor of continue. This is the sentiment of nearly Peekskill, is found in the road frozen to all the Republicans with whom your correspondent has talked, and Populist leaddeath - The Norwegian ship Austri- ers favor the same thing. In fact, a conana is burned in the harbor of Pensacola. I tinuance of fusion was agreed upon at a conference of Populists and Republicans -England and Germany agree on here in November, three weeks after the united action of their fleets in Chinese election. Your correspondent was told waters in case of an emergency-Seely by leaders on both sides that this could is aiding a bookkeeper of the Shoe and be positively stated. In other words. Leather bank in making a minute exam the fusionists want to capture the entire State government in 1896. This is the ination of the books, pointing out false reason for wishing to hang together. entries. During the last three years | There are a few Republicans who con-Baker made no deposit in the bank, but tend that their party can win alone, and it is these who are opposing a continu drew out thousands of dollars - A firm ance of fusion. It is positively declared was allowed by the cashier to overdraw that these are few in number. its account with the suspended Central A convict from Beaufort county ar-National bank of Rome, N. Y., to the rived at the penitentiary yesterday. Avery Butler, a white convict who six amount of \$57,000 - Near Cypress, S. years ago in Sampson county, at Clinton, C., on Christmas day Harvey Kelly and waylaid his father and shot him, wes Frank Fields shot each other. Kelly also returned to the penitentiary. escaped some weeks ago from one of the was killed and Fields mortally wounded. convict camps. At the time he killed his father the boy was only 14 years old, -There was quite a fall of show at Georgetown, S. C., yest fosy-A. S. Whitman, wanted in Asheville, is eur- mind. rendered to our State by the authorities has certainly been gratifying. at Chicago --- The Lexow committee debuilding is in progress than ever before, cides it has nothing to do with the and nearly 100 buildings have been fincharges against Anthony Comstock, so | ished or are under way. In the way of he was not put on the stand. Inspector told of receiving presents in money from a liquor firm; claiming they were made through friendship. He pretended not to know the meaning of the word "dive." .- Police Commissioner Martin was exgmined by Mr. Goff, but nothing of conof lights are now the needs. sequence was brought out. He will be on the stand to-day and explain his finan-

TWO PAINFUL ACCIDENTS. A Boy's Leg Broken While Wrestling -A Similar Accident to a Log Wagon Driver.

the Irish sea yesterday.

cial affairs. This will be the last day of

the meeting of the committee - An 18-

year-old lad in Florida kilis his father to

prevent his beating his mother-At

midnight last night the mercury stood at

12 degrees at Columbia, S. C .- The

cold wave has struck Florida. At Jack-

sonville the thermometer went down to

19 degrees last night - Col. Breckin-

ridge has only forty persons to hear him

at Terre Haute, Ind .- The accounts of

destitution from Nebraska are fearful.

The people have nothing to eat, no fuel

and no money --- A ferocious gale swept

[Special to the Messenger] POLLOCKSVILLE, N. C. Dec. 28-While wrestling Henry and Frank Murrell, brothers aged 14 and 12 years, fell into a ditch, breaking Henry's leg just above

This evening near Revenwood, Riley Arthur, contractor for hauling lumber for the Blade Lumber company, while driving a log wagon, had the misfortune to break his leg just below the knee. The carriage which holds the logs became loose, capsizing the wagon and throwing him off with above result.

A Schooner Wrecked Near Ocracoke

[Special to the Messenger.] BEAUFORT, N. C., Dec. 28 .- The three masted schooner R chard S. Spofford stranded near Obracoke during the gale of the 27th. The vessel is a total loss.

[By Southern Press] NORFOLK, Va Dec 28 -The four masted schooner, Richard S. Spofford went ashore opposite Ocracoke light, North Carolina, yesterday morning and is a total loss. All hands were saved except the steward, whole name is not known. The versel was from Boston for tion, has daily visited the Indian Street Darien, Ga.

Reargument Ordered in Building and Loan Cases, (Special to the Messenger.)

