SOME TALK OF WAR

Nicaragua Cloud Darkens the British Horizon.

ACCORDING TO THE CHRONICLE

it Sees No Compromise Between a Loss of Honor and an Unconditional Refusal of the Amendments-England's Dilemma.

LONDON, Dec. E.-The Standard, re ferring to the canal difficulty, expressed a hope that President McKinley will "show himself wiser than the inconsiderate Sen-

The Daily Chronicle bluntly admits that "Niceragua cloud has become very serious." It seems no compromise between allowing things to slide, thus "causing another miserable loss to our bonor and reputation," and an unditional refusal of the new amendments. Assuming the latter alternative to be adopted, the Daily Chronicle asks:

"What force has Lord Sallsbury to back up a refusal? Our army is shut up in South Africa and China, and our navy to needed to protect communications with both. Seldom in its stormy career has the conservative government been placed in a more dangerous dilemma."

THE TREATY AMENDMENTS. Will Not Reach the British Foreign Office First of Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State De-partment has decided to send the amend-ments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to British Government through channels, one being transmitted to Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassacor, and the other through Ambassador Choate, at London, who will present it to the For-eign Office. It is the understanding that the department will make no representa-fion whatever as to the changes made in the treaty; the Senate amendments will be allowed to speak for themselves, and the action of the department will be purely formal. As the papers leave New York on tomorrow's mall stemmer, they should reach London about January 1, so the negotiations will certainly lapse over into the next century, at the very

It can be authoritatively stated that there has been no exchange whatever, either in the shape of written notes or oral communications, between the State Department and the Governments of Nic-aragus and Costa Rica, that has devel-oped a threat on the part of those governments to refuse assent to the con-struction of a canal over the United States Senate's action upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. All that is officially known of the attitude of the two governments mentioned is that their representa-tives here, Senors Corea and Caivo, thor-oughly approved the Hay-Pauncefore treaty as the basis for the canal construction. Whether or not the changes made in that convention will affect their attitude, is unknown. The impression prevails that not being called upon to come to a decision on this point until the British Government shall have passed upon the Senute amendments, the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will not anticipate that action by any declaration at this store. The British Government has not up to

This time given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up by the British Cabinet until the draft of the amended instructions and the advices of the British Ambassador at Washington are received. The general results have been briefly summarized in cables to the London authorities, but in a matter of this magnitude they would not act until they were in possession of all the data by mail. Under these circumstances, it

assumed any definite action thus far on the part of the British Government. The Nicaraguan Minister, Mr. Corea, was asked today as to the report that he had protested in behalf of Nicaragua against the amended form of the treaty. He said he did not care to discuss the matter in its present status, but he point-ed out the unlikelihood that Nicaragua and Costa Rica would protest while the matter was one of domestic policy. Lat-er, if it assumed the concrete form of a proposition to be submitted to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, it would be for them to say whether it was acceptable or not action concerning a subject still in its creative stages in this country and in Great Britain, and not yet before Nicaragua and Costa Rica. It can also be stated, not on Mr. Corea'.

authority, but as a fact, that the Nicaraguan Government has not, up to this time, defined its attitude on the amended document. Mr. Corea forwarded full ad-vices, but as the Senate acted only a few days ago, there has not yet been time for the papers to get before President Zelnya's Cablact. And even then, as Mr. Coren has pointed out, it is doubtful whether Nicaragua will assert her posttion in advance of receiving overtures as to the canal. It appears to be the ac-cepted slew, however, in Central Ameri-can diplomatte quarters, that the Senate confined its consideration to the interests of the United States and other maritime ers, and failed to take into much me-nt the interests of those countries most vitally concerned by having the waterway through their territory

Little Comment on the Trenty.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to
the Tribune from Lendon says:

The announcement made in dispatches
from Washington that the canal treaty
would be sent to London, represent the
arder of the press in discussing the new
questions raised by the Senators. The
controversy will not be kept up by the
press at an unsensonable time, when the
Ministers are taking a holiday and noisely
knews what view they take of the vague
and academic quality of the Davis amendment or the precise effects of the Interprelated clause superseding the ClaytonBulwer treaty, or of other changes in the
convention. Two inferences are safely
drawn by men in touch with the diplomatdrawn by men in touch with the diplomat-te circles. One is that the British Government is better pleased with the amend-ment of the treaty than it would have been with the rejection of the convention outright. The other inference is that the retention of the Sper rules will enable the American Ambassador here to confer with the Foreign Office, and possibly to effect some readjustment or compromise,

Unnuthorized Comment

the Associated Press has been informed at the British Foreign Office that all the editorial comment in the London Times today and other English papers on the Nicaragua Canal treaty, is entirely unauthorized, and not inspired by the For-cian Office. To use official language, "England has too many from in the fire to take up the Nicaragua Canal matter at present. She has received no official communication on the subject, nor has she given it as yet any official consider-

Hormons Search Prehistoric Ruins.

been received of antiquarian discoveries made in South Mexico and Central Am-erica by a party of Mormon explorers. Three months age the party began a three-years' trip down into South America for the purpose of searching for traces of the lost survivors of the Nephltes, believed by the Mormons to have been the first people in this country. Benjamin Cluff, president of the Brigham Young Academy, in Provo, Utah, is in charge of the expedition, and has 24 students under his charge. In a letter to a friend here, Professor Cluff states that many prehistoris ruins have been examined by the party and evidences unearthed which tend plainly to uphold the Mormor traditions.

NEW B. C. RAILROAD.

From Vancouver Through the Simiskameen Country.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—The Vic-toria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway was today formally organized. The work of construction will begin as soon as the Provincial Government shall pay a sub-sidy of \$4000 per mile for 250 miles. The company is practically a local concern. company is practically a local concern, but will operate under both Dominion and Provincial charters. The route will be from Vancouver via Hope, through the Similkameen country to Midway, Grand Forks and Nicolas.

Canadian Buying the Clover Leaf CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24 .- A source of rallway information in this city hitherto reliable is authority for the statement that the stock of the Clover Leaf is be-ing purchased by the heavy holders of Canadian Pacific interests, and that the Canadian Pacific will soon have possession

Secretary to President Hays.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—R. H. Ingram. secretary-treasurer of the Central Vermont Railroad, has been appointed secretary to Charles Hays, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is understood that a number of Grand Trunk officials will join Mr. Hays when he assumes the presidency of the coast line.

News Butchers Abolished.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.-Orders have been issued abolishing the train boys, or "news butchers," on all trains of the Eric Railroad system west of Salamanca, N. Y., after midnight December M, and on all lines east of that point after midnight, January 31.

Railroad Notes.

The railway bridge across the Weiser, on the line of the Pacific & Idaho Northern, eight miles from Cambridge, is being

The O. R. & N. cut-off, from a point a little below Echo to Yoakum, in Umatilla County, a distance of 15 miles, is expected to be completed within 80 days. Pocntello had a strike one day last week. The cause was the running in of a road engine to do switching. The switch-men would not stand this, and quit forth-with, demanding the removal of the locomotive, which demand was speedily granted. The strike lasted two hours. The locomotive and passenger coach be-

longing to the Northwest Rallway Comcany, which have been lying in the Hunt-ngton yards for the past eight months, will be sold at public sale by the O. R. & N. Co., December 31, to satisfy a claim of \$383 20 for freight charges. The roll-ing stock arrived in Huntington at the time the Northwest Railroad was placed in the hands of a receiver, and accept-ance of the locomotive and passenger coach has been refused.

Seven cars of steel rails, the advance arrival of sufficient metal to lay the 15 miles of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railroad extension, which is now grading from Sumas to Maple Creek, in the victuity of Mount Baker, are at Sumas. The tracklaying machine is also there, and steel for two of the important bridges. It is the intention of the con-tractor to begin laying ralls immediately after New Year's, and to push the work to an early completion.

