#### AT THE CAPITAL.

HAT THE FIFTY-FIRST CON-GRESS IS DOING.

COINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT HARRISON-MEASURES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The third democrat was unseated on ednesday to make room for a republi-. This time Mr. Cate, of Arkansas, the unfortunate one. Featherston, contestant, was at once sworn in. any republicans admitted his election. ere were, indeed, a half dozen who sented themselves to prevent being reed to vote against their moral convicas. Consequently the republican maity was very small, although only one bublican, Hitt, of Illinois, a new man, ted with the democrats. On the first

, calling the previous question, cuse or pairs. Six are from New York, o from South Carolina, one from Teneted was yeas, 147; nays, 148; and mills. atherstone was seated by a vote of as 145, nays 135, and the oath of office s administered to him by the speaker. e next case to be taken up is the idd-Compton contest from Maryland, The house committee on agriculture set art its session on Wednesday to hear mbers of congress who desired to speak on the bills pending before the comttee to regulate the manufacture and oil mill industry in the South, and mage as about \$28,000,000 annually. would reduce the price of lard so as to ork great hardships to poor people. You organ, of Mississippi, a member of the ing chance simultaneously with the two rmers' Alliance, and knew that the ornization in the southern States does not sire the legislation proposed in the Con- office. r and Butterworth bills. They are in or of a general pure food bill. The ssage of the Conger bill would take

The senate on Wednesday took up the air educational bill Mr. Barbour lressed the senate in advocacy of the bill. spoke of the great interest which the ple took in that measure, and said that had been favored in the platm of both political parties in at state. It was of the deepest interest the people of Virginia, who had ne as much for the sake of education the people of any other State. They d expended about \$19,000,000 for that rpose, and had given \$5,000,000 to edate the colored children, which the neral government had put upon, not y as citizens, but as sovereigns. He s surprised at the lack of interest on subject shown by the senate, and was onished at the Southern Senators' oppo-

The senate consumed all day Thursday a "dark lantern" session, discussing ity and minority reports. The majority at was best to do with newspaper corpondents who persisted in printing year meet the approval of the majority. ling the correspondents unless they the bill back this year. The minority n, has practically been abandoned. President Gleveland is so accurate and ted down, and adjournment was again views on the bill, without a decision upon any plan. w much annoved. Indeed, they are abolishment of "dark lantern" ses-

ported, declared Clark entitled to retain seat. It was adopted. The house n went into committe of the whole on private calendar. The house in its ening session passed fifty private penn bills and adjourned.

After the usual morning business on iday in the way of the presentation of itions and of the introduction and re-Sterling, Ills., \$50,000; Oakland, Cal., 00,000; Chyenne, Wyo., \$150,000; Ches-Pa., \$100,000; Helena, Mt., \$400,000. e senator from New Hampshire Mr. ir again attacked the press of the intry. He went on to speak of the nton Herald, Boston Globe, and New rk Tribune as being against his educanal bill, and said that every democratic per in New York advocated it, meanin that connection, the Herald, Times, rld and Erening Post. After a short ecutive session, the senate adjourned

in the house on Saturday Mr. Mc eary, of Kentucky, from the commiton foreign affairs, reported a resolun requesting from the president any rrespondence with the Mexican govment in regard to the employment in regular army of the United States of lian scouts for the purpose of purng hostile Indians in their raids into ritories of the United States; and any respendece in regard to the proposed nsfer of the Apache and iricahua Indians from Mount rnon barracks Alabama,

rt Hill, Indian Territory. Adopted . . . e morning hour was consumed in the cussion of the bill providing for the npulsory attendance of witnesses bee registers and receivers of land offices, ich was passed. The house then, in nmittee of the whole, resumed consid-tion of public building measures. A at number of bills for public lding were called up and discussed. e committee then arose and reported bills to the house, which immediately and itself in a small deadlock. There no quorum to pass the bills. Pendfurther discussion the house ad-

The sense committee on privileges and lections, after a long session on Saturday, considering the contested Montana senatorship by a party vote decided to recommend to the senate that Power and Saunders the republican senators, be