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—There were two important building and loan association cases before the Supreme court at the term just ended. One was decided last spring, but come up for the a rehearing. The court did not to-day file an opinion in either case, but ordered a reargument next term in both cases.

practically made a deposition giving the details of his crime and of the som-A Ship Burned in Pensacola Harbor. plicity of Baker. PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 28-At an early terday in the work on the accounts. It hour this morning life was discovered on the Norwigian ship Austriana, lying on the Norwigian ship Austriana, lying in this harbor. The fire had gained considerable headway when discovered and siderable headway when discovered and a strong north wind was sweeping across a strong north hour this morning fire was discovered siderable headway when discovered and a strong north wind was sweeping across the bay at the time. The fire tug Monarch, went promptly to the rescue, but, owing to the high wind, was unable to owing to the high wind, was unable to save the vessel, which is a total loss. She was being loaded with timber. One million feet had already been stewed. The origin of the fire is unknown,

NEW STATE OFFICIALS. JOHN BURNS DENOUNCED. Col. Rend, the Chicago Coal Operator Gives Him a Stirring Rebuke in the Coal Operators and Miners' Convention. THEIR TERMS.

Past Year.

again in session to-day and filed its last

opinions. The new court will assemble

at the court room January 1st to take the

oaths of office. It will then adjourn

until February, when the examination of

applicants for license will be held. The

of the six new Superior court judges also

urer does not go in until January 23rd,

as the Legislature has to canvass that

The annual communication of the

Grand Lodge of Masons here begins Jan-

Despite all the talk about the United

mill and new ice factory.

The State association of the city school

superintendents has adjourned. Its ses-

sion was in all ways profitable. "Poli-

tics and Education" was discussed, Super-

intendent Noble of Wilmington leading.

Superintendent Moses, of Raleigh, read

a paper on the best methods of classify-

ing pupils. An address was made by

Mr. John C. Scarborough, State superin-

tendent of public instruction, who made

a strong point in stating that "public ed-

ucation is not a charity but a duty.

Superintendent Toms, of Durham, read

a paper on normal training in the public

schools. A plea for public libraries was

made by Mr. Scarborough, Professors Al-

derman, Claxton, Blair, Eggleston and

Moses. There is only one public library in the State. That is the State library

Superintendent Connor, of Wilson, read

a paper on teaching Latin to beginners

Mr. Toms was elected president at last,

Howell, of Goldsboro, is again secretary.

The university and its excellent work

was discussed by Professor Alderman,

who said that half of the best men at

the university are studying with a view

of making teaching their profession.

at Green-boro. The next session of the

AT WORK ON THE BOOKS.

seely Pointing Out His False En-

tries-Thousands Drawn Out by

Baker, But Nothing Deposited,

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. - James L.

Bishop, counsel for the Shos and Leather

jail of late, and, with the assistance of

Samuel C. Seely, has been making a

minute examination of the bank's books,

with a view to obtaining evidence on

which to recover from the Baker estate

some of the stolen money. Yesterday

was spent in the examination of a great

pile of books. To-day again the work

Seely, in addition to helping the bank

A remarkable fact was developed yes

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28. - The opening Butler and Pritchard Conceded the session of the joint convention of the operators and miners of the Pittsburg Senatorships - Political Gossiprailroad coal district was marked by Avery Butler Returned to the Penitentiary-School Superseveral sensational utterances, in which intendents' Meeting-Ra-John Burns, Member of Parliament, the leigh's Growth in the great Commoner of England, came in for a stirring rebuke, delivered in sten-MESSENGER BUREAU. torian tones by Col. W. P. Rend, the RALEIGH, Dec. 28. well known coal operator of Chicago. The Supreme court did not quite dis and owner of several mines in the Pittspose of all the appeals yesterday, so was

burg district. The other feature was a plain but forcible statement of the situation in Pittsburg mining circles, as presented by John McBride, president of the United Mine Workers, and president-elect of the American Federation of Labor, in which he openly avowed that the conditions to day were worse than prior to regular call of the docket for the spring the general strike. term will begin February 5th. The terms

Mr. Chapman, of the Standard Coal company, was chosen to preside and he suggested that John Burns, who was yet in the lobby, should be invited to a seat in the convention. When a motion to this effect was

made, Col. Rend arose and said: "Mr. Chairman, I object to the courte sies of this convention being extended to Mr. Burns, who is here for the double purpose of discussing labor matters and also of slandering and vilifying American institutions. Mr. Burns is a stranger in America; it is, therefore, befitting that he shall observe the decencies and proprieties of the position that he occupies These proprieties he has constantly violated by his malignant attacks upon our institutions. I would advise that Mr. Burns return to the country from which he came and criticise the customs manners and institutions of his own land, which he will find infinitely more deserving of his crit ci-m and abuse than anything he can find here. I know it is the custom of the "Blarsted Britishers" to indulge in improprieties similar to those against which I protest in the case of Mr. Burns. It is about time for American manhood to resent the off-nsive conduct of these men. I have no objection whatever to listening to the views of Mr. Burns upon labor matters, or sociology. My protest is simply directed against a glaring abuse that has become in this country intolerable." As Col. Rend resumed his seat there was an unbroken silence. Mr. Burns who stood listening all the time, moved ust a little from a studied position he

had assumed at the beginning. Chairman Chapman, just a trifle confused, rose, and put the motion to seat Mr. Burns It was carried, there being but one dissenting voice, Col. Rend had voted "No." Not having a voice in the convention, Mr. Burns, had to re-

