## GEORGE'S LETTER.

Proposed Schedule of Rates-It Will Not Cost the Government a Dollar.

Wasinkoros, D. C., Jan. 23—The plea of the majority party in Congress for adopting revolutionary methods, for cutting short debates, counting quorums and adopting arbitrary rulings, that these things are necessary to "facilitate legislation," would be most decidedly rejected by the American people, could it be considered a ide from the immediate objects which such changes have in view, and could they but for a single sestion.

membrance of them. Private bills, jobs and public measures were jammed through in heat of party strife, clush of interest and utter confusion. In that branch of Congress the members of which had come freshly from and are nearest to the people, confusion was greatest; and a code of rules was adopted by the majority which added new strictures to the already limited means of deliberation.

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A tariff bill, vitally affecting the well fare of the nation, consisting of 75) paragraphs, and 50 pages of most complicated legislation, was, after only two weeks of debate, in which only the first 110 paragraphs were considered in detail, in which three fourths of the time all in which three fourths of the supporters.

A tariff bill, vitally affecting the well agent in South Dakota recently reported a lowed was consumed by the supporters of the bill, and with 200 amendments left unconsidered, ground through the House of Representatives and declared Many other bills of the highest list this through with utter reckless-

the schedules will show close to eight bringing ont. The work is being pushed

and a half millions of farm mortgages as rapidly as possible, clerks from other for the decade. There is no general date with which to compare these figures, mortgage statistics never before having been taken in the census work, but it is shown that there has been a wanamaken's bill. steady increase of mortgages since 1880, and that an overwhelming majority of them have fallen within the last five years. As was anticipated, this indebtfound principally in the west edness is found principally in the west and northwest, Kansas, illinois and Mis-souri taking the lead, but to the aston-ishment of the officials here a compari-son of the schedules exhibits Cook county Ill as the most heavily mortgaged county in all the Union. The figures for Cook county are not yet accessible, but I have obtained the accessible, but I have obtained the figures for three other counties in Illi-nois which show very largely the condition of the State. They are as follows:

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Startling Facts on Western Mortgages.

What is true of Illinois is true in even greater degree of Kansas and Missouri. I have not been able to obtain access to the schedules for these States, but at the headquarters of the National Farmers' Alliance here I have learned that from a careful canvass they recently made in Kansas through the Alliance organizations over 78 per cent. of the farms reported were mortgaged, and that the average amount of the mortgages was \$1004.38. The Alliance people estimate that there are \$270,000 farms in Kansas, the average value of which is \$2630.

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More than this, where the "boom" More than this, where the "boom" has been and feverish prosperity reigned for a while and then suddenly subsided, there has flourished the mortgage, and Birmingham, Ala., and Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., are shining examples.

worse and more ominous conditions that working and could they but for a single session observe all the workings of Congress.

Last session 16,000 bills were presented of which 1320 became laws and 11 more passed Congress, but received the presidential veto. The mass of these laws few men knew anything about; indeed, it is not too much to say that even the men who voted on them have little remembrance of them. Private bills, jobs and public measures were jammed.

Worse and more ominous conditions that worse in the west and northwest, for they have been forced to mortgage the very crops yet unplanted. They are iterally "living on the future," and the stories of wide-spread and grin-ling poverty which are being privately reported to the census bureau, but which never yet into statistical census reports, would, perhaps, better than figures, reveal startling, actual conditions and tendencies.

FIFTY PER CENT. INTEREST.

All this is borne out by the enormous

banks and capitalists, for some time con-vinced that the passage by Congress of a free silver coinage act would result in a depreciation of silver and an appreciapassed. Many other bills of the highest public importance received no more arreful consideration, and small bills principal and interest of mortgages payable through with utter recklasses.