A bill was reported from the committee on agriculture on Thursday to transfer the weather bureauto the agricultural depart

The comptroller of currency has authorized the Anniston National bank, of

capital of \$100,000. The a\_ricultural committee on Friday postponed the vote on the compound lard

144 to 141 wife, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, republican majority. Mrs. Russell Harrison and Mrs. McKee, here were ten democrats absent without will leave Washington for a trip to Florila where they will spent about two weeks. Attorney General Miller has received ssee and one from Ohio. The demo- information from the United States marats claim that had these men been in shal of Alabama, of depredations on govrned out. The vote declaring Cate not also of his taking charge of several saw-

> It has been charged in the New York reform system, and substituting the old pay an annual rental of \$2,700.

e of Georgia, in which he says: "Mr. was determined that the Democratic preteh has no authority to say that the dictions that this would be the most exliance in Georgia wants such a bill as travagant administration in the history speak of. Of course it would ruin of this country should not prove correct. Congressman Baker, of New York, gave notice Wednesday that in a few days he would call up the bills for the admission of Wyoming and Idahe. The democrats rest assured that Georgia wants no want to bring in New Mexico and Arizoth measure passed," Representative na, where they believe they have a fight-

The sub-committee on the world's fair made encouraging progress towards the completion of their bill at Saturday's meeting. The Chicago visiting delegation were present and the sub-committee turned the bill over to them with instructions to golover it very carefully, line by line, and suggest such changes as in their opinion were necessary to make the mensure meet the needs of Chicago.

Representative Taylor, of Illinois, on Thursday, introduced in the house a bill to provide for the establishment of a system of government telegraphs, for the use of the government and the people, and to be operated as a part of the postal system. It provides that a board, consisting of the Secretary of State. Secretary of War and Postmaster General shall cause to be built or shall buy lines of telegraph, wherein it is the opinion such are needful to the purposes of the government.

The direct tax bill was, on Friday, reported back to the house from the judiciary committee, accompanied by majorreport says that the views on the bill last ir secret session news. The idea of and are adopted by them in reporting I tell the source of their informa- report say that the veto message of exzens of other suggestions were made, lucid in schement, so cogent in reason-I nearly every senator present had a ling and logical in deduction, that the rd to say, but all propositions were minority adopts it as expressing their

There is a great scramble being made by various companies all over the country to secure the control of the seal fur fishegry, but there seems only one solution, ries in the Behring sea. The government has opened the bids for the control of these fisheries for the next twenty years. n the house; on Friday morning, Mr. It allows 60,000 scals to be killed annuugen, of the committee on elections, ally. The Alaska Seal Fur company has ported a resolution in the Alabama con- controlled it for twenty years past. They ted election case of Threet vs. Clark. | are among the score of bidders this time. e resolution, which was unanimously Their profits for twenty years have been 999 per cent annually, consequently the great scramble and large number of

Senator Alison, the great republican tariff leader, created a sensation in political circles, on Friday, by coming out in an interview in which he plainly and distinetly goes back on the leading feature of the republican platform outlined in rting of bills, the senate proceeded to the Chicago convention. He says: "You consideration of bills on the calendar. may say that I am in favor of a deep cut blic buildings on the calendar having on sugar. I will not say that I favor the n reached, the following were passed: abolition of the duty and the payment of a bounty. As to tobacco, you may say that I will vote to abolish the tax on it very reluctantly. We will have a hard time explaining the duty on a great many necessities, if we abolish the duty on this great luxury."

The Pan-American conference has finally adopted the report of the committee on international law. Majority and minority reports were made by the committee on customs union. The maiority say that the establishment of a customs union, as generally understood, would require not only a partial sacrifice of national sovereignty of the American nations, but more radical changes in their respective constitutions than they are willing to accept. The majority, therefore, deem the adoption of a customs union as impracticable. They propose to recommend, however, to such of the governments as may desire partial reciprocity, to make commercial treaties with one or more of the American countries under such basis as may be accepted in each case. The minority report recommends the rejection of the whole subject.

