CONFEREES OF THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS MEET.

As Was Expected, There Is a Disagreement Between Them as to the Appropriation Made.

WASHINGTON, Peb. 18.-The predicted controversy between the two houses of congress over the senate amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill to expend \$500,000 for the survey and preliminary work on a cable to connect the United States and the Hawaiian is-lands is at hand. The conferces of the house and senate held their first meeting today. They were able to come to terms of agreement upon all the dozen amendments to the bill, except that for the cable, the senstorial conferees receding from several minor amendments and the house representatives accepting several Upon the cable question the delegates from each body observed the formal in-structions given to them. The disagree-ment will be reported to the senate tonorrow and it is expected a motion will emanate from the democrats instructing the conferces to abandon the cable item. The report will be made by the house conferees probably Wednesday, and the proposition will doubtless come from resublicans that they be instructed to ac ent. Thus the question

A new factor which has come into the cable proposition is the effort of the comcluding several of the most influential business men of California and the Hawallan islands, to secure from congress an act of incorporation authorizing it to organize and construct a Pacific cable connecting California with the Hawaiian islands, New Zealand and Japan. Its bill was referred to a subcommittee of the bouse on foreign affairs for consideration, and the subcommittee will report at its next meeting. The argument is being ad-vanced by democrats, and will be made in debate, that it is entirely unnecessary for the government to give its funds to a cable enterprise when capitalists stand ready to do the work; also that the United States has never before given financial ald to a work of this character, as all cables having a landing on our shores have been laid by private capital.

Agreements Reached by the Two Committees in Conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-The senate and house conferees on the bill extend-ing the time for making income-tax re-turns, today reached an agreement on the amendment made to the bill in the sen-The first amendment was accepted by the house with a modification, making rend as follows:
"In computing incomes under said act,

the amounts necessary for fire insurance premiums and ordinary repairs shall be ieducted."

second amendment, providing against double payment on amounts re ceived as dividends from corporations and exempting such dividends even in cases where the tax may not have been paid by the corporation, was agreed to with eome verbal amendments. The senate conferees receded from the third amend ment exempting taxpayers from answer ing any inquiries not specially provided for in the act, and it was stricken out.

What victory in modern competitio mpare with the triumph won by Dr. Price's Baking Powder at the Chi cago and California midwinter fairs?

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. The Bill Agreed Upon Regarding

Pelagic Scaling Reported. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — Wilson of West Virginia, the chairman of the house committee on ways and means, reported to the house today the bill agreed upon at the meeting of the committee Saturday last authorizing the president to negoti-ate with Great British, Russia and Japan for the appointment of a joint commission to investigate the present condition of the fur seals in Behring sea, and further authorizing he president to conclude a modus vivendi with the foregoing governments for the preservation of the animais. The bill, as was stated in Saturcarries an additional clause which provides that if the moons vivendi referred to above be not concluded and the regula-tions under the same, if concluded, be not effectual in the judgment of the president for preserving the herds, or be not put into operation for this year's scaling season, then the secretary of the treasury is authorized to kill every fur seal, male and female, on the Prityloff islands.

The report accompanying the bill was written by Mr. Wilson. It reviews the cir-cumstances which led to the appointment of the Paris tribunal of arbitration, and shows that the regulations adopted by the tribumal forbade scaling on the American side of the North Pacific ocean and Behring sea during May, June and July, and further prohibited the taking of seal at any time within a zone of 60 miles around the Pribyloff islands. It shows that under the new regulations, during the season just pussed, there are known to have been killed on the American side of the North Pacific ocean in Behring sea 5,686 seals, a larger number than was efore taken by pelagic sealers from

Incorporated in the report are tables giving the total pelagic entch of seals in the North Pacific ocean and Behring sea from the American to the Asiatic shores for the years 1850 to 1851, inclusive, and also the catch from the so-called Ameri-

Season.	Total.	American
1890	GL814	40,80
2691	55,788	45,91
3992		47,46
2886 ALTERTATION AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF		28,61
2891		55,68
The report then o	continues:	Turning

to the scals killed in the Pribyloff Islands under lease of the United States govern-ment to the North American Commercial Commercial Company, dated March 12, 1890, we find an alarming decrease year by year in the number which have been

The report then shows that from the years 1896 to 1886, inclusive, the catch of the company averaged about 165,000 seals, yearly. It dropped to 55,701 in 1880, and to 18,406 in 1891, which is about 600 less than the catch for last year. The report then

We thus witness a steady increase the number of the American berd of seals killed at sea year after year, accompa nied by a steady decrease in the number taken on the Prilayloff islands, until the climax is reached in the season just ex-pired, when more than \$5,000 were killed at sea, as against 15,000 on the islands. When it is further considered that at least three-fourths of the sea catch were fe-males heavy with young, and that probnbly half as many more were killed, but lost, while all of the island catch were

report concludes with the sugges tion that the plain dictates of mercy and humanity prescribed that "this uncon-scionable shughter of females with pups unborn, or left to die of starvation, be forever prohibited. If not by amicable ral adjustment, then by a mer ciful speedy extermination."

