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## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

### CITY NEWS

Mrs. H. Massey is visiting in Muchikinock.

Miss Lillian M. Jackson, one of St. Joseph's popular young ladies will spend the holidays in our city.

Dr. E. F. Johnson was unable to sing with choir Sunday on account of bad cold.

Mr. Robt. Good, of Grinnell, is in the city this week.

Editor Geo. E. Taylor was in the city Thursday, on business.

Read our holiday prize.

Read and patronize our holiday advertisements.

Read the program of the proclamation of Emancipation for Jan. 1, 197.

Mr. Geo. Poindeexter and T. E. Barton's names have been drawn to sit as grand jurors for the January term of court.

Professor Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Normal College, of Tuskegee, Alabama, will lecture at the Foster's opera house, December 30th.

Mr. John Walker, of East Lyon street, is the only colored man on this term of District Court as a juror. Mr. Walker is well known and a good citizen.

The new brick church that is building by Rev. F. Lomaek is moving along nicely.

There is but little said about President Cleveland's message. The free silver democrats don't like it, and it is not what the republicans want.

Attorneys A. L. Bell and I. E. Williams, son, by hard work, saved Mr. Harve Williams, who had been convicted from a penitentiary sentence by getting nine months in the county jail. These young attorneys are doing well considering the times.

Through some old grudge, Mr. J. Joiner shot at Mr. James Epperson last Sunday night. Both had been working at adjoining private homes. Mr. J. fired several times, hitting him once in the leg. Mr. Epperson is resting easy now.

A Grand Emancipation Celebration, under the auspices of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, cor. Second and Center streets, January 1st, 1877, commencing at 12 o'clock M, with a fine dinner.

In the evening you will be royally entertained in the auditorium of the church. The church will be decorated for the occasion. There will appear forty-five girls, representing each State in the Union. Miss Beatrice Hicklin will appear as the Goddess of Liberty.

The following is the program:  
Rev. T. Reeves, the presiding officer of the evening.  
Opening song by the choir, "My Country."

Address by J. L. Thompson, editor of the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER; subject, Song by the choir.  
Hon. Lafe Young; subject, Lincoln and his proclamation.

This will be a proud day for every Afro-American in Polk county. Don't fail to be present. Especial invitation to the young people.

Subject of sermon at Saint Paul A. M. E. church, Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The spiritual mind and at 8 p. m. Sermon to hotel men Theme No man Should Engage in Any Work or Avocation that would hinder him from caring for, in the highest degree, his higher Nature.

WANTED—To sell or trade for Iowa property, good lot and house of 5 rooms, 1 1/2 story, situated in Albany, Mo., county, seat of Gentry county, a town of 2500 people, 2 colleges, electric light, etc. For information, address the BYSTANDER, or GUY WATKINS, Albany, Mo.

## Our Grand ..

### Holiday Prize

### A Gold Watch to be Given Away

### Free to Any Who Who Will Try!

We will give to the lady or gentleman a beautiful Gold Watch who will secure the most cash (paid-up) subscriber for the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER, between now and 12 o'clock a. m. February 14th, 1897, under the following terms:

1st. Any one may enter the contest who will abide by these rules. 2d. The price of the BYSTANDER for one year will be only \$1.00; 65 cents for six months.

Remember this is a special offer and only lasts until the contest is ended. Nothing less than six months will be accepted.

3d. Each contestant must send their names in with cash—each week—not later than Thursday, so that we can print their standing, and at the close of the contest will tell the number of subscribers that the successful candidate received.

4th. Delinquent subscribers may pay up and will be counted.

The Watch will be 7-jewel, 14-harat gold, filled, beautiful design, case either a ladies or gents size, with Waltham or Elgin movements, as the winner may select. It is bought from A. C. Hanger, 514 East Locust street, an old reliable jeweler, well known in Iowa. The case is warranted for twenty years, and works for one year.

Mr. Gilchrist Stewart of New York city passed through our town last Saturday, en route for home from a three months tour of the Northwest, collecting data, history and biography of the leading colored men and women of our race in America, for a book to be written by T. C. McCants Stewart (his father) T. Thomas Fortune and B. K. Bruce. Young Mr. Stewart is a graduate of Prof. Washington's Normal college and is now in his third year at the New York University. We commend the worthy undertaking as we need a good unbiased history of our race, not only the professional but industrial and agricultural class all that has made a success.

ANTONIO MACFO IS DEAD

General Maceo, the great leader of Cuban insurgents, who are fighting for their freedom has been murdered by a band of conspirators and most of his staff met with the same fate near Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Major Cirupeda assisted by Dr. Maximo Zertucha committed the horrible assassination. A trap was planned for him and he and his staff was betrayed and led into the trap. Gen. Maceo was a great brave and skilled leader, being highly educated, having spent some years at West Point, was a pupil under the venerable commander-in-chief Gomez for ten years. He is perhaps the greatest

modern Lieutenant and without doubt one of the greatest generals that the Negro race has yet produced. He has a brother in Jacksonville, Florida, named Justo Corrallo.