### A' GHASTLY PARCEL.

TRE HEAD OF A WOMAN SENT TO A RUS SIAN PRINCE.

A horrible tragedy has come to light in Moscow, Russia. On Friday a parce was left at the residence of Prince Dol, geronkoff, which upon examination was found to contain the head of a woman. With the parcel was left a notice bearing no signature, saying: "This is our first exploit. We will soon outdo Jack the Ripper." It is believed the woman was killed for betraving the nihilists.

#### SOUTHERN NOTES.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH.

ENERAL PROGRESS AND OCCURRENCES WHICH ARE HAPPENING BELOW MA-SON'S AND DIXON'S LINE.

The Pecos River Railroad company at Austin, Texas, was chartered Friday with capital of \$400,000.

A dispatch of Saturday from Birmingnam, Ala., says: Deputy Sheriff Jackson, Amiston, Ala., to begin business with a d Lamar county, has been killed by Rube Burrow, the noted train robber and out-

A fireat Andorson, S. C., on Thursday bill for a week. The southern men feel burned the large livery stables of R. J. more hopeful and are working like beavers Southerland. Ten horses were burned to leath. The loss is over \$6,000. There Postmaster-General Wanamaker and was only \$500 insurance on the stables. The city authorities and board of trade

of Columbus, Ga., have united in tender-

ng a memorial to the Pan-American con-

gress, setting forth the city's advantages and inviting the delegates to pay a visit. A special from Jackson, Miss., says: The supreme court, on Wednesday, eir seats Cate would not have beer riment lands, in seizing timber, and affirmed the sentence of the lower court in the case of Jake Kilrain, which is two months' imprisonment in the county jail

at Purvis and \$200 fine. Times that the pending prosecution The contract for the building of a comigainst the civil service commission is a plete set of water works at Henderson, N. 20nspiracy, into which the president C., has been awarded to Mr. J. L. Lud and prominent republican officials have low, of Winston. There are to be sixtyntered for the purpose of wrecking the eight hydrants, for which the town is to

The ninth annual Florida Sunday Speaker Reed called all his chairmen of school-convention met at Lake City, Fla. e of compound lard. Representative committees together, Thursday morning, on Wednesday. All the officials were and gave them strict instructions to hold present, and a large number of delegates Peck, president of the Farmers' Alli- down the appropriations. He said he from various parts of the State, with several prominent workers from other states.

At an enthusiastic meeting of citizens at Somerset, Miss., on Saturday, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for a stock company to build a cot ton factory. The legislature empowered the city to subscribe \$20,000. Capital stock \$250,000.

A number of prominent colored men of Louisiana met at New Orleans on Thursday and organized a central association mmittee, said he was a member of the northern territories. The Wyoming bill for the State under the constitution of contains a female suffrage clause, and the "Citizens' Equal Rights Association." recognizes the right of women to hold The meeting was called by Pinchback, who will call a similar convention in each of the Southern States.

There is great excitement in the vicinty of Sorentain Head. Sumner county. Tenn., over the appearance of spotted fever, or malignant meningetis. There have been seven deaths, and there are several new cases. Those who take it live only a short time, some dying it It developed that there were three factwenty-four hours.

Majority and minority reports were made by the legislative committee appointed to examine the office of the Stats Treasurer of Mississippi. The reports do not differ materially. They express the opinion that where Treasurer Hemingway is credited with \$105,550 paid out by him for coupons in 1876, and for which no credit can be found on his general books. It will be found that the State owes him more than \$2,000.

A Hnntsville, Ala., dispatch says: The meeting of the minority stockholders of the Memphis and Charleston railroad company was not held there Thursday as advertised, Circuit Judge Henry C. Speake, of that district, having previously granted a writ of injunction restraining said stockholders from holding the meeting. The injunction was granted the East Tennescee, Virginia and Geor-

A dispatch from Dallas, Texas, Friday, says: Superintendent Fuller, of the Pa cific Express company, and the father of Walton, the absconding agent, are there and have secured from a house of il fame a package containing \$16,940, Walton left this package in a woman's charge when he ran away. This, with \$8,000 given up by the absconder in New Brunswick, makes \$24,940 of the original \$35,000 stolen.

