

Washington, Dec. 12 .- The senate committee on privileges and elections met today to outline a policy to be pursuch in investigating the protests filed against Senator Reed Smoot being perfiled mitted to retain his seat and decided that before taking further steps in the matter Senator Smoot should be given opportunity to make reply to the harges senator Burrows, chairman of the

committee, was instructed to notify Mr. Smoot of the decision of the committee and to request that whatever reply he may desire to make shall te in writing. In addition to the innumerable petitions filed with the committee for the expulsion of Mr. Smoot, two protests from citizens of Utah were presented and briefly considered by the committee. These protests charged Mr. Smoot with being a polyg-They also charge that the non" Church, of which Smoot is an Apostle, holds its own laws to be superior to those of the state, and they is the reason given for the proposed con solidation. ontend that the church still stands to polygamy. Neither Senator Smoot no opponents were represented at the meeting and for that reason members of the committee avoided taking any action which would in any manne show the sentiment of individuals.

ANTI-SMOOT PETITIONS.

How Signers Are Being Secured by Ministers in the Southern States.

Ben. E. Rich, president of the Southern States mission, who arrived from Allanta, Ga., last night, throws some light upon the manner in which signatures have been secured for the petitions presented to the senate asking for the unseating of Senator Reed Smoot. "I do not believe," he declared, "that there are ten per cent of the signers whose signatures were not secured under false pretenses. Min-Isters generally throughout the south especially in some districts, have made oot a special subject for their Sunday sermons, when they tell their congregations that Apostle Reed Smoot is the husband of four or five wives, and other such stories. Then they have their congregations lined up and the signing of the petitions takes place." Elder Rich reports that the work is progressing in the south and the only trouble that he has to contend with is that there are not enough Elders laboring in that field. At present, he says, there is no trouble prevalent and people generally are beginning to under-stand more about the "Mormons" from

a reliable source. He affirms that the bureau of information in this city is doing an immense amount of good and has personally come in contact with number of people in the south who dents. ave visited the bureau here and speak of their experiences with pleasure. With the exception of one or two

cases of sickness the health of the Elders in the field he reports as being President Rich proposes to return

Georgia in time to spend Christmas, he having come home at this time to marriage of his son, Dr Rich, of Rexburg, which event occurs next week.

QUARANTINE NOT OBSERVED.

Several complaints have been rerelved at the board of health against the loose quarantine regulations observed by two families in Waterloo the are afflicted with diphtheria. It is claimed that members of the family George H. Taylor and of the Cahoon family, are breaking quarantine regulations daily. These cases are outside the city limits and hence the city beard has no jurisdiction over

Patrons of the electric surface cars were the worst sufferers, it being found almost the worst supercrs, it being round almost impossible to make headway, owing to the slippery condition of the rails. Teaming wave is alvancing in the rear of the storm, and has already overspread the en-tire northwest, the temperature being as low as 20 degrees below in zero in North Dakota.

To Consolidate Fruit Houses.

n Connecticut. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12 .- Plans to consolidate fruit jobbing houses in territory bounded by Chicago and Denver and St. Louis and Winnipeg were discussed by the Western Fruit Jobbers' association which convened here today. It is proposwhich convened here today. It is propose ed to combine houses in the smaller cities giving to one the business which at pres-ent a half dozen handle. In the larger cities more than one house may be neces-sary to care for the volume, though the number will be limited. Loss in transit is the vesson given for the proposed con-

Grand Carnival in Stake Tabernacle All Next Week.

On Monday night next the Granite

Russian Comment on Message. St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The comment here thus far on President Roosevelt's message to Congress has been confined to the semi-official St. Petersburg Journal. The tone is friendly. The paper notes par-ticularly that the president's commenda-tion of the principle of arbitration goes hand in hand with his recommendation for an increase in the strength of the navy and deduces from the message that the United States hereafter will play a larger part in the world's affairs.

Russia Not Temporizing.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.-The Novoe Vremya today denies that Russia is tem-porizing in the Russo-Japanese negotla-tions.

tions. According to the Novokrai of Port Ar-thur, the Russian troops in the far east are suffering greatly from extreme cold. Although 10 degrees of frost were regis-tered at Ta Lien Wan, the soldiers are still in tents and the hospital facilities are inadeouate. inadequate.

car in each Eastern Illinois

So Says Her Manager, Mr. Marcus Mayer, Head of the Corporation.