The letter to James Madison, dated Pars, Dec. 20, 1787, Thomas Jefferson said: "The instability of our laws a twelve-month between the engrossing a bill and passing it; that if circumstances should be well to provide in our constitutions, that there shall always be a twelve-month between the engrossing a bill and passing it; that if circumstances should be thought to require a speeding a word; and that if circumstances in the hands of less than 250 both houses instead of a bare majority."

While Thomas C. Shearman of New York has been demonstrating beyond by 40,000 families and that three-fourths of it is in the bands of less than 250,000 families, the United States census bureau is preparing the other terribe and startling side of the picture, in showing the wide prevalence of farm mortgages.

From a hasty survey it is found that the schedules will show close to eight and a half millions of farm mortgages for the decade and a fair millions of farm mortgages for the decade and a half millions of farm mortgages for the decade and a half millions of farm mortgages for the decade. There is no cannet. these terms.
Behind all this and what must have a

Postmaster General Wanamaker's bill
"to establish a limited post and telegraph service," which has for so long
been before the House postoffice committee, and which its friends are likely

business that the Western Union company, powerful as it is, and the lesser companies would have to adopt every commercial resource and every possible mechanical device to reduce cost and offer counter inducements, thus not only bringing into use the wonderful telegraphic inventions which have alrea been perfected, but calling into being new and better ones. "Since the introduction of the quadruplex 20 years ago," says Mr. Wanamaker, "the Western Union company has, I am told, made but one change or improvement in its method of telegraphic transmission having for their object greater speed, or male but one change or improvement in its method of telegraphic transmission having for their object greater speed, or the transmission of a larger volume of traffic over a given wire. I refer to the Wheatstone Automatic, an English in vention, which has been in successful use on the government lines in that country for eight or ten years. On the other hand, English dashed to make its own rates, the Western Union Company, the Postmaster General says, has had no concern to clange its plant and introduce those numerous inventions which add, not only in the long run to the economy of operation, but at once to speed and convenience. Observing the abundant invention, but at once to speed and convenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience. Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience, observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience, Observing the abundant inventions in other fields, who could provenience and adaptions that would spring from the powerful stimulus of real competition in the public telegraph business.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH WANAMAKER. Submitting some questions based on the most commonly expressed objections to his plan, Mr. Wanamaker auswered

to his plan, ar, wanamaker answered me as follows:

"Yes, I have seen a hundred times the printed statement that the postal telegraph would put the government to large expense. I have even heard of some persons making the same assertion with the bill in their hands, though it with the bill in their hands, though it expressly declared that the Government would not be liable for a penny. It is hard to explain the persistent misstatement of the postal telegraph question. It is just as correct to say that contracting with some of the trans-atlantic angular persons and the contractions. ing with some of the trans-attainte steamship companies to carry the mail for the amount of the sea postage in-volves the government in the expense of running the ships."
"How can the government be liable beyond its contract? How can the Post-office Department bind the government

beyond the authority granted in the act of Congress? The telegraph companies will perform no service except that which the people ask and pay for with postage stamps bought from the government, and the telegraph companies col-lect from the government the face value of the stamps, less two cents on each message; the profit of the government against the cost of delivery. I am quite clear that the government will add to its revenue if the postal telegraph bil is passed; but suppose it did not, is that any reason why the people should not have cheaper telegraphing?" FOR FOOR AS WELL AS SIGH.

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say that the farmer has no use for the telegraph is an insult to his intelligence and manner of life that must surely be deeply felt, if not resented. The farmer is poorer when he is entirely dependent

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He Talks of the Kentucky Feud Between the Rowards and

"The Turner boys threatened to drive him from the country, and one day seven years ago three or four of them broke into our house, and covering my mother and father with revolvers, drove them out of the house, which they set fire to, and everything we had was burned. I was working at log-rolling several miles from home then, and mother procured a horse at night and rode out to where I was.

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"I had never carried any kind of a weapon up to that time, though I knew the Torners had it in for us, and I had often received warnings from them. But

How HE RILLED HALL AND CRAIG.