The Atlanta Constitution reports that ar attempt is being made to palm off on the public a spurious volume of the Life and Writ ngs of Henry Grady, and says: "We beg our exchanges throughout the country, in justice to the memory of Mr. Grady, and in justice to his wife, his mother and his children, to announce to their readers that the only authorized volume containing his life, his writings and his speeches, is published by Cassell & Co. of New York, and edited by Joel Chand ler Harris."

### CONDITION OF TRADE.

REMEW OF BUSINESS FOR THE PAST WELF -FILURES, ETC.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The state of the trade has not materially altered during the past week, though the change of weather has produced much temporary improvement in some lines, and in the others trade is less satisfactory than a week ago. The volume of domestic trade appears well sustained. In the iron trade also the siuation has not materially improved, and at Pittsburg prices are again lower. The demand for sheet iron is unusually good. and for nails a trifle better. The window glass trade is active, and a fourth advance in prices within three months has been ordered, but flint glass works at Pittsburg are curtailing production.

THE STOCK MARKET

has not changed any during the past week in any material respect, the average of prices being substantially the same. The removal of fears concerning possible exports of gold, the rapid rise of foreign exchange, indications that purchases on foreign account now exceed the sale of securities, all tend to make absorption of money by the treasury less observed. It may be added that the decrease in the activity of trade throughout the country tends to release larger amounts of money than have been expected to return to this center at present. But with bank reserves, remarkably narrow for the season, speculation for an advance in stocks is checked by fear of artificial stringency in money, as it is naturally also by the approach of the season of open navigation without satisfactory settlements among the transporting lines. Business failures occurring throughout the country during the last week number for the United States 228. Canada 37.

#### A GREAT SCHEME.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE FARMER -SENA-TOR VANCE'S BILL.

Senator Zeb Vance, of North Carolina, has introduced into the upper house of congress a novel bill, intended as a relief measure for the farmers. Briefly outlined the bill appropriates \$50,000,000 for the erection of agricultural depositories of warehouses in each county in the United States where the sheriff and clerk of such county may certify that the average gross amount per annum of cotton, wheat, corn, oats and tobacco produced and sold in the county for the last preceding two years exceeds the sum \$500,000 at current prices. The scheme is to allow owners of cotton, corn, etc., to deposit the same in the warehouse nearest the point or production, and receive therefor treasury notes equal at the date of deposit to eighty per centum of the net value of such products, based on prices current in the leading cotton, tobacco and grain markets of the United States. The bill authorizes the secretary of the treasury to prepare treasary notes in such amounts as may be required to do business, but no notes so prepared are to be of less denomination than one dollar or greater than \$10.00. These notes are made receivable for customs, and are to be legal tender for all debts, both private and public. The main object of the bill is to have the government lend money to the farmers at the low interest of one percentum per annum. It will allow a farmer to hold his goods, if he cares to, for a better market without paying the enormous a law the supposition is that peace and plenty, if not luxury, would once more obtain throughout the land.

### THE FARMER'S TALK

THE FARMER'S ALLIANCE OF MINNESOTA MEET IN CONVENTION.

The annual session of the Minnesota Farmer's Alliance met at St. Paul Tuesday, and nearly 400 delegates were present. Deputy State Lecturer Fish painted a dark picture of how farmers are being robbed by the boards of trade of Minucapolis and Chicago, which raised or lowered the price of wheat as they pleased and held the starving farmers appear to be benefitted by his advice. at their mercy. It was time, he declared, that the big gambling hell in Chicago was wiped out of existence, and if the farmers rose in their might this might accomplished. W. S. Grove. lecturer, followed in county a similar strain during the day tions in the convention, one favoring ar endorsement of Albert Sheffer, the republican candidate for governor, the second wanted Merriam, the present governor, endorsed, and the third wanted the Alliance to break away from all parties.

### A CURIOSITY.

They wanted to place Ignatius Donnelly

in the field on a Farmer's Alliance tariff

in power, and will likely remain so.

