

peared this afternoon before the probate clerk with the counsel who were witnesses to the will. The probate clerk took their statements which were that they had witnessed the document for Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, as his will, together with the other legal formulas as to his competency to make a will, etc. These witnesses were ex-Judge Rapalo, S. F. Barger, C. C. Clarke and J. P. Chambers. The surrogate then signed the decree admitting the will to probate. The probate clerk then proceeded to the Vanderbilt mansion where the widow of the testator and the four sons qualified as executrix and executors. Letters testamentary were thereupon issued to them.

NEW YORK, 29.—The Trunk Line Executive Committee met to-day and decided that the joint agency for the sale of tickets at Castle Garden should officially go into effect on January 1st. The contemplated emigrant pool was discussed, but no action was taken in the matter.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., 29.—The *Globe-Democrat's* Brownsville, Tex., special says: Advice from Rio Grande City state that Major Kellogg, with 60 United States soldiers, left Ringold barracks for Juan Maldona ranch, 18 miles above on the river, to arrest or disperse any armed forces there for the purpose of invading the city of Mier, Mexico. The deputy sheriff sent to reconnoitre, reports that there about a dozen armed Mexicans at the rancho, and the efforts to get the force together there have proved abortive. It is also said that the force is only a gathering of smugglers.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., 29.—The work of the northeast gales of Friday and Saturday has been very disastrous to the Gloucester fishing fleet, having destroyed the five vessels *Anella Hartwell, Racer, Ivanhoe, Cleopatra* and *Sarah C. Pyle*. As thus far reported, but eight lives have been lost, but it is feared there have been other disasters and loss of life, and there has been great anxiety manifested and dread of further bad news from the vessels on the banks and exposed to the fury of the tempest.

MOBILE, Ala., 29.—Details of the burning of the negro murderer Reed by the mob near Gainstown yesterday show that it was a most horrible affair. Reed was charged with the murder of Miss Boyer whose body was found horribly mutilated. Sunday he confessed the crime. Yesterday afternoon a crowd of 500 persons took the prisoner out on the road near the spot where the murder was committed and chained him to a tree, piled light wood about the miserable criminal and when breast-high, applied a torch. As the flames shot upward the negro gave a shriek of agony. The crowd seeing the smoke and flames enveloping him did not wish him to die so easily, so they scattered the brands and the man was seen writhing in agony. Once more a pile of light weeds was constructed and the flames sprang up briskly scorching the negro terribly. Before they became fatal, however, they were again subdued and again the doomed and wretched man was seen convulsed with terror and pain. The third time the pile was lighted it was allowed to do its work and the body of Reed was completely reduced to ashes. This is the second incident of the kind at the same place.

ST. LOUIS, 29.—A man named William E. Page, an Adam's Express messenger, dressed in woman's clothes, was brought into police headquarters to-night by Detective Frank Erskine and taken in to Captain Freicht's private office, where he produced from various parts of his clothing \$5,300. In the statement made by the prisoner after he was placed in the cell, he said he was express agent and telegraph operator at Golden City, Barton county, Missouri; that he had stolen the money found on him, and more besides, which he did not know what had become of. He said he got drunk on Christmas day and had been drunk ever since. The money came from the Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, to Aldrich, Niles & Co. of Golden City. He knew it was coming and when it arrived he took it and all the other money in the office, went to his home, bundled up a lot of his wife's clothes, went into the woods and dressed himself and took the train for Springfield, Mo. There he boarded the St. Louis and San Francisco train for St. Louis, and was arrested by Erskine between Pacific City and St. Louis. He says there was \$8,000 in the package he stole, but he claims not to know where the remainder is. The detectives, however, think he has secreted it. The robbery was committed on Monday, but was not discovered till last night. Page was detected through his disguise by a conductor of the train, who telegraphed to St. Louis, and Erskine boarded the first train and arrested the thief a few miles from the city. Page says he does not know why he committed the robbery, except that it was a drunken freak. He could have taken a much larger sum a few days before. He has a wife and two children.

SAN FRANCISCO, 29.—Two troops of cavalry, numbering 105 officers and men; three companies of infantry, numbering 101 officers and men, left to-day for Fort Bowie, Arizona. Two companies of infantry from Benicia barracks, California, one from Fort Halleck, Nevada, and one from San Diego, Cal., leave to-morrow for the same destination. This movement of troops is in accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of War in Washington in response to a request from Governor Sulist of Arizona to protect the Indians on the San

Carlos reservation from attacks by the white settlers.