Col. Rend again secured possesion of he floor and for half an hour addressed the meeting, telling the story of the dispute between miners and operators, and the causes leading to the differences. Then followed President John Mc-Bride with an address. A committee of operators and miners

covention adjourned at noon.

LOSTIN A BLIZZARD.

on resolutions was appointed and the

Fearful Experence of Two Ladies and was said not to be of entirely sound and their Escort in a Storm-The The growth of this city during 1894 Former Still Unconscious, SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—Yesterday evening William Leavitt, accompanied by Minnie Maple, and Sussie new enterprises is the car wheel works. Mitchell, started from their homes, four now in full operation, which cost, commiles south of Shelbyville, to attend a plete, \$35,000. The total cost of the party, ten miles distant. After the buildings, etc., erected during the year closely approximates \$150,000. There party they started home, but in the has been some increase in machinery at storm that was raging Leavitt, who was unacquainted with the roads, missed his have run on full time. No city in the way and got lost. This morning at 2 State is growing more rapidly. Good o'clock County Commissioner Henry streets and sidewalks and a good system Ottman, who lives in the southern part A Ruleigh firm is building an addition of the county, was awakened. Going to the door, he met Leavitt, who was so 35x160 feet, of brick, to the paper mills at the Falls of Neuse, owned by the Raleigh Paper company. As soon as the was the matter, Finally Ottman was not want money. The inspector said made to understand and they went new machinery is put in this annex the apacity of these mills will be more than ladies were unable to speak, and were unconscious. They were carried to the Work is in progress on the flouring house and everything done to restore Every evening this week there has been them to consciousness, but up to 10 o'clock this morning, all efforts had something at the insane asylum to divert proved futile. Should they regain conthe patients dast evening there was a "cake walk," in which both patients and sciousness amputation of their limbs will attendants participated, to their great be necessary. All belong to prominent

Bradstreet's Trade Review, NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Bradstreet's o-morrow will say: General trade presents the usual holiday characteristics. A majority of wholesale dealers and manufacturers are beginning or have finished taking account of stock or arranging settlements for the new year. Much activity has been noted for Christ sion of holiday trade has brought about a moderate reaction, and this emphasizes the dullness noted in preceding weeks. Jobbers claim the outlook for trade during the late winter and early spring is for very conservative buying. But in some lines, notably heavy textiles, recent cold weather has stimulated sales. South indicate that stocks are low, as indicative of a better merchandise trade in the near future than for severa years past. Traveling salesmen, with lew exceptions, are off the road. chants generally are inclined to the view that 1895 promises a favorable business, Professor Claxton discussed the model school and thorough course of study at although, as indicated, opinion, is the State Normal and Industrial school divided as to whether renewed activity the witness. will mark the early months of the co ing year or not. association will be held here next De-

Industries are shut down in many in stances to make repairs and take stock, and, owing to the extremely low prices for industrial staples, the wage move-ment tends downward. Quotations for staple marchandise show much firmness, The commissioner to with sugar, cotton, wheat, corn, steel, naval stores, tobacco and copper practically unchanged in prices. Coffee it de-pressed and there are rumors of contracts for iron and steel at a shade under last week's quotations, although uncon-

where merhants regard the prospects for spring business reasonably good, collecjobbers likewise. A moderately improved demand for funds is announced from Memphis, and at New Orleans the only gain is a better feeling in the rice market. Galveston notes the exception straighten out these tangled accounts, with au improvement expected shortly by pointing out the false entries, has after Januar. 1st. and wholesale merafter Januar, tat. and wholesale mer-chants in nearly all lines sending out

Great Excitement in Augusta. AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 28 — The agitation among the people of this city over the death of Detective Murray, and which threatened at an early hour this

INSPECTOR WILLIAMS

TELLS MR. GOFF ABOUT. HIS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Given Sums of Money by a Liquor Firm-Charges Mayor Hewett and the Grand Jury With Making False Statements-Commissioner Martin Under Examination-Mr. Comstock Not Put on the Stand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28-Anthony Comstock did not appear before the Lexow committee to-day for vindication, although he was present as a spectator opening dealings. Baltimore and Ohio at one stage of the proceedings. At the and the Anthracite Coalers having outset, the chairman announced that the dropped & to 4% per cent. Baltimore committee had received a letter from Comstock in relation to the testimony given by Street yesterday. "We have considered the letter of Mr. Comstock," said the chairman, and have come to the conclusion that the matter is not within our province; therefore, we cannot hear Mr. Comstock."