The lumbermen of the Puget Sound disrict are still awaiting a 40-cent rate to Missouri River points on fir lumber, and the rate committee is still anxiously expecting to hear from President Hill, of the Great Northern, in answer to its by man. Unfor these circumstances, it the Great Northern, in answer to its lis evident that today's utterances of the London press to the effect that Great Country in the present rate. While it is true that the opening of the Spokane gate-way gives access to a new territory pre-Bulwer treaty, while indicating the popular and to some extent the official opinion, does not announce a policy which has men, the fact remains that the territory is men, the fact remains the territo way gives access to a new territory pre-Nebraska and Kansas.

America Will Not Interfere

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Peru and Bollvia nust look elsewhere than to the United States for help in resisting the claims of Chile to the provinces of Tacna and Arica, says the Washington correspondent of the Heraid. The Peruvian and Bolivian Governments recently requested the United the purpose of mit too into the sou States to use its good offices in bringing evil in the city. shout a peaceful and satisfactory solution of the dispute with Chile. Becretary Hay definitely and fully declined to accede to its request.

This action will probably have an in portant effect upon Chile's course with respect to the invitation of the Government of Mexico to participate in the Spanish-American conference, to be held next year in the City of Mexico. Chile has hesitated about accepting the invi-tation, because of her fear that the Pe-ruvian and Bolivian Governments would drag into the conference the Tacna and Arica controversy, and that she might be pledged to arbitration upon lines opposed

Train Wreck in Mexico. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-A special to the

Tribune from Monterey, Mex., says:

Particulars of a disastrous wreck of a
north-bound passenger train on the Mextean National Railway, in which a score of
persons were injured, have just reached
here. The accident happened near Salraterana, in the State of San Luis Potosi. The track spread and the engine
jumped the track and upped over. The jumped the track and turned over, sleeping-car, which was filled with pas sengers, among them being a number of Americans, followed the express and baggage cars and on top of these were piled the first and second-class day coaches. Over 20 persons are reported to have been injured. Enginer Dupree and Con-Wilson were painfully scalded. The names of the passengers who were injured are not known here. Those who were the most seriously injured were taken to San Luis Potosi, where they were given medical attention

Oleomargarine Suits Dismissed STRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.-Justice Frank H. Hitchcock, of this city, today

handed down an order granting the mo-tion recently made by the defendants in the Armour penalty cases (the eleomar garine suits brought by the state) to dis of the plaintiff to prosecute the same.

Grand Rapids Invites Kruger. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 24.—The y adopted a resolution tenight extending President Kruger an official welche freedom of the city.

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VICE IN NEW YORK CITY

TAMMANY COMMITTEE OF FIVE BLAMES CHIEF DEVERY.

Says He Could Close Every Poolroom and Gambling-House in Two Hours If He Chose.

NEW YORK, Dec. M.—The Tammany ommittee of five at a meeting held today ssued a statement that Chief of Police Devery could rid the city of vice in two hours, if he so chose. They further said they would present facts to the grand jury in the event of immediate action not being taken by the police. Chairman Lewis, Nixon presided at the meeting. Several members of the Police Department ap-peared before the committee, and said places mentioned in the list given to Chief

places mentioned in the list given to Chief Devery by Chairman Nixon were closed. The majority of the places were gambling dens and disorderly houses. After an executive session of two hours, Chairman Nixon gave out the following statement: "The list of suspicious places handed to the police is by no means complete, and we shall be guided by developments as to when and how they shall be made public. My object is to close such places, and by closing them demonstrate to their owners that those who have taken money from them for protection lack the power from them for protection lack the power to protect. Every department of the city government except the police is doing good work. I shall stand by what I have said, that the Chief of Police could close every gambling-house and poolroom in the city in a few hours. Our motive now is to show that these places are not protected by the Tammany organization, and further than that to show that a sys-tem which has existed during this and tem which has existed during this and the preceding administration can be stopped if the Police Department can be induced to act. A single-headed commis-sion with power can remedy existing abuses, not only for a time, but permahently. A bi-partisan police commission and the excise department are the sores on the body politic. They should be reformed jointly, and they will be when the people come to a full knowledge of the infaulties which owe their existence

NOT A PARTISAN MATTER.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt Commends Roosevelt's Action.

