

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26.—A banquet was given William O'Brien at Mallow last evening, and Canon Wilmot presided. O'Brien was presented with a medal in the shape of a heart, composed of bullets extracted from the bodies of the Mitchelstown martyrs. O'Brien spoke at some length. His brightest earthly reward for his sufferings was the affection and sympathy of his countrymen.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—It appears from reports received concerning the state's salt field that the state has made a clear profit out of the salt reservation of nearly \$700,000 since 1846, when the toll was placed at one cent per bushel and the fields have yielded since opened in 1797 over \$31,000,000 bushels. There is a rock salt layer 50 feet thick and covering four thousand square miles. Last year the fields were operated at a loss of \$3,000.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26.—Christopher Franks, United States Marshal for the northern district of California, arrived here today and accompanied by Anderson, United States Minister, visited the prison and identified A. J. Benson, who is wanted in San Francisco for fraudulent surveys of public lands. He will return to New York with the prisoner by the steamer *Albatross*, which leaves Bremen February 1. Benson says he will be delighted to return to the United States.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 26.—A dispatch from Chihuahua says a force of Mexican troops who have been scouring the country southwest of Chihuahua in quest of the Mapula

TRAIN ROBBERS

have come in with another robber, making three captured. The dispatch states that in the robber's possession were found four of the horses on which the bandits escaped, and quite a sum of money.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 26.—It is the opinion of many here tonight that States Attorney Patterson is far less sanguine of the conviction of Cora Lee than he was some days ago. Defendant was placed on the stand during the day and told again the same story of her whereabouts on the night of the murder, as given in her first trial. She denied positively the statements with reference to any improper association with Graham.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.—Hopkins continued his testimony in his own defense today. He said he had no knowledge of the extent to which Harper had been placing

FICTITIOUS CREDITS

in the books of the bank, and when Jordan, of New York, came here and offered to put up \$500,000 if the directors would raise an equal amount, he asked to see a statement of the bank's condition. Hirsch prepared one, and it showed \$1,275,000 represented by Harper's worthless paper. Jordan said "This bank is busted," and left at once for New York.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Beckie L. Rawson, wife of Banker Rawson, who was shot by his stepson, has been indicted by the grand jury as an accessory before the fact to an attempt to murder. She will probably be arrested tomorrow.

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—All trains from the north and east are from four to six hours late and on many roads all freight trains have been abandoned. At Old Orchard a snow plow with three engines attached is fast in a snow bank and almost hidden from sight. The snow is light and drifts badly. The wind is high and abut two feet of snow has fallen and there are still no signs of a let up. It is the worst storm in

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Overdue vessels are arriving and report severe weather at sea. The tramp steamer *Croma*, twenty-five days from Leith, Scotland, had her bridge smashed by the sea and suffered other damage on deck. The second officer was swept across the bridge on the 19th instant and was only saved from going overboard by grasping a life buoy. Several of the crew were injured during the passage.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Reports from Eastern and Northern New York show that the storm is almost as severe in those sections as it is in New England. It began last night and by morning over a foot of snow had fallen. A high wind then set in and the snow is piling up in

GREAT DRIFTS.

A dispatch from Albany says that all the railroads centering there are in a bad condition, and the trains many hours late. The limited express from St. Louis on the Erie road is fast in a snow-drift near Middletown, and the prospects of its getting out soon are poor. Three other trains are stalled at the same place.

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—Advises tonight from many points in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts report the storm still raging, blocking the roads and in many sections nearly suspending railroad traffic. The upper harbor of this city is full of ice and navigation is seriously impeded. Four unknown vessels are reported as wrecked on Point Gammon.

At Dennis Port, Massachusetts, several wharves have

BEEN DEMOLISHED

by a gale, and three vessels are flying signals of distress and apparently leaking badly.