MUCHIKANOCK NOTES.

Muchikinock, Dec. 9, 1896.  
Julius King of Bromwell, West Va., is visiting Wm. Haley at this writing.

Mason Hughes was badly hurt by falling slate in the mine last week.

W. H. London was called from the store on the 7th, 8th and 9th to superintendent some work at J. E. Buxton's residence in Oskaloosa.

W. E. Gladwin, the hackman had the misfortune of having one of his fall in his cave, and it was quite a puzzle how to get him out. They finally solved the problem with the assistance of over a dozen men.

Alice Mease who has been sick for quite awhile, decided to go to Dr. Henderson's hospital in Oskaloosa for surgical treatment. She went there Friday and was treated Monday and died Tuesday, at 6 p. m. Her funeral took place at the A. M. E. church of which she was a member. Rev. Wm. Williams officiating. She was a member of the Household Ruth and Ladies' Court Lodge, both lodges were in attendance, she leaves a husband an adopted daughter and many friends to mourn her loss, the bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

Chas. Jones was kicked by a mule in mine No. 8, causing him to be idle several days this week.

Miss Hall of Washington, Iowa, is visiting here at this writing. Mrs. Meadows is still on the sick list.

The ubiquitous Muchikinock scribe for the solicitor while keeping everybody on the alert about wedding bells, has failed to inform the readers of the solicitor, that he will be a married man after Xmas, however they all seem to know it.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

SPECIAL LETTER INCLUDED.

General Maceo was not only great as we understand the term, but he was sublime.

To wrench from Spanish tyranny, injustice and misrule a people deserving of the blessings of freedom and independence, General Maceo became intrepid beyond the ordinary, and lifted up by a principle far-fetched from selfish interest, and that was not to be backed down by privations, dangers nor the threats of death is simply sublime.

The magnanimity with the other many superior qualities of this great hero General is what made all Spain fear him in his life time and rejoice in his death.

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In taking chances do not forget that the weight of accident is also generally against you.

If every man had the courage of his convictions there would be no end of strife in the world.

People who do good for the sake of praise ought not to grumble if that is all the return they receive.

Every man dreams away down in his heart that the law does not apply to him, and sometimes he is rudely awakened.

As long as individual members of the sexes persist in humbugging each other, just so long will the millennium be postponed.

The navy, says a Washington dispatch, is to be put on a war footing. Presumably they are going to try to get it to float.

The tougher a man is the more apt he is to show by his conduct that he believes that careless charity will atone for a vast amount of reckless sin.

One of the superstitions that will survive until the end of time is that the man who does not smile when addressing a female acquaintance is a crossgrained bear.

People generally are now putting football on the same plane as prize-fighting. In a prize-fight it is hardly possible for more than two people to be killed during a game, while in a football scrap half a dozen or more may perish. We may all live to see it prohibited.

The New York Journal collected opinions from a number of prominent people on Thanksgiving day, as to why they were thankful and what for. Among others Mr. Frederic R. Conder informed the questioning reporter that he was thankful that "he was a lawyer and not a journalist."

Postmaster Smith of Horton, Iowa, used to burn campaign documents instead of delivering them, and now Postmaster Smith of Horton is in a peck of trouble. When Horton people are as eager for educational documents as they were last fall it was too bad to deprive them of them. Only Mr. Smith knows what they missed, and he wishes now that he didn't.

The features of the proceedings of the National Grange recently at Washington, were the submission of the report of the executive committee and the calling of the members in a body on President Cleveland. The executive committee reported that it had interviewed the president, and that he was "a lawyer and not a journalist."

The civilizing effects of clean streets on the tenement-house districts in New York city are distinctly marked. Fresh-painted on the stores, clean windows, and other tokens of a change for the better, attest the value of the objection of streets no longer a disgrace to the municipality. Observers also note that tenement-house entrances are not tracked with street mud. Ever the children seem to look more tidy. The moral influence of ways fit for the foot to walk upon and for the eye to rest upon is undoubted. It is just as true that good roads in country districts have done a service in promoting order and cleanliness.

Expenditures on account of the navy last year amounted to \$26,262,155, of which \$6,974,435 was paid for the construction of new ships, the other principal item of expenditure being \$15,494,862 for maintenance of the establishment, of which \$7,091,908 was required by the ships in commission. The cruiser New York was the most expensive vessel to run, costing \$12,807 for the twelve months. The Columbia and Minneapolis consumed \$300,000 each; but when the big battle ships have been a year in operation they promise to exceed these figures. Over \$11,000,000 worth of stores have been kept on hand with a great saving over the old system of indiscriminate purchases, corrected by Secretary Whitney. The naval clothing factory has to be considerably enlarged, owing to the growing demands upon it, all clothing being now made there for the navy, the revenue cutter service, and the naval militia. The estimated value of real estate improvements and machinery in the navy yards is placed at \$69,000,000. During the year nearly \$5,000,000 was paid for labor.

It was said of certain connections of a famous Englishman that they inflicted rather than bestowed their bounties. The manner of giving to those in need is sometimes quite as important as the gift itself. The winter, with its call for discriminating charity, is at hand. In no case let that charity be an infliction.

