LAST WEEK OF THE SPECIAL SES-SION OF THE SENATE.

Death of Justice Stanley Matthews-Oklahoma Boomers Forever Barred from the Public Domain-A List of Appointments

The present special session of congress closed this week.

Samuel R. Thayer has been named as minister to the Netherlands.

Frederick D. Grant has been confirmed

minister to Austria-Hungary. Elbert D. Weed has been confirmed

district attorney for Montana.

The Chae Chang Ping case is creating

much interest in Washington.

Appropriations by the Fiftieth congress amounted to \$10,000,000.

The Republicans will have a majority of ten in the Fifty-first congress.

Henry N. Blake, of Montana, has been

nominated chief justice of Montana. It is thought that Judge Gresham will

be appointed to the supreme bench. O. C. White, of Dayton, has been con-

firmed secretary of Washington territory. A favorable report has been made by

the naval board on the gunboat Yorktown. President Harrison is the fourteenth

lawyer to occupy the Presidential chair. J. W. Mason, of Virginia, has been appointed commissioner of internal reve-

Miles C. Moore, of Walla Walla, has been confirmed governor of Washington

John R. McFee, of New Mexico, has been nominated associate justic of that

territory. William W. Thomas, jr., of Maine, will be United States minister to Norway and Sweden.

The senate special committee on Pacific railroads will shortly start on an ininspecting tour.

The Shah of Persia was the first royal ruler to send his congratulations to President Harrison.

Secretary Windom says the surplus revenue will not necessitate an extra ses sion of congress.

Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, it is believed, will be nominated commissioner of pensions.

The President has declared that under no circumstances will be make any prom-

ises to office seekers. Quite a number of congressmen were laid up with pneumonia from exposure

on inauguration day. J. N. Tyner, of Indiana, has been selected assistant attorney general for the postoffice department.

Frank R. Aikens, of Dakota, has been nominated associate justice of the supreme court of Dakota.

For the first time in nearly fifty years neither a Saulsbury or a Bayard is in public life at Washington.

The Samoan commissioners will probably not leave Washington for Berlin before the middle of next month. The California delegation at Washing-

ton does not appear to be harmonious in regard to the selections to offices. Justice Stanley Matthews died at Wash-

ington Friday morning of exhaustion of the heart and conjestion of the kid-Mrs. Harrison has given publicity to

the fact that she will pay no attention to solicitations to influence appointments to

Many complaints have reached the President from the people of Arizona, concerning the appointment of Wolfley to be governor of that territory.

The President has commuted the death sentence of Albert Green, colored, convicted of murder in the District of Col-

umbia, to life imprisonment. who was postmaster general in Millard

Fillmore's cabinet, was the first.

It is to be hoped that the appointment the new superintendent of the mail service will be an improvement on employment. the old, especially on the Pacific Coast.

The names of persons entering upon the lands ceded to the Creek and Seminole Indians, in violation of law, are to be listed and forever debarred from the publie domain.

The interior department has ruled that a minor, who supports a mother, brother, or any other near relative, shall be entitled to make entry upon the publie domain.

The conservative press of the City of Mexico is attacking President Harrison and Secretary Blaine, claiming that they are ambitious to have the United States

possess Mexico. The President has withdrawn the nomination of Eugene Schuyler to be assistant secretary of state, on the ground that he was an applicant for a high posi-

tion under Cleveland's administration. Senator Butler has offered a resolution declaring that the tenure of office of the president pro tem, does not expire at the

meeting of congress, and that the office shall continue at the pleasure of the sen-Five hundred Chicago lawyers signed a petition to the President last week, urging the appointment of Stephen A.

Douglas, jr., to be United States district attorney for the Northern district of Illi-Judge Gray, of the supreme court, the veteran bachelor of that venerable body of wisdom, will shortly be married to

Miss Jeanette Matthews, daughter of Judge Matthews, lately of the supreme Postmaster General Wanamaker has issued an order directing all clerks in his

department to begin work at 8:30 a. m., instead of 9 o'clock, as heretofore, and near a dynamo of the electric street rail- ply Los Angeles. The town claims a pop- get it out. remain at their desks until 6 p. m., in- way company and the needle was drawn ulation or 60,000. The President, it is said, has refrained

court of St. James, because of the lact that England has shown no disposition to fill the vacancy caused by the recall of Minister West.