Off Chatham a large three-master

has been making signals of distress all day but could not be rescued, as the ice was alternately being driven back and forward. A number of vessels were being carried about with the ice. Highlandport, Massachusetts, reports a number of vessels in the Vineyard Shoals. Passengers on the Chicago express, which left Boston at 1 o'clock this afternoon, were left at Concord, and will remain until morning. Several other trains are in drifts as high as the smokestack. Traffic north and east from Boston is nearly paralyzed. No through trains have been able to get over the Boston & Maine road today. Two express trains are shown in at Biddeford. The second section of the Montreal express via Rutland is

SNOWED UP

in the mountains somewhere. The train from Chicago via Albany, due here at 11 o'clock, will be five or six hours late.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Later dispatches show that the storm has extended over Canada, Pennsylvania and New York, blocking the railroads and causing much inconvenience.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The French steamer *Suez* has foundered at sea. Twelve of her crew were rescued and landed at Lisbon, the remainder are missing.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 26.—The report of the loss of live stock in New Mexico, on account of severe weather, is utterly unfounded. It is true that this has been one of the hardest winters ever experienced in the Territory, but not an animal has perished on any range from the effects of the weather, and special reports to the *Democrat* from all parts of New Mexico show the cattle everywhere in excellent condition. New Mexico has experienced but three cold days this winter, and then the thermometer did not register as low as zero. For the past ten days it has ranged from 40 to 60 degrees in the shade.

FOUR SMITH, Ark., Jan. 26.—Ben Chase, a wealthy real estate man of Denver, and a writer for Frank Leslie's publications, died suddenly near this city today. In company with two friends, he started on a hunt in Indian Territory yesterday, and when about eight miles out, was attacked with rheumatism of the heart.

ATLANTA, Jan. 26.—P. H. Mell, Chancellor of the University of Georgia, and for many years president of the Southern Baptist Association, died at his home this morning. He was for a long time recognized as the head of the Baptist Church in this section.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—A special from Santa Ana, says: C. B. Hitchcock, a prominent farmer, came to Santa Ana last Monday with his wife and acknowledged a deed to his property to a German named Anschlag. They returned home, but not being seen thereafter, the neighbors grew suspicious of foul play, instituted search today and found their dead bodies a long distance from the house. Hitchcock and wife were found side by side in a hole in the ground which had been covered over with earth and straw. Hitchcock's throat was cut from ear to ear and his wife's head was split open with a hatchet. It seemed evident that Anschlag had murdered them to regain the money he had paid them for the land. A lynch party at once started to find Anschlag. Before the officers could interfere Anschlag had been hung at the hands of the lynchers.

CHARLES B. HITCHCOCK

came to this state in 1876 from Elgin, Illinois. His father and mother are now living at Compton, Illinois. The maiden name of Mrs. Hitchcock, who was found murdered with her husband, was Rosa Bradley, and also lived with her parents at Elgin. She was the daughter of W. S. Bradley, Fritz Anschlag, who is supposed to have murdered the couple, is a German, 20 years old, and came to this state about a year ago, living at San Francisco for some time. He had a supposed partner named Antone Dykes. Some weeks ago Anschlag appeared at Santa Ana ostensibly to buy a farm and arranged to buy the Hitchcock place for eight thousand dollars, paying a small advance. Last Saturday the abstract was completed and the deed to the farm was executed at Santa Ana. Anschlag desired to postpone paying over the money until Monday, and accompanied the Hitchcocks to their home. It is supposed that he

MURDERED HITCHCOCK

and his wife some time on Monday or Monday night, secreting their bodies as telegraphed last night. Telegrams are received this morning that both Anschlag and Diker were lynched 7 miles from Santa Ana last night and their bodies left hanging to a tree. Hitchcock was a man very highly respected and one of the most prominent men in the county.