PITTSBURG, 30.—John Teemer, the oarsman, has entered into an engagement with Reginald Laidley, of Sydney, Australia, to visit that country next spring and row two races with Beach. Laidley promised him a royal reception, innumerable presents and immense winnings when he pays the southern continent a visit.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, 30.—Great excitement prevails in the State of Colima over an eruption of the Volcano of Colima. Four days ago loud reports were heard, and were soon followed by eruptions of lava flowing over the sides of the mountain, completely covering them. At last accounts the people were much alarmed, as the flow of lava continued, while a cloud overhangs the mountain on which are reflected the flames darting up from the crater.

(This volcano is 12,000 feet high and situated south of Jalisco on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. Nearly all the population of the vicinity are Indians.)

PITTSBURG, 30.—The striking miners have established a camp at Coal Valley and will remain in the vicinity of Pine Run, Arequippi and Snodgrass mines for the purpose of prevailing upon the working miners to join the strike. The effect of the presence of the strikers has lessened the number of men working to-day. At the mines of Lynn & Co., it was thought advisable to have a guard, and 25 armed men are on duty to protect those at work and prevent damage to the mines. Threats were made that the house of John O'Neil, superintendent and partner of the Pine Run mine, would be attacked this morning, but no trouble was reported up to noon.

CINCINNATI, O., 30.—Henry C. Kemper, aged 65, proprietor of a small grocery store at 166, Barr Street, was found murdered in his store early this morning. The driver of a bread wagon was the first to discover him. His skull was split open, but no trace of a weapon could be found. The murderer obtained less than eight dollars from the money drawer. Deceased has a daughter in Denver, one in Dayton and two at home, and one son. His wife is lying dangerously ill. Suspicion attaches to an unknown mulatto seen at the store the morning before the murder.

WASHINGTON, 30.—Estimates of the Statistic Department of Agriculture for the principal crops of the year are completed, and the aggregate bushels are as follows: In round millions, corn 1,906, wheat 357, oats 629. The area of corn is 73,000,000 acres; wheat, 34,000,000; oats, 33,000,000. The value of the corn averages nearly 33 cents per bushel, and makes an aggregate of \$635,000,000, \$5,000,000 less than the value of the last crop. The decrease in the product of wheat is 30 per cent., and only 17 per cent. in valuation, which is \$275,000,000. The valuation of oats is \$180,000,000. The reduction in wheat is mostly in the valleys of Ohio and in California. The States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas last year produced 170,000,000 bushels; this year 80,000,000, a reduction of 90,000,000 bushels. The production of all cereals is 53 bushels to each inhabitant, and the aggregate value is larger than any former year.

The Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims sent to the Department of State to-day a certified list of the judgments and decisions in cases of the second-class rendered since the organization of the court in 1882, together with a certified list of the judgments and decisions in cases of the first-class, in which judgments ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 are rendered in favor of the claimants and 31 in which judgment is in favor of the United States. Those of the second-class fill several large books and award to the claimants amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$80,000 or \$90,000. They will be certified by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment according to law.

Four hundred and forty-eight persons were waiting patiently in the east room of the White House to-day to pay their respects to the President. The crowd was almost twice as large as at any preceding reception of this kind. The President appeared just before 2 o'clock and entered upon his task with such expedition that the entire room was cleared in 16 minutes. Several persons tried to engage the President's attention with private matters, but they were told to call again to-morrow. One individual shook hands in an agitated manner with one of the ushers, and passed the President without noticing him. He was reminded of his mistake by the laughter of the crowd, and endeavored to return and shake the President's hand, but was borne away by the rapidly moving line of people behind him.

PITTSBURG, 30.—An offer of 10 per cent. advance in wages to take effect next Monday, has been made by Carnegie Bros. & Co. to their employees at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works at Braddock, Pennsylvania. The wages of the steel rail workers, as has been mentioned, is arranged on the first of each year. During the past two weeks the men have been holding meetings and talking over the conditions of trade. It was decided to ask for an advance of 15 per cent. This afternoon, notice was circulated through Braddock requesting all employees of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works to keep away from the company's office on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1885, and not to sign any contract with the officers of the above-named company, until they give a fair equivalent for their work. It was signed "Employees." This was soon followed by a notice posted at the

mill, informing the employees that the scales were ready for signing and that the places of persons refusing to sign by Saturday would be filled. It is quite probable that the company's proposition will be accepted. About 4,000 men are employed.