SCIENTIFIC MEN BAFFLED BY THE CASE OF A PARALYTIC.

An Augusta, Ga., dispatch says: Th scientific men in this section are now deep in inquiry over the wonder of the mental world of the 19th century. Major Perry, a mulatto, has been discovered a few miles from Augusta. He is very illiterate, and has been paralyzed for a number of years, yet, while in a trance or profound slumber, engages in ministerial services, reciting hymns of his own composition, and singing them. He repeats the text verbatim, as given in the scriptures, giving the book and verse and preaching an edifying sermon therefrom. When the trance passes off, he is entirely unconscious of what he has said or done during his sleep. This is baffling the stall

### A BANK ASSIGNS.

THE COUNTY OFFICIALS THE PRINCIPAL LOSERS-GREAT EXCITEMENT.

The banking firm of C L. Lewis & Co., doing business in Winchester, Ind. a town of \$3,000 inhabitants, closed its doors Tuesday morning and made an assignment. All of the county officials made deposits with the bank, and consequently are heavy losers. The treasurer quite a number of other persons will lose \$1,000. The firm has been doing business for a number of years, and was regarded as one of the most substantial banking houses in the state. Great excitement prevails over the assignment.

# THE QUEEN'S INFLUENCE

BROUGHT TO BEAR IN THE CASE OF MRS. MAYBRICK.

A dispatch from London, England. says: Report is current here that the queen has about decided to grant pardon to Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman now serving a life time sentence for the alleged poisoning of her husband. Although the general petitions in favor of the unfortunate woman were suppressed by the home secretary, with whom it is entirely optional whether or not it shall reach the queen, it is known that over a month ago a memorial, influentially signed by female members of the aristocracy, was successful in reaching her majesty, and indications point to the probable issuance of a free pardon.

#### THE CZAR IN DANGER. HE IS THREATENED WITH ASSASSINATION. A WARNING LETTER.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, Russia, says: The Czar has received a threatening letter from a woman who signs herself "Tichebikova." The writer says that unless he modifies his reactionary policy, he will meet the fate of Peter III., Paul I., and Alexander II. A copy of the letter was sent to each of the ministers at the same time. The police are extra watchful, and are conducting an active search for the persons suspected of being implicated in the sending of the

# ALLIANCE NOTES.

WHAT THE ORDER AND ITS MEMBERS ARE DOING.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE FARMER, GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

The Mississippi Farmers' Alliance has

C. S. Meadows, of Wrightsville, Ga., killed an Alliance hog that weighed 572 pounds, and sold for \$43.36. The Polk County (Ga.) Alliance have

completed a substantial stone building at Rockmart for their Alliance store. An Alliance bank is being established at Americus, Ga., exclusively of members

of the order for Alliance purposes. The Farmers' and Laborers' Union of France do not meddle in politics. They devote their work to co-operative and technical matters.

A member of a sub-Alliance in Cobb county, Ga., has been expelled for using jute, and having his cotton ginned where the ginner used jute.

The offensive and defensive alliance of the Farmers' State grange and Knights of Labor, in Kansas' masses the influence of 125,000 members.

The Farmers' Alliance, of Edgefield rates charged by banks and unlicensed county, S. C., has determined to establish money lenders. It heads off all trusts a Farmers' Alliance Bank, to be located and combinations, and if it could become at some railroad point in the county. The shares are fixed at \$25, each, to be paid in five annual installments.

> A few men join the Alliance through speculative motives, and because they can't feel themselves financially benefitted all at once, they kick out. Such men ought to stay out among the speculators, for they are not fit for Alliancemen.

> The Plain Speaker, of Orangeburg, S. C., reports that State Superintendent T. E. Pratt, of the Colorado National Alliance, is delivering addresses full of good advice to the sub-Alliances in various parts of the State, and the negro farmers

> A business man in Greenville, S. C. who dealt largely last year with members of the Alliance through arrangements made with the County Business Agent, remarked a few days ago that of more than \$18,000 worth of goods sold on time to Alliancemen, there was less than \$100 past due and unpaid, and he considered every dollar of that amount perfectly

It would be a shame upon the part of those who have gone into the Alliance to fail to carry out their obligations. Let each member ask himself this question: "If every member of the Alliance should reform platform. The Sheffer people are act as I do, would it be a success ?" If There are now nearly 770 Alliances in | you are one of those weak-kneed sort you will have to give it up as a failure. Then the state, with a total membership of over why will you just merely pretend to be a thing ! If you are going to be a thing, be it, and if not, then make no pretentions. - Buchanan Messenger.