Inspector Williams resumed the witness stand and was examined as to his financial condition. After a great deal of sparring Mr. Goff obtained from the inspector the statement that he was worth about \$30,000 or \$40,000, which did not include the family residence in and that the directors will not act until Tenth street. Williams admitted having received \$4,000 or \$,000 from Fleiss & Hoy, whiskey men. This was paid in cash in various sums and was a voluntary offering on the part of the contributors As William : put it: "Mr. Fleiss told me he was dealing in stocks and he would | take chances for me and give me the result. That was in 1878." "Did you ever invest a dollar with him for the purchase of stocks?"

"Did'nt you know that the money was given you as a cover for corruption? "No, sir, it was not." "What had you done to cause him

be so friendly to you?" "Nothing." "And you, a police captain, accepted sums of \$4,000 or \$5,000 from a man in

"He was friendly to me." "How did you look at that transac-"Fleiss offered me the money and "Did'nt you consider it indelicate?" "No, sir. I thought it was a good

for speculation?"

By implication, Mr. Goff in his questions accused Williams of receiving valuable presents from keepers of dives. disorderly houses, etc., but Williams could not be cornered. He denied everything and sometimes with considerable

In the course of this part of the examination. Williams professed ignorance of the meaning of the word "dive." Mr. Goff read a letter which Mayor Hewett wrote to the police commissioners, complaining about the violation of the laws in the Tenderloin precinct when Williams was captain. "Did Mayor Hewett write what was true or false?"

"He wrote what was false." "Did the grand jury when they entered a protestation against you state "Yes sir."

"Oh, they all are liars I suppose?" The inspector was excused for a moment and a young man named Morris Resenfeld took the stand.

Where do vou live?" asked Mr. Goff. "I am afraid to give my residence as the police would kill me" said Rosenfeld. He said he visited Inspector Williams on by the purchasing. The hog market September 7th last. "I was standing by a soda water stand" said he "when a policeman came up and struck me without provocation, I went to headquarters to complain about the officer. I met Inspector Williams and he asked me how much money I would settle the case cold he could hardly explain what for. I said I came to get justice and did 'Then you don't care for money. out to Leavitt's buggy. Both the young I said I did not, and he called me a liar and ordered me out of his room." After recess it was definitely announced by Chairman Lexow that the committee would sit to morrow and then

> Commissioner Martin, president of the police board, was the last witness of the carrying, without security, a credit of day. He answered all questions readily and with with apparent frankness. He of Robt. McAdam & Sons, cheese buyers admitted the existence of a great many and exporters, who have offices here and said the board, as at present constituted, was powerless to remedy them. He said he was a prominent member of Tammany hall, but knew nothing about payments from liquor dealers to Tammany. He heard that money was being paid to the police by liquor dealers, but could not get any proof of it.

Mr. Goff read letters from Tammany hall leaders recommending appli ants for the police force. Among the writers of the letters were William H. C. Sulzer. Chairman Hinckney of the Democratic State committee and Roswell P. Flower. "And so," said Mr. Goff, "it comes to pass that the New York police force has been made the stamping ground for applications from all over the State?" and reports from retailers West and W"Yes, sir," responded Mr. Martin, "and from other States. I believe that it almost beyond precedent. This is taken | would be hard to find a body better in physique than the New York police."
And I say," added Mr. Coff, "that it would be hard to find a more degraded

body of men than the New York police "Well, they have not Lexow committees, in other cities yet? laughingly said Mr. Goff then asked if it were possible not lived happily and it is believed Palfor the corruption to have existed in the mer killed the woman and then cut his police force without the knowledge of own throat From the position of the

did exist without my knowledge by killing his wife, Palmer laid down by her promising to return to morrow and ex- throat. It is believed that Palmer was plain his financial affairs.