NOT CORRECT.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27.—The accounts published this morning about the lynching of the murderers of the Hitchcocks near Santa Ana, are incorrect. The murderers were hidden in Anaheim over night to escape the mob and brought to jail here this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—At the convention of the American Horticultural Society at San Jose this afternoon, Professor Redpath, of Indiana, read an interesting paper on birds in connection with fruit growing, written by George W. Minner, ex-president of the American Forestry Association. Instructive remarks on the subject

were made by Holsinger, of Kansas, Secretary Rigen, Van Deman, Major Evans, Professor Lemon, Dr. Radpath, Smith, of Wisconsin, Grimes, of Minnesota, and others. Resolutions were adopted petitioning Congress to pass such laws as will more effectively preserve the forests of the nation; also a petition against the reduction by Congress of the existing tariff on green and dried fruits, nuts, raisins, prunes, wine and other horticultural and agricultural products, on the ground that such reduction would injure and destroy many of those industries. Among other papers was one by Professor Hulsiger on the "Educational Needs of American Farmers." Adjourned to meet at Riverside, February 6th.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The following Albany special to the *Sun* tells briefly of the meeting of the democratic state committee:

"The democratic state committee failed to make a choice of the man to represent New York in the democratic national committee. They met and after thirty ballots adjourned at midnight without day. The vote was 17 for Roswell P. Flower and 17 for Wm. J. Mowry, on each ballot. This leaves the state without a representative on the committee. It was a square up and down fight between the friends of the President and friends of the governor, and neither won."

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The storm of night before last and yesterday was the most severe in the Mohawk Valley. The New York Central abandoned all its trains on the Hudson River division at six o'clock last night on account of the snow blockade. The wind, which blew at sixty miles per hour, swept the snow across the tracks in such quantities that resistance to it was useless. The snow was no sooner cleared away by gangs of laborers than it covered the tracks again. There were three passenger trains stalled in the snow between Albany and New York, and fully a score of freight trains.

IN MAINE.

BIDDEFORD, Maine, Jan. 28.—The snow blockade is unequalled since 1888. From 4 o'clock yesterday morning till 9 last night no train passed through here. At 9 o'clock last night seven passenger trains and one freight were blocked within a mile of this city. On the western division, where the snow is drifted worst, but little headway is being made and the wrecking train did not finish its work at Old Orchard until 9 o'clock last night, having spent seven hours in getting the engine and snow plow back on the track. At midnight it was still snowing.

WORSE AND WORSE.

ALBANY, 27.—This morning finds the storm cleared away. The thermometer is about zero and a strong wind makes the cold intense. The railroads are in a worse condition than yesterday. No trains whatever are being moved. The Delaware and Hudson R. R. west of here are all blocked and trains from New York and Boston are moved with the greatest difficulty. No freight trains are being run in any direction.

A magnificent sun dog was visible here this morning.

THE WORST KNOWN.

PLYMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 27th.—The weather here is the worst ever known. Eighteen inches of snow fell during the past 24 hours and the thermometer is 6 degrees below zero with the wind blowing a hurricane. Seven trains are blocked between Warren Summit and Ashland and some are without fuel and water and it is impossible to communicate with any of them. No mails have been received since Wednesday night.

TRAINS ABANDONED.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Owing to the snow all trains on the Elmira, Corning and Northern at this point are abandoned today.

A FATAL EFFECT.

TROY, N. Y., 27.—The effects of the snow storm are felt this morning with greater severity even than yesterday. A Boston train ran into the rear end of a freight train a mile west of Williamstown about midnight, killing conductor Cudmore and brakeman Wheelock, and seriously injuring three other brakemen.

No trains are moving on the Delaware & Hudson R. R. and the express from Montreal on the Central Vermont is fast in the snow.

TRAINS LATE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The Chicago limited over the New York Central arrived this morning 18 hours late. The St. Louis limited over the Erie at noon was in a snow bank one mile east of Deposit. The snow has drifted badly in all directions and trains are either abandoned or running "wild." Three Delaware and Lackawanna through trains were snowed up at Kokome mountain all night, but managed to move this morning.

ANOTHER FATALITY.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—The mail train from the north on the Connecticut River Railroad last night became stalled in a cut two miles north of Holyoke. A gang of men went to work this morning to dig it out. The snow was blowing about so thick that nothing could be seen a few feet distant from the train, and the train from Greenfield dashed into the gang, killing three men and fatally wounding another.

GROWING SERIOUS.

