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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

CLEVELAND IS BOTHERED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Herald's Washington correspondent sends the following: "The president elect is said to be much disturbed by the silver situation. He said to a recent caller that another Sherman law would drive the country into the hoarding of gold and a financial panic. He spoke of the recent large shipments of gold to Europe, of the eagerness of the European governments to buy all the gold they could get their hands on, and the sale of American securities in England for the purchase of gold. 'Let big failures,' he said, 'start a wave of timidity and you will see prudent people everywhere hoarding gold and unloading silver. The longer the Sherman law continues in force the greater the danger.' Mr. Cleveland was asked how far he would be willing to go in the direction of a compromise, and a specific inquiry was made if he would be content with the old Bland law of 1878. His reply was: 'Only in case of necessity. Between the Bland law and the Sherman law I prefer the former; but we ought not to be forced to such an alternative.' It is known here that Mr. Cleveland's anxiety over the currency situation has, for the time being at least, overshadowed everything else in his mind. He is satisfied nothing can be accomplished in this congress and that delay is dangerous. Therefore he has again taken into consideration a suggestion that a special session of the new congress be called in April or May. It has been pointed out to him that in six weeks after his inauguration he would have his administration well settled and the advance guard of placehunters out of the way. Besides, in six weeks or two months, by prompt work, Secretary Carlisle and his assistants in the treasury could have made a thorough investigation of the condition of the treasury and be ready to make recommendations. Progress from that time on would be made in congress, both with the revenue and currency questions as well as with other matters now pressing for attention."

Exciting Funeral Scene.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—In the midst of the solemn funeral ceremonies over Rev. "Father" Wheadon at the Wheadon Methodist church of Evanston, Sunday, Justice of the Peace Robert Freeman was floored by E. R. Williams, an aged man of unsound mind, and a desperate struggle ensued between the disturber and sever men who endeavored to eject him from the church. Williams was an intimate friend of Father Wheadon, and the latter's death added to his mania. When Rev. Dr. Wilkinson began his address, Williams went to the back of

the church and stood in the aisle making faces at each person whose attention he could attract. Several women attempted to leave, but he blocked the way. Justice Freeman, placing his hand on Williams' arm, told him he must remain quiet or he would be arrested. Williams drew back his arm and suddenly shot it forward, striking Mr. Freeman in the breast. The blow was unexpected and the justice toppled backward over one of the pews. As he fell Williams kicked him severely. Jumping up again, Freeman rushed at the enraged man, and a half dozen others who could get into the aisle fell upon the maniac. A desperate fight followed. The church resounded with shouts from the men and cries from the terrified women. Finally Williams was borne into the hallway, where the struggle continued for several minutes. Meantime some one had summoned the patrol wagon, and when it arrived Williams was on his back, and the justice had his knee on his chest. Then Williams begged to be allowed to remain at the funeral services. His plea was so pitiful that it was granted, but a close watch was set over him. The service was then resumed, and the last rites performed without further interruption.

Proud Marchetti.

Olinto Marchetti is a real count. He never turned an organ crank in his life, and never waited in a restaurant. He killed his mother-in-law over in Italy about 12 years ago and that's the reason he is heard. Some of his brothers and cousins at home are high in the diplomatic service. They had enough influence at the time he made his wife an orphan to have him committed to an asylum. That was only a ruse to keep him from being hanged, but yesterday he was sent to Stockton because he is at last crazy.

For years after he came to this country the family were supported by money from Italy. But that source of revenue became exhausted some time ago.

Marchetti was entirely too aristocratic to work, and he absolutely declined to allow any of his family to earn money with their hands.

He spoiled the meals his wife prepared because he thought she demeaned herself by cooking. His daughters tried to obtain situations and he became violently angry. He threatened to kill his wife because he thought she was making some money by working when he was not at home, and closely examined her hands to detect evidences of industry. He imagines that he is very wealthy. Finally his vagaries became so oppressive that he was taken before the commissioners of Lunacy, and they decided that a man who declines to let his wife support him is a menace to society. Therefore he was committed to the asylum—Examiner.

The Homestead Cook's Story.
PITTSBURG, Jan. 16.—Patrick Gal-

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lagger, cook at the Homestead mill during the strike, told on the stand in the trial of Hugh Dempsey, on the charge of poisoning nonunion workmen, the story as told by him heretofore and published. He implicated cooks Beatty and Davidson, and Dempsey, master workman of the Knights of Labor. Witness said Dempsey gave him the powders to place in the coffee and tea of the workmen. Dempsey said it would make them sick, but would not endanger their lives. A number of men who were made sick testified as to the fact, but their testimony elicited nothing new.

Powderly Declares Himself a Socialist.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 12.—General Master Workman Powderly yesterday emerged from a retirement of some weeks to address a gathering of union carpenters in this city. During the course of his remarks he said: "I am a Socialist, and I say it without blushing. If the

avowal brings condemnation I am willing to take it. I am one of 65,000,000 Socialists in this country. I believe the railroads are public highways and should be nationalized, and that the telegraph system should be owned and operated by the Government. The people own the election system, streets, public schools, and are we afraid to go a step further and own the railroads and telegraph, which are more essential to the public."

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