The attempt being made by lard producers to put a tax upon the compound, or cotton oil lard, is an unjust measure and should be defeated. The alleged support of Southern Alliancemen to this measure is false. They are perfectly willing that manufacturers of compound lard should be made to put an unmistakable brand upon it, so that the people may know what they are using, and may be able to see the superiority of compound or cotton oil lard over the so-called pure lard; but they will never favor this product bearing a special tax and being driven out of the market.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the DeKalb, county, Ga., Alliance:

Whereas, The alliance movement is not designed to advance the interest of one man, or of a few men, but of doing the greatest good to the greatest number; and

Whereas, It is not a political organization, after the "loaves and fishes of office" and the "spoils," but grander, nobler and higher in its aims and purposes, with the motto flying at its mast head "principles not men," but men with principles in unison with ours.

Resolved, That while there is no inhibition on the members of the Alliance will lose \$3,500, the auditor \$2,500 and from running for or accepting any office within the gift of their fellow-citizens, smaller amounts, ranging from \$100 to we unhesitatingly condemn the idea that ny office of the alliance can use that office to the advancing of his private political ends and his candidacy for any office from bailiff to governor; that we draw the line between a man bearing aloft the alliance banner as its chosen champion for the advancement of its principles, and one simply using the alliance as a stepping stone to place and power.

Resolved, That we condemn any such practice and deprecate any such action ending to corrupt and degrade our movement.

#### THE CASHIER SKIPPED WITH \$30,000 OF THE BANK'S MONEY I

HIS POSSESSION.

A dispatch Tuesday from Louisville Ky., says: William H. Pope, teller of the Louisville City National bank, absconded on last Saturday evening with \$60,000 of the bank's cash in his possession. Nothing has since been heard of him. It is supposed he is now in Canada. The bank will not be inconvenienced by the loss, which will amount to not more than \$40,000, as Pope furnished a gilt-edged bond of \$20,000.

### BOLD BURGLARS

MAKE WAY WITH \$4,000 WORTH OF JEW ELRY AND DIAMONDS.

Burglars entered the jewelry store of Bob. J. Dunning in Kansas City, Kan., Thursday morning, and broke a safe open with a ten pound sledge hammer and secured \$4,000 worth of diamonds, rings, watches and chains. The jewelry in eases was not disturbed.

### A BAND OF INCENDIARIES.

MOONSHINE ORGANIZATION DISCOVERED IN PICKENS COUNTY, GA.

A moonshine organization has been unearthed in Pickens county, Georgia, whose members are bound together by solemn oath for the protection of its its members, and the punishment of informers. "The honest man's friend and protector," is the tittle of the organization, and on its roll are twenty-seven sworn members. It has been in existence about a year and already a number of crimes are charged to its account, the latest the burning of three houses within the past two months. The burning of a government distillery is also charged to this band. The prime object of the organization is the driving out of the county all who are supposed to have been guilty of the offense of giving information to the revenue officers and also for the purpose of intimidating witnesses. For some months past the revenue officers have suspected the existence of the clan, or a moonshine brotherhood of some sort. Active measures, however, were directed to the ferreting out of the members and their strength until last December, when the revenue officers and county officers combined to bring the offenders to justice and effectually break up their organization. The ring-leader and eleven of his associates are now in jail charged with arson and conspiracy, and the names of all