"My 17-year-old brother is under arrest now for the murder of a man by the name of Craig, but he didn't kill him; I did. It was this way; Some of the boys were playing cards one day in the mountains, when suddenly a posse I today Logar Logar opposed fire or us. I logar Logar opposed fire or us.

leave. I'm not afraid to go back now and n ver have been."

Accompanying the detective is a young man named Bailey, who claims that Howard killed two of his uncles.

"That is not true," said Howard.
"Two of his second cousins were killed, but I didn't do it. He belongs to the Turner faction, and got a bullet in his heel once. I can tell much about him heel once. I can tell much about another two is on the island of Madagastan and the said of Madagas

oe mach hesitancy about shooting an unarmed man?

"Beside, my enemies, the Turners and their friends and others who were rash enough to try to get the drop on me for the large rewards offered, a detachment of soldiers was sent out after me at one time. Well, we managed to surround the commander and one of his officers

the commander and one of his officers and took them prisoners.

"On two or three occasions I wrote to the officers offering to give myself up if they would give me a square deal, but every time they sent a posse of my enemies to conduct me into town, and as I knew what that meant, why, of course I didn't go with them."

Miss Whelan was a New Orleans girl. though now she is the wife of a Phila-delphia banker. She seems to have been ber especially created to take her part. It was one of broad force and she made gest

every point tell.

Pierre Stevens is a son of Admiral
Stevens and his made a wide reputation
throughout the East as an amateur

Baron Beck-Fraus is secretary of the Swedish legation. He is an amateur musician or much skill. His part, though subordinate, was made to tell, and the popular Baron was the recipient

of several encores, as wore, for that mat-ter, all of the performers.

Paul Hunt, as a New York girl ex-pressed it, "was just too deliciously lunny to live" in the part of the China-panzee. He is a Harvard student, and a

nents in the character are as graceful as e strums his guitar as any of the other A SMALL CHORUS.

two and a half to seven per cent, of the truth.

POOR KANSAS.

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"Yes," he said in response to a questive her hand. He wishes her love, but the stern parent in the person of the King gives his consent only on abox, one remove from the stage. In the next box nearest the stage was from the hip with both eves open, looking at the object to be hit, the same as a boy shoots a marble. I used to carry two 44 calibre six shooter, and a short barrelled Winchester repeater.

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bixon county, Mo, where he is to be tried for a number committed of the murder and robbery of a deaf mute about two years ago.

Last August Howard was sentenced to San Quentin for a term of eight years is State. He gave the name of Charles Brown.

Detective T. V. Imboden arrived from Missouri with the necessary papers to secure Howard's release a few days ago, and Governor Markham purdoned him so that he might be re-arrested and tried for the murder.

Howard is accused of killing at least eight men in Kentucky, and the faction of which he was leader has sent a score or more enemies to their graves.

Howard is slightly above medium heighth, with black wavy hair, small dark mustache and a pair of keen black eyes. His appearance is decidedly prespossessing, and he recited his deeds of blood and thrilling escapes in a well as compared to the property of the more and they will be a fraid dark mustache and a pair of keen black eyes. His appearance is decidedly prespossessing, and he recited his deeds of blood and thrilling escapes in a well and content and the property of the manner of the property of the more and they will be a fraid dark mustache and a pair of keen black eyes. His appearance is decidedly prespossessing, and he recited his deeds of blood and thrilling escapes in a well and the property of the manner of the property of the manner of the case of the property of the murder of the murder of the property of the murder of the murder of the property of the manner of the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick, for I know in the case the case stick,

fans him. He dreams and murmurs the name of "Inez." Selika has enough then; she "bids the royal carriage be made ready for their speedy marriage."

Vasco goes to get into his wedding togs,
when he hears the voice of Inez. She
has evidently just been shipwrecked, and

THE PRENCH BALL.