A Genesee princess has eloped with an artist, taking with her \$60,000 worth of jewels, all of which indicates that the artist is something more of a realist than an impressionist.

The brothers of the late California millionaire Fair are at last out with the full statement of their reasons for protesting the will. They declare it to be an absolute forgery and also state that their brother never married Mrs. Craven, who inherits the property under the will. A great sensation is expected before the trial ends.

J. S. McFarland, center of the Yale football team, is six feet and two inches in height, weighs 206 pounds and is said by experts to be the finest physical specimen of manhood in America.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

EX-BANKER ARRESTED.

Accused of Obtaining Money on False Pretenses—Will Prove Innocence. Des Moines, Dec. 14.—A. E. Thompson, formerly cashier of the Maurice State Bank, at Maquokette, was arrested in this city by the sheriff of Cedar county, on an indictment charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses. He at once furnished a satisfactory bond and was released. The arrest grows out of the failure of the Maurice State Bank some time ago. It appears that Thompson a few years ago had traded some western farm lands for a stock of goods at Stanwood. The person who took the land alleges that it would not sell for as much as was stated, and had Thompson indicted on the ground that he had misrepresented the land to him. Thompson says he will have no trouble in establishing his innocence of the charge made against him.

NEWSPAPER LIBEL.

Verdict Against Chicago Chronicle Was \$1,000. Des Moines, Dec. 17.—The Chicago Chronicle will pay Dr. E. J. J. Moffitt \$1,000 damages for libeling him in its grave robbing article. The verdict is for the exact amount asked by the attorney for Moffitt, and the jury did not take long to deliberate. Probably the sudden disappearance of Bennett, the reporter who jumped the state to prevent criminal prosecution for writing the article, had something to do with it. A. B. Cummings, attorney for the Chicago paper, will take the case to the supreme court.

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A Five-Year-Old Girl Burned to Death at Dubuque. Dubuque, Dec. 17.—Toying with matches cost the five-year-old daughter of Jacob Nicholas her life. The child was in the house alone, her parents being in the yard, and a little later they were horrified to see her rush out of the house enveloped in flames. Nicholas grasped the girl and extinguished the flames, but not until the child had been so horribly burned about the limbs, waist and breast that death soon resulted.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

As Osceola Jury Says John Lykins Killed John E. Davis. Osceola, Dec. 16.—In the trial of John Lykins for the murder of John E. Davis, a prominent farmer, during a political quarrel last July, the defense put up a strong case, claiming the defendant was insane, but the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

BIG FORGERY TURNS UP.

Bad State of Affairs Between Rippey and JAMAICA, Dec. 16.—Lewis Thornburg has disappeared. He lived near Rippey, but was not connected with the Perry, 15 of the same name. About \$100,000 in notes and paper currency were found in his possession, and it is believed that he is the work of an ornery.

C. G. W. Maileted for \$75,000.

Dubuque, Dec. 17.—In the United States court the lumber cases were settled. These suits were brought by the lumber firms burned out in June, 1894, and the insurance companies against the Chicago Great Western railway company. It was claimed a locomotive spark caused the fire. The claim was for \$300,000, and it was settled by the company at 25 per cent on amount claimed.

Davis Succeeds Curry.

Creston, Dec. 17.—Eighth district democrats met at the Summit house parlors to elect a district committee-man in place of E. W. Curry, deceased. Three candidates were presented to the convention. W. T. Davis, of Hamburg, received 42 votes; Editor Brewster, of Creston, 33; and Burg Brown, of Corning, 9.

Suspicious Find at Home.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Quite a sensation has been caused by the finding of a wagon in George Crawford's woods, all covered with blood. It is not known to whom the wagon belongs, but it is believed to be a wagon which ever claims it will have to explain how the wagon got there and what caused the blood.

Two Safes Burglarized.

Waukee, Dec. 16.—Two safes were burglarized in J. G. Wallace's store. One was opened with crowbars and dynamite and a gold watch was taken. The expert cracksmen had no trouble in working the combination on the other and stole \$75 worth of postage stamps.

Little Sentenced.

Des Moines, Dec. 16.—Walter A. Little, proprietor of the Hotel Mack, at Grinnell, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,750 and be imprisoned for ten months at hard labor in the Warren county jail. He was convicted of sending obscene letters through the mails.

TREATING HOCHOLERA.

Experiments Begin in Dubuque by a Man Who Claims to Have a Cure.

Dubuque, Dec. 16.—Frank Baumgartner, of Peotone, Ill., who has a medicine for curing cholera, began experiments in Dubuque under direction of the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul railway company. He says cholera is due to excessive and irregular feeding, and has placed five sound hogs among as many sick ones to prove the disease is not infectious and contagious. He will also over-feed five other sound hogs to produce cholera.

KILLED OUTRIGHT.