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

other suspected members are in the pos-

session of the officers. Two of the mem-

bers of the clan have turned states evi-

dence, appearing before the United States

district court at Atlanta, Ga., or

Wednesday, when the whole history and

workings of the organization were con-

BIRMINGHAM, DETROIT AND JONESVILLE THE SUFFERERS

A special from Birmingham says: The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in that city, broke out in a brick block on 19th street, at 2:30 Sunday morning. The losses and insurance are: E. E. Sewell, undertaker, on stock \$15,000, building \$25,000, insurance \$5,000; Misfit Clothing company, loss \$5,000, fully insured; McGuire & Wood, saloon, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; Joe Frank, wholesale liquor dealer, stock damaged by water, fully insured ... At Detroit, Mich., Fire was discovered Sunday morning in the rear of Gray , & Baffy's six-story brick furniture factory, which was totally destroyed. The Carroll & Hunter Chair company establish ment, the Ostler Printing company and Carroll Cigar manufactory, caught next and were burned to the ground. This is the largest fire Detroit has experienced since D. M. Ferry's seed store fire, in January, 1886, when the loss ran into

the millions. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000, partly insured . . . Fire broke out at Jonesville, S. C. Sunday night at 12 o'clock. The following stores were burned: J. L. McWhirter & Co., dry goods; J. L. Swink, Jr., groceries; J. N Lemaster & Co., drugs. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, with some insurance

### A COMPLICATED CASE.

A QUESTION OF TITLE TO A YOUNG LADY'S HAND IN MARRIAGE.

The register of deeds for Guilford county, N. C., is confronted with a problem which only the courts can solve. A young lady of that county, who is very charming, has two lovers, and it appears was engaged to both. On Friday one of the young men went to the register of deeds to procure a marriage license for himself and the young lady referred to He was disappointed beyond expression when he was informed that his rival whose engagement was previous, had filled a caveat emptor to prevent the issue of the license. The register declined to issue the license until the courts had decided the question of title.

### NASHVILLE GROWING.

ITS POPULATION DOUBLED WITHIN TEN YEARS.

The new city directory of Nashville, Tenn., issued on Friday, shows that the increase of population in the last ten years has been unprecedented, being over 100 per cent. The number of names in the directory for 1880 was 13,595. The number of names in the directory for 1890 is 28.512, an increase of 14,815 in ten years. The population of Nashville in 1880 was 43,350, or about 3 1-6 for each name in the directory. The same ratio applied to the present volume would give 90,288 as tht present population. When to this is added the 30,000 taken in by annexation bills before the present legislature, the total will be about 120,000.

## THE RICE CROP.

REPORTS SHOWING THE SUPPRY NOW OF HAND,

Messrs. Dan Talmage's Son's of New York, state that the count of rice in mills and warehouses first instant, together with estimated receipts of rough, reduced to cleaned, show forward supply: Carolina, 70,000 barrels; last year, 60,000 barrels; Louisiana, 110,000 barrels; last year, 145,. 000 barrels. The residue of the crop is mainly fair to good grades, and in fine condition, thus guaranteeing safe carriage during summer months. Some 200,000 bags of foreign were required last year in addition to the amount above set forth, and with equal demand imports will have to be made again this year

### DRY GOODS ABLAZE.

LARGE FIRE IN NEW YORK-A LOSS OF \$300,000.

The dry goods district of New York was visited by a fierce fire Tuesday evening, which destroyed the five-story iron front building, No. 392 Broadway, and burned up everything within its walls, involving a total loss of \$300,000. The principal losers are M. & C. Mayer, importers of hosiery and gloves, and Beacon ham, former auditor of Warren county, & Eaton, manufacturers of fine umbrellas | was sentenced on his plea of guilty to an and parasols. Ten firemen were slightly injured. Damages are estimated as follows: Mayer, \$125,000; Beacon & Eaton, \$100,000; Brown Comb company, \$25,000; Harvey & Co., \$25,000. Damage to the building, \$25,000.

# CURRENT NEWS.

CONDENSED FROM THE TELES GRAPH AND CABLE.

THINGS THAT HAPPEN FROM DAY TO DAT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Wire mills throughout the country have closed for two weeks in order to reduce the supply of wire in the market. The Illinois democratic central committee has decided to call a state con-

vention, to meet at Springfield on June The weather is bitterly cold throughout Austra-Hungary, the thermometer rang-ing between twelve and fifteen degrees in

centigrade below zero. Several snow storms and frosts are reported in England and in various parts of Europe. Among the regions visited are Rome and Trurere.