From the Same Committee.

THE PACIFIC CABLE | merchandise in bond through the United States into the free zone of Mexico. The report states that the government of Mexico does not allow shipments in bond through its territory into the free zone, hence all the shipments into this territory are made through the United States. The sparsely-settled country along the line between the United States and Mexica makes smuggling casy, and the officers of the government find it impossible to prevent it. The exemption of the portion of the free zone between the Guif of Mexica and Laredo is, the report says, deemed advisable, by reason of the navigability dvisable, by reason of the nat of the river between these points. The re-port concludes with the statement that there is no objection upon the part of of the resolution and to the action proof the resolution and to the action pro-Mexican government to the passage posed to be taken by this governm

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL NEWS. For the Pacific Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-In the sundry ivil bill are the following amendments for the Pacific Northwest:

To repair the governor's house in lasks, \$500. Mitchell's amendment directing the treasury department to order investigations as to the destruction of eggs of wild fowl in Alaska; also the wanton destruction of deer, fox and other animals. Squire's amendment diverting that a portion of the Scattle canal ap-propriation be expended for a survey. The amendment Doolittle secured for the establishment of a military post on Puget sound has been amended, and now di-rects the secretary of war to establish such post when 60 acres of had are do-nated at a point he may approve of. Doolittle had a proviso for a commision, composed of officers not connected with the department of the Columbia, to examine and determine on the site. This was struck out and is a victory for Squire. Seventy-five thousand dollars is appro-riated by the sundry civil bill toward the nstruction of a revenue steamer for the Pacific coast, to cost not more than

Anohtre Land-Grant Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The house ommittee on public lands today voted to favorably report Caminetti's bill for the forfeiture of the granted lands of the Pa-cific railroads where the corporations have failed or refused to redeem their bonds. The bill was amended by striking out the words "is hereby forfelted," leaving the reading of the bill, "the United States hereby resumed the title to.

Introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In the senate oday Perkins introduced a bill for the neorporation of the International Pacific Company, for the purpose of laying a telegraphic able from California to the Hawaitan islands and thence to Japan, the Aziatic coast and Australia

Local Inspectors' Salaries Increased. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The bill passed the house today to increase and equalze the salaries of inspectors of steam verels increases the salaries ofg the two aspectors at Portland from \$1200 to \$1800 ach; two at Scattle, from \$1800 to \$2000

AN EXPLOSION OF GAS. Five Miners Killed and Six Seriously Injured.

ASHLAND, Pa., Feb. 18.-An exploi of gas, which will probably result in the eath of at least 11 miners, occurred at 11:36 rning in the West Berridge mine Mahoney plant. Five men have en taken out dead and some so seriusly injured that their lives are despair ed of. Following is a list of the dead and seriously injured: Dead-Peter Kline, Joseph Pitts, Thos.

Durlin, Bernard Reed, Peter Brenback, Seriously injured — William Minnich William Goff, Anthony Meyers, Edward Davis, John Laney, William Davis. Besides these several other miners were

padly burned, but it is hoped they will recover. A gang of men were engaged in triving an air course when they broke through into a breast containing a large rolume of gas. This was immediately ig nited by their lamps and an explos followed. Some of the dead were burn beyond recognition. The mine is still

IN DANGEROUS WATERS. The Ganges Broke Adrift From the

Vessel Towing Her. LONDON, Feb. 18.-The British steamer Ganges, which sailed from New Or-leans January 6 for Havre, arrived at Corcubion, Spain, January 28 for a suplay's dispatches, was drawn at the treas-try department, and, as reported today, ply of coal. After replenishing her bunkers, she proceeded on her voyage, but soon broke her propeller, and was towed back to Corcubion. She started from there in tow for Havre, and when off the Island Ushant, about 25 miles from Brest, broke adrift from the vessel towing her, and has not been seen since. The Ganges has a cargo of cotton valued at \$60,000. Her crew numbered 20 men

LONDON, Feb. 18.-Several hats, caps and bounets were washed ashore near Looe, Cornwall, today. One cap was marked "Elbe" outside, and "Soper" in-side. The articles are supposed to have been carried to the Cornish coast by the strong east winds of the last two weeks.

An experi from the board of trade will assist the coroner in Lowestoft when the Elbe inquiry shall be resumed. The board also has appointed counsel and has sub-pensed the crew of the steamer Crathie, which sank the Elbe.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.-A cable gram from Nassau states that the Phil-adelphia barkentine Sadie Thompson, Captain Nowatt, bound for this port with 1880 bags of sugar, valued at \$190,000, and consigned to the sugar trust, has been totally weeked on Memory rock, Baha-mas. The vessel was valued at \$50,000. It is presumed the crew landed safely.

The merchant, the banker, the clerk the mechanic, the farmer-all like food raised with Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

NOW ALL RIGHT.