Matcus Mayer, manager of the corporation which is handling the American tour of Madame Patti, passed through Salt Lake today on his way to the coast. Mr. Mayer succeeds Robert Grau at the head of the corporation, Grau having been bought

out. Mr. Mayer says the stories of

ponent, a paper published in the inter-est of the Relief society. She leaves four children, they being Milando, her oldest son: Mrs. Vianna Eldredge, wife of Joseph U. Eldredge, Sr.; Mrs. Lath-illa Kimbal, wife, of Joseph Kimball, and Prof. Valton M. Pratt; also numerous grandchildren and several great grandchildren. An only brother in the

The funeral will takep lace from the residence of her son, Milando Pratt, 565 South State street, on Monday, Dec. 14, at 1 p. m. Friends are invited.

GRANITE STAKE FAIR.

stake will give a grand fair and carnival in the new stake tabernacle, the

eeds are for the benefit of the

INDIANS ARE COMING.

Here on Fridary Morning.

HEALTH OF CITY.

crease in Contagious Diseases.

antine restrictions. Five cases of ty-phoid fever were reported during the

festivities continuing for one week. On the opening night the popular operetta. "Snow White and the Dwarfs," will be presented: on Tuesday night the Salt Lake Tabernacle choir, under the direction of Professor Evan Stepens, with Professor J. J. McClellan as accompa-Professor J. J. McClellan as accompa-nist, will render a choice program, in-cluding solos, duets and quartets by well known local artists; Wednesday will be free to the children and aged folks, who will witness a matinee from 2 to 5 m while at birth the from

building fund.

Lectures for Trainmen.

Chicago, Dec. 12.-The trainmen of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road are to be given a course of instruction regarding the best method of giving first aid to the injured of railway wrecks. The project has been started at the annual banquet which the officials of the company tendered the surgeons of the entire system at the Great Northern hotel. The pian is to establish schools in the various division headquarters and require the trainmen to attend the lectures and demonstrations which will be given or the sub-ject. Examinations will be held from time to time and before many months train both freight and passenger, will have an emergency box well stocked with the necessary articles to use in acci-

PATTI WILL SING.

Patti's having refused to go on the stage of the West End theater, Har-lem, owing to a disappointing advance sale, are simply ridiculous. Her contract is with the corporation which he heads, and any loss that occurs is borne by the corporation. Neither Patti nor the local management has anything to

week, as compared with the same num-ber for the week before. One case of do with it. He says that the concert in the Tabernacie Jan. 4 will positively be given. measles and two of chickenpox were also reported.

Indianapolis, and R. B. Schnel-der of Nebraska, At 1:30 p. m. the committee ad-journed to meet in Chicago at the call of the chairman.

SNOW AND COLDER. person of Capt. Henry B. Merrill, lives

Outlook for the Next 24 Hours Promises Wintry Weather.

The weather continues much as yes terday, cloudy and threatening, but with only a trace of snowfall. There has been snow pretty generally over the west, and in the north the temperatures have been low. The low barometric area has moved off down into the Gulf of Mexico, but another one is nosing down this way from the northwest. The outlook for the coming 24 hours is snow

and cold, the weather east of this meri-dian has been blustering, and the wires are down so that the news of the As ated Press has come along only in driblets.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Board of Public Works Gives Them To Lowest Bidder.

The board of public works this after-

noon considered the bids for public imtoks, who will withess a mathee from 2 to 5 p. m., while at night the two-act cantata, "The Sleeping Queen," will be the bill; Thursday night "Snow White" will be repeated, Frday night there will be a grand ball, Saturday af-terment a children's device of the start of the sta provements for the year 1904, which were submitted yesterday afternoon, and awarded contracts on the same as follows:

ternoon a children's dancing party, and Saturday night will witness the crown-First South street paving, from State to Second East to P. J. Moran for \$21 .ing of the queen of the carnival. The doors open at 6 o'clock each night and 711.25.

Watermain Extension, James Ken-nedy & Co., Fargo, S. D., for \$24,486. extensions, James Kennedy & Co., \$18,801.

Sidewalk extensions, R. S. Blome Co., Chicago, \$29,596.