Affairs in Hayti are reported as in a very unsettled state, and the general impression is that the Hippolyte government will be of short duration.

The German government will formtfifty more batteries of artillery, in order to complete the two new army corps, the formation of which was sanctioned by the last reichstag.

The Brazilian government has resolved to promulgate a constitution withoutwaiting for the constituent assembly tomeet. The constitution will be submitted to the people for approval or disapproval. There was a long meeting of the sugar trust in New York on Thursday, and before it ended interested parties everywhere had information that a cash divi-

dend of two and a half per cent had been. declared for the present quarter. A dispatch from London, England, says: Young Abe Lincoln, son of United States Minister to England Lincoln, and grandson of the late President Lincoln, of the United States, who has been sick so long, died there on Wednesday morn-

At Jefferson City, Mo., it is now considered pretty well settled that State Treasurer Noland is short in his accounts by over \$30,000. Even Governor Francis is in doubt as to the exact amount, owing to what he terms irregularities in the

The formal order of Justice O'Brien, of New York, in the sugar trust injunction suit was filed Friday. The order confirms the decision handed down on February 11, no changes whatever being made in the provisions which Justice

O'Brien then set forth. While trying to cross the river at Johnson's island, sixteen miles above Knoxville, Tenn., two sons of William Maples and a son of William Baker, were drowned on Friday. They were in a frail boat which capsized, and the lads

perished before aid could be rendered. R. R. Donnelly & Sons, printers of the Chicago city directory, one of the oldest printing and publishing houses in the west, failed on Thursday, with liabilitiesaggregating \$100,000 and assets which, if disposed of at forced sale, will probably not realize more than fifty per cent of the liabilities.

A Jefferson City Mo., dispatch says: The committee appointed to investigatethe affairs of the State Treasury finishedcounting the cash on Saturday and have found it \$10,000 short. They express the opinion that an examination of the books and papers will increase this something over \$30,000. A dispatch from Zanesville, Ohio, says:

J. C. McGregor, reading clerk of the house of representatives, died Friday morning of dipththeria. Mrs. McGregor died one week ago after the death of four children. Three children are remaining, and Mr. McGregor's father may die, which will make ten deaths in one family from diphtheria.

A remarkably bold and successful tobbery took place at the courthonse at Wabash, Ind., on Thursday. While the corridors of the building were desertedduring recess, the county treasurer's office was entered from the main hall, and ther money drawer under the pay counter forced with a pair of shears. Severalhundred dollars in checks, currency and silver was taken. The thief then locked the door and departed.

Exports of specie from the port of New York, for week ending March 8, amounted to \$166,129, of which \$219; 930 was in gold and \$646,199 silver. Of the total exports \$4,965 in gold and \$641,900 in silver went to Europe and \$214,166 in gold and \$4,299 in silver went to South America. Imports of specie for the week amounted to \$473, 426, of which \$415,362 was gold and \$58.064 silver.

### A BRAVE GIRL.

SHE FIRES UPON A BURGLAR WITH FA-TAL RESULTS.

Monday morning about 3 o'clock Miss Alice Kinney, 19 years of age, who, with her mother, lives alone on a farm in Sampson county, N. C., was aroused by the noise of some one in an adjoining room. She at once realized that a burglar was in the house. She took a revolver from under her pillow, and holding in her hands, concealed it under the vul Then she lay as if asleep, and when the burglar entered the room he walked up to the bed, and concluding that she was sleeping soundly, began looking about the room. When he turned his face Miss Kinney raised herself in bed, took sim at the man's head and fired. Instantly the burglar whirled around, and as he did so she again fired, and he then fell to the floor with a groan. He died in about five minutes. The burglar proved to be Sam Kerns, a negro who had given much

# A HEAVY SENTENCE.

AN EMBEZZLER GETS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND IS FINED \$120,422.

At Lebanon, Ohio, Saturday, Al. Gra-