Horrible Result of the Bursting of a Crasher Flywheel. PRINCETON, Dec. 15.—A horrible accident occurred on the farm of S. J. Jordan, living north of Sutherland, as follows: One Martin Keup, with others, was operating a corn crusher, when, without the slightest warning, the flywheel burst, owing to the high speed at which it was running, and scattered death and destruction. Martin Keup was instantly killed and Samuel Boots had an arm literally torn from his body, and while he is yet alive his recovery is doubtful.

BLOODY ACT.

Shocking Tragedy Enacted Near Lamolle.

MARSHALLTOWN, Dec. 15.—One of the most brutal murders in the history of Marshall county was committed on the farm of Myron Woodard, eight miles southeast of Marshalltown. Andrew Hart, 24 years old, and living with his parents on the farm, arose to build the morning fire. When he came down stairs he discovered a burglar in the house. Hart was strong, and immediately engaged the burglar in a scuffle. It is supposed that he was getting the best of the burglar, when the latter drew a revolver and shot Hart twice in the breast. Either wound would have been fatal. The burglar then jumped through a window and escaped just as the murdered man's father, attracted by the noise, rushed on the scene. The father followed for a short distance and then returned to find his son dead. The murderer cut his hands when he went through the window and was tracked two miles by the blood, and then the trail was lost. He lost his hat and necktie in the scuffle and left his mackintosh on the fence. These are the only clues to identify him. It is thought he will be captured. Sheriff Mills has offered a reward of \$500 for his capture.

ASSAULTED AN EDITOR.

Two Men Found Guilty at Independence. INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 17.—Bert DeWald was found guilty of conspiracy in the assault made last September on J. H. Willey, editor of the Bulletin-Journal. His partner, Charles L. King, was found guilty on the same charge. The verdicts are received with universal satisfaction.

IOWA CONDENSED.

According to estimates of the Iowa Weather and Crop Service, Iowa's loss from hog cholera during 1896 was \$15,000,000.

Scott M. Ladd has tendered his resignation as judge of the Fourth judicial district, an action made necessary by his recent election to the supreme bench.

In the Poweshiek district court, at Montezuma, a motion for a new trial in the Richard Rowe case was overruled and Judge Ryan sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary.

The Harlan State Bank has been closed by the auditor. The original capital was \$50,000. It was organized in 1875 as a private bank. The bank officials have turned over their property to be used by their creditors.

Two other local firms are involved, one having assigned.

The H. B. Hamm dry goods house of Fort Madison was closed a few days ago by creditors. The total amount of claims on file is \$28,144.76. The firm claims their stock is worth \$50,000. The heavy falling off in fall trade and inability to realize on outstanding bills is given as the cause.

George Freeman, aged 20, son of Dr. George Freeman, of Missouri Valley, fired two shots at his father, ran down street, shot himself in the head and fell dead. The doctor is not seriously wounded. The boy came recently from Stockton, Cal. His mother, divorced, lives in Athens county, Ohio.

W. C. Bremerman was sentenced by Judge Woolson at Des Moines for embezzling the funds of the Boone postoffice to three years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$2,500.90. His wife, who was present when sentence was pronounced, fainted and had to be taken from the room by her friends. The money which Bremerman took was lost on board of trade speculation.

Mose Bruner, residing near Shanghai, was on trial at Hedrick a few days ago for stealing chickens. He was acquitted and went part of the way home in company with a constable and his attorney from What Cheer. When within a few miles of his home he went alone on foot. In the morning he was found dead near his home with three bullet holes in his body. It is thought the shooting was done about midnight. The coroner is now investigating the case.

Des Moines dispatch: Susie Mains, formerly Mrs. Susie Valeria Watson, has begun suit for divorce from her husband, John Mains, of Menlo, Guthrie county. They were married in Des Moines in October and lived together one year. He is the man who came to Des Moines bearing sixty letters from Des Moines women, which he had received as answers to his advertisement for a wife, and started out on a hunt for a helpmate with a directory under his arm. Mrs. Mains claims her husband has the reputation of being a murderer, and the people of Guthrie county accuse him of murdering his first wife. She claims he is worth \$10,000, and wants her share of his wealth as his lawfully wedded wife.

Hansen's radical cough cure stops tickling, cough, healing to throat and lungs. Rev. B. Fay Mills, whose work as an evangelist has made his name beloved by Christian Americans, is now giving a series of lectures on "Social Regeneration," in which he treats the social problem from a Christian standpoint. Mr. Mills will be in Des Moines on January 6, 7 and 8, and the topics of his three lectures are: "Social Sickness," "The Social Revolution," and "The Social Salvation." The lectures will be given at the tabernacle. Mr. Mills is taxing the seating capacity of every place where he speaks.

Des Moines dispatch. In the case of Rhoda A. Geiger vs. A. C. Payne, appellant, which was carried up from the Ringgold district court, the supreme court has affirmed the decision. Miss Geiger brought suit against defendant for breach of promise. It developed in the course of the trial that she was made the victim of his passion and was afterwards abandoned. He was a wealthy widower, but a short time before of his wife, and was reputed to be worth from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The lower court gave her a judgment for \$10,000.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

PROSECUTE CUBA'S FRIENDS.