The French ball on Monday night at deeply felt, if not resented. The farmer is poorer when he is entirely dependent in II did. It was this way; Some of on a weekly newspaper for market reports of prices of crops and cattle, and cannot know whether the speculator's agent that drives up to his farm, miles distant from a telegraph station, is offering the right price or not for the wool or wheat. Near at hand is the postoffice; in it should be the telephone or telegraph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of initial through his neck. The graph that would carry the message of the rising the graph that would carry the message of the rising through the form at the farmer all the advantage of the rising through the form at the mountains, was a slollows:

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The Cast Miss Margaret Elliott is a beautiful New York girl who sang at Heber Newton's church for a couple of years. Her voice is a rich and powerful soprano. She sang her part to the satisfaction of the most critical and acted like a "regular" step of the same institution. Somether was a shaper part to the satisfaction of the most critical and acted like a "regular" step of the same institution. Somether was a shaper of the Eden Musee, and a Mr. Steinberg of the same institution. Somether was a shaper of the same institution.

> strangers who had rushed into the corridor back of the box interfered.
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> The corridor was quickly filled with excited men, women, policemen armed with long night sticks and detectives in pain clothes. Captain Reilly was busy elsewhere, but he was well represented in the conjusion Otero escaped, and Jurgens and Steinberg retreated into the box. Five minutes later Otero screamed again. Steinberg was pursuing her down another corridor. Again Steinberg was pursuing her down another corridor. Again Steinberg was restrained just as he made a grab at Otero. This time the crowd hustled him away with no regard for his panzer. He is a Harvard student, and a son of Hunt, the artist.
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> His costume, that of the wild man of the woods, was made in Europe. He is wrapped in an ox skin and wears a monkey lace, with ox horns. His getup is grotesque to the last point, but his movements the character are as gracula as

PREDDY GERHARD'S BLOOD UP.

About this time Fred Gebhard and Mr. Thomas Maguire, treasurer of the all other stations. Extra words on all the supprised if spiths and the supprised of the mortgages have been carefully the government would have been formed by the supprised of In the chorus of lords, ladies and demons were some of the leading favorites in dancing circles, gathered from New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Among the heantiful court ladies were Miss Edith James, the Misses Cammack, Mrs. Richard Ley, the Misses Ernst, the Misses Hunt, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Bancroft, Miss Brooke, Miss Edit, Miss Cantal Miss Van Rensselaer, Miss Heary, Miss Condit Smith, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Fred Whelan of Philadelphia; Miss Jackson and Miss Sadle Thompson of Philadelphia in the the police got an inning, and Gebhard was escorted from the building the same of the court of the cou Fourteenth street theater, were disagree-ing over a box. No blows passed but Mr. Gebhard's blood was evidently excited,

formance, and then I got a club and went down around the Union Club, hoping to meet Gebhard and break his hoping to meet Gebhard and break his face. After a while friends got between us, and Leonard Jerome and Decourcey Forbes brought me an explanation from Gebhard, in which he disclaimed any intention of insulting my wife or Mrs. Dixey, and said that there were a number of stable boys in the parquet belonging to his stable, and that they were the people he and his friends were looking at through their glasses. Well, at the ball I had a box, and so had a friend of mine. Between 2 and 3 o'clock I asked the wife of a friend of mine to walk around with me, her husband acwalk around with me, her husband acquiescing. She took my arm, and we had not gone far before we met Gebhard and a couple of his friends. They made a wall in front of us and so plainly and purposely blocked our progress that I had to make a detour to get by them. A had to make a detour to get by them. A few steps further I met a friend, to whom I confided the lady. Then I went back and I smashed Gebhard between the eyes. Of course, we all got mixed up, and when I let fly again I did not hit Gebhard, but Mr. Wendall, of the Cafe Savarin. After that we were pulled apart and I went home."

After the row in Harlem, it will be remembered, Hilliard was discharged by Langtry.