James, because of the lact rebel ram Merrimae is denied. It is as served that they were in the hold of the hading income. The had heard a rich woman refuse him because his mot fixed. The woman betrayed no emotion of the territory for settlement, and serious trouble is feared.

OF THE MERRIMAC.

The Oklahoma Boomers Ejected from Indian Territory-The American Flag Publicly Insulted by a Canadian "Chippy."

Mrs. Cleveland's picture still sells. Germany is having built sixteen tor-

pedo boats. Premier von Tiza has tendered his

resignation. Berlin, Germany, has suppressed the

There are fourteen Indians in the Kan-

sas penitentiary. A fine of \$100 will be imposed for sell-

ing a vote in Maine. Nebraska pays a bounty of one cent a

pound on beet sugar. Damascus, Syria, will soon have gas

lamps and street-cars. The Pittsburg law and order society

employs female detectives. During the month of February 5000 ne

groes emigrated from North Carolina. The Russian government will spend

120,000,000 roubles on her new navy. Robert Sigel, son of General Sigel, has pleaded guilty of forgery in New York.

Miss Mary Anderson's physician de-

nies that his patient's mind is affected.

churns his butter by natural gas power. Booth and Modjeska have signed a Ex-President Cleveland and Mr. Vilas have been elected members of Tammany.

Strawberries from the South made their appearance in the Chicago market Redding, Cal., Thursday.

King Alexander has written his mother, ex-Queen Natalie, to remain away bay at San Diego, Friday.

been fifteen duels and sixteen suicides at Monte Carlo.

The storm which has been raging on the Atlantic coast for several days past height is seven feet four inches. has subsided.

John C. Klein, of Samoan fame, is

anxious to appear before the Berlin con- at National City, Cal., Thursday. ference as a witness. The Ottawa government is considering

measure excluding American lard by an exorbitant duty. The " Catholic Total Abstinence News"

of Philadelphia, has come out squarely against prohibition. Ex-President Cleveland celebrated his

pleasure trip to Cuba. John Adams, the \$70,000 forger, died bave fought a desperate and bloody duel

of self-imposed starvation in the Georgia with swords at Los Angeles last week. penitentiary last week.

panies has fallen through.

the persistent "boomers." Sherman, will be consecrated a Cath priest at Philadelphia in July.

General Franz Siegel's son has been sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for defrauding pension claimants.

Hon. Enoch Hoult, twice senator from Linn county, and author of the railroad law, died at Harrisburg last week.

Mrs. Langtry is reported quite sick with tonsilitis, and in consequence all of her engagements have been canceled.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana legislature to ascertain the relation between the ground hog and the weather. The customs authorities of Toronto

have seized and destroyed 100 copies of Zola's novels, for being of immoral char-The Union Pacific claims that it has

Governor Proctor is Vermont's second been systematically robbed of rolling postmaster general. Jacob Collamer, stock for the last eight years by other roads. By the closing down of the mines of

the Pennsylvania company at Scranton last week 2000 men will be thrown out of Ex-Mayor Hewitt, of New York, will

remove his extensive steel and iron works from Trenton, N. J., to Chattanooga, Tenn.

A bill introduced in the Indiana legislature provides that property purchased with pension money shall be exempt from taxation.

Martin White, of Jackson, committed suicide Friday night by placing the muzzle of a shot gun in his mouth and springing the trigger with his foot.

The recent performance of Yale students in dragging the statue of the late Professor Stillman from its pedestal has excited no little indignation.

Gen. Wade Hampton has returned two battle flags to the survivors of the 65th Pennsylvania volunteers, which were captured by his troops in the late civil war.

