

MEETING OF GOVERNORS

At the Conference on the Northwestern Railroad Merger

AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED—MINNESOTA WILL GO INTO COURT TO FIGHT COMBINE.

The Injunction Against the Northern Pacific Has Been Dissolved and the Fight Will Be Carried to the Higher Courts—Poyer's Attorney Says the Contest Will Continue—

(From Tuesday's Statesman.)
HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.—A definite plan of action, to defeat the proposed consolidation of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington Railway systems, was today unanimously agreed upon by the Governors and Attorney Generals of the five Northwestern states, in which those roads have mileage.

Legal action will be instituted immediately in the Minnesota courts with this object in view, and to quote Attorney General Douglas, of Minnesota, "the thing will be fought to a finish." Just how, when or where these suits will be brought, neither Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, or Attorney General Douglas would state.

The conference adjourned late this afternoon, after adopting resolutions condemning the proposed merger as contrary to sound public policy, and pledging support to any proper legal action which may be brought to test its validity. Other resolutions adopted call on Congress to investigate the subject, and favor the granting of power to the Inter-state Commerce Commission to fix maximum rates, upon interstate business.

Governor Van Sant, and most of the other state officials, who have been present at the conference, left tonight for their homes. Governor Van Sant expressed himself as much gratified over the result of the meeting which had been requested by him.

"So far as I am concerned," said he after the meeting adjourned, "I am thoroughly satisfied with the work of the meeting. It accomplished all that could be desired, and I am very much pleased."

A resolution presented by Governor Hunt included a proviso advocating government ownership of the transcontinental railroads. After considerable debate, however, this clause was stricken out.

Injunction Dissolved.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 31.—Judge William Lochren, of the United States Circuit Court, today dissolved the temporary injunction issued in the case of Peter Power against the Northern Pacific Railway Company by Judge Elliot of the District Court of Hennepin county, Monday. The injunction which was dissolved by the Northern Pacific from issuing any advances of indebtedness to retire the preferred stock of the company, or to retire the preferred stock in any other manner than by the use of the surplus net earnings of the road. It also restrained the Northern Pacific and its officers from entering into any agreement ordering any act by which the road should be consolidated or merged.

After the decision was made orally by Judge Lochren, an effort was made by the plaintiffs' attorney to have the court fix the amount of bond which would be required in order to appeal from the decision, and to stay all further proceedings in the lower court pending the appeal. Judge Lochren refused to allow a supersedeas bond, in any amount, to be given. Judge Lochren held that the Northern Pacific was acting within the authority of its charter of contract, entered into between it and its stockholders, as incorporated in the certificates of the preferred stock and of the agreement entered into November 13th, in attempting to retire the \$75,000,000 of preferred stock, in the manner alleged by Power. He also held that the railroad corporations could not do indirectly what the law prevented them from doing directly, and that any method by which the consolidation of two or more competing parallel lines would be brought about would be illegal and the writ of injunction would be to restrain the consummation of the plan; but that there was nothing in the case presented to him that would indicate that the stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railway Company were attempting such a consolidation or merger.

Power's attorneys tonight authorized the statement that the fight had just commenced, and that they would appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

HE STOLE DIAMONDS.

Bold Robbery in Seattle, on a Crowded Street, Last Night.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—In the presence of a crowd tonight, a thief hurled a coupling pin through the window of Meyer Bros. jewelry store, and through the broken glass seized a tray of diamond rings worth \$1500, successfully making his escape.

AN OIL EXCHANGE

To Be Established at Salt Lake City at an Early Date.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 31.—Steps are being taken to organize the oil interests of the Northwest states, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. The action is deemed imperative by reason of the steps recently taken at Denver, looking toward a centralization at that point of all the Western oil interests. In view of the fact that

the states of Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah contain practically the entire oil territory in the North-west, those most interested claim that the control of such industry should be centered at the principal city adjacent to the prominent oil fields. With this object in view it is proposed to hold a meeting in this city at an early date, when definite action will be taken on the proposition of establishing a central oil exchange in Salt Lake City.

HANNA AND FORAKER.

Fight Between the Two Leaders for Control of Ohio.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 31.—The fight between the Hanna and Foraker factions for the control of the Ohio Legislature became acute in Cincinnati today. The result of the day's conference was in favor of Foraker, in that two Toledo men gave their pledge to support the Foraker program.