The Steamer La Gascogne Will Sall

Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. – The French steamer La Gascogne's engines were given a dock trial today, and proved all right. The piston which broke and was responsible for the steamer's belated arrival and the consequent anxiety, was replaced by a new one, and yesterday her fires were lighted again to test her. Today she was made securely fast to her pier and her en-gines set in motion, the speed being grad-ually increased to the greatest strain her hawsers would stand without parting. She will sall Wednesday.

The Aurania In.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 18.—The steamer Aurania, from New York for Liverpool, arrived here this afternoon. The officers reported she encountered an easierly gale 15th, 18th and 17th Insts. Several heavy seas swept her decks, and two portholes were broken in by the waves. A steerage passenger named Patterson jumped overboard last evening. The steamer was stopped, but Patterson sank before help could reach him. In a letter which Pat-terson addressed to his wife in Chicago and left in his berth, he said he was tired of life and its struggles.

The St. Augustine at Bermuda. NEW YORK, Feb. IS.—The steamer St. Augustine, from Jacksonville January 2 for New York, arrived at Bermuda today

The Botler Burst.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The boiler in the machine-room of the Spring Valley Water Company's office on California street burst today and created considerable damage and not a little excitement. The floor of the office over the machine-room was lotn up and windows all over WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Bynum from the committee of ways and means, reported a joint resolution today in reference to the free sone along the northern frontier of Mexico and adjacent to the United States. The design of the resolution to prevent the transportation of The explosion was caused by a dry boiler.

THAT BOND CONTRACT turned late last night, and stated to a reporter that he was unable to make known the result of the investigation. He will forward the evidence in the case to the attorney-general at Washington. The captain was arrested on a warrant issued by Magistrate Coker on complaint of two sallors, who charged the captain with bad to ment. He gave bond, and the case was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. The captain was incensed at his alleged illegal arrest, and made complaint to the Swedish government. It is not known whether or not the captain wants turned late last night, and stated to STATEMENT SENT OUT BY THE Gives the Causes Leading Up to known whether or not the captain wants indemnity from the United States.

THEASURY DEPARTMENT.

the Loan, and Information

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-Since the pub-

lisposed of, the treasury department has

ozen senators. It is, in part, as follows

"From early in the year every effort us been made to gather gold coin and collect it at New York and Boston, the principal point of withdrawals for ship-

ment abroad, but February 3 all the gold

coin which could be collected with safety was collected at these points, and on that date the total amount of free gold coin in the subtreasury at New York amounted

to \$9,700,334 S0, and the only possible way of adding to that was from the mints, whose

total coinage at San Francisco, New Or-leans and Philadelphia was only \$200,000

per diem. The total amount of gold con

owned by the United States governmen was exceeded by the demand certificate

ment was practically berrowing gold coin

from the owners of these demand certifi-cates and substituting gold bullion in its place in order to carry on specie pay-

"The reserve on that day of coined bul-

lion over outstanding certificates was \$42, 612,422 20. Wednesday evening, January

0, the assistant treasurer at New York

reported to the treasury department is Washington that he thought he could hold on until Saturday, but the next day might decide the situation. Between De-

ember 1, 1894, and February 13, 1895, th

total amount of withdrawnis of gold w

\$50,786,302, and the exports of gold during the same period amounted to \$36,852,389

nowing that about \$43,000,000 had bee

withdrawn for hoarding purposes in this country during this period. In other words, that the clittens of the United States had no faith in the ability of their

government to pay gold for its notes, and a run on the treasury commenced. That this gold has not gone into the banks is shown by the fact that, December 1, 1881.

the total amount held by the banks was 196,000,000, and February 1, 1805, \$81,000,000, or \$13,000,000 less than was held December 1, 1884. It must be remembered that the

withdrawals at New York while made b

the banks, are not made for their ow interest, but very largely for their coun

ry customers, who are accustomed to

make all these leading transactions through New York, and, in fact, the treasury was informed by one banking establishment in New York that it had

over 150 requests for gold in exchange for

'In considering the details of the co

ract it must be remembered that th

treasury was dealing with a community more or less excited and panicky, and that foreigners had been for a long time

distrustful regarding American securities and had sent large quantities to this coun-try for sale. The people with whom the dealings were made had taken part in

the November syndicate, and had se

the bonds purchased at that time at 117 se to 119, and fall thereafter to 114

atter figure showing a net less of 3 pe

estile action on the part of congress, it not surprising that a high price could

not be obtained. In fact, it was difficult

o make any dealing at all. After trying or four days to get a reduction even to hree and five-eighths per cent, it was cound absolutely impossible to obtain it,

and the position was too critical to admit

of longer delay. It was currently re-ported and generally accepted by the pub-lic, that a rate of three and a half per cent would be obtained. This is equiva-

exchange, the difference between London

and New York being five cents on the

and any fluctuation which may take place

Bonds Ordered Printed

Their Price in London.

LONDON, Feb. 18.-The proposed new

American bonds touched 3% per cent on the stock exchange today. The closing

THE MEADE SQUADRON.

