POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Culled From Dispatches From Both Hemispheres.

SEVEN DAYS' NEWS IN BRIEF.

A General Resume of the Leading News of the Day, Prepared in a Suitable Form For the Reader Whose Leisure Time Is Limited.

August Sens, a cigar manufacturer of Hornellsville, N. Y., has killed himself by shooting.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii arrived in Buffalo and remained there for an hour, and went on to Niagara Falls, where she will remain a day and then return to Boston.

A special from Alma, Neb., says: The First National bank of this city has been closed by order of the comptroller of the currency and is now in the hands of the bank examiner.

Fire, which broke out in the Anchor flour mill at Minneapolis, threatened for a time the entire milling district. The loss will reach $160,000, fully insured.

A duel was fought on the French steamship Madeleine, off Mexico, resulting in the death of the second officer, his opponent being the engineer. The Mexican officials claim jurisdiction in the matter and regard the offense as a common murder.

Dr. A. J. Fuller, one of Bath's (Me.) best known physicians and the first vice president of the American Medical association, has passed away, aged 74 years.

In the North Dakota Republican caucus Senator Hansbrough was chosen as the Republican nominee for senator to succeed himself.

Haines & Co.'s lumber yard at Buffalo has been damaged to the extent of $5,000 by fire.

The Little Falls Electric Light and Power company and the Little Falls Gas Light company have consolidated under the name of the United Gas and Electric company of Little Falls. The capital is [illegible].

Koch, Dreyfus & Co. of New York, wholesale jewelers, have suspended owing to poor business. The amount involved is said to be $300,000.

Summons has been served on The Union and Advertiser company of Rochester in an action, which Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Second Universalist church, has brought to recover damages for alleged libel.

The Buffalo, Gardenville and Ebenezer railway certifies to the secretary of state a certificate of extension of route in Buffalo, the town of West Seneca, Erie county.

The seventh annual banquet of the Hamilton club of Chicago on the anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton was held at the Auditorium.

Mrs. Black will be at the executive mansion to receive her friends Wednesdays during the remainder of this month from 4 to 6 o'clock.

In reply to numerous inquiries on the subject, the Prince of Wales has issued a statement, saying that the queen still adheres to her decision to refrain from expressing an opinion on the proposals to celebrate the 60th anniversary of her reign.

Count Muravieff, the Russian minister to Denmark, will succeed the late Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky as Russian minister of foreign affairs.

Judge Vinje has denied the application for a receivership for the Shores Lumber company of Ashland, Wis. The institution is perfectly solvent.

The steamer Montezuma, from New Orleans for Havre, has arrived at Halifax with decks swept and provisions all destroyed.

James A. Mount and Samuel Shaggard have been inaugurated as governor and lieutenant governor of Indiana.

Lewis C. Rockwell of Denver, who was United States district attorney for Colorado for four years under President Grant, has died suddenly of apoplexy. He was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., in 1840.

The detectives are hunting for Gustave V. Nyman of Minneapolis, who disappeared from Montreal under mysterious circumstances from the Canadian Pacific railway station upon his arrival from Minneapolis where he left Nov. 10 on his way to New York. His valise was found to be full of gold watches and jewelry.

Receivers Cowen and Murray of the Baltimore and Ohio railway have issued a statement in which they again deny the oft repeated charge of rate cutting and assert that they have no reason to believe that a war in the rates on bituminous coal is likely to ensue.

Miss Stillman, clerk in the employ of the People's Coal company of Toronto, while alone in the office, was bound and gagged by some one and the contents of the till, $95, taken.

The Princess De Chimay, who eloped last summer with Janos Rigo, a Hungarian gypsy musician, has been engaged to appear in tableaux vivant at the winter garden at Berlin immediately after her divorce from her husband. She will be paid $750 per night.

A sudden movement of the ice in Green bay, Wisconsin, carried out a number of fishermen who had shanties and nets on the ice. It is reported two are lost.