DENVER, Col., 30.—This morning at 3 o'clock, three masked men entered the engine room of the Marshal Coal Company's works at Erie, on the Colorado Central Railroad, 40 miles from Denver. Captured the engineer, took him several hundred yards away, tied him, then returned and set fire to all the coal on the dumps, hoisting works, engine house and tramway. Several cars of the railroad company were completely destroyed, as well as over \$15,000 worth of property, throwing several hundred men out of employment. Three weeks ago the wages of these men were cut down, when the Knights of Labor ordered a strike. The miners, rather than be without work this time of the year, refused to obey. They continued working, and this morning's outrage is supposed to be another outcropping of the Rock Springs trouble instigated by the Knights of Labor and a few striking miners.

CHARLESTON, 30.—At Mount Pleasant, a village near this city, to-day, a terrible tragedy was enacted. E. Geretti an Italian, was beating his wife when his brother, S. Geretti, and James P. Colburn, a well known insurance agent of this city, interfered in the woman's behalf. The wife with her four little children escaped from the infuriated husband, who, incensed at the interference, crept up behind Colburn and fired three shots at him, one of the balls lodging in his spine and inflicting what is thought to be a fatal wound. After shooting Colburn, Geretti fled to his farm, about a quarter of a mile distant, pursued by the town marshal and posse. He locked himself in his house and the posse being unarmed, defied them to arrest him. While his pursuers were deliberating Geretti placed the muzzle of his pistol in his mouth and blew out his brains.

PITTSBURG, 30.—The iron and steel trade in this city has never been better than at present, and a comparison with previous years will show that since the great increase in business which commenced last June, there has been more iron and steel made in Pittsburgh than in any six months in the history of the trade.

NEW YORK, 30.—In the suburb of Gottenburg, N. J., last night, Frederick Smith and August Broden, popular young men, between whom there was a long-standing grudge, met in a crowded horse-car and began shooting. When the fusillade was ended the car was empty save these two, and Smith was lying on the floor with two wounds in one of his arms and one in his side. Broden was arrested and Smith was taken home and cared for. He may die.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., 30.—The Orange and Green have resumed hostilities in Conception Bay. Yesterday an Orangemen mob attacked two of the men released from River Head and fatally wounded them. There is great excitement in Harbor Grace. Crowds are occupying the streets and a riot is anticipated. Major Fawcett and a large detachment of the constabulary force have gone on a special train to the scene of the affray.

GALVESTON, 31.—A special from Austin says: Eustacio Martinez, a Mexican about 40 years of age, was arrested last night on suspicion of being implicated in the mysterious murders which have recently startled the citizens of Austin. He lived in a secluded spot near the river and a search of the premises resulted in the discovery of bloody garments and several articles of female apparel. Among the articles found was an ice hook such as experts declare might have been used in the murder of Mrs. Ramey and her daughter.

Several months ago a prayer book, with the name "Ella R. Ramey" written on the title page, was also found, together with two handkerchiefs, one of which bore the initials "J. R.," worked in silk. The other was marked "A." Detectives think that the arrest of Martinez will clear away the mystery of the outrages and murder of the Ramey woman. Evidence was also discovered connecting the prisoner with the recent murder of Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Phillips, and the assault upon the latter's husband. The wounds inflicted on Phillips' head are very similar to those found on the Ramey girl, and were probably inflicted with the same instrument. Martinez shows signs of being a crank.

NEWCASTLE, Penna., 31.—James Kincaid, a prominent citizen of Mahoning, a town near here, was fatally injured by an unknown burglar at an early hour this morning. The burglar had secured Kincaid's money and got a watch from his clothes and was leaving the house when Kincaid was awakened. Kincaid followed the burglar down the stairs and the latter turned on him, and drawing a revolver shot him through the breast, the ball passing through his body and coming out of his back. The burglar then made his escape. Kincaid is still living, but there is no hope of his recovery. No clue to the assailant.

NEW YORK, 31.—The New York Central directors to-day declared a dividend of 1 per cent. Lake Shore decided to pass the dividend. The statements for the year 1885, partly estimated, shows a surplus of \$94,000 or nearly 2 per cent. in capital stock.