Penalty for Enlisting for Cuba and Against Spain. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The attention of officials here has been attracted by the stories coming from all portions of the country indicating that enlistments are going on of parties of men to go to Cuba to join the insurgents in their struggle against the Spaniards. These enlistments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws and are prohibited under severe penalties. For accepting a commission to serve against Spain, a country with which the United States is now at peace, the penalty prescribed by the revised statutes is \$2,000 fine and three years' imprisonment, while enlistment to serve against Spain or hiring any one to enlist, the penalty is almost as heavy, being a maximum of \$1,000 fine and three years' imprisonment. The enforcement of these laws naturally falls within the functions of the United States officials, to whose knowledge the attempt at infringement is brought, but if the movements continue on as large a scale as reported, it is probable that the department of justice will send instructions of a special character to all of its agents, calling their attention to the proclamation issued by the president last spring and enjoining upon them a strict enforcement of the neutrality laws.

THE LAURADA AFFAIR.

Promises to Develop an International Controversy Regarding Neutrality Law. BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The case of the American steamship Laurada, under charter of J. H. Seward & Co., of Baltimore, which is threatened with violence if she attempts to enter the port of Valencia, Spain, because she is alleged to have been engaged in filibustering operations some time ago, promises to develop an international controversy regarding the neutrality laws and to possibly strain the peaceful relations existing between the United States and Spain. R. A. Tucker, of Seward & Co., has gone to Washington to see Secretary Olney and supplement a letter he had sent to the secretary by a personal appeal for protection for the steamer. In his letter to the secretary, Mr. Tucker explained his firm's connection with the Laurada and stated that she had been ordered to Valencia on a purely business mission and not to create a disturbance.

ZULUS BREAK OUT.

They Burn a British Mission in Central Africa. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 15.—Advices from Blantyre, the chief town of British Central Africa, dated October 25, announce the dispatch of two British columns against the Angoni Zulus under Chief Chwaka, who had invaded South Nyassaland and burned a British missionary station, besides massacring the inhabitants of a number of villages. The Portuguese at Tete have invited the co-operation of the British. Chwaka's commands 30,000 warriors, and the British troops only numbered about 500. Great anxiety was felt at Tentyre when these advices left that town and an attack upon it was feared.

COMMITTEE IS WILLING.

Ways and Means Members Will Vote Tariff Hearings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The action of the republican members of the house ways and means committee in deciding to give hearings on the new tariff bill which it is proposed to prepare at this session, has been formally ratified by the full committee. A resolution to adjourn on the 22nd inst. to January 5th was agreed to as was also a resolution offered by Mr. Payne of New York to commence hearings on the bill on the 28th inst.

Going After Turkey.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Chronicle's Rome correspondent reports that he hears that Lord Salisbury has asked Italy and Germany to state what their attitude would be in the event of armed intervention by England, Russia and France against Turkey. Italy, the correspondent says, has promised her adhesion, but Germany has not replied.

Hennepin Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Congressmen Reeves, Cook, Lorimer, Bellnap and Aldrich, of Illinois, called on Gen. Craighead, chief engineer, and complained of slow progress in the construction of the Hennepin canal. Craighead showed his callers the delays were attributable to the law under which the work is being carried on.

Fourteen Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The French coasting steamer Marie Fanny has been lost off the island of Alderney, in the British channel, and her crew of fourteen men were drowned.

Twelve bees and twelve pigeons were released at the same time in a Westphalian village, three miles from home. The first bee arrived fifteen seconds before the first pigeon; three other bees arrived before the second pigeon, and the other bees and pigeons reached home simultaneously.

A shrewd grocer in St. Louis has hit upon a novel idea of increasing his trade. He sends a female agent to the houses of his patrons to take the morning orders, and she suggests lots of rice and expensive things that just hit the fancy of customers.

In the city of Durango, Mexico, is an iron mountain 60 feet high, and the iron is 70 to 80 per cent pure. The metallic mass spreads in all directions for an radius of three or four miles. The entire deposit is sufficient to supply all the iron required in the world for 1000 years.

A literary man in Dayton, Ohio, thought it would be a saving of time for him to spot his story into a phonograph instead of writing it himself, and have it repeated by the machine to a copyist. He spent a month thus, and then discovered that the phonograph was out of order.

VICTIM OF A TRAITOR.

Maceo Led Into Ambush and Fully Murdered by the Spaniards.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Cuban junta have received by way of Jacksonville, Fla., from their agents sent to investigate the facts regarding Maceo's reported death, definite information. The dispatch to the junta says that Maceo was assassinated through the instrumentality of Dr. Zertucha, who led Maceo and his staff across the trocha, where they were met by Ahumada, and Maceo and his entire staff were assassinated with machetes.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The steamships San Francisco, Monserrat, Buenos Ayres and Sartrategui have arrived here with reinforcements of 6,000 troops.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Times, in an editorial, says that it thinks that beyond a temporary check of the insurgents, that Maceo's death will change the situation very little. "Spain," says the Times, "must still be alive to the urgency of the problem."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The treasury officials have received official confirmation of the report of the sailing of the Three Friends from Fernandina Harbor, Fla., with a cargo of arms for the insurgents, and the sailing of the cruisers Newark and Key West in pursuit.