The Edison Electric Illuminating company of Brooklyn certifies to the secretary of state of an increase of capital stock from $3,750,000 to $4,000,000.

A shocking attempt at poisoning the family of Circuit Judge Barton of Fredericksburg, Va., was discovered. Rough on rats had been placed in all the food for the family breakfast, and but for its timely discovery by the cook the whole family might have been poisoned.

John W. Crisfield, formerly member of congress and once among Maryland's most prominent lawyers and politicians, has died at the advanced age of 89.

An autopsy on the body of William H. Sinclair, the railway promoter and contractor of New York and Galveston, who died at Rochester suddenly Monday, showed that his death was caused by apoplexy.

Count Muravieff, the present envoy of Russia to Denmark, has been appointed minister of foreign affairs, to succeed the late Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky.

The grand jury at London found a true bill against Edward J. Ivory, alias Bell, the saloon keeper of New York, who is charged with conspiring to cause a dynamite explosion.

The 121st New Jersey legislature has begun its opening session. George W. McPherson was elected speaker of the house.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Both Houses Take Up the Broken Thread of Legislation.

The Loud bill, to amend the law relating to second class mail matter, was passed by the house after two days of debate by a vote of 144 to 105. The opposition to the bill made a strong fight against it. The statements made on the floor as to its effect in certain particulars were very conflicting. The most important provision of the bill denies the serial publications admission to the mails at 1 cent per pound rates. The bill also denies to newspapers the "sample copy" privilege, enjoyed by newsdealers of returning unsold publications at the second class rate.

The deep waterway commission appointed by President Cleveland in November 1895, has finished its report and submitted the same to Secretary Olney. It will be placed in President Cleveland's hands immediately and by him submitted to congress as early as possible. The report is an unqualified indorsement of the ship canal project between the United States and Canada and embraces a recommendation for an appropriation of $250,000 for preliminary surveys. A waterway depth of 26 to 30 feet, accommodating ocean steamers, is recommended.

President Cleveland has sent to the house of representatives a letter transmitting a report in response to a house resolution of inquiry, as to what had been done by the department of state to carry out the provision in the last agricultural appropriation bill for negotiations with Great Britain to secure the abrogation or modification of the regulations requiring the slaughter of cattle from the United States at the port of entry.

Immediately after going into executive session the senate took up the motion of Senator Sherman, made at the request of Secretary Olney, to reconsider the vote by which the extradition treaties between this country and Argentina and the Orange Free State were amended. The motion was debated at considerable length.

Attorney General Harmon was questioned as to the probable course the government would pursue with respect to the Pacific railroads now that the funding bill had failed. Beyond the statement that some action would probably be taken within the next 30 days, he declined to discuss the matter.

During the day the senate passed house bills amending the law relating to timber culture and authorizing brevets to active or retired officers of the army and navy. The joint resolution requesting the British government to grant a pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick was indefinitely postponed.

Secretary Olney was defeated at every point by the senate in executive session, when that body refused to reconsider its action on the extradition treaties and would not consider the suggestion which he made. The treaties as amended by the senate will stand.

The bill exempting settlers on public lands from paying the original government price fixed on the lands was debated in the senate. Mr Pettigrew of South Dakota and Mr. Carter of Montana spoke in its favor, but a final vote was not reached.

Senator Chandler has practically made a canvass of the senate on the proposition for an international conference on silver and concludes that there will be no opposition worth the name.

BUFFALO POWER BANQUET.

Celebration of the Advent of Niagara Falls Electric Power.

BUFFALO, Jan. 13. — The celebration of the advent of electric power into Buffalo took place last evening in the spacious banquet hall of the Ellicott club. It took the form of a banquet, attended by about 300 gentlemen, half a hundred of whom were distinguished guests from out of town. With the exception of Thomas A. Edison, practically all the famous electricians of the country were present.

Aside from these, many capitalists interested in the power company and kindred schemes were present.