## FOREIGN.

The Czar is about to reinstate Prince Alexander of Bulgaria in his former rank in the Russian army. The presence of Prince Vukoff and other Russian officers of Sofia makes a close alliance between Russia and Bulgaria. These facts have caused alarm among the friends of Turkey. It is believed that the compact between the Czar and Prince Alexander, by which Russia recognized the Bulgarian union, is a prelude to the Russian campaign in the spring and the final dismemberment of the Turkish Empire.

Constantinople, 28.—The Balkan conference will reopen here on January 18th. Count Corti, Italian Ambassador, will make a motion in favor of the recognition of the Bulgarian union, and will be supported by the Russian Ambassador.

LONDON, 28.—The *Daily News* publishes a letter from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, giving an account of the French attack upon the Hovas Sept. 10, outside of Tamatave. It says that after seven hours of desperate fighting, the French were compelled to retire with a loss of 60 men. Not a single Frenchman succeeded in mounting the earthworks of the Hovas. The letter further says that the Hovas gained another victory over the French and their Sakalava, in the north. The French commander was killed and the army fled in confusion, leaving 40 dead on the field. The Hovas' army returned to Tamatave, where there was a great public rejoicing over the defeat of the French. A banquet was given in honor of the victorious troops.

DUBLIN, 28.—The Loyal Patriotic Union will hold a meeting in Dublin, Jan. 8th, and another in London at a later date, for the purpose of forming a league similar in detail of organization to the Irish National League and have branches throughout the kingdom.

LONDON, 28.—Clemenceau's recent speech in the French Chamber of Deputies during the debate on the Tonquin credit, in the course of which he took occasion to charge Ferry with having sought the aid of Bismarck in the settlement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty, has caused no little excitement and indignation throughout Germany. The German newspapers are furious at Clemenceau and denounce his action in unmeasured terms.

LONDON, 29.—The President of the Birmingham Liberal Association denies the truth of the rumor that Bright intends to resign his seat in Parliament.

LONDON, 29.—Miss Minnie Palmer opened an engagement at the Strand Theatre last evening, appearing in "My Sweetheart." The verdict of the critics is that her acting has improved. The novelties introduced were successful.

DUBLIN, 29.—The reports of the registrar shows the value of crops this year has increased 1,694,223 pounds compared with 1884, and 263,964 above the average of ten years.

PARIS, 29.—After a short session of the Cabinet to-day, Premier Brisson called upon President Grevy and tendered the resignation of the whole Cabinet. Mr. Brisson, replying to M. Grevy, said he desired to retire from political life for a year in order to take a much needed rest. The government's majority on the Tonquin credit was too small, he said, for a stable government, and the result of the Paris elections was a further reason for resigning.

The session of Parliament was closed to-day.

The French government will send a permanent agent to Corea in January, with power to negotiate a treaty with that country.

President Grevy again summoned M. Brisson to-day and strongly urged him to continue in office. M. Brisson was obdurate, however. The President then requested M. de Freycinet to form a Cabinet, and the latter promised to give a definite reply to-morrow. It is thought probable that M. de Freycinet will accept the premiership, but he will hold also the foreign and colonial portfolios and will organize a protectorate over Madagascar and Tonquin.

M. Ferry had a long conference to-day with M. Grevy.

In balloting for the President yesterday M. Brisson received 68 votes, M. de Freycinet 14 and M. Ferry 2.

It is supposed that M. Brisson's withdrawal from political life is only temporary and that he retires for the present with the object of increasing eventually his chances for the Presidency.

President Grevy has accepted the resignation of the ministry.

There was a lively scene to-night in the Chamber of Deputies. Several members charged that an inaccurate record had been kept of the votes on the Tonquin credit. Shouts of "Liar!" "Swindler!" were raised in all parts of the chamber. Eventually the official record was voted to be correct. The uproar was repeated in the lobbies and at least two duels are likely to result from the controversy.

CAIRO, 30.—A dispatch from Koseh says: Lieut. Gen. Stephenson, commander of the British forces in Egypt, who arrived here with large reinforcements, attacked the rebels who have been menacing the garrison for several weeks. A three hours' fight ensued, resulting in the British troops capturing Giniss, a village near Koseh. The rebels were completely routed. The cavalry is now pursuing the enemy. Two guns and twenty banners were captured. The English lost one officer killed and twenty-one men wounded.