NEW YORK, Doc. 34.-"The removal of NEW YORK, Dec. M.—"The removal of-District Attorney Gardiner," ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt said last night, "can-not but be regarded with satisfaction from whatever point of view the situation is looked at. Governor Rooseveit has act-ed with extreme wisdom. He does not seem to have taken advantage of the op-portunity that was unwanted to him to portunity that was presented to him to make partisan capital out of it. It is to be inferred from the fact that he appoint, ed a Democrat to succeed Mr. Gardiner that he was not swayed by partisan mo-tives in taking the action that he did. I think that the general feeling at elec-tion time was that the officers of the law had behaved very badly. Gardiner, Dev ery, the Mayor and the Sheriff, adopted altogether a false position at the time of the election, but while the Mayor and the Sheriff subsequently absolved themselves, the District Attorney did not."
Replying to an inquiry as to what effect, in his opinion, the change in the administration of the District Attorney's office would have upon the reform efforts which

had been instituted, Mr. Hewitt said:
"I should think that it was the first
effective step toward realizing such reform as is possible in a city like New York. But in this matter of reform I would like to say that the people must not expect too much. Much will have been accomplished when this city is made a decent place to live in. Vice cannot be got rid of until virtue is substituted for it. That transformation will receive for it. That transformation will prove a slow process. It will take centuries, in fact, to bring it about. Improve con-

ditions and the population and the morality of the community will improve.
"I cannot help saying that the police and that department of the government which has to do with criminal matters have been indifferent to their duty and apparently have been encouraging vice. That has produced a great reaction in the public mind and has led to the reform movement."

VICE IN CHICAGO.

Ministers' Association Declares

Mayor Harrison Is to Blame. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Mayor Harrison, and not Chief of Police Kipley, is declared responsible for the present conditions in Chicago by the central committee of the Ministers' Association which met today to discuss the antivice crusade. The ministers' central committee appointed a subcommittee which will meet Monday and form a vigilance committee of 15 representative laymen for the purpose of making personal investigation into the sources of lawlessness and

CRIME NEWS.

The Berwick Tragedy.

BERWICK, Me., Dec. 24.-E. H. Knight who was arrested at South Berwick June ion, charged with the murder of Fannis Sprague, was arraigned before Trial Jus-tice Lord here today, and two doctors told of the condition of the body and witnesses gave testimony as to the whare-abouts of Knight on the day in question, the intention being to show that there was no opportunity for him to have committed the crime, and also to show that the stories to'd by Knight are contra-dictory. Counsel for Knight unnounced that he would offer no defense, and Trial Justice Lord stated that he considered the evidence sufficient to warrant his holding Knight. Accordingly, the prisoner was bound over to the January term of the Supreme Court at Saco and ordered cen fined in the jail at Alfred without ball.

SONORA, Ky., Dec. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to rob the Sonora Deposit Bank. The would-be rob-bers were evidently frightened away br-fore they succeeded in forcing an en-trance to the safe. They left all their tools lying near the vault. The bank offi-cials were unable to open the vaults this morning, and business was suspended for ig, and business was suspended for

Attempt to Wreek a Bank.

A Kentucky Fond.

LONDON, Ky., Dec. 2t.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Faris distil-lery, 12 miles from here, yesterday. Four members of the Sisemore family on one dde, and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sisemorea were killed instantly, and two of the Sisemores were probably fatally wounded

BONHAM, Tex. Dec. 24—At Gober, a few miles south of here. J. J. Jehnson, a prominent farmer, was murdered by robbers. His body was found in the yard badly bruised and the fiesh burned from his breast and arms. It is supposed the bandits burned their victim in an effect to force him to the lands. o force him to tell where his money was

May Have Been Murdered. PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. M.-Maggie Hoel has been missing since I o'clock Sunday afternoon, and it is feared that she has been murdered. The sirl, who was about it years of age, lived with her sister. Mrs. Charles Beatty, in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city. Sunday Mrs. Beatty left Maggie in charge of her lit-

two hours later her sister was gone, and the baby was alone in the house. Indi-cations about the premises led to the im-mediate suspicion that the girl had been taken from home by force.