At a meeting of the Hamilton county delegation tonight, the three Senators and ten representatives voted unanimously to support the Foraker candidates in the organization of the Legislature. After the meeting the statement was given out that the pending contest was not one between Foraker and Hanna themselves, for supremacy in Ohio.

NEW WARSHIPS.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 31.—The Argentine Government has entered into contracts with ship yards in Italy, for the immediate construction of two armored vessels of 8500 tons, at a cost of 17,000,000 francs each.

THE NATION PROSPERS

GENERAL MOVEMENT OF BUSINESS MEN FOR SAFE INVESTMENT

Safe Investment Found in the Volume of Business Done by the Mutual Life, with Its Billion Dollar Business.

(From Tuesday's Statesman.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31, 1901.—One of the best evidences of the unexampled prosperity of the country, as well as of the very general movement of business men for profitable, permanent, protective and absolutely safe investment, is found in the volume of business done by the great life insurance companies. Nothing nearly approaching it has ever been known.

The business of the three leaders—the Mutual, the Equitable, and the New York, has been very large. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has written an amount vastly beyond its highest record of other years, and every dollar of it has been approved localities, and without in any way lessening the conditions of any kind. The Mutual's rank as the largest, strongest, most stable life insurance company in the world, is easily maintained. It has returned to policy holders and reservers of money in their behalf, the enormous sum of over one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000). No other company in the world has come near to these figures.

ADVANCEMENT IN BUSINESS.

Wonderful Progress Made in Manufacturing During the Past Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dun's Review of Trade will say on January 4th: "The most marvelous of all the phenomenal evidences of advancement in business, during the year, was the progress made in manufacturing. It is impossible to be too extravagant in delineating the movements of the industry of this world. Never in the history of this or any other Nation has such development occurred within the space of twelve months. The expansion of productive capacity was enormous; the improved methods of work and organization were conspicuous, wise economies were introduced, but more than all other factors that made for permanent prosperity, was the conservative resistance to price inflation."

Will You Sleep Well

Tonight? Not if you have a cough that begins to torment you as soon as you lie down. You can conquer the cough with Allen's Lung Balm, which will relieve the pain in the chest, the irritation in the throat and the harsh breathing. Since it contains no opium, this remedy may be given freely to children, and to the most delicate adults.

A DISGRACEFUL PARDON.

A Thief Who Stole a Half Million Dollars Liberated in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—Governor Savage tonight granted an unconditional pardon to Joseph S. Bartley, ex-State Treasurer, who five years ago was sentenced to twenty years in the Penitentiary on conviction of having embezzled \$201,000 of state funds. His entire shortage is alleged to have been \$550,000, but he was convicted on a single count of embezzling \$201,000.

GERMANY AND VENEZUELA

No Move Will Be Made Until the Kaiser's Minister Arrives at Caracas and Presents the Ultimatum to President Castro.

(From Tuesday's Statesman.)
BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Until Dr. O. Schmidt-Leda, the German Minister to Venezuela, arrives at Caracas about January 5th, nothing will be done by the German Charge d' Affaires there to press President Castro further. Dr. Schmidt-Leda bears the instructions from his Government. The carrying out of the successive steps outlined in this instruction will end in coercive measures.

Coercive Measures Will Be Resorted To if a Compliance to Germany's Demands Is Not Promptly Reported—China Pretends to Punish the Slaughterers of Missionaries, and Somebody Will Be Punished.

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PRETENDED PUNISHMENT.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Gazette publishes an edict, recounting the massacre at Ning Sha Foo, in Kan Soo province (where a missionary and a number of Christian converts were reported to have been killed, supposedly by troops under the command of General Tung), and ordering the Chinese officials to pursue and punish the guilty outlaws. According to an unconfirmed report, which has reached the Belgian Legation, another missionary near Ning Sha Foo has been murdered.

A second edict degrades the magistrate and other Chinese officials within whose jurisdiction the massacre occurred, but retains them in office until the murderers shall have been secured. Unless they succeed in apprehending the guilty persons, they are forbidden in perpetuity to hold office. This edict will doubtless result in the punishment of somebody, whether guilty or not.