Minneapolis and Columbia Will Soo

Join 1t.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The cruiser Min-neapolis, Captain George H. Wadleigh.

which has been at the Brooklyn navy-

port this evening. The Minneapolis has

een taking on coal and stores and now

yard for the last 10 days, sailed for New

goes to the torpedo station for her equi ment of automobile torpedoes. This do

she will join the Meade squadron, consist

ng of the New York, Raleigh and Cincin

American waters, are scheduled to join the fleet as soon as it is known that the two cracks—Minneapolis and Columbia—

are en route to join. The Columbia ar

ived here today from Norfolk. She will proceed at once to the navy-yard, where

she will go on the drydock. While lying

which will be carefully examined and re-

"It makes my housework much easte

writes a St. Louis housewife, of Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

MANIFESTS OF IMMIGRANTS.

Ferm Merchandise Does Not Include

Passengers, Baggage and Effects.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-The attentio

practice relating to manifests of immi

grants' effects brought by teams, etc.

from Canada, and of merchandise no

boats, etc. Acting Secretary Hamlin has

decided that it is not the policy of the

department to require manifests in such cases, and it follows that no fees should

be exacted for receiving the same; that

the law requires the driver of a vehicle arriving in the United States from Can-

ada to file a manifest only when the

vehicle contained merchandise subject to duty. The term "merchandise" is not in-tended to include passengers, baggage

AN INTERNATIONAL QUESTION.

Swedish Sea Captain Indignant Be-

cause of His Arrest.

and effects.

alled to the lack of uniformity in

the treasury department has been

begun in any of the courts here.

quotation was 5 per cent.

cent on the price paid by the syndicat

and this, in connection with the

notes over its counters Wednesday, Jan

ments in gold.

nding against it, and the govern

and a statement prepared by the depar ment was today sent to probably a hal

been frequently asked for

tion of the terms of the contract un-which the recent issue of bonds was

as to Its Terms.

OTHER NATIONAL NEWS.

Another Chinese Decision. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Judge Morrow was sustained in two decisions by the ourt of appeals this morning, and both were Chinese cases, arising under the new exclusion act. Lew Jim and Lai May exclusion act. Lew Jim and Lai May both claiming to be merchants, left this country for their native land last year, and on their return were refused admis-sion by the collector. They sued for a writ of habeas corpus, but the court held that the collector's decision was final and that they had not sufficient evidence to warrant their landing.

No Special Intervention

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—It is positive-ly denied at the state department that Secretary Gresham has intervened spec-ially in the case of Major Seward, one of the Americans under the sentence of death at Honolulu for treason, or has addressed a special message on the sub-ject to Minister Willis to be forwarded from Vancouver. Silver for Export.

unces of silver. The New Silver Dollars. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-The issue tandard silver dollars for last week was \$200,621.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The steamship Scale will take out tomorrow 125,00

EXPECTED CONTROVERSY Disagreement as to the Appropria

tion for a Pacific Cable. LONDON, Feb. 18.-The house of mons this evening rejected, by a vote of 27 to 283, Joseph Chamberlain's amend ment declaring it to be against public in-terest that the time of the house be wasted upon bills which the ministers admitted would not pass, when measures involving grave constitutional changes, which should be considered without delay, had been an nced. Sir William Harcourt, chancel for of the exchequer, looked after the gov-ernment's interests in the debate preced-ing the division on Mr. Chamberlain's mo-tion. He referred to the conservative de-mand, last voiced by Lord Sallsbury Saturday, that the government appeal to the country on the home rule issue alone. There never had been, he declared, and here never would be a general election with a single issue. The ministers regard themselves as absolutely bound, until con demned by the house of commons, to prosecute the policy which they had been delegated to carry out. Arthur Balfour, the nionist leader, replied. After the division, ir William moved the closure of the de-ate on the address. The motion was carried by a vote of 279 to 271, and the address was agreed to.

The Report Confirmed. TANGIERS, Feb. 18.—The report that the heads of a number of rebels have been sent to the sultan as trophies proves to be true, confirmation having been re-ceived from Morocco city. From the scene of the first prolonged struggle beween the tribes supporting the sultan's prother in his claim to the throne and the government troops, the heads of M of the leading risels were sent to Sultan Abdul Aziz, 24 Ser. These heads were transported on the backs of four mules and one donkey. After being exhibited to the sultan, it is said the heads will be placed on the city walls as proofs of riumph and as a warning to insurgents

Queen Victoria's Movements. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The queen arrived in London this afternoon. The strictest privacy was observed in her reception, and at Victoria station empty trains were aligned along the platform so persons on cent would be obtained. This is equiva-lent to a little over 108%.

"The actual amount paid by the con-tractors is 104.49%, or a shade below the rate of 1% per cent. The difference in the two prices is about 4%, or somewhat un-der \$5,000,000, out of which is to be paid the expenses of controlling the market sychamse, the difference between London other platforms could not see her alight. The reason for this extraordinary privacy was that rheumatism had incapacitated was that rheumatism had incapacitated the queen from walking. A detachment of life guards surrounded her carriage as pound, or over 1 per cent on the transaction, the necessary commissions, interest and taxes, which are very heavy abroad, cheered.