The guests sat down to dinner about 8 o'clock and did not rise until midnight. The tables were handsomely decorated and ingeniously arranged. Beside the plate of each guest was a handsome souvenir menu card, enclosed in an aluminum cover, with the name of the guest engraved thereon. The aluminum was made by the Pittsburg Reduction company of Niagara Falls, the first concern in the world to use for commercial purposes the power generated by the cataract.

Francis Lynde Stetson, president of the Cataract Power and Conduit company, under whose auspices the dinner was given, acted as toastmaster and spoke for "Our Company." Other toasts were "Welcome to Buffalo," Mayor Edgar B. Jewett, "The Empire State," Comptroller James A. Roberts; "Electricity," Nikola Tesla, "The City of Buffalo," Charles W. Goodyear, "Water Power," Charles A. Pillsbury.

Enormous Sun Spot Announced.

GENEVA, N. Y., Jan. 11. — Professor Brooks announces observations of an enormous sun spot now on the sun's face and visible to the naked eye through a smoked glass. It is a remarkable solar disturbance, coming at the minimum period of sun spots. Professor Brooks is photographing the phenomenon with the large telescope.

Minister Miquel to Resign.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—In the lower house of the Prussian diet, during the debate on the debt redemption bill, Dr. Miquel, the minister of finance, referring to the impression that he is about to resign, said that it was only natural at his advanced age that he should consider himself unable to fulfill much longer his arduous duties.

Senator Wolcott In London.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, who is visiting Europe in the interest of bimetallism, called at the United States embassy and had an hour's interview with the United States ambassador. The Bimetallic league has been besieged with callers anxious to see Senator Wolcott.

Princeton Athletic Games.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 14.—The Princeton track athletes made a splendid showing at the indoor games held at Princeton Casino. Garrett of Baltimore broke the college record in the shot put, establishing the new figures of 40 feet, 4 inches.

Idaho Senatorial Ballot.

BOISE, Jan. 14.—The ballot taken in joint session for senator resulted: W. H. Claggett (Pop.), 33; F. T. Dubois (Silver Rep.), 8; W. J. Jones (Dem.), 14; Lennonson (Pop.), 8; R. Z. Johnson (Dem.), 9; scattering, 8. Necessary to choice, 36.

PEN CONQUERS SWORD

British-American Treaty of Peace Signed.

ARBITRATION SUPERCEDES WAR.

Henceforth the Chance of Armed Contention Between the Great English Speaking Nations Will Probably Be Very Remote.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. Secretary Olney, in behalf of the United States, and Sir Julian Pauncefote, on the part of Great Britain, have affixed their signatures to a new treaty by which, for a term of five years, the two English speaking nations agree to abide in peace and without a resort to arms, all possible questions of controversy being referred to a court of arbitration, with the single exception that neither nation surrenders its honor or dignity to the judgment of arbitration.

President Cleveland sent the treaty and a message earnestly approving it, to the senate.

Throughout the negotiations, the desire of both the secretary and ambassador was to make the language so broad that when a controversy arose it would be accompanied by the inevitable knowledge on both sides of the water that arbitration, not war would result.

CHOATE BOOM INJURED.

Republicans Will Vote Solidly For the Caucus Nominee.

ALBANY, Jan 14.—The Choate boom, which started in with the arrival of 18 Union League boomers, was rather dampened when Senator Pavey announced that if the caucus selected Mr Platt the Republicans would give him a solid vote in joint session next Tuesday. Senator Pavey gave out this statement:

"Certain men claiming to be friends of Mr Choate have circulated the rumor that an effort is to be made to get members of the Republican caucus to vote against Mr Platt in joint session, notwithstanding his nomination. Any such statement is entirely unauthorized. Mr Choate has always been a straight party man, and I do not believe any such suggestion would have his approval. It certainly has no support among his Republican friends."

Every Republican senator and assemblyman received an invitation to meet the Choate boomers at the hotel last night.