TWO MINERS KILLED.

While Working in a Baker County Mine—A Blast Accidentally Discharged.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 31.—Homer Eaton and Chris Snider, two miners working in Union-Companion Mine near Cornucopia, were instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a blast this morning. The real cause of the accident will never be known, as no one else was near at the time, and both men were instantly killed. They were working with a machine drill and it is thought they struck a blast that had not exploded when the previous shot was fired.

HELD \$1,000,000 POLICY.

The Late Frank H. Peavey in the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Frank H. Peavey, of Minneapolis, one of the Mutual Life Insurance Company's, of New York, \$1,000,000 policy-holders, died today of pneumonia. He was insured by this company April 28, 1900, the annual premium being \$48,250. He had paid two premiums. The claim will be immediately paid.

HE MUST QUIT WORK.

Roosevelt Demands Resignation of a Collector of Customs.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt has formally demanded the resignation of Davis A. Nunn, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Tennessee. The alleged violation of civil service regulations, in the discharge of a clerk, is said to be the cause.

THE CUBAN ELECTIONS.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The election returns have not yet been received here. The indications promise a light vote. The partisans of Maso, in Havana, did not vote.

Santiago, Cuba, Dec. 31.—The elections passed off today without a notable incident. The Nationalist was the ticket in the field, and consequently it was elected.

THE ROGERS FUNERAL.

Arrangements Made on Monday Will Be Carried Out Today.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—Colonel Orvis Hamilton will have charge of the military funeral of the late Governor Rogers tomorrow. All arrangements have been completed. No material changes from those announced have been made.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

With the closing of the year 1901 and the beginning of the new year, we are all apt to cast a backward look over the work of the twelve months just passed, and in doing so the local force of the Statesman finds much to be thankful for. And in this connection the members of the local force desire to express their heartfelt thanks to their many friends, who have so often and so faithfully assisted in the endless quest for news, by giving information when required, and by aiding in a thousand and one ways in gathering the little details that help to make up a good daily local newspaper. To all these, who have thus assisted the local force, we desire to express our grati-

Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales! Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum. The suffering from it is sometimes intense; local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure. It proceeds from humors inherited or acquired and persists until these have been removed.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

positively removes them, has radically and permanently cured the worst cases, and is without an equal for all cutaneous eruptions. Hood's PILLS are the best cathartic. Price 25 cents.

ADAMS WILL HELP.

LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 31.—The Lewiston Commercial Club tonight wired Chas. Francis Adams, of Boston, asking him to act as the Idaho representative at Washington, in presenting the open river undertaking to Congress. Adams is a heavy property owner in Lewiston.

ALL VESSELS ARE IN.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—All the vessels known to have been out in the great storm, Christmas Day, along the North Pacific coast, are reported here as safe.

PALMA WAS VICTORIOUS

THE CUBAN ELECTIONS YESTERDAY WERE A LANDSLIDE.

For the National Party's Ticket—The Followers of Maso Refused to Go to the Polls, Having Withdrawn Their Candidate from the Contest.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)
HAVANA, Jan. 1.—The indications are that the entire Palma ticket will be elected, and that Tomas Estrada Palma, the Nationalist candidate for the Presidency of Cuba, will receive the unanimous vote of the Electoral College. The adherents of Bartolome Maso, the Democratic candidate who recently withdrew from the campaign, not only withdrew their candidates but refused to go to the polls. A remarkably light vote was polled throughout the island.

La Discussion ascribes this indifference to the certainty on the part of the Palmaists, of being victorious, and that consequently the majority of them stayed at home and did not vote. La Discussion says that the vote may be taken as a protest by the Cuban people against the imposition of official candidates.

The Diana de La Marina says the result is an indication that the Cuban Democracy may look upon American policies as inevitable.

THE LAW MAKERS MEET

MARYLAND LEGISLATORS HELD BRIEF SESSION YESTERDAY.

Seven Republican Members Will Be Compelled to Fight for Their Seats as Contesters Are Filed—Porto Rican Legislature Has Organized at San Juan.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 1.—The General Assembly of Maryland began its deliberations today, and after a brief session adjourned for a week in order to allow them time to make up the committees. The fact that notices of contests for seats of six Republicans in the House and one in the Senate were presented, indicates that the Democrats desire a more comfortable working majority. The coming election of a United States Senator created but little comment, as it is almost universally believed that in the contest for Senator, Mr. Gorman will have no difficulty in securing the prize.

In Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 1.—The Porto Rican Legislature was organized here today.

WILL NOT VACCINATE.

The Portland School Board Decides It Cannot Enforce a Regulation to That Effect.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—The Board of Education today decided that it had no power to compel vaccination; and that it could not exclude from the public schools children who refuse to be vaccinated. The case before the board was that of Lucie Hinderman, whose mother declined to allow her child to be vaccinated. Mrs. Hinderman based her objection to vaccination on religious grounds, believing as she asserts that the Lord is the keeper of herself and children.

THE MULTNOMAH BEATEN.

Reliance Football Players Won from the Portland Team—Stanford's Colors Are Lowered.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—The Reliance eleven, of Oakland, Cal., today defeated the Multnomah football team by a score of 6 to 0.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—By the decisive score of 45 to 0, the Michigan University football team today defeated Stanford University. The score is quite in proportion to the general superiority of the eastern men at the game.

MORE RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

Through Passenger Train Jumps the Track Near Pittsburg

TWO MEN WERE KILLED AND SEVENTEEN INJURED, AND ENTIRE TRAIN BURNED.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.—As the result of a through passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad jumping the track today, two men are dead and seventeen injured, five of whom are seriously hurt.

The dead are: John Collins, of Conneville, Pa., engineer; McCune, of Conneville, fireman.

The seriously injured are: D. J. Partella, mail clerk; Wm. Avery, engineer; G. W. Ryan, Baltimore; E. A. Young, mail clerk; R. R. Souser, Napier, Pa.

In going down a steep grade the engine jumped the track at a curve, and the entire train piled on top of it. Probably the only thing that prevented an appalling death list was the fact that the heavy vestibule cars did not break up in going over the embankment. The work of rescue had to be done quickly, because the gas tanks in the cars exploded and set fire to the wreckage. The flames spread rapidly and in a short time the entire train was burned.

Chapter of Casualties.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 1.—A special to the Miner, from Kallspell, Mont., says: Patrick Sullivan, of Jennings, Mont., shot his wife and grandchild and himself last night, with fatal results to himself and child, while his wife is in a very dangerous condition. He is an old miner, well known around Butte, where he has worked many years. His wife runs the section house at Jennings. The citizens of Jennings sent to Kallspell for medical aid and a special train was sent this morning with two physicians and the coroner. At a point just west of the side track at Kallspell the engine jumped the track, instantly killing Engineer Herson, an seriously wounding Fireman Wilson, who was scalded. The caboose did not leave the track and the doctors proceeded to Jennings, while the dead and injured were brought to Kallspell.

Two Lives Lost.

Kethville, La., Jan. 1.—Two lives were lost and one person seriously injured, and the race horse George Arnold, for which \$20,000 had been refused, was killed, in a collision between a Texas Pacific fast freight train, and a Houston East and West Texas freight train siding at this place this morning.

The dead are: W. J. Daniels, Houston, Tex., fireman; Jos. Kane, stable attendant.

Twelve cars of the Houston East and West Texas train were burned to the trucks.

BAND OF INSURGENTS.

Routed by a Few American Soldiers Near Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—Lieut. Chas. D. Rhodes of the Sixth cavalry, accompanied by two ordies, when within six miles of Manila today, came across twenty armed insurgents in a clearing or barracks. The insurgents shouted "Americans," and Lieutenant Rhodes feigned a retreat, but in reality he took the barracks in the flank and drove out the insurgents, capturing two rifles, three revolvers and some ammunition. Rhodes then burned the barracks.

General Wheaton's report from the Island of Samar indicates that little has been accomplished there. The attitude of the natives is even more unfriendly than ever before.

CHOATE HAS RETIRED.

Withdraws from the Practice of Law After Fifty Years' Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—After a continuous service of nearly a half century in the law firm of Everts, Choate & Beaman, Jos. H. Choate has withdrawn and, temporarily at least, will discontinue the practice of law. Mr. Choate stated that his duties of Ambassador from the United States to England would consume so much of his time for several years to come, that it would be impossible for him to pursue his law practice.

