

council of revision today and unanimously rejected.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 31.—Geo. A. Simons, of this city, has received information of an ancestor's estate valued at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 which has for years awaited an owner. He says the property in question belonged to a great uncle, Robert Sargent, of Hubbardston, Mass., more than forty years ago. Sargent was opposed by all the other members of the family in a quarrel and he converted all his property into cash or securities and disappeared. Twenty years later a stranger of apparent means spent a few days in Hubbardston, and to some he divulged the fact that he was Robert Sargent. He left again and never returned. Once or twice tidings from the far west told of his unusual prosperity, but never by letter did the family hear from him. A few weeks ago Mr. Simons and others of the relatives were notified by a Boston lawyer of an estate of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 which belonged to them of which the lawyer had exclusive knowledge. He gave out enough information to prove the existence of the property, but refused to locate it until he was assured of fifty per cent of the value of the recovered property. The estates are supposed to exist on the borders of Texas and in Mexico. There are thirty-seven heirs. The property has been in charge of an agent several years, is in good condition and free from debt. The heirs held recent meetings and chose one of their number, who is a lawyer, to represent them.

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 31.—During the past six months this village has been the scene of so large a number of fires of an obviously incendiary origin as to call for the serious attention of the police authorities. A secret investigation was instituted which resulted in the arrest last night of John Goerke, a member of the Columbus Hook and Ladder company of Tonawanda, and belonging to the State Firemen's association. It is claimed that Goerke has been the author of many fires here, among them that which destroyed the Western lumber yard last week, causing a loss of over \$175,000. It is the custom of the local fire department to award a medal to the fireman who arrives first at the scene of the greatest number of fires during the year and it is said that Goerke has been first at almost every fire since May 5th last.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The two thousand Russians in the local colony are refugees and exiles no longer. The young czar's wedding day has removed the brand that was upon them. The first copy of the imperial proclamation has just reached here and it has thrown the whole colony into a transport of delight.

The Russians now in this city came here, for the most part, by way of Siberia. Many of them had been exiled, and nearly all of them deprived of their social and property rights in their mother country. Some have grown wealthy in San Francisco and they may now revisit Russia, be restored to citizenship and to former property rights.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—A special to the *Republic* from O'Neill, Neb., says: "The dominating treasurer of Holt coun-

ty, Barrett Scott, is supposed to have been hanged by a mob last night. He was captured about midnight in a lonely part of the county. He was returning with his wife, baby, hired man, named John Schmidt, and a Miss McWharter, from a trip to relatives about thirteen miles from O'Neill, when six masked men sprang from the roadside where they had been concealed, and, covering the carriage with Winchester, ordered Scott to surrender. Scott seized the reins and attempted to drive over the men.

The masked men then fired into the carriage, killing the horses and shooting Scott in the neck and wounding Miss McWharter, though not seriously. The party was then joined by a larger force, which had been placed across the road further on to intercept the carriage had it escaped the first volley. Scott and Schmidt were taken from the vehicle, blindfolded and thrown into a wagon and the ladies were told to go on. Today Schmidt returned. He had been taken to a house in the northwest part of the county with Scott. Schmidt was released with the injunction to get out of the county.

It is believed that Scott has been hanged, as the farmers of the county are terribly incensed over his work.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—It is reported that Frank Tarbo, alias Frank Taylor, who, together with William Carroll Woodward, alias the Hon. Lionel Mungrace, were arrested here, charged with participating in a fight with cutlasses at No. 15 Ulster place, Regent's park, and who afterwards jumped his bail, has been arrested at Cape Town.

Subsequent to the disappearance of Tarbo and Woodward, who also jumped his bail, the police learned that they were both noted American criminals, and that the cutlass fight had its origin over a division of the spoils. It appears that on Sunday, October 7, a well dressed man who gave his name as Arthur Saville, was thrown out of the house referred to above, cutting his face and head.

After the police entered the house another man, who said he was Arthur Cockburn, was found lying in the hallway bleeding from wounds similar to those inflicted on Saville. Lying near Cockburn were two cutlasses. Tarbo and Woodward, the occupants of the house, were placed under arrest. Later they were admitted to bail, whereupon they disappeared.

Then the police discovered, aided by the New York police, that their quarry were international criminals who were badly wanted. The man Saville turned out to be the younger son of one of the wealthiest bankers, whom Tarbo and Woodward had robbed by means of cards of about \$300,000. Investigation showed that they had swindled many others out of very large sums of money, one of their victims being Samuel Lewis, probably the best known and sharpest money-lender in England. Mr. Lewis is extremely reticent in regard to the affair and he refused to tell how the sharpers got the better of him.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—At 10:57 Sunday an oscillatory earthquake shook wastel in this city and other parts of the valley of Mexico. The movement was east and north but of short duration. The disturbance caused great alarm from those who

feared a repetition of the disastrous earthquake of November 2 which killed eighteen people and did great property damage. In the Arben theater the only play house now open in this capital. As a result of the damage sustained by other theatres in previous shocks, a stampede occurred. Women leaped from tower boxes and the audience struggled for escape at narrow exits. The manager appeared on the stage and tried to calm the fear-crazed people and at last a degree of quiet was restored, but not until most of the audience had taken refuge in the streets, which were full of frightened people, many in their night clothes. The scene of November 2 was repeated in large part and thousands of penitents knelt in the open streets and prayed and cried in a loud voice for deliverance from death. In Belem prison, where thousands of wretched beings are huddled together in barracks, pandemonium reigned and the guards had hard work to prevent hundreds from breaking out and flinging themselves over the walls. The disturbance was foretold two months ago by Juan Contreras of Guanajuato, the accredited and locally famous, seismic prognosticator, who prophesied that between the 30th of December and 2nd of January this violent scene would be visited by another earthquake disturbance. Contreras is making prophecies for three events in this line, and says disturbances will continue in greater or less degree at periods during 1895.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 1.—There was a collision at Yorktown at 4:30 this morning between a west bound freight train in charge of Conductor Morrison, Engineer W. A. Shell and Fireman Henry Hurst, and an east-bound freight train on the Big Four in charge of Conductor Tingle, with Charles Sutton engineer and Joshua Walsh fireman. Shell was killed and three others were injured.

WOODBIDGE, N. J., Jan. 2.—The village is considerably agitated over a story told by several grave diggers attached to the cemetery here regarding what they believe to have been a living burial.

Henry Trappe, some sixty years old, a character of the village who did odd jobs for everybody, died about seven weeks ago and was buried in the "poor lot." A week or two later it was found necessary to dig a grave alongside of Trappe's for the body of a man named Finzerale.

While cutting down along Trappe's coffin the diggers assert that blood oozed through the soil into the new grave. The diggers were so frightened that they wanted to leave the place, but they were persuaded to remain and Finzerale's body was buried. The diggers kept their own counsel until a few days ago, when the fact became known. Superstitious people at once jumped to the conclusion that Trappe had been buried alive, and old cronies of his state that he frequently, when alive, went into trances that lasted ten or twelve hours.

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 2.—Dimitlon line steamer *Saris* from Portland, Maine, and Halifax, N. S., for Liverpool, crippled by the loss of her rudder, put into Belfast Lough this morning for shelter. She was in tow of two tugs.