The Samoan Question. LONDON, Feb. 18.-In the house today nder Foreign Secretary Gray said there

before the entire amount is marketed, and in the present condition of financial af-fairs the sale of \$82,000,000 of securities had been no special agreement made regard to the ownership of land in Sam would almost necessarily drop the price several per cent." by foreign nations. The United States overnment claimed the exclusive right to WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The govern-ment has ordered the printing of the per cent bonds called for by the Belmonthe coal station in the harbor of Pe Pago. There was no truth, he said, the statement that Germany was abou Morgan syndicate. It was said that the to annex the Samoan Islands, England ertainly desired to consult the interests of Australia in regard to Samon. ssue of bonds would be enjoined, but up

To Be Presented at Court. LONDON, Feb. 18.—At the queen's draw-ng-room, Mrs. Bayard will present in the liplomatic circle the Countess Fabricotti in behalf of the Italian embassy, and Mrs Carter, wife of Ambassador Bayard's pri vate secretary. Among the other Ameri cans to be present will be David D. Wells econd secretary of the legation; udlow, military attache, and Mrs. ow; Lieutenant Cowles, naval attache and Mr. Carter.

A Doubt as to Discused Cattle. BRUSSELS, Feb. 18.—According to the report of the Belgian specialist, Nogard, thereisdoubt as to the existence of pleuropneumonia among Canadian cattle landed at Antwerp. The representatives of the Dominion government are about to apply to the Belgian authorities for the removal nati. The Montgomery, now in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlanta, in Central of the restrictions upon the importation nto the latter country of cattle from Can-

For the Welfare of the Country. BERLIN, Feb. 18.-The emperor has reovered from his indisposition. A depu tation of the agrarian league today pre sented him with a memorial, asking a revision of grain tariffs in the interest in low water at Norfolk she is supposed to have injured some of her lower plates, of protection. In replying, the empero said the action of the government would be directed toward fostering the interest concerning the welfare of the country.

Largest in the world-the cream of tar ar factory controlled by the Price Baking Powder Company.

Prosecution of Giolitti. LONDON, Peb. 18.-The Central News dent in Rome says that ex-Pre mier Giolitti is to be prosecuted, not onl for libeling Crispi, but also for appropri ating for his private uses official doc ments bearing upon the affairs of the Banca Romana. Should he be convicted he will be deprived of his civil rights, and will lose the rank of privy councilor.

Had Only Declared His Intention PARIS. Feb. 18.-The United States has refused to interfere in the case of a mar named LeCompte, who was forced to do military duty in France and who claimed American citizenship. It is learned he had only declared his intention to be-

The Cold Continued in England LONDON, Feb. 18.—Continued cold weather in London is causing much dis-tress among the poor. A number of com-mittees have been formed and funds are being collected for their relief. Nicaraguan Minister at the Vatican

ROME, Feb. 18.—The new Nicaraguan sinister to the vatican had an audience with the pope today, and presented his cre Professor Seeley's Successor.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 18.—Attorney-General Olney instructed United States District Attorney Garry to proceed to Brunswick, Ga., last Saturday to In-vestigate a complaint made by the Swed-iah government over the arrest of the capitain of the Swediesh back at the LONDON, Feb. is.—Lord Acton has been appointed professor of modern history at Cambridge, to succeed the late Professor captain of the Swedish bark Adele at Cambri Brunswick last summer. Mr. Garry re-Sociay.

THE BICYCLE-RIDERS

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN IN SESSION.

Ashury Park the Choice for the Annual Meet, and the Color Question Not Brought Up.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.-The annual con-

on of the League of American Wheelmen began this morning at the Grand Union hotel, in this city, with an attend-ance of bicycle enthusiants from all the states from Maine to California. The primary object of the convention is to discuss several important changes in the laws of the league and the selection of a place for the next annual meet. It is probably that the question of whether or not the color-line will be drawn in the league will come up during the session. and there is also likely to be some fight as to where the next annual meeting will be held. There are two parties, Boston and Asbury Park, and both maintain that it would be best for the league to hold its meet on their respective tracks. The Bos-tonians contend that their Waltham track is the best in the world, with better no mmodations than any other track in the untry, and the Asbury Park people say the track there is as good and much easier

The roll was called this morning at 10:40, after which the committee on credentials filed its report. President Luscombe presented his annual report, in which he advised the holding of two conventions yearly, one in the fall and the other in the carry writer, and one in the Vaccineties. the early spring, and one in the East and one in the West, as a convenience to league members living at the extremes of the country. The report of the secre-tary shows that the membership of the league has decreased from 25t local leagues to 150. There are 690 lady members of the league, the greater number being in Massachusetts-250. The treas-urer's report showed 201 in the treasury, and outstanding debts amounting to \$510. Delegate Mott, of Maryland, of the transportation committee, read a report relative to the transportation of whee by railroads, and in speaking of their loss by theft advocated the establishment of an officer, whose duties it should be notify all baggagemasters on the various roads, and also the repair shops, to look out for stolen bleyeles, and offering a re-

ward for recovery.