So far as is known not over three of the 151 Republicans accepted the invitation.

ELECTORAL VOTE CAST.

Electors In the Various States Meet and Announce Their Ballots.

ALBANY, Jan 13.—The state electors met in the senate chamber and cast their votes for President and Vice President of the United States William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart.

The one amusing incident of the session was the introduction of a resolution by Henry Birrell of New York indorsing Thomas C. Platt for United States senator. Mr Birrell said that the last college had indorsed David B Hill for senator, and he did not see why this one should not indorse Platt. Later, however, he withdrew the resolution and appealed to the press correspondents not to make mention of it.

Maryland's Electoral Vote.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan 12.—For the first time in 32 years the electoral vote of Maryland has been cast for the Republican nominees for the offices of president and vice president of the United States.

Speidel Died by His Own Hand.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 12.—There is now absolutely no doubt of the suicide of William Speidel of Port Jervis on Friday last. Coroner Harding came here and subpoenaed W. I. French, to whom Speidel told the story of the murder of a friend in Port Jervis, and which he afterward followed out by killing himself. French repeated the story to the coroner, and the latter is satisfied that Speidel committed suicide.

Orator and Poet Chosen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Major C. A. Woodruff, United States army, now at Governor's island, and Dr. Rossiter W. Raymond, formerly of General Fremont's staff, have been chosen respectively orator and poet for the 28th annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, which will be held at Troy, N. Y., in the latter part of August.

Traveling Library Scheme Spreading.

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Melville Dewey, secretary of the state board of regents, states that he has received advices from Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska, New Jersey and Wisconsin to the effect that bills will be introduced and pushed in the legislatures of those states to provide for public traveling libraries such as are now conducted in this state.

Grand Army Meeting Called.

ALBANY, Jan 14.—A meeting of the council of administration of the state Grand Army of the Republic department has been called for Jan. 21, at 2 o'clock p. m., at which time the date and place of holding the next state encampment will be determined.

Unknown Body Found.

PENN YAN, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The body of an unknown man, aged about 45 years, has been found on the shores of Lake Keuka. He had been dead some time. The coroner will investigate.

Joint Caucus of Democrats.

ALBANY, Jan 14.—The joint caucus of the Democrats to nominate a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator David B Hill will be held on next Monday night.

Contractor Found Dead.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 12.—Colonel William H. Sinclair, a member of the firm of Flinn & Boland, brokers and contractors of New York, has been found dead in his bedroom at the Powers hotel.

Murderer Brennan's Sentence Commuted.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Lord Aberdeen signed an order today commuting the death sentence of Michael Brennan of Barrie, who murdered Banker Strathy, to imprisonment for life.

Killed by the Cars.

OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Charles Thompson, an employe of the Acme Oil company, was killed by the cars here, while crossing the Western New York and Pennsylvania tracks.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Ferreting Out the Cause of Young Mrs. Benham's Death.

BATAVIA, N Y, Jan 13.—The coroner's inquest in the cause of the death, on the 8th inst., of Mrs. Florence Tout Benham, whose husband, Howard C. Benham, is under arrest on charge of poisoning her with prussic acid, has opened here.

Dr. M. W. Townsend, who conducted an autopsy last Wednesday and gave out a statement that death was the result of atrophy and muscular degeneration of the heart tissues, was the first witness. He admitted that the autopsy was made hurriedly and, as he understood it then, to ascertain if death was caused by an abortion. He did not look for traces of poison. Another examination was made on Saturday, Dr. Townsend participating, and the doctor testified that he had come to the conclusion that death was not the result of natural causes. "Facts were brought out on the autopsies," he said, "showing that death might have been caused by prussic acid."