McDonald May Recover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. M.—The Coroner's inquest in the case of Frank H. Morris, Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department, who was killed at the Winder building, Saturday afternoon, by Samuel I. McDonald, was held today. The verdict was that Morris had come to his death by reason of a pistol shot wound inflicted by McDonald. McDonald, who is in a precarious condition at the Emergency Hospital, suffering from self-inflicted wounds after killing Morria, is somewhat improved, and has a chance to recover. McDonald May Recover.

Jessie Morrison Released.

BLDORADO, Kan., Dec. 24-Jessie Morison was released this evening on \$500 bonds. Sheriff Turner approved the bond early this evening, Judge M. H. Morrison, father of the imprisoned girl, accompan-ied him to the lail, where they released Jessie Morrison, from castody. The party then quietly went to the Morrison home, the darkness protecting them from the gaze of the curious.

Kerrigan Was Held. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 34.—The Coroner today investigated the death of Edward Sanford, who died in a hospital Saturday night after a boxing bout with Joseph Kerrigan. The jury rendered a verdict that Sanford's death was due to hemorrhage of the brain. Kerrigan was held to await the action of the grand jury. The referee, seconds and others ar-rested Saturday night were discharged.

A Planter Assassinated. TEXARKANA, Tex., Dec. N.-informa-tion reached here today from Garland City Ark., a small station about 15 miles east, that a prominent Red River planter and merchant of that place, named Ow-ens, was assassinated while walking along the reliroad track.

THE DAY'S RACES.

Races at Tanforas.

BAN FRANCISCO, Dec. N. — The weather was fine and the track fair. The results were:

Mile and a half, purse—The Bobby won, Bangor second, Locoches third; time,

Mile and an eighth, selling-Owensboro won, Campus W. second, Morinel third; time, 1:56%.

Six furlongs, owners' handicap-Mechan-Hermoso second, Theory third; One mile, purse-Talamon won, Galanthus second, Sam Fullen third; time,

1:43%. Six and a half furlongs-Headwate won, True Blue second, Gibraltar third; time, 1:81.

Seven and a half furlongs, selling—Lady Meddlesome won, Alas second, Dolly Wie-thoff third; time, 1:36%.

Races at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.-Weather, wood; track, fast. The results were: One mile, selling—Castine won, Etholin second, Demagogue third; time, 1:43%. Five furlongs, selling—Belle of Agin won, St. Bluff second, Elsle Dell third;

Six furlongs, selling—Lady Contrary ron, Diggs second, Klasick third; time, Handicap, mile and 70 yards-Gen. Mart

Gary won, Annoy second, Alex third; time, 1:47%. Selling, six furlongs—Sackatuck won, Early Bird second, Mordelmo third; time, Six furlongs, selling-Ep won, Educate second, Syncopated Sandy third; time, 183%.

Prizefight in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 25, 5 A. M.-A boxing match at the Hoppodrome yesterday be-tween George Golwin and Ted Cantrell for 5000 francs resulted in the defeat of Cantrell, who was knocked out at the con-clusion of the second round by a blow under the heart. The Police Commissoner, who was present, announced that he would take proceedings against the

Lipton Cables for Barrie.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Sir Thomas amend: Lipton today cabled his representative fusion, here, Davie Barrie, to come to London From as soon as he could arrange matters on this side. Mr. Barrie will leave Wednesday. Sir Thomas has always made proposals for his boat's needs while ahead and Mr. Barrie's visit is pre-sumed to be for the purpose of talking over the requirements of the campaign which will open next August.