He estimated the annual cost of such an office to be about \$1509. Then Delegate Howard Raymond, of the racing board, submitted his report. He said that 250 men had been declared in class B this season. There were 222 suspended during the season for various offenses, and 180 race meets sanctioned during the year. He suggested that meetings shall be held between May and September. He also recommended that so intermediate record be allowed; that a rider must go for each distance record separately. He also ommended that the alliance between the Canadian league and the league be continued, and also that between the American Athletic Union and the league, and also the retention of membership in the international league. He advocated the assessment of league clubs for sanctions for meets as follows: National meet, \$10 and other meets \$5. He recom-mend the appointment of official ref-erees for the national circuits and to take ime limit for trial heats.

Delegate Sterling Elliott, of Boston, of the Good Roads Publishing Company, sub-mitted his report. It states that the net scelpts for 10 months for subscriptions etc., amounted to \$560. After this report a recess was taken. At the afternoon session the report of

the auditing committee was submitted. The report condemned the manner in which the Gazette of the league is connoted, and objected to the president and ecretary paying their expenses out of the money they may have in their po session, claiming that the laxity of the business methods has caused a loss of \$5000 to the league during the last year. The annual election of officers resulted as

President, A. C. Wilson, of Maryland; first vice-president, George A. Perkins Massachusetts; second vice-president, Morrison, of Milwaukee; treasurer, A. E. Mergenthaler, of Ohio. Auditing committee—J. F. Adams, of Massachusetts; John Van Nort, of Pennsylvania, and Geo. D. Prout of Pennsylvania.

Under the order of new business the eeting question was taken up. Debate was mited to 45 minutes. The vote resulted Hoston, 63; Asbury Park, St. This matter being disposed of, Delegate Jacquith, who had moved to strike out the word "white" from article 3, section 1, of the constitu-tion, withdrew his motion, and the color which was expected to cause me bitter discussion, was left to the fu-

Delegate Elliott's motion to change the constitution as follows was adopted:
"To add to article 1, section 2, of the
constitution the words, "and to promote
and regulate cycle riding on the track."

A new section was added to article 3 of the constitution. It reads; "Section 5.—The status of every consulate, subdivision and division shall be fixed annually on the first day of October and shall be based on the membership enrolled on the books of the league that

A change was made in article 3, section of the constitution. It relates to ad-nission to membership, and provides that candidate shall be considered elected when indorsed by two league members It was moved to add the words, "or per sons interested in the objects of the league." It was amended to read, "two league members or three reputable per-sons." Relative to annual dues, in article , section 4, Mr. Elliott's motion to substi tute "one dollar" for "the sum fixed by the constitution" was adopted. Section 5, article 3, was changed to read, "Applicant is enrolled as a league member." of "Application is published in the official

President Williston occupied the chait at the evening ression. Sections 6 and 7 of article 3, of the constitution, were stricken out on Elliott's motion, and in their stead was adopted the following: "A member may renew his membership at any time within 60 days from the date of its expiration by the payment of his dues. Beyond the 60 days he shall pay, in addition to the annual dues of \$1, the sum of 15 cents for every month or fraction of a

month that he is in arrears."

The resolution was subsequently amend ed by the adoption of the following: "The provisions of this section shall apply to all memberships that have expired for a period not longer than two years." Mr. Raymond offered an amendment to section 9, article 3, as follows:

"Class A rules, clause E-in this class no prize shall exceed \$50 in value, and such prizes shall be limited to medals, diplomas, plate, jewelry and cycle sundries only. Section 9, article 3, class A rules, claus G, was also amended, striking out "nor shall the business of cycle manufacturer and bona fide agent, as such, be considered in determination of their amateur status, and substituting "but racing men in the employ of cycling establishments may be transferred to clubs, etc." They were both laid over, and the con

ention adjourned until temorrow

San Francisco's Tournament. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.-San Fran

cisco's bicycle tournament and cycle show opened tonight, with a crowd of 4000 in attendance. There were many accidents, Several of the best riders, including Zeigler, Wells and Harbottle, had bad falls, due to the dangerous track. The turns on the nine-lap track are so short that more than three riders cannot make the turn without endangering each other.

but in the final had a very hard fall on PEABODY CENTENNIAL the turn which will lay him up for sev-

The most exciting event, and one which aroused much enthusiasm, was the club race, in which one member from each of the San Francisco and San Jose chibs were entered. There were eight starters. Only three finished, the others either fail ing or dropping out in the first three miles. The finish was close between Birne of the Imperial. Rose of the Acme, and Chapman of the Olympics, the lirst-named winning from Rose. The team compris-ing Zeigler, Coulter and Harbottle will not race again during the tournament, and it is doubtful as to many others starting again, owing to the dungery

The results of the several races. One mile, novice, final beat One mile, novice, final heat-Decker won: Day second; George Fuller third; One mile, class B, invitation, final heat Oscar Osen, of San Jose, won; Walter Foster second, Emil Ulbrecht third; time,

Ten mile club race, \$200 cup-Frank M. Byrbe won; M. F. Rose second, Ed Chap-man third; time, 27:23 1-5.