A Death from Hydrophobia,

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 28 .- W. H. Lindsay, an aged citizen of Bedford, Southern cities uniformly report a died yesterday afternoon from Hydrovery quiet trade in jobbing lines. hobia, About six months ago a rabid Charleston, Sayannah and Augusta report collections slow, but at Nashville, say suffered from no ill effects until last Saturday when he was suddenly taken from Kansas that the session should be ill, and the physicians who were called executive and that all information be tions are fair. Manufacturers at At-lanta are doing little and Chattanooga such as aversion to water, etc. Nothing jobbers likewise. A moderately imon until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he died.

COMMERCIAL NEWS. Stocks and Bonds in New York-The Grain and Provision Markets of

Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec, 28.-Trading at the

Stock Exchange was even on a smaller scale than on yesterday, only 85,000 shares having changed hands. Of this total, American Sugar, which was the most active stock, figured for 10,600 shares. In no other stock did the sales reach the 10,000 share mark. Irregularity was the chief stock of the limited speculation and the changes in price in nine cases out of ten were the result of operations for professionals who were closing up their trade. There was, however a little life to the market in the and Ohio fell 41 per cent to 588, Lacka-wanna 4 to 158, New Jersey Central 28 to 874, Delaware and Hudson 21 to 123 and Reading # to 13#. Baltimore and Ohio was sold on reports that the company's efforts to secure the Valley railroad of Ohio had antagonized important financial interests and that timid holders were selling out. The drop in the coalers was the result of sales by a prominent room trader alleged to have inside information as to the condition of the coal trade. This operator at one time offered 5,000 shares of Delaware and Hudson at 121 seller sixty days, without takers. Speaking of the Jersey Central dividend, insiders said to-day that the matter had not been considered January 9th. In the afternoon some of the shorts attempted to cover, but as there was little stock offering prices quickly advanced. Lackawanna moved up to 161, Jersey Central to 894. Delaware and Hudson to 1251 bid and Reading to 14. The general list showed few features of interest, the Grangers and trunk lines ruling firm and Chicago Gas strong and Lead, Cordage Rubber, General Electric and Bay State Gas steady to firm. Sugar ranged between 88; and 891, and closed at 887, a gain of 1 per cent, for the day. Specie left off firmer, Net changes in the railways were merely fractional either way, except for Balti-more and Ohio, which lost 32 per cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 .- New York operathe selling which they began yesterday near the close. The only barrier that declining prices met was the demand from holders of "puts," but it proved to be potent enough to support the market and prevent and further serious break. There was considerable liquidation by distinguished holders who could find no mmediate encouragement or hope of an advance in the situation and who were disposed to view the accumulation of stocks as overcoming any specious reasoning of the bulls. There was no news to hand and no disposition to make new deals until after the first of the New Year. No. 2 red winter wheat was worked here for shipment in the spring. ash wheat in the car lot market was

quiet and unchanged. Corn depended on wheat to-day for its notive and action. The tone was weak, although values were not much under those of yesterday. Cash corn was un changed.

Prices in oats suffered slightly through sympathy with the wheat and corn markets. The trading was light and devoid of interest. Cash oats were without particular change. Fractionally higher prices were obtained for No. , but other grades were quotably the same as vesterday.

In product the sellers of yesterday and Wednesday were the buyers of to-day. Covering was the main purpose of the demand, but the prices were advanced was firmer to day, which naturally tended to have good effect on provisions. All articles showed an improvement in tone and closed higher. May pork gained 25: for the day and May lard and ribs each 10c.

More Bank Rascality Unearthed, ROME, N. Y., Dec. 28-Another reveation has been made in the affairs of the Central National bank, of Rome, N. Y. which has been undergoing examination since the discovered defalcation of Cashier Bielby ten days ago. It appears that the bank has for some years been in New York city. The cashier, without the knowledge of the directors and without discovery by bank examiners, has permitted overdrafts of this account to the amount of \$57,000, of which \$10,000 is secured. McAdam & Sons claim that it must be that they have not had credit for a part of their deposits. It is understood also that they are prepared to turn \$17,000 to the credit of the account. That being done, would leave a net shortage of \$30,000 in addition to the \$37,000 default of the cashier and teller heretofore reported.

Major Gillette, the accused teller, has been re-arrested upon a charge of complicity with Cashier Bielby in defrauding the bank of \$26,000. He is in charge of an officer at his house, where he is i and will be arraigned to-morrow.