Defends the Game of Fare. PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(To the Editor. I have just read Rev. E. P. Hill's com munication on the evils of gambling in Portland, and, if you have no objection, would like to say a few words in reply. Before going any further, I will say that I am in no way connected with a gam-bling-bouse, Of course, we all know that Dr. Hill means well, but I think he does not thoroughly understand the situation. It is a well-known fact that a large pro portion of the men of every large gamble, law or no law. If open gamb should be suppressed, men would continue to gamble, just the same, but behind closed doors, and nine-tenths of such games are of the "bruce" order, where a nan has little or no chance to win. mitting that men will gamble, whether or no, why not let them gamble where they have a chance to win? In my opinion, the very best way to regulate this seemingly peessary evil is to make each house pay yearly license of \$1000 or more each, and woke the license if they fall to conduct

square game at all times. A fair game of faro is the squarest and most fascinating game in existence. Compared to stock gambling, faro is an inuccent pastime. In making a \$100 dent in stocks (in a "bucket-shop") a speculator is charged a commission of one-quarter, or \$25. Whatever stock he may have purchased would have to decline only three-quarters of a cent in order to "freeze" him out; and for him to double his investment a rise of P4 cents would e necessary. A very poor mathematician can easily figure out the enormous per centage against the speculator. That is bad enough, but, should the proprietor of the "bucket-shop" be dishonest, he could cause false quotations to be posted on the board and "wipe out" his contract without giving the speculator a chance to wip. The above scheme would not work on the experienced speculator, but would

catch the nevice. If every fare game was compelled to pay a license of \$1000 or more, the small may a license of \$1000 or more, the small fry would be compelled to go out of business, and the few (one, two or three large houses remaining could be watched without much trouble. License or no because, gambling, in some form or other, will continue to flourish in Portland, and is it not better for the city to profit by issuing licenses than to get nothing? I say yes.

R. CHAMBERLIN.

Return of Chief Kipley. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Chief of Police Kir

ey returned to Chicago early today. He said his return was hastened by the ill-ness of Captain Colleran, Chief of Detec-ives. "The fact that various accusatives. "The fact that various accurations have been made against me since by departure about two weeks ago, had nothing to do with my homecoming," said the Chief. "I am here and ready for the Grand Jury any time that body wants to see me. I've been on my vacation, and have enjoyed the rest."

Suicide of Old-Time Scout. HONOLULU, Dec. 17, via San Francis-co, Dec. M.—Frank P. Bennett, the well-known American Indian scout, committed Fight

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head last Thursday evening, December 13, His suicide followed the death by polsen-ing of Miss Clara Schneider, a young woman with whom he had been much as-sociated, and in tracing the connec-tion between the two deaths the police upon many circumstances support of the theory that the death of the woman should be Itld at Bennett's door, Bennett was an Indian fighter of National reputation, being one of three survivors of the famous company, of whom Buffalo Bill is best known, that took a prominent part in running the Apache Geronimo to

FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION Legislature Urged to Take Up the

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Ed-ttor.)—The recent frequent discussions in The Oregonian in reference to schemes for relieving the congested conditions in the Supreme Court, and to correct evila-resulting from the fee system, etc., are steresting and instructive, notwithstanding the many absurd propositions that oc-

There is, however, a proposition that, it seems to me, should, and in the near future must, enlist the attention of our Legislature. I have reference to a new constitution for Oregon.

Owing to the remarkably rapid strides f progress in all directions, we cannot ut recognize the fact that much of our present constitution is becoming obsolete. and madequate as a foundation for much needed legislation. This is particularly so with reference to our present judicial system. All progressive states have abandoned the old circuit method of embracing several counties in a judicial district. The method of giving to each county one judge and one prosecuting officer, the court so established to have the same jurisdiction established to have the same jurisdiction as that which our present circuit court has, and in addition thereto to have also probate jurisdiction, would do away with our probate and county court, as we now have it, and would largely reduce expenses. The court so established, like that of our neighbors, California and Washington, would always be in session to try causes and transact such husiness as might be required, without the delay and expense incident to the present method.