MILBARK, Dak., Jan. 27.—The situation here is growing serious. The road was opened to a blockaded train between here and Big Stone yesterday, and the train brought in. The train with the eastern mail is stuck at Ottoville and one from the west at Twin Brooks.

GREAT SUFFERING.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—Five long passenger trains on the Boston & Albany road are snow-bound here, awaiting news of the opening of the road before proceeding farther. The last St. Louis express spent last night in a snow drift near Washington cut, with 100 passengers on board, and notwithstanding the fact that workmen were diligently engaged in snowing, the last mail, which left Boston for the west last night spent the night in a drift one mile from Hinsdale. The passengers suffered greatly from cold, and many ladies were prostrated and a number of children were badly frost bitten. They could obtain but little to eat, but the country drug stores supplied the passengers with brandy. Freight trains covering over a mile of track are snowed in near the Shakers and much perishable goods will be lost. In many places the snow has drifted to a depth of forty feet. A passenger train that can go two miles an hour is considered to be making good time.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 27.—A cable car this afternoon got away from the kribban on Selby Avenue, ran off the track and was smashed to pieces. Two or three persons were fatally injured.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 27.—James Burrows, leader of a band of men who at various times during the past few years have held up passenger trains in Texas, Missouri, Colorado and elsewhere and robbed the passengers, express companies, mails, etc., and in many instances killed or wounded the persons who resisted, has been arrested at Montgomery, Alabama. His companion, Reuben Burrows, escaped by killing his pursuer and is now hiding in a swamp. James Burrows will be taken to Texarkana for trial.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Adolph Housay writes from Paris to a local paper that "The wine interests of France are in a bad way. The vintage of 1896 was the poorest in 30 years, both in quantity and quality, but the vintage of 1897 proves to be

POORER STILL.

Those whose vineyards have not been devastated by phylloxera, and who therefore have good wine, will get very high prices, but most of the wine growers will have to face serious losses. The districts that are the worst off are the Gironde, the Charente and the Charente Inferieure. As a result of this, the balance of the foreign wine trade is heavily against France. Instead of selling wine to others, she now has to buy it for her own use. Ten years ago more than 80,000,000 gallons were annually exported, while the import has scarcely exceeded 3,000,000. What is the case now? Last year France sold only 34,000,000 gallons of wine, while her purchases amounted to the enormous total of 26,000,000 gallons. She actually imported half as much as she made. The worst feature of the case, however, pertains not to the quantity, but to

THE QUALITY

of the wine. Some 31,000 tons of sugar were used last year to fortify the product of the wine presses. There were during the year imported into or manufactured in France no less than 120,000,000 gallons of mixture compounded from raisins, cider and the refuse of wine presses. This has been doctored and sold as wine. There have also been imported some millions of gallons of crude spirits manufactured in Germany from potatoes and beet root. This is treated with drugs and put upon the market as pure grape brandy, when it really contains not a drop of grape juice.

POTSDAM, Jan. 27.—Today was the 29th anniversary of the birthday of Prince William and he was appointed major-general and commander of the second brigade of infantry guards.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 27.—The *Grashdanin*, official organ of the government, says that at the court ball last evening General Von Schweinitz, the German ambassador, was seated at the imperial supper table on the Czarina's right, while Chakir Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, had a seat on her left. The Czar was not present at the supper, but he walked through the ball room and conversed with the guests.

The *Invalide Russe* (war office organ) says the government will take advantage of the annual conference of governor generals and commanders at St. Petersburg to propose the formation of a special commission with the older Grand Duke St. Michael as president, to examine into the military commissariat and disciplinary system.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A city of Mexico special says: The great loan of \$10,500,000 which the national Congress has authorized President Diaz to negotiate, has been consummated through the German financier Herr Blicheroeder, under the following terms: The German house will take \$3,600,000 of these bonds immediately at seventy cents on the dollar; the rate of exchange on London will be 43 1/2-5d., equal to a Mexican dollar, accordingly the \$3,600,000 will equal \$20,000,000, which at 70 cents will produce \$14,000,000. Herr Blicheroeder has the option of taking the rest of the loan within 90 days at 66 cents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The House committee on elections today disposed of the Indiana contested election case by ordering a report to the House declaring the seat vacant on the ground that White (the sitting member) is ineligible, while Lowry (the contestant) did not have a majority of the votes cast. The adoption of the report by the House would necessitate another election in the sixth Indiana district. The republicans will present a minority report declaring White entitled to the seat.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The assets of the Cushinacchic Mining Company were sold today at public auction in this city. The sale was held in two lots, the first being real estate comprising the mines of San Miguel, Candalaro and eight others, together with the ranches of Hulsachle and Ojos Azules, each containing 40,000 acres. James C. Fargo and George F. Crane were the purchasers at \$100,000. The second lot consisted of tools and live stock and other personal property of the company and was bought by the same purchasers for \$30,000.