Dr. L. L. Tozier, who attended Mrs. Benham, was the next witness. Soon after being called to see her he said that she was apparently suffering from the effects of morphine and spoke about it. The next day her husband told the doctor that his wife had contracted the morphine habit, but cautioned the physician to say nothing about it, and promised to keep the drug away from her. After that Mrs. Benham began to improve at once. No more evidences of morphine were observed by the doctor. Billiousness, from which she appeared to suffer, also passed away. The latter condition might have been caused by the morphine, the doctor said he did not consider the young woman's condition as serious, but her husband insisted that she was very sick.

Benham Inquest Continued.

BATAVIA, N Y, Jan. 14.—Dr. Tozier resumed the stand before Coroner Barringer in the Benham inquest. He testified that several circumstances that fell under his observation during his treatment of Mrs Benham made him suspicious that something was wrong. He said death was not the result of heart disease, as the heart was entirely free from blood, a condition that showed that it was performing its functions after breathing ceased. Death began in the lungs. Dr Tozier said that prussic acid, the drug which it is claimed Benham administered to his wife, or its various preparations, would cause the conditions found in Mrs. Benham's body and the sudden stoppage of respiration. No other drug would do this.

FLAMES IN A HOTEL.

Two Men Burned to Death and a Woman Fatally Injured.

WALLACEBURG, Ont., Jan. 14.—The Queen's hotel has been destroyed by fire. Two lives were lost in the flames, and one person was fatally injured.

The victims were:

Albert Ughle, gas tank builder of Cicero, Ind.; leaves a wife and nine children.

Andrew Baird, glass blower of Hamilton, Ont.

Mrs. Collison, cook at the hotel, was terribly burned about the face and arms and will probably die.

Many others had narrow escapes. The money loss will be heavy.

Canal Manipulators Held Responsible.

PARIS, Jan 14. The tribunal which has been inquiring into the question of the responsibility of the Panama canal manipulators for the fines imposed upon them decided that ex-minister Baihaut, Charles De Lesseps and Blondin were responsible for the fine of 891,000 francs imposed upon the first named, in addition to a term of imprisonment for his connection with the affair. Therefore Baihaut who was rearrested on Dec 11 after having been released from prison a few months ago in order that he may serve two years' imprisonment for not paying the fine, will remain in prison, and Mm. De Lesseps and Blondin will be placed in jail if they return to France.

State Claim Cases Heard.

ALBANY, Jan 14.—Three claims of Margaret Dwyer for land damaged by canal leakage at Waterford, and aggregating $960, were up before the state board of claims. Bridget Nolan of Montezuma, Cayuga county, has filed against the state a claim for $500 damages for land injured by canal leakage. The state has made an award of $75 in the matter of the claim of William E. Loye of Stillwater, who asked for $750 for lands damaged by overflow from the Champlain canal.

Niagara Power Extension.

NIAGARA FALLS, Jan. 13.—At a directors' meeting of the Cataract Construction company it was decided to increase the capacity of the power plant. The officers of the company were empowered to enter into a contract with the I. P. Morris company of Philadelphia for five 5,000-horsepower turbines and with the Westinghouse company for five 5,000-horsepower dynamos identical with those now in the power house. A new building to hold this additional plant will be erected.

Kate Field's Ashes Interred.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—A small copper box containing the ashes of Kate Field, the writer, was buried at Mount Auburn cemetery here. The box was placed in a grave beside the remains of the mother of the deceased. There was no ceremony. The only person present at the interment was a relative, Mr. George Riddle of Cambridge, the reader.

Present Officers Retained.

ALBANY, Jan 14.—Inspector General Hoffman announces that he intends to retain the present force of his department for the present, at least. They are Colonel G. James Green, assistant inspector general, and Colonel Anthine Le Rose, inspector of armory construction.

Japanese Empress Dowager Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Japanese minister, Mr Hoshi, has received a telegram from his government announcing the death of the dowager empress on the 11th of this month.

Governor Black's Stenographer.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—Governor Black has appointed Myron H. Hill of Jamestown as his confidential stenographer. Mr. Hill has been in Washington for the past two years.

Woman Burned to Death.