The Pennsylvania board of pardons has refused to commute the death sentence of Mrs. Sarah Jane Whiteling, for poisoning her husband and two children.

Cardinal Harocchi, the pope's vicar, will seek refuge in the United States, if it be-

came necessary for him to leave Europe. The West Virginia Republican senators have agreed to refuse the call for an the majority of whom have as much Wilson is not the legal executive of the has of homeopathy.

state.

Long, 16 years of age, and cut her severe- the demands of Pacific Coast canners in Mice take advantage of this to make their ly about the face and head with a razor, a reduction of Eastern freight rates. and then cut his own throat.

Charles Nier, of Scranton, Pa., ran a needle in his foot last week, and the doctors failing to find it, his foot was placed It will take twelve factories alone to sup-

## FROM THE CAPITOL. NEWS MISCELLANY. THE PACIFIC COAST.

ON THE GALLOWS.

Public Sentiment Regarding the Wanton Killing of Old Man Sprague at Garvanza - The Ubiquitous Tascott Again.

Stockton, Cal., vagrants, on conviclon, get fifty days in jail.

Three hundred men are now employed at the Vallejo navy yard.

A one-eyed Mexican is the sheriff of Los Angeles county, Cal. Bronco Liz, the Spokane Falls murder-

ess, has been held without bail. Joaquin Miller has been appointed a about the worst possible vessel to keep

member of the California forestry com-Mr. Moody has been practicing on the

N. L. Patterson was arrested at Oroville. Cal., last week, for passing counterfeit notes.

John A. Dimmig, of Benhayon mystery fame, is engaged in selling fruit trees in California.

Another attempt was made by robbers to wreck a passenger train near Yuma Friday night.

Pacific will not at present build north of the Columbia. Right-of-way for the Payallup Valley

on the reservation. Joseph Vivian, a fugitive Leadville, contract for a thirty weeks' starring tour. | Col., murderer, was arrested at Amador City, Cal., last week.

> A man named C. E. Crookshank, of Clackamas, was found dead in a botel at

packed in a valise and floating in the bushels to the acre.

wife is also held for burglary. Ly Fung Su, a giant Chinaman, arrived in San Francisco Friday. His

The widow of Cyrus W. Field, 80 years of age, fell and broke her shoulder blade

The new gold fields near Holbrook, Arizona, turns out to be as much of a fraud as those of Lower California.

The two men, Cuff and Stutzman, who robbed the San Luis Obispo stage recently, have acknowledged their guilt. Albert Fostrom was acquitted at Ta-

coma last week on the charge of having 52d birthday last week by embarking on a | murdered one Carlson last September.

Higway robbers earn a precarious liv-The great scheme of Henry Villard to ing by preying upon returning Lower consolidate all of Edison's electric com- California gold miners near Tia Juana.

A commercial drummer declares that A lively skirmish occurred in Oklaho-ma last week between the soldiery and on the principal streets of Los Angeles.

> The California legislature appropriated \$30,000 for creosoting works at San Francisco for the protection of piles in wharf building.

evy blackmail.

salmon, of the pack of 1889, have been at from seven to twelve pounds. sold in advance. Gov. Watterman has signed the bill prohibiting the sale of liquors in Califor-

nia to persons addicted to the inordinate use of the same. shipped to San Francisco from the Pal-

isade mine, near Calistoga. A whale and its calf were thrown on the beach at Santa Rosa during a storm last week. The mother whale

measured sixty feet in length. thrown in the river by unknown parties, near Spokane Falls, Tuesday.

James Dealy, a Napa county, Cal.,

farmer, has been sued by a Mr. Rutherford for \$20,000 damages for having winds and the chilling rains. caused the death of the latter's child. The mayor of Los Angeles has vacated the office and given way to his successor. under the new city charter, but the audi-

tor refuses to let go, and will appeal to

dled several Portland merchants by means and pepper and salt to suit the taste. of forged checks recenty, was arrested at Pass the potatos through a coarse sieve. San Francisco Tuesday while working the same game.