In each instance the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder. Carlisle Football Team is to Arrive



message of the Holly," by P. R., Porter; "The Pioneer Christmas," by Camelia; and the "Chaplain's Protege," by W. G. L.

- portionment.

Building Will Soon be Finished.

Architect S. T. Whitaker, director general of the Utah exhibits at the World's fair, returned this morning, from St. Louis. He says the Utah state building will be completely finished inside of 30 days, and that as the construction of the fair buildings approach completion, there is an easing up on the freight congestion caused by the shipments of building material.

DARING ROBBERY.

Mother of Salt Lake Woman Loses Diamonds and Jewelry.

(Special to the "News.")

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12 .- Nearly a thousand dollars' worth of jewelry and \$250 in cash were secured last evening by porch climbers from the home of H. S. Filley. The robbery occurred at about 6 o'clock in the evening during the dinner hour, and Mrs. Filley and her daughter, Mrs. Fred H. Eise-man, of Salt Lake, were on the first floor, and Mr. Perkins was on the third The thieves were discriminating and took only what was best. All the jewelry they could find they threw upon a bed, picked out the diamond, and other more valuable articles and left the remainder. Several fine diamond rings and pins were taken. The thieves were apparently superstitious as they left some fine opals behind Part of the stolen jewelry was the property of Mrs. Perkins and part belonged

CITY CANAL CAVES IN.

o Mrs. Filley.

Land and Water Commissioner Macknight this morning received word that a serious cave-in occurred last night in the city canal at North's store at Mill Creek. A force of men will be put at work at once repairing the canal. Creek.

THREE TYPHOID CASES.

Three cases of typhold fever and one of chickenpox were reported to the board of health today. The typhoid patients are: Astley and Hilmer Carlson, age 9 and 15 years, 812 Austin Ave.; Edith Bar-rett, aged 6, 29 Fulmor Ave. The case of chickenpox is that of Elizabeth Parry, aged 11 years, 145 north Fifth West.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

Barn Destroyed and Saloon Threatened In Ogden Last Night.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Dec. 12 .- This morning at : o'clock fire broke out in the Green Light saloon on Grant avenue, burning a large hole in the floor and doing damage in the sum of \$150. The barn of Thomas Leaver on west Twenty-second street was also destroyed by fire last night.

Joseph Harkness was this morning examined by Drs. Joyce and Skeen as to his sanity and was ordered committed to the state mental hospital at Provo. He was taken there this afternoon by Sheriff Bailey.

County Superintendent of Schools Wilson has réceived the apportionment of the state school fund for this coun-ty, amounting to \$18,650. This is made on a basis of 9.325 pupils at \$2 each, Ogden city being included in the ap-portionment.

the United States Printing company, an Ohio corporation doing business in Brooklyn, that after Jan. 1, it will re-tain only union men in its employ, Justice Marcan, in the supreme court, has granted a temporary injunction restraining the company from discharg-ing its non-union men. An order was issued against the company and the electrotypers and stereotypers directing them to show cause why the injunc-tion should not be made permanent.

The complainants allege conspiracy to make the shop a union concern. Justice Marean's decision is sweeping in its provisions, and restrains th inions from organizing a strike against the company, picketing, boycotting of in any other way interfering with its business.

Iowa Central Report.

Chicago, Dec. 12 .- The annual report of the Iowa Central railroad has just been issued. While the transportation receipts show a decrease, the result is considered satisfactory by President Hawley, in view of adverse conditions including the damage to crops, smaller shipments of live stock and the miners strike

The expenditures for improving th physical condition of the road and buy ing new equipment required an increase in bonded indebtedness, but net earnings were sufficient to meet interest re-quirements and other fixed charges. The gross earnings for the year end-ed June 30, 1903, were \$2,405,432, a de-crease of \$137,806. Expenses and taxes were \$1,566,990, decrease \$138,810,

Frisco-Rock Island Combine.

San Francisco, Dec. 11 .-- The local of-fice of the Rock island system has been advised from the east that on the first of the year the offices of the 'Frisco line in this city and Los Angele wf merged in the agencies of the Roc Island company. In accordance with this order the affairs of the local offic of the 'Frisco line will in due course be turned over to the Pacific agents of the Rock Island in this city

China Com'l Steamship Co.