od.
The inadequacy of our present constitu tion is so well understood that it is un necessary to do more than call attention to the remedy. Continual patching by amendments, if done at all, tends to con-

laws has resulted a heterogeneous mass, and immense labor is required to determine, in many cases, just what is in force. Repeals are in many instances in-tended, but not accomplished. Laws, like our present game law, have been so hadly butchered by oft-recurring amendments that it is very difficult to determine just what the law is. Submitting to the people a proposed

amendment to the constitution, to be voted on at a general election, as we dis-covered at the election last June, is folly. People don't see the proposed amendment on the ballot because of their greater interest in the remainder of the ticket, or seeing it have no conception of its im-ort, and hence don't vote on it at all, it would hardly pay to amend the constitution by sections, when there is so much of it that ought to be changed, and par-ticularly if it is to be voted on at a gen-eral election. The proper way, it seems to me, is to institute the necessary proceedings for a new constitution, and hav-ing put it in shape for submission to the people, call a special election for the oters to pass on it. They are then like ly to inform themselves upon it, and are not likely to overlook it. The recent pro-posed amendments submitted at the last general election did not receive as much attention as the ordinary candidate for constable, but if there had been a special election for that purpose, some of them would doubtless have been carried. Many will, perhaps, say that there is plenty of time yet to talk of a new constitution, but it is a slow process at best and if we commence now, we will not get it too soon. C. B. WATSON. It too spon.

Perry Tiffany Fails. Perry Tiffany Falls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Perry Tiffany has declared himself bankrupt and in a petition filed today he places the amount of his Habilities at 83,871 and his nominal assets at 85,890. Mr. Tiffany was formerly vice-president of the Sterling Supply & Manufacturing Company, trading in railroad supplies. He is a grandson of Commodore Perry and a sen of George Tiffany, of Baltimore. He married a daughter of the late Theodore Havemyer. His brother William, who was with the Rough Riders, died in Boston after his return from Cuba.

ton after his return from Cuba Seven Hundred Miners Struck. SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Enter-prise colliery, operated by W. L. Con-nell & Co., of Scranton, was tied up completely this morning by the 700 employe going on strike because a number of min-ers had not paid their laborers the amounts the latter claimed in accordance

with the 10 per cent increase. The strik-ers say they will not return to work until

the company either makes offending min ers settle satisfactory or discharge

Grand Opera in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The Metropolitan English Grand Opera Company, under the direction of Maurice Grau and Henry Savage, opened a two weeks' engagement at the Auditorium Theater tonight. Ver-di's spectacular opera. "Alda." was pre-sented, with Miss Strakosch in the title

The Macdonough Launched. EAST BAINTREE, Mass. Dec. 24.-The torpedo-boat destroyer Macdonough was launched at the works of the Force co, Dec. M.—Frank P. Bennett, the well-known American Indian scout, committed ing of bells and the blowing of whistles, suicide here by shooting himself in the Mrs. Lucy Charlotte Macdonough Reade,

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Your Liver As a Right Which Is His, and a Duty Which Every Right-Minded Person Owes to Humanity---The Searching Investigation of These Cures as the Only Answer to Careless and Dangerous Criticism.

> cted on the splendid work Doctors Copethis: "Oh, yes; these physicians are of these words. scientists and able physicians all right; they do as much good as any doctors, probably more good than most doctors. ut they don't cure. There is nobody who by the science of medicine does cure; they relieve symptoms, benefit to some legree, perhaps, but they don't cure. edicine is not an exact science."

Those who talk like this are most dan terous enemies to this splendld work. The science of medicine that Doctor Copeland represents does cure. It is an exact science. There are no half truths in it. There is only one answer to such day us criticism, that answer is, INVESTI-GATION. Upon that answer Doctor Cope. land insists as his right in this communwhere for seven years he has cond ed the largest practice ever known in the

The greatest wrong that is in- well-thinking people owe to the splendid and and Montgomery are doing for hu-manify comes from those so called intel-linguist critics, who say semething like friends and neighbors, prove the truth

Here are these cases, Doctor Cope-

Innd tells you they are cared. Now, when a so-called intelligent critic launches his dangerous scepticism, be prepared to answer him with this: "I have been to see these peopl. I have written to them. I have investigated their cases elecumstantially. I know all about them. I know that they were cured."

