Melageias, Mexico, 25.—Samuel Reed, deserter from Eighth United States Cavairy, who was implicated in the murder of a rich Jew named Block, made a confession yesterday giving full particulars of the crime. He says that Samnel Wilhams, also a deserter from the cavairy, struck Block with a thick piece of iron and then assaulted him with a kaife. They got but little money, the greater part being in a safe which they overlooked. Williams will probably be taken out by the authorities and shot in explation of his crime. Cincinnari, 25.—The Sergeant-atarns of the Onio House of Representatives arrested Daniel J. Daiton today for refusing to go to Columbus with the returns of Precinct "A," Fourth Ward. Dalton said he was an able to comply with the order of the House Committee, because the Senate Committee, plecase the Senate Committee still holds the returns. His attorney applied to Judge Robertson for a writ of habeas corpus, and the court immediately released Dalton on his own recognizance in the sum of \$500, and appointed Wednesday next for hearing the case.

Pittibudy, Pa., 25.—At a conference of labor leaders held here last evening, it was decided to sent a representative committee of workingmen to Washington to advocate the interests of the tariff before Congratiate the country on the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and on the prospect of its being opened for public bushness next June. In reference to the disheries question he will state that should negotiations between Her Majesty's government and the covernment of the United States for the appointment of a commission prove a fallure. Parliament will be asked to make provision for the protection of the fisheries by the extension of the present system of marine police. He will allude to the rebellion in the northwest, and will express regret that the public expenditure was so largely increased in its suppression.

Baltimore, 25.—The memoirs of Chefot the demiphonde of Parls, spoken of in a dispatch from Parls, yesterday, his attracted some attention he

hicle from the station to the hotel.

The enthusias misplayed along the line of march was prodigious. In the evening Lord Randolph addressed the meeting, when the enthusiasm displayed on his arrival was repeated. Lord Randolph said it lay with Ulster to say waether Ireland should remain a part of the empire. He denied that the Parnellites were true representatives of the will of the Irish people. As for Parnell hinself, his only title to be continued as a leader in his party lay in an action of which no one could be justly proud. By preying upon the terrors of action of which no one could be justly proud. By preying upon the terrors of the peasantry, and by means of brutal ontrages upon human beings, he had secured five-sixths of the frish members of Parliament. Lord Randolph appealed to all, regardless of creed, to declare in favor of a freer and closer union. If the appeal failed he said he would not mind leaving the Issue to the people of Uister. He believed the storm would blow over, however, and if at the Union would emerge stronger than it had ever heen.

Lord Churchill expressed the hope that the struggle would be kept within constitutional limits, but added that they must be prepared for the worst.

The meeting adopted a resolution to oppose nationalism, and to call upon the people of England and Scolland for help.

Windsor Hotel and severel surrounding buildings and contents. The total loss will be about \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000. The hotel building was lusured for \$30,000. Many of the inmates of the hotel barely escaped with their lives. U. S. Consul General Denny, who was topping at Yokohama en route to Corea, was obliged to jump from the second story window, but sustained no injury.

Ing for \$50 first class, with a riebate of \$8. Anter in the day the rebate was concerned to the companion of chire foreign community.

A French flagship arrived at Yokohama from Nagasaki where the smallpox is epideinic, with a number of cases of that disease ahoad.

Lendon, 24.—A dispaten from Adelaide says the Commercial Bank of South Australia, the head office of which is at Adelaide, has suspended payment.

Stockholm, 24.—The commercial depression here has reached a crisis. The number of failures is steadily increasing. The gravity of the financial situation has not been paralleled since the panic of 1857.

London, 24.—The hearing in the case of Burns, Hyndman, Champion and Williams, socialistic leaders, accused by the authorities of having incited the recent riots at Trafalgar Square and liyde Park, was resumed to-day. The session was devoted principally to hearing the testimony of newspaper reporters as to the exact language used by the defendants in their lafammatory speeches. Hyndman, before the proceedings were formally opened, entered a complaint against the editor and proprietors of Punch, and asked for their arrest. He alleged that they had attempted to excite the public against the defendants and prejudice their trial by publishing a picture of "Mr. Pnuch" in the act of publicly hanging them, in this way suggesting to the people the form of vengeance to be inflicted upon the defendants. The magistrate declined Hyndman's request, saying he nad no power to interfere on the grounds specified.