A man answering the description of Tascott is said to have been working in rum or glycerine each one part, quince Senator Stanford's vineyard, near Vina, Cal. Officers left from Sacramento and of oil of rose or any other perfume may San Francisco to arrest him, but the be added to the bay rum before mixing. Cal. Officers left from Sacramento and bird had flown.

A large mass-meeting was held at Medical Lake, W. T., last week, and resolu-The pope, according to a late speech of tions were adopted and committees appointed to notify the Chinese in that vicinity to leave.

extra session, on the ground that Gov. knowledge of practical mining as a hog An early meeting of the Transconti-

mines, in Lower California, 2000 men.

Claus Spreckles proposes to erect beet sugar factories in every community where 5000 acres are devoted to beats.

Josiah and Elizabeth Potts, found The skeletons reported to have been guilty of murder in the first degree in escorted to the Kansas line by U. from making any nomination to the found chained in the hold of the sunken killing Miles Tancett at Carlin, Nev., troops last week. The men are wrought

GHASTLY DISDOVERY IN THE HOLD MAN AND WIFE TO SUFFER DEATH SCIENTIFIC METHOD FOR DETECT-ING PURE HONEY.

> Benefit to be Derived by Farmers in Closely Observing the Market Reports-Remedy for Chapped Hands-Receip s.

To remove a sticky oil-cloth go over it with a hot iron.

Grapes do best on well cultivated ground-well drained.

Beware how you get into debt. It is not so easy to get out. An old flour barrel, with the remains of flour on its sides to become musty, is

apples in. To feed sheep for flesh and bone is also to feed it for wool; but heavy grainadamantine souls of San Diegans the feeding makes yelk and grease to an

amount disproportionate to gain in fleece.

It is best, as a rule, to feed whole grain at night, corn, oats, wheat or sorghum, something that the gizzards can work upon a portion of the night at least rather than some soft light food.

Farmers who raise sheep should bear in mind that the wool of sheep, as well as the mutton, depends on liberal feeding. No poorly fed or poorly cared for sheep will produce what it is capable of in C. P. Huntington says the Southern quantity or quality.

As far as experiments have been conducted it has been demonstrated that when wheat is 60 cents per bushel, it is A Washington county, Penn., man railroad has been refused by the Indians the cheapest grain that can be used as @11c. food for stock, being more nutricious than corn and better adapted for growing stock

A New York dairyman says be can get more milk from cows fed on beets, two bushel per day to the cow, than from ensilage. The milk yield ran up to twenty quarts. He asserts he can produce beets The body of a female child was found at a cost of four cents a bushel, 1900

The following has been suggested for Charles Willard, a burglar at Santa the ear-ache: Oliver oil, one ounce; During the present year there have Barbara, is held on sixteen charges. His chloroform, one drachm. Mix and shake well together, then pour 25 or 30 drops into the ear and close it up with a piece of raw cotton to exclude the air and retain the mixture. It will give instant

relief. To make boiled onions: Peel two quarts of silver skin onions of a uniform size and boil them in plenty of salted wa ter until tender. Drain off the water and put one teacup of fresh milk, one large tablespoonful of butter, and a little salt and pepper in the kettle; boil all together for five minutes, then pour into a hot dish and serve.

The partridge coch is undoubtedly one of our most prominent breeds. They are well fitted for city or rural life. They are extremely quiet, hardy, healthy and Two Japanese girls are reported to good layers. Their flesh is good and presentable in color-the color that suits the taste of the American people, They are handsome in plumage and possess a good share of useful qualities.

Take two lemons and rasp them on sugar, the juice of six lemons and one orange, half a pint of water, and one pint of clarified sugar made as follows: Take three pounds of sugar, two pints of wa-A full list of immigrants to the Pacific ter, half the white of an egg well beaten with farmers. General Sherman's son, Thomas Ewing Coast, of the vintage of '49, is being combleman, will be consecrated a Catholic piled by C. W. Haskins, of Oakland, Cal. the mixture through a hair sieve, and freeze in the usual way. This makes a delicious lemon-water ice.