Cat His Wife's Throat, Then His Own VASSAR, Mich., Dec. 28-George Palmer and wife, living near here, were found this morning with their throats cut, lying dead on the floor. Their son went to the barn to do the work about 8:30 o'clock and when he returned he found his parents dead. The couple had bodies, Mrs. Palmer had evidently been "Yes, sir," replied Mr. Martin, "and it taken unawares by her husband. After side and drew the butcher knife, which The commissioner was released after he had used on his wife, across his own

The Populist Conference. Sr. Louis, Dec. 28-The conference of the leaders of the the Populist party be gan at 11 o'clock this morning and for nearly two hours there was a red hot exchange of opinions between the delegates. Nearly all the wrangling was due to a motion made by a delegate kept from the press until such time as suited the coference. A committee was appointed on addresses which was instructed to take nothing from nor add anything to the Omaha platform,

Highest of all in Leavening Power. - Latest U. S. Guy' Report



AT DEATH'S DOOR.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA.

Many of Them Almost Starving-No Food, No Fuel and No Money-Numbers Liable to Freeze to Death-No Water in Several Localities - Only Three Crops Made in the Last Nine Years.

O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 28-For some time past stories of extreme destitution have come from Boyd county and various parts of Holt county, but they had seemed so improbable that the people here hardly credited them. Inquiry shows, however, that the stories were not much exaggerated. The situation in Boyd county is bad, and if the people there are not helped soon they will starve or freeze to death. J. M. Smith, who lives on what is called the "three mile strip," was at O'Neill to-day and he tells many harrowing stories of the condition of the people in his part of Boyd county, He says that what is true of the people there is also true in almost all parts of the county. Mr. Smith came with a commission from the people of his section to collect supplies. He gathered considerable flour and provisions to-day and forwarded them.

Robert B. Peattie, the staff correspondent of the World-Herald has just returned from a two weeks tour into Southwestern Nebraska in order to investigate the reports in circulation of the destitution in that portion of the State. The results of his search through the counties of Buffalo, Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Perkins, Hitchcock, Chase, Hayes, Dundy and Frontier may be thus summarized: "In these counties, particularly in Keith, Perkins, Chase Hayes and Dundy,

the destitution is extreme. Almost two-

thirds of the people in these counties are

dependent upon charity for existence. There is little or no fuel in the county; The Industrials as a rule show gains of | coal chips are in many places the only to 1 per cent. The bond market was fuel. The remarkably mild weather is weak. The sales of listed stocks to-day all that has prevented loss of life by exposure. There is no the county treasuries the destitute, because no taxes have ors started in early to day to finish up been paid since June There is almost no water there. Ne crops were raised at all last year, except in the occasional irrigated districts and ditch irrigation is not possible in some of these counties because there are no streams. Most of the destitute live in sod houses, There have been only three crops raised in nine years. Heart rending cases of lestitution and suffering are heard of in every township The present cold wave will certainly cause death to a large number of settlers if it continues and no aid comes. Fuel, provisions, and clothing are needed and the railroads will generally ship them free if sent to the county commissioners at the county eats of the stricken counties.

> The Sun's Cotton Review. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 -The Sun's cot ton review says: Cotton advanced 5 to 6 points, but reacted later on and closed barely steady at a net improvement of 1 to 2 points, with sales of 100,900 bales, Liverp ol advanced 1-32d on the spot and 2 to 24 points for futures, closing firm with spot sales of 10,000 bales. In Manchester yarns were dull, cloths quiet. New Orleans receipts to-morrow are estimated at 12,000 to 14,000 bales, against 21,715 on the same day last week and 23,751 last year. Liverpool letters of the 19th inst, state that Manchester is losing some of its margin in yarns, and weaving so unprofitable in many departments that looms are being stopped. The proposed duty in India on imports of Man- Dress Patterns and Robes chester goods and the fall in silver is having a very adverse influence in Lancashire. Light receipts at the ports were the strongest feature of the market. New Orleans helped matters along by buying rather freely. The reaction later on was caused by realizing, due partly to the unsettled feeling in business caused

by gold exports. The Cup Yacht Race Muddle, LONDON, Dec. 28 .- The Field will say o-morrow: The question of a cup race is at a standstill. Lord Dunraven will have nothing further to say until the Royal Yacht squadron meeting on January 5th. several thousand dollars to the account Every one is asking why all these negoand why should the deed contain conditions so grossly unfair to the challenger in order that the holder may with a great air of magnanimity make concessions. No challenge trophy ever was protected as is this cup, whose success ful retention has been simply a matter of organization.

Infected With Cholera. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 28 .- The Governnent has published by decree that the ports of Santa Re, Rosario and Colastine are infected with cholera.

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