TWO OFFICERS SHOT.

British Envoys Alleged to Have Been Murdered by Boers.

PRETORIA, Jan. 1.—Two officers of the Intelligence Department, who were sent to parley with the Boers who desired to surrender near Warmbath, were treacherously shot by concealed Boers.

London, Jan. 1.—The official returns show that the Boer losses, by killed, wounded and surrendered during 1901 total 14,887.

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL.

Two Federal Prisoners at Alcatraz Dead and Three Dangerously Ill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Five of the Federal prisoners at the United States Military Prison, at Alcatraz, and, on Sunday night drank a beverage of which wood alcohol formed the base.

FERRY'S SEEDS

For The Farmer The Gardener and The Housewife
They cost a little more. They are worth a great deal more than the ordinary kind. Sold everywhere. See circulars.
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principal part. Tuesday morning the bodies of two were buried, and the other three are still in the hospital. The two who died are Edward L. Canfield and William Mitchell.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY DEAD.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 1.—Hon. Jas. W. Reid died here today, after an illness of several months. Deceased was one of the best known lawyers and public men of the state. He came to Idaho in 1887, from North Carolina, which state he had represented in Congress.

WILL PLAY BALL.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 1.—A special to the Miner, from Helena, says: "Definite advices were received here today that Helena and Butte had been admitted to the Pacific Northwest League."

WILL ENDOW COLLEGES

A CHICAGO PHILANTHROPIST'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Dr. D. K. Pearson, a Chicago philanthropist, makes a New Year's resolution today which was at the same time an ultimatum to the colleges which are expecting to profit by his bounty. There are eight of these colleges, and \$400,000 of the doctor's money is waiting for them to be handed over to their endowment funds the minute they have raised corresponding sums of money on their own account. Not one of them had, however, fulfilled the conditions at the close of last year.

"They shall have until January 1, 1902 to pay their pledges," he announced, "and if they are not ready then, they will never get a cent from me. That's the limit."

Dr. Pearson's announced purpose that it was his intention to give the rest of his wealth, probably \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, outright in the course of the next few years to the colleges which have accomplished the most with what he has given them in the past. Some of the fortunate colleges Dr. Pearson has already decided on. He did not say so directly, but his praise of Drury College, Missouri; Whitman College, Wash.; Colorado College; Pacific University, Oregon; and Beloit College, left no doubts of his intentions toward them. "Real gems" is what he calls them.

A French School.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One million dollars is the sum offered by Robert Le Bailly, a French multi-millionaire, for the establishment of a French industrial school, in connection with the University of Chicago. President Harper promptly replied that it was the very thing the University desired, and the preliminaries were settled at once. The institution will be actively fostered by the French Government. The students will consist of 600 graduates of French Colleges, to be elected by the Government, and 200 will be sent over each year. They will come on scholarships, all expenses, transportation and living being defrayed by France.

WHY THE MOUNTAINS NEVER GROW SMALLER.

The mountains are always moving down into the valleys. When spring-time comes every stream will run muddy on its course. At this rate all the soil from the hills would soon be gone were not this soil being constantly replaced. Water soaks into the crevices of the rocks and when it freezes it swells with almost irresistible force. That a very little of it can crack an iron pipe most of us have found to our cost. Thus the rock is split and the pieces made in this way are again broken into finer and finer fragments until new soil is made to take the place of that which is so rapidly moving down to the lowland.—Professor S. C. Schmeucker in the January Ladies' Home Journal.

INSPECTION.

Col. G. O. Yoran held his annual inspection of Company F, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., at the armory last night. On account of the many attractions in the city last night there was not a very large representation of the company present, but the boys have been thoroughly drilled in every respect, take personal interest in the company's reputation and passed through the ordeal in a manner which would excite a feeling akin to envy in the breast of a regular. Captain Walter Lyon feels justly proud of his boys and the manner in which they conduct themselves at drill and was partly repaid for his pains last night through the warm compliments of the colonel commanding.

GRAIN-O!

Remember that name when you want a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it. Grain-O is made of pure grain, it aids digestion, makes the nervous system, it is not a stimulant but a health builder and the children as well as the adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1¢ a much as coffee, 10 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Ask your grocer for Grain-O.

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