These cases in these columns are printed for no other purpose than to answer this kind of criticism. They are selected from different localities in this region from prople who are necessible to you, whom you can go and see. Searching investigation by intelligent right-minded people is the answer to this dangerous, though superficial, scepticism, which Doctor distory of medicine, as a duty that all Copeland has the right to demand

THESE PEOPLE SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

CURED OF ASTHMA AND CATARRH OF LONG STANDING

Mr. S. Saulcer, Kelso, Wash.-Until ten years ago I was in perfect health. At that time I had grippe, which left me with catarrh and that torturing malady asthma. 'Only those who are afflicted as I was can know what I suffered.

My nose would become stopped up. so I could not breathe through it. The brouchial tubes would seem to narrow and contract-partially close up-so as to make it difficult at times for me to get enough breath to keep me alive. At night I would have to



Mr. S. Saulcer, Kelso, Wash, Cured

of Catarrh and Asthma. alt up in a rocking chair to keep from suffocating. I was coughing incessantly. I would become black in the face in the struggle for air. At times I was in imminent and real danger of strangulation. My breath was very short and accompanied by wheezing and rattling.

I spent armost everything I made in doctoring and buying medicines, but all I got was a little temporary relief. I had heard so much about the Copeland treatment in similar troubles to mine that I decided to give it a trip! with the re of a cure. On my way up to consult the doctor I had to sit up all night on the boat, inhaling medicine, and was almost too worn out to get up to the office. I hadn't much confidence that I could be helped, and was completely surprised at the prompiness and thoroughness with which the treatment mastered the trop ble. I began to improve almost from the first day. Now I have no more asthma or trouble of any kind. I am growing stronger every day and sleep all like a child, something I have not don in years.

CURED OF A SERIOUS

CATARRHAL TROUBLE

Mrs. W. M. Mamt. Kenliworth, Portland .- It is all of seven years since I first noticed that something was wrong with my head. My head and nose were topped up, first one side, then the other. Soon the right nostril became completely clogged and I breathed entirely through the left side and mouth. I had a

Dull, Aching Pain Through the Forehead,

And my eyes were weak and watery. Added to this uncomfertable, stopped-upfeeling was a continual discharge from the nose and dripping into the throat. After a time a ringing and buzzing came in the right ear, and the hearing became very dull.

My whole system seemed tainted by the catarrhal poison. My food did not digest. I was always tired and without ambition or energy.

One of my neighbors whose little daughter had been cured of a severe entarrhal trouble by the Copeland physicians advised me to place myself under their care, I did so, and the result has been very gratifying to me. My breathing now is as clear as though I never had this terrible

From my experience with the Copelanii treniment, I can conscieutiously recommend it to all who are afflicted as I was.

CURED OF NASAL CATARRH.

Mr. Robert Allen, Cornellus, Or.-I had suffered from posal catarrh for four or five years, the malady having been contracted by my taking one cold after another, until I had what you might call a chronic cold in the head. My nose being stopped up, there was a constant delipping of matter from above, causing incessant hawking and spitting to clear my throat. On getting up in the morning I had severe pain over the eyes and always a dull aching through the forehead. My eyes seemed to become affected, and the sight of the right eye was dim and

At the end of my course of treatment at the Copeland Institute I had no sign of entorth, my eyesight was as clear and perfect as ever, and my general health better than in years.

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EVENINGS-Tuesdays and Fridays SUNDAYS-From 10 A. M. to 12 M SPECIAL NOTICE

Office Hours Christmas and New Year's, From 9 A. M. to 12 M. of Philadelphia, christened the vessel with of Philadeiphia, christened the vessel with champagne. The new boat was taken down the river to the Quincy works of the company. There were very few of the long list of invited guests who re-mained over from Saturday to witness the launching today. Ideutenant Gustava Kaemerling, engineer of the Olympia dur-ing Dewey's great battle of Manila Bay, was present.

Pressed Steel Car Works Destroyed. JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Fox Pressed Steel Car Works, one of the largest in-dustries in Joliet, was nearly destroyed by fire today. It is thought all the costiy machinery, valued at \$100.000, is ruined. The burned building can be replaced for about \$25,000.

Roland Reed Improved. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Reland Reed, the actor, was removed today from St. Luke's Hospital to his home on West One Hundred and Twenty-second street. He has improved very much.

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