A Football Fatality. FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 18.-Young Allison who received a fracture of the skull in football game near Fowler Saturday, disc at the county hospital this morning.

The Game of Hockey. BRAMPTON, Ont., Feb. 18.—Spaidings' Chicago hockey team played here touight with the Brampton club and was defeated

by a score of 7 to 5. Ten Rounds to a Draw. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 18.—Cal Mc-Carthy and Joe Craig fought a 10-round draw at the Oakland rink tonight.

MISS WACHTER'S STORY. All in Favor of the Defendant and Positive in Character.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18.-The protion sprung a surprise in the Hayward trial today when it withdrew all opposi tion to the introduction of Maggie Wachter's testimony. Miss Wachter is the stenographer of Blixt's attorney, who was to testify that Blixt stated to his attorney in her presence that it was with Adry Hayward and not with Harry that he had

conspired to murder Miss Ging.

The court was unwilling to admit the testimony without the direct consent of Blixt, who was brought from juil and questioned personally by Judge Smith. He had no objection, he said, but Miss Wach-ter was ill and could not be present today. The sudden change in front on the part of the state is said to be due to its ability to impeach Miss Wachter's testimony ab-solutely. Blixt's attorney will contradict, and it is also understood that the state has ascertained from a confidant of Miss Wachter the true inwardness of her evi-

"How does it look now, old man?" asked Harry Hayward after court adjourned this afternoon, as he slapped a friend on the back and laughed heartily. He was in a good humor. It had been a day for the defense. After four days of trial the defense has at last made a mark with the testimony of Maggie Wachter, the stenog-rapher, the state having withdrawn its objections to her testifying. Miss Wachter was voluble, positive and could not be shaken by cross-examination. She called Blixt a liar, O'Dell a schemer to make money out of the county, and Assistan's County Attorney Hall a buildozer and in-timidator of women. Harry was jubilant, but controlled himself with occasional outbursts of laughter as Miss Wachter would make an unusually savage thrust at Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Hall. After court adjourned, Mr. Hall stated there was not a word of truth in what she had said about him. In her evidence she said that Hall had called on her and attacked character in a most abusive and s dalous manner. Mr. Hall said:

'Why, our meeting was most pleasant Do they think I am a fool to talk the

way she says to a woman?"

The witness was asked if she did no threaten Mr. O'Dell to make it hot for him, and if she did not say she had bee offered money for Elixt's statemen was also asked if she did not tell that she knew something about the case for O'Dell said something as they were going out of Blixt's cell. She denied all this flatly. The other witnesses of the day were unimportant.

TWO EX-OFFICIALS SHORT.

Late County Auditor and Sheriff of Elmore County, Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18 .- Two ex-official of Elmore county are found to be short in their accounts. William Wickershan auditor, and J. D. Gray, ex-sheriff. Gray's shortage is about \$280, but it is though greater part will be made good. Mr. Wickersham's shortage is given out as about \$6900, but it is said on the quiet that it reaches \$10,000. It is also said that warrants have been duplicated for a large amount and other irregularities committed, all contributing to an aggregate of \$10,000. One of the Boise banks is said to hold \$2000 of these fraudulent warrant Wickersham is the son of the late J. C Wickersham, of Boise. Gambling is the cause of his downfall.

The Flight of Swallows.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Nearly at the federal officials and a number of downtown business men have been the victims of an old swindle in a new guise. The confidence operator has been a young and pretty woman. Her plan is to call at a gentleeman's house and, mentioning the name of his tailor, say that she has been sent for his dress suit to be pressed for an unexpected dinner engagement that even-ing. The suit is delivered to the fair swindler, who forgets to return it. S. J. Rudell, deputy surveyor of the port; Varney Gaskill and Charles L. Weller are a few of the victims who are mourning the disap pearance of their swallow-tail conts.

Nothing Heard of Gentry. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Nothing has been heard of Actor J. B. Gentry, who last night murdered Miss Madge Yerke at the Zeiss hotel. The revolver with which the murder was committed was found to day in a snowbank half a block from where the crime was committed. Three chambers were empty, showing that Gen-try fired three shots at the unfortunate

actress, only one of which took effect. Delivered Themselves Up. MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 18.-Fred G. Webber and Frank P. Willis, two ex-convicts, who were suspected of robbing the Wheatland ticket office, delivered themselves up to the sheriff in town today. They claim that they had no connection with the robbery, and can prove an alibi.

Where can perfection in cooking al-ways be found? Wherever Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is used.