HOT BATTLE IN CUBA.

Col. Lara Engages the Insurgents in the Oliver Hills. HAVANA, Dec. 17.—Col. Lara has had an engagement with the combined parties of insurgents under Mayia, Rodriguez and other leaders, who occupied strong positions in the Oliver hills, near Placetas. The troops made an attack upon the rebel positions, which were stoutly defended. The fighting lasted three hours, when the insurgents were dislodged and dispersed, leaving twenty-four of their dead upon the field, including five chiefs. The troops had one captain and twelve privates wounded.

Fifteen Killed.

MUNICH, Dec. 17.—An explosion occurred in Cremer's Match factory at Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, demolishing the building, killing fifteen women and seriously injuring seven others.

BREVITIES.

Alexander Salvini, the well-known actor, died at Florence, Italy, on the 15th.

A Rome dispatch says it is asserted there that Spain has asked the pope to sound the European nations as to whether they could support Spain in a war with the United States.

EX-QUEEN, Lihoukalani, of Hawaii, arrived unexpectedly at San Francisco from Honolulu on the steamer China. The object of her visit is at present unknown, but the impression which exists among the passengers is that Lihoukalani is en route to Washington, where it is her intention to make a final and urgent appeal to President Cleveland for the restoration of her throne.

At New York recently in the six day bicycle race the first prize was won by Edward Hale, of Ireland. The final score was: Hale, 1,910.8; Rice, 1,882.6; Reading, 1,865.3; Forster, 1,829.4; Schock, 1,776.3; Smith, 1,754.7; Pierce, 1,748.1; Taylor, 1,732.3; Ashinger, 1,673.3; Moore, 1,661.7; Maddox, 1,614.3; Cassidy, 1,605. All of these men broke the record of 1,600 miles, made by Albert Schock in 1893.

Vigo, Spain, dispatch: The North German Lloyd steamer Saller is lost off Cape Corrubedo. All hands are drowned. There were 210 passengers on board. Her crew was composed of sixty-five men. All on board, passengers and crew, perished. The Saller's passengers consisted of 113 Russians, 35 Galicians, 61 Spaniards and 1 German. The Saller was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres via Corunna and Vilgaric. The passengers were mostly in the steerage.

General Weyler returned to Havana a few days ago. He rode into the city on horseback, accompanied by two squadrons of cavalry. His coming had been made known to the public and large crowds gathered to welcome him. He was given a popular oration from the time he reached the city limits until he reached the palace. At some places along the route girls strewn flowers in his pathway and he was in other ways treated as a popular hero. He claims the rebellion has been suppressed.

Madrid dispatch: A terrible disaster occurred at Xeres, in the province of Andalusia and sixteen miles from this city, through the collapse of a building. A house containing twenty-five persons collapsed without warning, burying all of its inmates in the debris. The house fell upon an adjoining tenement building, which also gave way. The tenement house was inhabited by eighty-five persons, all of whom were buried by the wreckage. Many dead bodies have been removed and the loss of life will be appalling.

It is announced that the ways and means committee of the house will begin work before the holiday recess upon the tariff bill, which is to be the chief feature in the policy of the incoming administration, and will endeavor to perfect the bill so that it may be presented to the house of the Fifty-fifth congress early in the special session, which President McKinley will summon for revising the tariff laws. The Dingley bill will be abandoned by the republicans. This is the plan said to have been agreed upon by the republican leaders and the president-elect.

Senator John Sherman, chairman of the republican caucus, has appointed Wolcott, Hon. Chandler and Gear a committee, provided for by the republican caucus, to prepare a way for international agreement on silver.

Caracas dispatch: The Venezuelan minister to the United States, who was to leave for Washington at once with the cabinet's approval of the boundary agreement negotiated with Great Britain by the United States, has postponed his departure. Much opposition has been aroused against the agreement and it is said Venezuela will withhold her consent.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A resolution for a committee of three to arrange for the inauguration of McKinley was adopted. Cullom offered the following resolution: Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives, that the extinction of title and the termination of Spanish control of the islands at the gateway of the Gulf of Mexico is necessary to the welfare of those islands and to the people of the United States.

He spoke in favor of the resolution, making a vigorous speech. The speaker did not indicate definitely the method which he thought should be pursued, saying: "The wisdom and discretion of an American president and cabinet can certainly find a way to determine the trouble without impairing the interests of our country or our people." Call also spoke briefly. Executive session. Adjourned.

HOUSE. By a vote of 104 to 7, the house passed the bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the capital. Bill to amend the act forbidding the alien ownership of lands in territories was defeated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In his prayer the chaplain gave thanks for the passage of the resolution prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the capital. The house spent the day in consideration of bills on the private calendar. Adjourned till Monday.

