

MR. PETTIT FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
The speaker of the House will, we believe, be the propriety of according Mr. C. H. Pettit, of the Hennepin delegation, the chairmanship of the finance committee. Mr. Pettit carries into the present body a most valuable experience gained in former legislatures. His extensive business dealings have also given him a special fitness for public service in the capacity we suggest. Speaker Merriam is fully aware of these facts, and will doubtless find it pleasant to accord an honor so well reserved.

BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS.
Once more we are forced to call the attention of contributors to the fact that our space is limited and that we are obliged to specify the length of communications.
Hereafter no communications will be published if they exceed 400 words, a quarter of a column, in length, unless the subject is of such importance that it demands the space required. All communications which come to this office hereafter, and in which this warning is not observed, will be destroyed, and not returned unless stamps accompany the manuscript.
The management of the Tribune is willing to publish the personal views of any of its readers on current topics of interest to the community, but it reserves the right to place a limit to the length of such articles and to destroy whatever may not seem to it to be of sufficient importance or merit.

YESTERDAY'S MARKETS.
There were no special features in the New York financial market yesterday and stocks closed at about the same level as on the previous day. The market was quiet with light trading in the morning. Foreigners were said to be buying New York exchange and prices fell off a few points on the active list. Jersey Central was a notable exception and ruled strong throughout the day, closing at an advance of 1/4 cent. The market was generally quiet, with a few fluctuations in the last hour. Grain markets were quiet and featureless all day, fluctuations being confined to a very narrow range. Reliable news as to the progress of the war in the East were largely taken up with reporting the progress of the interstate commerce bill in congress. The Chicago board did not vary more than 1/4 cent either way from the opening and closed at the same price. Corn advanced 1/4 cent for the day, oats remained unchanged, while wheat is 1/4 cent lower.

CONGRESS AND THE TERRITORIES.
The time has come when the Republican party should demand the admission to the Union of South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.
The prospect for an industrious and fruitful session seems unusually good. The Senatorial issue is fortunately settled, and thus the one great distraction that was feared is out of the way. The Snider-Groves contest will require some attention in the House, but its disposal ought not to make much delay. In short, there need be no political or personal distractions to interfere with the work of legislation. The reapportioning is a problem that calls only for the exercise of fairness and common sense. Assurances in this matter should be frowned upon. There should be no provision made for a constitutional convention. Minnesota is in dire need of a thoroughly revised organic law. Fortunately, the railroad and warehouse commissioners have made recommendations and furnished carefully drawn bills which will greatly facilitate legislation upon the subjects of which they have cognizance. The labor interest, also, is prepared with its business. It desires the creation of a bureau of labor statistics, the abolition of the contract system at Stillwater, the emendation of the lien laws, etc. Both party platforms have favored these measures, which ought, with due care, to be wrought into proper form and made laws. The sentiment of the people for high license is unmistakable; and if the legislature tries with this question it will make itself contemptible. A reformatory prison is to be provided for, and the penal code is to be amended to authorize the indeterminate sentence. The school laws are to be revised, as are the tax laws, the election laws, etc.

There is rather good reason to believe that the legislature will actually accomplish most of the work the people expect of it. It is in good temper, yet "means business," to all appearances. It is not nearly so hysterical a body as either of its two immediate predecessors, which fact is in favor of its accomplishing more. The bills are being presented numerously, and they are not so crude as those of two years ago. The Senate committees were announced yesterday, and they seem to be well constituted. Three new men, Clough, Swenson and Oswald, replace the old members from this city—Giffill, Pillsbury and Langdon—and, as new men, do not have the most prominent places on committees. Clough, however, is chairman of the committee on the University and Universities lands, and is a member of the committees on Railroads, Public Buildings, and the Geological Survey; and Swenson is at the head of the Education committee, while serving on Claims, and on State Prison. Oswald is a member of the committee on the University.

THE FARMING ELEMENT IN THE LEGISLATURE.
The farming element in the legislature ought to be satisfied with the recognition it is receiving. Gov. McGill gave the farmer a large share of recognition and now Lieut. Gov. Rice has made up his railroad committee in the senate with a large preponderance of the farmer senators. The cold wave has reached Indiana and if the Republicans can only force an immediate vote they can elect their senator with a whoop. The barefooted Democratic representatives of the Wabash counties will be compelled to remain indoors until the weather moderates.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECIDES THE HONOR OF A VISIT TO THE GATE CITY GUARDS.
Albion. Queen Victoria is evidently afraid they are trying to slip in and free Ireland, but such is not the case; they are merely going to make a tour of Europe and show their new uniforms.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MALTA.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in Malta to visit his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh. An effort is being made to have the Prince go out to Australia to open the centennial exposition the next summer, but this the Queen herself opposes.