H. L. de G.

A CONVICT IN THE LEGISLATURE. It May Result in Electing Palmer to the

heighth, with black wavy hair, small dark mustache and a pair of keen black eyes. His appearance is decidedly preposessing, and he recited his deeds of blood and thrilling escapes in a well modulated voice, looking anything but the kind of person he claims to be. He Howard faction, he said, "but I can't say that I was any more of the leader than some of the r-st of the boys. The Historia county fend, of which so much has been written, dates back a number of years, when my father was sheriff, lie was no babby the howard shrugged his shoulders and said:

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"Evidently you never lived any lead to the king, indignant at his feather-headed account, throws him into prison "until he shall have discovered the Northwest Passage."

They used to call me the king of the Howard faction," he said, "but I can't say that I was any more of the leader than some of the r-st of the boys. The Harlan county fend, of which so much has been written, dates back a number of years, when my father was sheriff, lie was no babbly the header to the gentlemity. The question has been written, dates back a number of years, when my father was sheriff, lie was no babbly the header than some of the rest of the loader than some of the rest of the leader than some of th Hain some of the rest of the boys. The Hain county fend, of which so much has been written, dates back a number of years, when my father was sheriff, the was probably the most no ed criminal catcher in Kentucky, and when he arrested some of the Turners, who were very desperate, lawless characters, the trouble began. He never killed any one while be was in office, but along about war times he was compelled to shoot a mach of the country, and one day his for him and shot him from the country, and one day soven years are the fact has been written, dates back a number of the Turners of years, when my father was sheriff, the was probably the most no ed criminal catcher in Kentucky, and when he arrested some of the Turners, who were very desperate, lawless characters, the battles, but never disguised the trouble began. He never killed any one while he was in office, but along about war times he was compelled to shoot a mach of the turners who make the peniture of the turnum and war the battles, but never disguised the fact that he was a friend of mine. One selika with her royal possessions in a carpet bag. The royal ladies have a ligh old time over Vasco, but the dusky lem over Vasco, but the dusky lem over Vasco, but the dusky and the lift you of many more cases of a similar nature. Now, do you think there would be much hesitancy about shooting an unarmed man?

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"A consu depend. Rodgers' history is of a sensational order, the records showing that he forged himself both in and out of the penitentiary. when he hears the voice of the poolie and bemeans sailty the loss of her poolie and the death of her husband, Don Pedro. In comes Selika to find Vasco and Inez Judge Parsons, in which Rogers was referred to as belonging to a good family, and it was said that this was his first and it was a letter alleged of the pool of the pool

The latter issued a sweeping challenge to Corbett on Monday and followed it

along, chatting gayly in French. At 2 o'clock there was a sharp report in the box occupied jointly by Otero, Manager Jurgens of the Eden Musee, and a Mr. Steinberg of the same institution. Some body said that Otero had slapped Mr. Steinberg's face. A moment later chairs were overturned and Otero ran screaming from her box, followed by Steinberg, who refused to be restrained by Mr. Jurgens. Several times Steinberg gesticulated violently at Otero with his first. It looked very much like a man trying to hit a woman. He did not hit her, however. Each time one of the strangers who had rushed into the corridor back of the box interfered.

lenge. It is absurd. I would gain nothing by whipping him and everybody knows that I am matched to fight Peter Jackson. If I succeed in beating the Australian, I intend to try Slavin, the man who made this big slow coach, who

is heavy enough to whip any man alive, look like a school boy."

Corbett made an interesting set to with Professor John Donaldson, and after the performance was the guest of Nat. C. Goodwin and several other thespians at the Fifth avenue club house.

DONE WITH THE PORCE BILL. Senator Hoar Washes His Hands of the

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29-The report that Senator Hoar has received the emphatic opinion of his Massachusetts constituents that the force bill is an un-

constituents that the force bill is an undesirable measure created much gossip
at the capital today.

It was stated on apparently good authority that Mr. Hoar has in his pocket
a letter written to him by Speaker Barret, of the Massachusett's House of representatives, containing information that
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