SENATE. Washington, Dec. 11.—Peffer offered a resolution for the appointment of a national monetary commission. Call offered a resolution declaring the government which permitted the assassination of Maceo "an outcast from the family of nations;" also one authorizing the president to demand the release of all citizens of the United States held in confinement at Ceuta in violation of the treaty with Spain. A resolution for the election of senators by popular vote came up but finally went over.

Fifty-five private pension bills were passed and the senate then adjourned.

Beyond agreeing to a resolution for a two weeks' holiday recess beginning December 23, the proceedings in the house today were almost entirely devoid of public interest. Howard offered a resolution for recognition of the independence of Cuba. Bill to prohibit sale of liquor in capital passed. Army appropriation bill was reported. Adjourned.

SENATE. Washington, Dec. 13.—Resolution for adjournment from December 22 to January 5 was agreed to. Allen offered a resolution for appointment of a committee to investigate as to what extent money was used in the late election. Referred. A resolution by Morgan calling on the president for certain Cuban correspondence passed.

HOUSE. Loudy's bill designed to correct existing abuses in the transmission of second-class mail matter came up. But little progress was made. Woodman introduced a bill directing the president to intervene in Cuban affairs.

SENATE. Washington, Dec. 16.—Vest called up Allen's resolution for consideration of the Dingley tariff bill. Allen questioned Chandler as to the bill's future. Sherman wanted revenues. Teller opposed the bill, as did Sherman. That said no effort would be made to urge the bill to passage and in a few words Sherman acknowledged the bill was dead. Pension appropriation bill passed without amendment.

HOUSE. The army appropriation bill, carrying \$23,000,000, came up and was under consideration during the day. Finally the point of no quorum was raised and the house adjourned.

ANARCHISTS TO DIE. Twenty-eight condemned to Death; 59 to Penal Servitude.

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 17.—The court martial of the anarchists arrested for complicity in the recent disturbances in Barcelona has been concluded. The sentences imposed are kept secret. It is believed, however, that twenty-eight of the anarchists have been sentenced to death and fifty-nine to penal servitude. The outrage for which these men were tried was committed on June 7, last, during the religious procession of Corpus Christi. Just as the procession was entering the church of Santa Maria del Mar, a bomb was thrown into the procession and exploded, killing six persons instantly and wounding fifty others.

MACEO SAID TO BE LIVING. Cuban General Is Not Dead Is the Latest News Had.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 18.—Passengers from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and is in the province of Matanzas. The passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

New York's Official Vote. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The official canvass of the vote of the late election shows: McKinley, 819,833; Bryan, 551,399; Palmer, 19,285; socialist, 17,667; prohibition, 16,652; blank, defective and scattering, 122,089. McKinley's plurality over Bryan, 268,439. McKinley's majority, 215,455.

Dockers' Strike May Cease. HAMBURG, Dec. 11.—The striking dockers adopted a resolution in favor of coming to an agreement with employers. The conference will decide on the composition of the board of conciliation.

"Wife—I think I will surprise you with the purchase of a watch to wear Christmas. Husband—It will be an acceptable gift, and I shall wear it with pleasure. Wife—Oh, but the one I should buy would be a lady's gold watch, suitable for me to carry."

The Mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, was built over a thousand years ago, and the mortar was performed with musk. The musky odor is still perceptible.

It is asserted by Lyell, the geologist, that at a period comparatively recent all that portion of the United States south of the Black Hills was under from 500 to 900 feet of water.

"By the way, what is an optimist? I have seen the word used so often." "An optimist, as I understand it, is 'Oh, if that is the case, I am not one. Hoping for the best does not go these days. You've got to grab for it.'"

The yule log in England is a relic of Druidism. Its name is believed to be a corruption of the wheel log, a wheel in Druidical symbolism typifying the sun. The light of the yule fire is reminiscent of the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at midwinter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Spain.

And He Fied.



Big Dog—Hello! there comes the dog catcher. Little Dog—Well, I'll be dog-gone.—Up-to-Date.

Flashes of Wit. There are knives now and then met with who represent certain local bitters and poisonous stimuli as identical with or possessing properties similar to those of Hadot's Stimulant Bitters. These scamps only succeed in poisoning their trashy compound upon people unacquainted with the genuine article, which is as much their opportunity as day is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the grand remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

FLASHES OF FUN. "Mr. Duffington hasn't any society manners whatever." "Is he awkward?" "No, but he doesn't like tea."—Chicago Record.

She—Is it not true that two people can live as cheaply as one? He—Yes, if they are married. Not if they are engaged.—Puck.

Ted—She still loves me. Ned—How do you know? Ted—When she returned my presents she prepaid the express charges.—Harlem Life.

NASAL CATARRH FOR YEARS. So-Called Catarrh Cures Failed to Cure—The True Way is to Take the One True Blood Purifier.

Catarrh is caused by impure

TIED SALESWOMEN.

Employers Should Be More Considerate of Their Health.

Interesting Statement by a Young Lady in Brooklyn.

In the vast retail establishments of large cities, many women are employed as saleswomen.



women now hold, and while women's organization is less strong than men's they are expected to do the same work.