BELLVILLE, Ont., Jan. 14.—Miss Eliza Dame, a wellknown lady, let a lighted lamp fall and was burned to death before assistance could reach her.

India Famine Fund.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The lord mayor's India famine fund has now reached over $85,000, of which amount William Waldorf Astor gave $2,000.

LOST IN THE HOUSE.

Long Pending Pacific Funding Bill Killed.

FOURTH MEASURE OF ITS KIND.

The Test Vote Came on a Motion to Third Reading and the Result Showed the Futility of Further Efforts to Pass the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Pacific railroad funding bill went down to its doom in the house under an adverse majority of 86. The friends of the measure who had predicted its passage up to the last moment were surprised by the decisive character of their defeat. They had been led to hope from the votes on the substitutes that the bill had more than an even chance of passage.

The Bell substitute provided that if the Union Pacific and Central Pacific would clear off the first mortgage and advance the government's lien, the government would extend the indebtedness at 3 per cent. It was defeated—110 to 158.

The Harrison substitute provided for a commission to negotiate a settlement of the debt. It was rejected by the house by a vote of 55–214.

An analysis of the vote shows that 86 Republicans and 16 Democrats voted for the bill and 49 Republicans, 58 Democrats, 6 Populists and 5 Independents against it.

Mr. Powers said that he did not know what would be done, but expressed the opinion that an effort should be made to pass an acceptable bill.

HORRIBLE SCENES IN INDIA.

Famine and Plague Stricken People Dying on Every Hand.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Daily Mail's Bombay correspondent reports that in all quarters the famine is daily becoming more severe and widespread.

Heartrending scenes are reported from the interior. In many districts men and women reduced to living skeletons are lying at the roadsides.

It is believed that relief will cost the government £5,000,000.

There are terrible scenes at the burial grounds of the Mohammedans, which are much overcrowded and where the bodies of plague stricken victims recently interred are dug up to make room for fresh arrivals.

BRITISH CRUISER TERRIBLE.

Though Showing High Speed, She Cannot Compete With America.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—H. M. S. Terrible, the new first class cruiser, had her trials over a 23-mile course off the Cornish coast on Saturday. The speed developed showed an averaging 22½ knots an hour, beating, it is claimed, the record of every war vessel afloat.

The speed of the United States cruiser Columbia on her trial trip was 22 8-10 knots an hour.

Cruiser Montgomery Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan 11.—The cruiser Montgomery, which left the navy yard Tuesday struck an obstruction off Governor's island and has to return to Brooklyn. The accident will delay her departure south indefinitely. She was rounding Castle William when she struck something. The pumps were sounded, but there was no leak. It was found, however, that cement under her port engine was cracked and it was thought her port engine was injured. An examination of the cruiser's hull will be made. A court of inquiry may investigate the accident. It is thought that she hugged the shore too closely and that her hull touched bottom.

Settled Out of Court.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The suit for breach of promise brought by Miss Mabel Duncan of the Geisha company against Captain Arthur Bingham Crabbe of the Royal Irish regiment, damages to the amount of $50,000 being claimed, came up for hearing, but was postponed by agreement. Later it was stated that the suit had been settled out of court. Miss Duncan, who is only 18 years old, is the daughter of Adam Seymour Dickson Duncan, who, under the name of "Mr. Kilcyth," formerly owned the famous racehorse Euclid. She is related on her mother's side to the Earls of Breadalbane and Lauderdale.

Boy Forger's Extensive Operations.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 13.—William Leibold, 17 years old, until recently a messenger boy for a telegraph company here, has spent $4,000 stolen money since last October in gambling and fast living, and today is in jail with barely a penny of it left. He procured the cash through innumerable forgeries of the name of Charles B. Grubb, the wellknown iron and furnace master, who had been accustomed to send messenger boys to the First National bank, where he is a depositor and director, to get checks cashed.

Lunatic With a Revolver.