> Begin right in getting out as many of the Asiatic chicks in February, March John D. James, a San Diego private and April. Then, before the show seadetective, has been sentenced to two son, they have nearly reached maturity, years' imprisonment for attempting to and if they have been kept in a thrifty, growing condition from the start, and are (as they should be) bred from large, It is estimated that over 700,000 cases healthy stock, they will require very litof Oregon, British Columbia and Alaska tle fattening to make them tip the scales

To make a good boiled ham, scrape the outside of the ham to remove any particles which may adhere to it and put it into a large kettle partly filled with cold water; when it begins to boil move the Last week five bars of gold and silver kettle to the back of the range and cook bullion, weighing 512 pounds, were slowly until tender enough to have a fork run into it easily. Take it from the water and when almost cold cut off the rind

and ornament the top with cloves. All warm-blooded animals maintain their heat by a slow combustion within their bodies, for which their food is the A shoemaker by the name of John fuel. Man supplements this natural sup-Cramer was murdered and his body ply by kindling a fire in his house. The lower animals make no fire; they have no fuel but their feed. It is true economy, therefore, for the owner to bushand their supply of heat by providing shelters which will protect them from the cold

To make potato snow, peel and wash and boil in salted water until tender, one dozen large potatos; pour off the water and let them stand upon the back of the range for five minutes, then mash fine of farmers depends upon keeping a close and season with one half cup of cream or Malarkey, the young man who swin- sweet milk, one tablespoonful of butter, or a patent potato masher, and heap them lightly into a hot vegetable dish.

For chapped hands take of pure bay seed jelly two parts; mix. A few drops When diluted with rain water it forms an excellent dressing for the hair. This jelly is made by adding two drachms of quince seed to two pints of water, boiled down to one pint, filtered hot and allowed to crystals and abounds with pollen grains, cool. For certain skin diseases a drachm | while the imitations have little else than of boracic acid may be dissolved in each There are now at the Santa Clara ounce of glycerine before mixing.

An old sod does not rot quickly, especially after a dry season and on heavy soil. We have often seen the furrow returned the following spring, after a cropof corn had been grown on it the year be-Joseph Mendor, a jilted lover of Ash-and, Wis., entered the room of Ellen railway managers will probally accede to by the roots and leaves of the old sod. fore, and the furrow was plainly defined winter burrows out of reach of crows, cats and owls. Almost every shock of orn will have such a whole reaching under the burrows. A mouse in this haven can run faster than anything can dig to

Hundreds of Oklahoma boomers were

# HOME AND FARM. | PORTLAND MARKET.

THE WHEAT MARKET REMAINS DULL AND INACTIVE.

Vascillating Sugars-Local Market Con tinues o be Anything but Satisfactory-Good Fruits Command Good Prices.

The wheat market shows very little mand in the East being also light. A quotations.

GROCERTES.

cube, crushed and powdered 7% c. Coffee: Java 25c, Rio 2019c, Arbuckle's roasted PROVISIONS.

con 13c, sides 10c, shoulders 9 oc 10c.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes 30@35c, onions 70@75c. DRIED FRUITS. Apples 5@6c, sliced 6c, apricots 13@ 14c, peaches 8@10c, pears Sc, Oregon prunes, Italian, Sc, silver 7c, German 6 @7c, plums 5@7c. Raisins \$2 per box, California figs 8c, Syrna 15c.

DAIRY PRODUCE. Butter, Oregon fancy 25c, medium 20c,

Eastern 22c, California 20c. EGGS. Eggs 15c.

Oats 300:32c.

POULTRY. doz., geese \$10@12, turkeys 17c per lb

Valley 18c, Eastern Oregon 8@15c.

HOPS.

Hops 8@14c. GHAIN. Wheat, Valley \$1.35, Eastern \$1.25.

FLOUR. Standard \$4, other brands \$4. FEED. \$16, barley chop \$24@25, mill chop \$18.

FRESH MBATS.