Winners of Horsernees.
The racing at San Francisco yesterday was over the regular course. Five favorites won. These were the winners on the

rarious tracks: At San Francisco-Six furlongs, Nor blieh in 1:19%; six furiongs, Dick Behau in 1:17%; five furiongs, Motor in 1:63%; five furiongs, selling, Cara White in 1:12; one mile, selling, Voit in 1:47.

At New Orleans-Five furlongs, Red Veil in 1:12; three furlongs, Uncle Lew in 0:40;; aix forlongs, Dave Puisifer in 1:27%; five furlongs, Elberon in 1:11; seven furlongs, Churchill Clarke in 1:45.

After All Gamblers.

LYONS, N. V., Feb. 18.—At the opening of the Wayne county circuit court and court of oyer and terminer in this village yesterday, Judge William H. Adams, o. Canandalgua, instructed the grand jury to indict all persons in this county who al-lowed nickel-in-the-slot machines to be operated upon their premises; also church Nearly every heat had its accident. Wells received a hard fall and while down was struck by Cushing, who was ladly bruised. Zeigler won his heat with case, for years past.

THE PHILANTHROPIST'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

One Thousand School Children Took Part in the Ceremonies in His Native Town in Massachusetts.

PEABODY, Mass., Feb. 18.-The celebration of the loth anniversary of the dith of George Peabody, the celebrated condon banker, philanthropist, benefacor and memorable citizen, occurred in this, his native town, today, with appropriate ceremonies. It was not, however, a trictly local observance, for cablegrams from Queen Victoria and the Duke of Levenshire, chairman of the Peabody donation fund, to which Mr. Peabody con-tributed \$2,000,000 for the establishment of homes for the deserving poor of Lon-don, gave it a touch of international character. The business part of the town was appropriately decorated. Early in the day guests began to arrive, and when the afternoon meeting was called to order distinguished citizens of many sections of Massachusetts and cisewhere were present. The forenoon exercises, in which about 1000 school children took part, was held in the Peabody Institute, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. W. Hudson, of the Unitarian church, and the Rev. S. O. Butler, of Georgetown. In the afternoon exercises of more elaborate naure were held in the town hall. Music and addresses comprised the programme. Hou Francic H. Appleton, chairman of the celoration committee, presided, and opened with an eloquent address. He was followed lowed by General Welcott, the orator of the day. The celebration closed with a banquet and ball in the town hall. In opening the exercises Mr. Appleton reered to the widespread influence of the man in whose memory the occasion was observed, and read the following cablegram, received from Oueen Victoria "On this, the 100th anniversary of the birth of George Peabody, the grateful

remembrances of him and his noble beneficent deeds of charity to this country ere fresh in my heart and in that of my To this the committee replied: mitteedesires to express, on be-

half of the town of Peabony, its ameere thanks to the queen of England for the bonor conferred upon it by her majesty's gracious message upon the comme ion of the 100th anniversary of the birth

of George Peabody."

The committee also received a cablegram from the Duke of Devenshire.

The Peabody Fund in London. LONDON, Feb. 18.—In connection with he 199th anniversary of the late George Peabody, the trustees here of the fund given by Peabody for the erection of welling-houses for the working classes u London report that the total amount of the fund is now g.114,000. Owing to the benefaction of Mr. Peabody, 13,200 houses are now occupied by 20,000 inmates. The average rent of the rooms is 2s 2d per week. The average weekly earnings of head of each family among the inmates of the rooms is 28s 8d. The queen and the Duke of Devonshire have sent cable dis

patches to the mayor of Peabody, appre-ciative of the virtues of Mr. Peabody. Celebrated at Nashville.

ody's birthday was celebrated by the city and county schools, public and private, with appropriate exercises. At the Peaody normal college an elaborate programme was carried out, and Chancellor Payne delivered an able and powerful address upon the character of Mr. Peabody. In all the principal towns in Middle Tenschools, public and private, ob served the day.

At Chattanooga. CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 18.-The 160th au-

iversary of the birth of the great philanthropist, George Peabody, was appropri-ately celebrated in the public schools to-

THE BUTTE WILL CONTEST Sheffild-Davis Case Ordered to Be Restored.

HELENA. Mont., Peb. 18 .- The supreme ourt decided today that Harriet T. Sheffield and Erwin Davis, the niece and brother of Andrew J. Davis, the Butte millionaire, may contest the will on the ground that it was a forgery and revoked

other wills. H. A. Root and Maria Cummings con tested the will in 1891, and after a six weeks' trial at Butte the jury disagreed. The Root contest was set for hearing July 24, 1892. However, the case was confinued by agreement and the Sheffield-Davis case called. These contests were not ready for trial and the case was dismissed. A motion to set aside the default was overruled and an appeal was taken to the supreme court. The case was remanded with instructions to restore the contest. This again opens the question as to the validity of the will under which John A. Davis, a bro-claimed the whole estate of \$3,000,000.

Rebellion in Muscut.

BOMBAY, Feb. 18.—A serious rebellion has broken out in Muscat, the Arabian scapor; on the Indian ocean. The rebels ave selzed most of the forts commanding

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