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\*A husband cannot be examined for "A husband cannot be examined for or against his wite without her consent, nor a wife for or against her husband without his consent; nor can either, during the marriage or afterwards, be, without the consent of the other, examined as to any communication made by one to the other during the mar-lave; but this exception does not apply to a civil action or proceeding by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding for a crime committed by one against the other."

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other."
The provision, by its express terms, applies to both civil and criminal actions, because it says this exception shall not "apply to a civil action or proceeding by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding." So that it covers both classes of cases. The question, therefore, is: Is the erime of unlawful cohabitation by the husband a crime against his lawful wife? I see no escape from that conclusion. If, therefore, unlawful cohabitation is a crime committed by the husband against his wife, under this

habitation is a crime committed by the hisband against his wife, under this section she would be a competent wituess against him.

At common law, according to the rules of evidence, it the husband assaulted his wife or committed a battery upon her, or committed any personal injury to her, she was a competent witness in a criminal prosecution in he name of the State or the people. This statute is broader; it does not use the term "personal injury," but it uses the term "crime committed by one against the other."

It is true that all public offenses, in

Farliament will be asked to make grow viction for the protection of the protection of the soft of the protection of the protec The annexation of Burmah was con firmed by the Government in the House of Lords and the House of Commans last evening. It was voted the cost of of the Burmah expedition be charged to ludian revenue.

Mr. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, replying to Baron Henry Dew Worms's question as to whether Mr. Morley adhered to the opinion he expressed in a recent speech that it was desirable to exclude Parnellites from Parliament, admitted that his speech was correctly reported, but said he preferred to explain his policy fully on

of.
I am of the opinion that under this statute, which says: "But this exception does not apply to a civil action or proceeding by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding for a crime committed by one against the other," she is a competent witness in a case of polygamy, a case of bigamy, or in a case or unlawful cohabitation. In the Iowa case which was cited, (55 Iowa, 217, the State vs. Sloan), upon a statinte which seems to be substantially the same as this statute under consideration, the Court says:

"Mrs. Sloan, the first wife, was allowed to testify in behalf of the State, araiust the detendant's objection. Section 3641 of the code provides that neither the husband nor the wife shall be a witness against the other except in a criminal proceeding for a crime committed one against the other. In our opinion, if the defendant is guilty of bigamy, he committed a crime against his wife. We think she is a competent witness."

It will be seen that the language of the Iowa statute and ours is substantially the same. This decision in Iowa seems to have been the unanimous decision of the court.

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I am of the opinion that when any man marries another woman while he has one wife living with him, and if he commits unlawful cohabitation with her, that he forieits that protection which the law gives him; he has forfeited and destroyed that confidence by his own criminal act; and he has no right when he is prosecuted for such an offense, to claim that the law shall preserve it sacred. I am of the opinion that the wife is a competent witness.

-The farmers of Lembi Valley, Idaho, have formed a company with a capital stock of \$10,000 for the purpose of building a custom flouring mill, and have company and the state of the company of the state of the state of the company of the state of the company of the state have commenced active operations.

—Sheep in the vicinity of Chalk Buttes, Montana, have been attacked by a disease which is killing them off in great numbers. The chief symptoms of the disease is a swelling of the lips, which increase to twice their normal size, consequently preventing the animals from cating.

-A miner named Frank Colomy, met —A miner named Frank Colomy, met with a serious accident while at work in the sixth level north, in No. 3 mine, at Almy. Wyoming, on Wednesday last. He had just fired a blast, and went back in the room to see the result, when a body of coal fell on him breaking the small bone of his left leg.

-On Friday last, Feb. 19th, a mad dog was killed at Laramle, Wyoming. Thereupon the Mayor issued a proclamation ordering that all dogs in the city be securely confined for ten days. If any of the canines are allowed to run at large, the city marshal has received strict orders to kill them.

—W. Ulln, a music teacher, unmarried, was teaching music to a large class at Grarge Hall, Moutain, last Sunday night, when a band of masked men entered the room, beat him on the head with revolvers and put a rope round his neck. Ulin thaily escaped from his persecutors, in a very weak condition.

The Cheyenne (Wyo.) Sun says: If Commissioner Sparks will come to Wyoming, Dakota, Utah and Washington Territories, he will be able to obtain more information about the affairs of his department than he will ever get in Washington through the agency of fine aired clerks, upon whose opinions he evidently relies and through the fraudulent affidavits of blackmailers to which he would seem to be paying heed.

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