4c, dressed Sc, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs 6c, dressed 7@71gc, veal 6@8c. A white man, engaged in promoting negro emigration from North Carolina.

Excitement, less been erected in Kingston, Ont., over the act of a young chippy stamping upon the American flag while personating the role of Victoria in a publie performance.

he may possibly realize that he of the world himself. A strong reaction has taken place over vanza, last week, by a sheriff's posse, The facts, as now learned, go to show that while the officers were long on pistols,

guns and other implements of death,

they were exceedingly short on brains and ordinary discretion. A special committee appointed by the last congress to investigate the methods of doing business in the executive departments, especially those of the pension and land bureau, it requires as long as four or five years to settle a claim or

Tribune," has been nominated by the

President as minister to France.

get information.

Tribune" to the home rule policy for ment less cordial. that considerable of success on the part eye to the market. The first of any new crop will almost always command a high price, and soon after, when there is a rush for the market, prices rapidly decline. Unless one can be among the

for that reason a close watch should be kept of the reported supply and demand. An eminent microscopist finds that genuine honey can be readily distinguished from manufactured honey by the microthese crystals, with rarely a trace of pollen grains. The honeyed taste of the manufactured article may come from beeswax or honey comb being mashed up in it. Each class of plants has its own specific form of pollen grain, and a botanist can readily tell in what part

of the market that brings low prices, and

of the world the honey was made. -Philadeiphia has a Colonel New and Chicago s Major Old, and now where does General Average hang out? -Detroit Free Press.

-First Wife-"Why did you have your husband's body cremated?" Second Wife-"He swore he would haunt me. Now let him haunt."-Time. - Oh, why has this come to me? Why did I not dye before those fatal

words were spoken?" He had heard a

IMPORTED PREACHERS.

A Comparison of the American and the English Pulpits.

Comparing the pulpit of the two na-

tions intellectually, we need not fear

the verdict, although England has a

multitude of grand preachers, while

the Scotch and Irish pulpits enjoy a world-wide renown. A well-known English ciergyman has lately asserted that "there can be no doubt that the pulpit of the United States is more ably filled, taking it all in all, than is the sign of improvement over the present pulpit of the United Kingdom." We unsettled and unsatisfactory state of af- may well doubt so generous an asserfairs. The fluctuating prices in sugars tion, for many of the British clergy continues, and the market remains vir- who visit here easily convince us how tually unchanged since last report. The much we gain by studying their local market is weak, prices, however, remethods. Their familiarity with the maining about the same as a week ago. ipsisama verba of the Bible is amazing: Fruits in good condition command good and the chief charm and strength of prices and find a ready sale. Dried fruits their preaching is that, basing it so enof all kinds meet with a tardy sale. But- tirely upon Holy Writ, they yet adorn ter is firm and in good demand. There the exposition of the text with such a is very little activity in wool, the deearnestness and sound judgment as to lead captive both heart and head in marked fall is noted in all kinds of feed the listener. This seems to be the explanation of the fact that so many pulpits in New York and in other scaboard Sugars, Golden C 57 ac, extra C 614c, cities are occupied by British clergymen. We must find in them something which we miss in most of our own elergy. The fact is not so discreditable to us as it appears upon the Oregon bam 1245@13c, breakfast basurface. It certainly bears witness to Eastern ham 125 @ 131 c., Sinclaire's 13@ the absence here of a certain provin-131gc, breakfast bacon 121g@13c, sides cial narrowness which refuses to welshoulders 9@91gc Lard 101g come truth or power unless dressed in a native garb. And we must not for-Navel oranges \$4.00@4.75, Riverside get that these clergy referred to are \$3.25@3.50, apples \$1.50, lemons \$4.00 per picked men, who would be successful anywhere and in almost any profession, for there are hundreds of British clergy in America filling obscure pulpits and utterly unknown. And again, such able men come to us from a land where, as already shown, the temptations for clever young men to enter business life are not as great as here, and where (at least in the Church of England) many gifted clergymen who do not happen to command influence or patronage are free to look elsewhere for appreciation and usefulness. Our parishes welcome such men, and they Chickens \$6.@650, ducks \$12.00 per are wise to do so. They come also, as refreshing and stimulating influence to our American clergy. Nor have we any reason to doubt, from their own confession, that they are conscious of receiving as well as giving in their intercourse with our pastors. And we have reason to feel satisfaction at hearing the testimony lately offered by one of the most eminent among them, who said on a public platform: "I honestly Hay \$13@14 per ton, bran \$15, shorts declare that I never met with a company of ministers like the clergy of all denominations in New York, especially Beef, live, 4c, dressed Sc, mutton, live, for this, that they have no jealousies and so rivalries among them. They stand shoulder to shoulder for the truth on all occasions, have confidence in each other, rejoice in a brother's was arrested. Thursday, on the charge of presperity, and are ever ready to stand enticing hands to break their contracts round each other in trouble." -Archdeacon Mackay-Smith, in Harper's Magazine.