The Egyptian allies of the British lost six killed and thirteen wounded.

LONDON, 30.—William E. Foster has rallied somewhat from the relapse of yesterday. He passed a quiet night.

LONDON, 30.—Mr. George O. Trevelyan, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, made a speech at Stratford this evening. Referring to the Irish question, he said that there could be no half way between the complete separation of Ireland and absolute imperial control. Unless it was intended to keep the care of law and order in the hands of the central government, it would be better to repeal the union act. He condemned the proposition to give Ireland a Parliament, and at the same time allow the Irish members in the English Parliament.

The co-operative wholesale society establishment in Whitechapel has been destroyed by fire. The loss is £60,000.

MADRID, 30.—Queen Christiana was sworn as Regent before Cortes to-day. The streets through which the royal pageant passed were lined with troops. The populace were very cordial in their reception of Her Majesty. Members of the Cortes cheered as the Queen entered the Chamber and several ladies in Her Majesty's suite began to weep.

EDINBURGH, 30.—A terrific snow storm has prevailed throughout Scotland. A railway train headed by three engines and two snow plows is embedded in the snow in the county of Caithness. All the roads are blocked.

PARIS, 31.—Pasteur to-day finally inoculated the four children from Newark, N. J. Pasteur says the children are progressing favorably and he is confident that all of them will escape hydrophobia.

PARIS, 31.—Grevy accepted the resignation of Premier Brisson last evening, and this morning summoned Minister De Freycinet to form a new cabinet. De Freycinet, however, is reluctant to accept such a responsibility at the present moment in view of the gravity of the political situation in France. He has asked the President to grant him to consider the proposition and to consult with his friends and the republican leaders.

LONDON, 31.—Michael Davitt, in an interview, said: If home rule is granted to Ireland it is difficult for me to see how Irish members can continue to sit in Parliament at Westminster unless other colonies are similarly represented in that body. The appointment of a Prince of the royal family as Viceroy of Ireland would be a mistake, as Ireland requires a statesman of tact and brains to administer the government, not a royal show.

It is said that when the Servian troops evacuated Widdin district, they devastated the country and looted the cattle and corn belonging to Bulgarian farmers.

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—The third term of the tenth academic year of the B. Y. Academy will commence on Monday, January 4th, 1886.

—On Dec. 24, a saloon in Brigham City was robbed of \$40. A suspected person was arrested and placed under \$200 bonds to await an examination.

—Last week, at Brigham City, Box Elder Co., a boy was engaged in chopping wood, when the axe slipped, cutting a gash about four inches in length in his right instep.

—The *Provo Enquirer* says that the two Wright brothers, whose murder by Indians in Arizona we gave an account of a short time since, were sons of the late Jonathan C. Wright, of Brigham City.

—A number of wine sellers of Pleasant Grove, Utah County, have been apprehended and the city authorities have assessed quite heavy fines for that breach of the ordinance in such cases made and provided.

—John D. Thompson, of Ashley's Fork, dislocated his shoulder by being thrown from a wagon about one month ago. Several attempts at reduction were made at his house, but none of them succeeding, he went to Payson, where Dr. Greer was successful in performing the desired operation.

—Last Monday afternoon a three-year-old child of Evan Owen, of Wells-ville, Cache Co., was sitting on a table, one of the leaves of which was up. The child moved on to the leaf tipping the table, and was thrown heavily to the floor, striking on its arm. The elbow joint was broken into a number of pieces, and the injury so severe that the arm may have to be amputated.

—In the Silver King mine, located about ten miles from Thompson Falls, Montana, a four-foot vein of silver-bearing rock, containing an 18-inch streak of very rich sulphurets, assaying at immense figures, has been struck. Samples of the rock run as high as \$6,750 silver and gold to the ton—6,234 ounces silver and \$250 in gold. Aside from this it contains 30 per cent. copper.

—In 1877 a man was killed near Corsicana, Texas, and the perpetrator of the deed, Alf. Rushing, fled the country. Recently the Texas authorities learned that the fugitive was in Wyoming, occupying the position of foreman of the Suggs Cattle Company, under the name of John McFarland. A requisition and warrant for his arrest were forwarded, and on Sunday last McFarland, or Rushing, as he proved to be, was taken into custody.