DUBLIN, Jan. 27.—The trial of Patrick O'Brien, member of Parliament, Thomas Byrne, president of Ballinastor branch of the National League, and John Haydon, editor of the *West Meath Examiner*, for offenses under the crimes act, was held today. O'Brien and Byrne were sentenced to four months' imprisonment; Haydon to three months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The delayed deficiency bill of last session, with the Senate amendments, was passed in the Senate today.

White (New York) introduced a bill for the protection and administration of forests on public lands. Referred.

HOUSE ADJOURNED.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—George Clarke, president of Typographical Union No. 8, this city, died today after a brief illness. He was twice president of the International Typographical Union and was a prominent candidate for the position of public printer prior to the appointment of Mr. Benedict.

WILKESBARE, Jan. 27.—By the explosion of gas in the Nottingham Mine, Plymouth, this afternoon, one man was killed and four were fatally burned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Advises tonight are to the effect that the storm has been steadily increasing throughout the northern part of this state for the past 48 hours and is at its worst to-night. The temperature is falling, the wind blowing a gale and the snow is drifting upon the railway tracks and the country roads. The freight blockade on the Hudson River and New York Central is the heaviest ever known. Two thousand loaded cars are being held on waiting orders to be moved. Other through routes are no better off. The thermometer indicates 15 degrees below zero at some points.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—Further details of the storm received to-night show the railroads are completely blocked. Forty passengers on the Canadian Pacific express, were compelled to abandon the train and walk to the nearest village; many of them getting their hands and feet frozen.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 27.—John Haywood, carpenter, absconding president and treasurer of the Brookside Knitting Company, Washburne Salylic Manufacturing Company and other corporations in New York, who has been living here since November under an assumed name, was arrested today. He is charged with having forged bills of lading and receipts to the amount of \$40,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Detective Gibson of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway is reported to be in this city looking for James Moore. The latter is said to have robbed the branch office of the railroad at Portland, Oregon, of \$2,300 four months ago. The detective traced Moore to Denver and from there to Chicago, and has asked Police Captain Hunt to aid him in locating the man.

THE CORA LEE CASE.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 27.—The arguments in the Cora Lee case occupied all day and evening. The case will probably go to the jury to-morrow.

TUCSON, Jan. 27.—George Green, who confessed the railroad robbery at Pantana, Arizona, last April, has been sentenced to five years, and Doc Smart to life imprisonment. An appeal will be taken in Smith's case. The latter attempted suicide tonight by shooting himself three times in the head. The balls flattened on the skull and the wounds are not dangerous.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The debate on the anti-socialist bill was commenced in the Reichstag today. Socialist deputies circulated a letter among the members from Captain Fisher, of the Zurich police, in which he confirms the statement that Schroeder and Haupt were arrested in Switzerland as anarchists, declared themselves to be of the Berlin police.

Herr Von Pnttkamer, president of the council and minister of the interior, referring to this letter, said he would request Prince Bismarck to take

DIPLOMATIC STEPS

against the unheard-of proceeding on the part of the Swiss authorities. Owing to the existing laws, he said, Germany had been spared the disorders from which other countries had suffered. Outrages had been prevented, the press had been kept within bounds and the social democratic propaganda had been checked. The socialists had attempted to overthrow all existing institutions and could not, therefore, claim to be treated under