### AN INTERESTING RELIC.

The First Strong-Box Used by the State

of Himois.

Russia last year appropriated \$45,006 There is to be seen in the vault of for the education of Russian children in the State Treasury at the Capitol, a our own territory of Alaska. When Uncle most interesting memento of early Sam gets through with pension legisla-State history, being the original has a few ignorant children in that part "strong-box" used by the treasurer during the years of the existence of Illinois as a Territory and for a year the killing of old man Spragne at Gar- or so after its admission as a State. It consists of a plain cherry box of twelve by eighteen inches and about eight inches deep, divided into four compartments, in which the funds of the Territory and of the infant State were deposited during the period mentioned. The relic has been in the possession of the family of the Hon. John Thomas. partments, reports that in some of the de- for a considerable period Terrritorial Treasurer before the admission of Illinois as a State and afterward the first State Treasurer, and has just been presented to the State through State Whitelaw Reed, of the New York Treasurer Becker, accompanied by the following letter from James H. Thomas was seriously considered for the English of the Belleville Advocate, who is a mission, but the support given by the grandson of the first State Treasurer: Tribune" to the home rule policy for Ireland, it was thought, might render Becker, State Treasurer, Springfield, Ill.—Dean his relations with the English govern- Sin: By to-morrow's express 1 send you a small chest that should from its historical association be now the property of the State of An evidently shrewd observer says Illinois; and you being the State Treasurer, and from this the home county of the first treasurer.

first, it is better to hold until prices have Thomas, was, as you are well aware, the Terpassed the cost stage and come back to a ritorial Treasurer by appointment, and was more normal condition. It is the forcing afterward elected as the first State Treasurer. and he used this chest as the deposit ory for the public moneys while in his hands during the time he was in office. The genumeness of this relic is well authenticated by evidences that have been in the possession of the writer's family for seventy years. "It is a plain, old fashioned, modest little box, quite in keeping with its day, and no doubt ample enough for the demands upon it then as a receptacle for the State's money. A comparison of it with the State treasure vaults of to-

day will show (in one way) the wonderful

monwealth in a time within the memory of

growth in wealth and importance of the com

it is most meet and proper, I believe, to offer it

"This chest was the treasure-box of the Ter-

ritory of Illinois from 1812 until Illinois was ad-

mitted into the Union, and then it filled the

same purpose for the new State for about one

year. Your early predecessor, the Hon. John

to the State at your hands.

many yet living. "If you will permit me, I will ask of you the service of presenting it to the State, hoping it will be acceptable as a reminiscence of early times in the treasurer's office and prove of some interest among the memorials in the State house, should it be placed there. I remain with high regard, your friend and fellow-townsman. AMBS H. THOMAS."

This modest box presents, by contrast with the vault in which it is stored, containing its \$2,000,000 or \$3,-000,000 of State funds, besides valuable decuments, a striking illustration of the growth of Illinois in population and wealth during the seventy years that have elapsed since the time it was used. It will probe one of the most interesting mementoes in the State capitol, intimately identified as it is with early State history.-Springfield (Ill ) Journal.