San Francisco, Dec. 12 .- Eng Hole Fong, president and general manage of the China Commercial Steamshi company, which is operating a line o steamers between Hongkong. Man-sentllo and this port, has arrived here from Mexico. He says that his com-pany has found its Pacific ocean enterprise a paying one and is now figuring on increasing its steamer service tween the oriental and the Pr the Pacific coast ports. As regards the proposition to establish a regular service to Port. land, Eng Hok Fong confirms the re-port to the effect that experimental visits of the company's vessels to the northern port had proved successful, and that it is the intention to include To be Put in Index Expurgatorius And Condemned by Holy Office. the north hereafter in the traffic ter Rome, Dec. 12.—It has been proposed not only to put the last book of the Abbe Loigny, on the index expurgatorius, but to have it condemned by the holy office. Archbishop Migrot, of Albi, France, who is now in Rome, is favorable to the Abbe Loigny. He considers him the greatest Catholic thinker of France. He believes the abbe writes in good faith and says he should be heard before he is con-demned. ritory of the company.

Heiress Captures a Count.

New York, Dec. 12 .- Announcemen has been made by Mrs. Joseph F Stone of the engagement of her daugh-ter, Margot, to Count Alexander Ber-oldingen, of Austria. Mrs. Stone was formerly Miss Mary Burnet of Cincinnati.

Restoration of St. John Lateran.

Rome, Dec. 12 .- The pope has expressed his satisfaction to Cardinal Satolli at the his satisfaction to Cardinal Satoli at the work, now in progress, of restoring the Basilica of St. John Lateran, especially the roof, which threatened to fall in. The late Pope Leo XIII had already given a sum of money for the church's restora-tion, but it being insufficient he interested the Franciscans in the matter, and they made a quest throughout the world. Pope Leo requested the Franciscans to engage in this work because of the legend, paint-ed by Glotto, according to which St. Francis of Assissi, in one of his visions, saw the Lateran church falling and the saint, by order of Christ, hastening to up-hold the walls.

association, is laughed at as nothing but a transparent ruse to get a foothold among the miners on which to base efforts for a final and complete unionizing of the camps. The management simply smiles, and says, "Well, not today, thank you."

Vice President Kramer and Manager Williams will be in town next week. MARTIAL LAW IMPROBABLE.

Gov. Wells has not yet received a report from Gen. Cannon as to the advisability of declaring martial law in the strike district. He stated this morning that he expected a report this afternoon. As to the probable contents he said that, judging from Gen. Cannon's telegram to Gen. Burton, publish. ed today, there would be no recommerdation in regard to martial law in the report.

That being the case it is highly improbabl, that martial law will be declared, because the governor's action in that respect will certainly be guided by the recommendations and information contained in Gen. Cannon's report.

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New York, Dec. 11 .-- United States Senator William A. Clark of Montana, who was operated on yesterday for abacess on the mastold bone, is reported much worse today. After the operation the senator rallied but during the night he was restless and his temperature went up.

Dr. H. Holbrock Curtis, who perform-ed the operation, was summoned to the Hotel Lisbon today by Senator Clark's gon-in-law, Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris. Dr. Curtis went at once to the apartments of his patient and after an examination of the wound decided it must be reopened at once. Dr. Curtis was in Senator Clark's apartments for several hours and no definite statement of the patient's condition could be obtained.

That there is cause for anxiety is evidenced by the basty call for Dr. Curtis and worried expressions on the faces of Dr. Morris and the servants. The operation on Senator Clark is not a rare one, but it is a dangerous and exceedingly delicate bit of surgery. abscess on the mastold bone usually follows an epidemic of grip, and the operation has been performed several hundred times in this city.

LOIGNY'S LAST BOOK.

demned The pope today, in receiving Mgr. Le-camas, bishop of Larchelle , said : "I appreciate very much your book, "The Life of Christ."

"I keep it constantly next to my bed and I read some of it every night. It helps me," the pontiff concluded smillingly, "with my French."

Lord Abinger Dead.

hospital here today as the result of in-juries sustained in failing down the stairs of a restaurant. He was born in 1871. His mother is a daughter of the late Commo-dore Magruder, U. S. N.

Paris, Dec. 12 .- Lord Abinger died in a

he bishop was surprised at his work