NUNDA, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Great excitement prevailed here when it was learned that an escaped lunatic was at large with a revolver. Mrs. Della Winters was badly frightened while returning home by the man putting in a sudden appearance. She escaped without harm, however. He also frightened a number of young girls. Several men attempted to capture him, when he fired his revolver, narrowly missing one of them. The fellow escaped.

Serious Blaze In Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Jan. 11.—The 5-story brick building on the corner of Ellicott and Seneca streets occupied by Altman & Co., wholesale and retail clothiers, has been badly damaged by fire. The fire apparently broke out in the fourth and fifth stories simultaneously, but its origin is unknown. Mr Altman estimates the loss at $150,000, caused principally by water and smoke. The firm carried an insurance of $175,000.

Bondsmen Will Lose Little.

MOUNT MORRIS, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Ex-Livingston County Treasurer James B. Hampton claims that there yet exists an error in the court fund of between $2,000 and $3,000 in favor of the county. This will further diminish the liabilities of his bondsmen, who will lose little or nothing.

Many Cadets Plucked.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Yesterday was "Blue Monday" for many of the cadets at the United States military academy. The result of the January mental examinations was announced and 30 members from the various classes were found deficient and discharged.

SHERMAN A CERTAINTY.

Was Offered and Accepted the State Department Portfolio.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—It can now be positively announced that Mr. McKinley has tendered the state portfolio to Senator John Sherman of Ohio and that the distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted and will be the premier of the incoming administration.

Speculation as to who would be the Ohio member in the cabinet of the president-elect has persistently hovered about the names of Senator Sherman and Mark Hanna, the chairman of the national committee, the former being mentioned in connection with the head of the treasury and postoffice departments.

It has been known for some time, however, that Mr. Hanna's ambition was a seat in the United States senate. The retirement of Ohio's veteran senator to accept the position of premier in Mr. McKinley's cabinet will probably open the way to a gratification of this ambition.

Hanna Has Little to Say.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 14.—Chairman M. A. Hanna was asked if he had seen the interview with General Grosvenor which took place shortly after the latter had held a conference with the president-elect at Canton, and in which the Ohio congressman stated positively that Senator John Sherman would be the next secretary of state.

"Yes," said Mr. Hanna, "I have read the interview, but I do not consider that it would be right for me to discuss the subject."

Speaking of the sensational reports that are being almost constantly sent out to the effect that his health is breaking down, Mr. Hanna said the statements were without foundation.

"I have been merely suffering from a severe cold," he said, "and that has about left me now."

WAR ON CIGARETTE TRUST.

A Canadian Manufacturer Commences a Determined Fight.

MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—Some two years ago the American tobacco trust sold the right to manufacture its brands of cigarettes in Canada to the American Cigarette company of Montreal, of which Mortimer Davis was president, and other leading tobacco manufacturers directors.

In selling its cigarettes to dealers the company forced them to sign an agreement to handle no other brands. J. M. Fortier, a large cigarette manufacturer here, has had the directors arrested for conspiracy and has had similar actions entered in every province in the Dominion.

Mr. Fortier is determined to break up the trust, and he and his counsel, J. N. St. Jean, Q. C., will leave for New York to see what can be done before the American courts also.

As the American trust was forced to renounce its monopoly in Georgia by legislation recently passed, he feels confident that if it can be shown that the trust cannot legally operate in the United States there will be no difficulty in obtaining a similar ruling in Canada.

THE MARKETS.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.

Money on call, 1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3¼@4¼ per cent.

Sterling exchange. Actual business in bankers' bills, $4.87¼ for demand, $4.84½@4.84¾ for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.85½@4.88½ and $4.88@4.88¼.

Commercial bills, $4.83½@4.84.

Silver certificates, 64⅞@65c.

Bar silver, 64⅜c.

Mexican, 50⅝c.

New York Produce Market.

