

in mining at Chapparral for some time, and came to Prescott on New Year's day for medical attention. His illness was not considered dangerous. When his physician called Sunday morning he found Nichols dead. He was wounded several times during his official career, one wound through his lungs giving special trouble. Nichols had wealthy relatives in Kansas and Massachusetts.

One of the most important meetings ever held in Fresno, Cal., was that of the chamber of commerce, Hundred Thousand club, vineyardists, raisin packers and representatives of grange organizations of the county for the purpose of memorializing Congress to impose a tariff of 8 cents a pound on all grape products, held on Saturday evening. It was said that during the past year or two over 10,000 acres of vines have been uprooted because of unprofitable returns. At the meeting it was decided to wire Senator White Perkins and Congressman Bowers, requesting that every effort be made in behalf of a 3-cent tariff.

An item from Rock Springs, Wyoming, says: John Hennessy, an employe of Fleckmaster Edwards, has returned from Edward's ranch in Routt county and reports that the trouble between the sheep and cattle raisers is apparently over. Mr. Hennessy saw forty-seven mounted and well-armed cattlemen from the Snake river country ride up and instruct Mr. Edwards' foreman to move his sheep across the river, but beyond this no threats were made. They also instructed Frank Woodman to move his sheep into Utah. They then rode away and have not been seen since. It is believed by the sheepmen that the Routt county cattlemen have been trying the effect of a grand bluff which the sheepmen will call.

The Idaho legislature organized on Monday, January 4, by the Democrats electing the officers, with the assistance of the silver Republicans. The Populists were not considered in the organization. The officers chosen are: House—Speaker, A. H. Alford of Nez Perce; chief clerk, W. N. B. Sheperd of Bear Lake; assistant chief clerk, L. R. Leeds of Ada; journal clerk, Miss M. B. Sweetman of Latah; enrolling clerk, R. J. Tordy of Oneida; engrossing clerk, Miss Mollie Cartoway of Canyon; chaplain, Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell of Bingham; sergeant-at-arms, W. B. Stainson of Nez Perce; doorkeeper, Lew Clawson of Blain; pages, H. C. Feltham and Clarence Morgan. Senate—President pro tem, Joseph C. Rich of Bear Lake; secretary, Swain Beauty of Canyon; assistant secretary, W. M. B. Hillrich of Elmore; engrossing clerk, Hyrum Ricks of Fremont; enrolling clerk, Miss Anna L. Conganour of Canyon; journal clerk, Harry F. Eusign of Blaine; chaplain, Rev. D. M. McReynolds of Ada; sergeant-at-arms, Jesse Pollard of Ada; page, Charles McCarty of Ada; doorkeeper, E. J. Nordyke.

Paul Muller of San Francisco was shot and killed at Gold Ridge mine, Nevada county, Cal., on Thursday. The killing occurred during a gun fight over the relocation of the mine. During the fracas a miner named

O'Connor quarreled with Richard Phelan and a man named White over the relocation of the "diggings," and the dispute led to a deadly combat. Phelan and O'Connor, after a heated argument, grappled. Muller drew a revolver and fired at Phelan, but as the weapon was discharged the struggling men swayed to one side and the bullet intended for Phelan struck O'Connor in the breast. Left single-handed to engage his two opponents, Muller was at once attacked by both. Before he could fire again he was brought down by a bullet from White's revolver. He arose and returned the fire, but a second shot pierced his throat, and as he staggered back a third discharge from the weapons in the hands of his enemies felled two more body wounds. Muller lingered several hours after the fight, and expired at sundown on Thursday evening. O'Connor may die.

Work upon the most important electrical engineering scheme in California, outside of Folsom, began on Monday at Azusa, Cal. It is for the harnessing of a turbulent mountain stream in San Gabriel canyon, northwest of Pomona valley, to furnish electrical power for use in propelling street cars, running factories, and raising elevators in Los Angeles city. Engineers have been making surveys for this immense work for over a year, and a stock company of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Jose capitalists, has been formed for prosecuting the work, with a capital of \$800,000. Contracts for \$300,000 worth of work on this electrical scheme have already been let, and more will be by March 1st. The contracts call for a completion of the vast work by April 1, 1898. It is noted that by tunneling through rock and building a conduit for water a 12 miles long the San Gabriel canyon stream may be run over immense turbine wheels that will create 5,500 horse power. These wheels will in turn run dynamos which will send the electric current along wires twenty-four miles to where it is reckoned some 5,300 horse power may be had for running street cars and factories. The electrical plant at Folsom will be the model for the San Gabriel electrical company.

RECENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL NEWS.

Recent excavations made by the trustees of the British Museum in Cyprus give an acquaintance with what was the site of Curium, which was built on the summit of a rocky elevation some 300 feet above the sea, and was almost inaccessible on three sides. The special feature has been the discovery of a necropolis dating from what is called the Mycenaean period. In the Mycenaean tombs were found primitive races of the pre-Phoenician time. But other and more valuable objects have been discovered, as a sword scabbard bearing the name of Khonsu—which would make its date somewhere between the years 860 and 527 B. C.; also, there was a Phoenician cylinder, the date of which cannot be earlier than 600 B. C. The choicest object was a steatite scaraboid of masterly execution. Finger rings, earriings, bronze bracelets, plated with gold, a necklace of

delicate workmanship, have also come to light. Some of the vases are believed to be of Grecian make.

An explorer recently found in Egypt a bronze bowl and a series of iron tools of forms quite unlike any known in Egypt, and they are thought to belong to an Assyrian armorer about 670 B. C. These tools, comprising three saws made for pulling, not pushing, one rasp, one file, several chisels and ferrules, a scoop-edged drill, two center bits and others, are of the greatest value in the history of tools, as showing several forms of an earlier date than was thought possible. They are probably of Assyrian origin. —Scientific American.

WANT HEADQUARTERS HERE.

For several days past a rumor has been going the rounds of local business and banking circles to the effect that when the sale of the Oregon Short Line was effected that headquarters would be established in Omana and not in Salt Lake as expected. A strong sentiment has been quickly worked up against this movement. Opposition to it crystallized today in the form of the following petition and protest which was signed by all the banking institutions and leading shippers of the State:

Samuel Carr, Esq., Chairman Reorganization Committee of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway company:

Sir:—In view of the fact that the foreclosure sales of the property of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway company will soon take place and that in the near future it will in all probability become necessary to provide for the organization of some corporation which shall succeed to the ownership of the property so sold and that it is probable that the management of the new corporation will be an independent one,

We, the undersigned, members of the Salt Lake Jobbers' association and citizens of the State of Utah, most respectfully present for your consideration the desirability of effecting the corporation of such new company under the laws of this State and locating here its principal place of business.

A large portion of the property of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern railway company lies within this State and has in the past and will necessarily be in the future largely dependent for its business upon the patronage of the undersigned as representing the largest business interests of this State.

We are desirous and would be very glad to submit to you more in detail the many reasons which prompt us to request the organization of the new company as a domestic, and to this end should be pleased to confer with you in person, and hereby assure you that we will in every way within our power furnish such assistance as may be necessary in bringing about the incorporation of the new company as one of our home institutions.

THE NEW YEAR IN CINCINNATI.

Another New Year's day; another day for making new resolutions; and other season for review, for reflection, for comparison, for weighing one's self, as it were; a season which people of sentiment naturally look upon as an epoch in their life; as a milestone on their journey through this proverbial vale of tears.