FLOUR—City mills patent, $5.20@5.45; city mills clear, $4.85@5.10; winter patents, $4.90@5.15; winter straits, $4.60@4.75; do extras, $3.35@3.85; do low grades, $2.75@3.10; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.75; Minnesota bakers, $3.45@3.95; spring low grades, $2.30@2.00; spring extra, $2.25@2.90. Southern flour, $4.40@4.70.

RYE—State, 45c delivered; No. 2 western, 44@46c; carlots, 43@44c.

RYE FLOUR—Superfine, $2.75@2.90; fancy, $2.95@3.15.

BUCKWHEAT—35@36c c. i. f. track; 35c prime state.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Spot and to arrive, $1.20@1.25.

BARLEY MALT—Western, 50@55c; No. 3 western, 68@70c, two-rowed, 81c; six-rowed do, 68@75c.

BARLEY—Feeding, 29c c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 33@46c; western No. 2 Milwaukee, 32@33¼c c. i. f.; western, 27@29c c. i. f.

CORNMEAL—Yellow western, coarse, 61c; brandywine, $2.10; city, 59c.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 89¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, 95¾c f. o. b. afloat. Options: No. 2 red Jan. closed at 89c, March 89⅞c, May, 86¼c; July, 82⅝c.

CORN—Spot sales of No. 2, 29c elevator; 30c afloat; No. 3, 27@27¼c; No. 2 white, 28c; steamer, 34c; steamer mixed, 28⅜c; yellow, 29c; steamer yellow, 28⅜c. Options: Jan. closed at 29c. March, 30⅛c; May, 30¼c; July, 31½c.

OATS—Sales of No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 delivered, 23¼c, No. 3, 20¼c; No. 2 white, 24¼c; No. 3 white, 22c; track white western, 20@30c; track white state and western, 22@32c; track mixed western, 20½@22c; track white, 20@30c. Options: Jan. closed at 22c; Feb., 22¼c; May, 23⅜c.

HAY—Shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@75c.

PORK—Old mess, $8.25@8.75; family, $9.50@10.50; short clear, $8.75@10.00; extra prime, $10.50.

BUTTER—Western creamery, 13@20c; do factory, 9@14c; Elgins, 20c; imitation creamery, 11@16c; state dairy, 10@15½c; do creamery, 13@19c.

CHEESE—State, large, 7½@11c; small, fancy, 7½@11c; part skims, 4@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 17½@19c; western fresh, 18@17c; icehouse, $2.50@2.75; southern fresh, 7½@8½c.

Buffalo Provision Market.

BUFFALO, Jan 13.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 90¾c; No. 1 northern, 87¾c. Winter wheat: No. 2 red, 96c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 26c; No. 3, 25¾c; No. 3 yellow, 25½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 22c; No. 2 mixed, 20c.

RYE—No. 2, 42c.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl., $5.00@5.25; low grades, $3.00@3.25; winter wheat, best family, $5.00@5.15; graham, $4.35@4.50.

BUTTER—State creamery, 20½@21c; western do, 20½@21c.

CHEESE—Fancy, full cream, 10½@11c; choice do, 9@10c; light skims, 6@7c; skims, 4@6c.

EGGS—State, 18@19c; Canada and western, 16@17c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Extra export steers, $4.95@5.00; good do, $4.75@4.90; choice heavy butchers, $4.40@4.60; light handy do, $4.10@4.30; cows and heifers, extra, $4.00@4.25; calves, heavy fed, $2.00@3.50; veals, $4.50@7.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice to extra wethers, $3.85@4.15; good to choice sheep, $3.25@4.00; common to fair, $2.00@2.50; choice to extra spring lambs, $5.20@5.25; common to fair, $4.50@4.90.

HOGS—Heavy, $3.50@——; medium and mixed, $3.50@3.55. Yorkers, $3.60@3.65; pigs, $3.70@3.80.

Buffalo Hay Market.

No. 1 timothy, per ton, $15.00@16.00; No. 2 do, $12.00@13.00; baled hay, $11.50@13.00; baled straw, $6.00@7.50; bundled rye, $12.00@13.00.