Then occur irregularities, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, indigestion, leucorrhoea, general debility and nervous prostration.

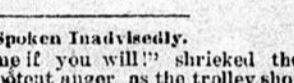
They are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness.

In such cases there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

"My dear Mrs. Pinkham—After writing you, and before your answer came, I was too miserable to go to the store, and so lost my position. That was five weeks ago. I am now back again in my old place, and never felt so well in all my life.



Every woman in my position should know of your wonderful remedy. I never saw you, but I love you for being so good to me."



Spoken Inaudibly. "Jeer at me if you will" shrieked the horse in impatient anger as the trolley shot by.

"I wonder," mused Dora, who was gazing thoughtfully out of the window, "I wonder what makes rain fall on holidays?"

Low Rates for Home-seekers Going South. On the first and third Tuesday of each month tickets will be sold to settlers from Chicago to points in Virginia and the Carolinas at greatly reduced rates.

It is stated that the progeny of a single pair of house sparrows, if not molested, for ten years would be more than 200,000,000,000.

When love works, it always does its best.

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GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

THOUSANDS of the absent all over the land will be turning homeward with the coming of Christmas.

Happy school girls have been eagerly counting the days until the holiday recess, when they will go home, carrying many dainty gifts of their deft handwork to the loved ones there.

Young men from the marts of commerce and the paths of trade will put the city, with its manifold temptations and cares, behind them to find rest and strength in the old country home.

Middle-aged men and women will go to the homes of their childhood to meet again brothers and sisters in family gatherings, and to cheer once more with their presence the belated pilgrims who still tarry below, divide between the children who have gone before and those who still meet once a year around the parental hearth stone.

What joy what memories what hopes the Christmas time will awaken! And to some the merry season will bring new pangs of sorrow—griefs they never knew before. Since last Christmas dear old parents have gone home to God, and children who used to gather about them will not go to the old homestead this year, because so much of the home that was there has vanished into the heaven.

Aged mothers will watch for some who will come no more. Bereaved husbands will walk alone the rounds of the children's rooms, trying vainly to be both mother and father in preparing the surprises for the little ones on Christmas morning. And stricken wives will do their best to keep the little ones from feeling too keenly this first Christmas since the husband died, that "papa is dead." Thousands of little ones will know that they have not known before the losses which the year has brought them.

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TO PREVENT WAR.

Treaty Between United States and Great Britain Soon to Be Completed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a stage of completeness far beyond what the public has had reason to believe.

The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All of the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed on.

From the present status of the negotiations it is believed the following will be the important terms of the treaty. 1. A term of five years from the date of the exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative.

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FREE FARE TO TEXAS. SOUTHERN TEXAS COLONIZATION CO., INC., 110 Rialto Building, Chicago.

NOTES OF THE DAY. The salmon pack in British Columbia this year exceeds 600,000 cases.

A Spanish bullfighter's fee for a special performance is about \$3,000.

A foot of newly fallen snow changes into an inch of water when melted.

London Crystal Palace Saturday concert has entered upon the forty-first year of its existence.

Fifty-nine fish-hooks, all baited, have been found inside of a codfish caught off Flamborough Head.

Montana produced 21,530,013 pounds of wool this year, and leads all other states as a wool grower.

Water is so scarce at Broomtown, Ala., and vicinity that farmers have to haul it a distance of three and four miles.

The ore in the Kansas "gold mines" at Russell, Kan., taken out a depth of 100 feet, is said to pay \$100 to the ton.

Every house in Sardis, Ga., about 190, is owned and occupied by colored people, and they are all Missionary Baptists.

In Melbourne a woman gets two pence half-penny for making a shirt, while a Chinaman gets five pence for washing it.

In the village of Southport, Conn., is preserved a piece of cedar post which General Washington helped to set in the ground at Farrington.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, which is in the blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

Stamps at the Door. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Allen of Nebraska, has introduced a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for surveys and examinations of the head waters of all the large rivers of the country—some 123 being named—beginning with the Panosisset and extending to the Rio Grande, to determine the cost and location of reservoirs to be constructed and maintained for the storage of waters of these rivers and their tributaries, to be used for industrial purposes.

Department Delinquencies. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The secretary sent to congress estimates of delinquencies in appropriations amounting to \$6,691,632 required to meet urgent demands of the government for the service of the current and prior fiscal years. The deficiency in each department is given as follows: Legislative, \$8,600; treasury, \$1,400,812; war, \$3,316,508; navy, \$700,000; justice, \$734,720.

Exports for November. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The monthly statement of the principal articles of domestic exports issued by the bureau of statistics shows that during the month of November the exports were as follows: Breadstuffs, \$10,116,000; cotton, \$3,501,280; mineral oils, \$11,807,147; provisions, \$10,423,275; cattle and hogs, \$2,311,976; total for the month, \$79,202,040.

Puritan in Commission. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The steel clad monitor Puritan, pronounced by experts as the most formidable coast defense vessel afloat, has been put in commission at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Twenty Go Down. PARIS, Dec. 12.—The French steamer Oceanic, which left Havanna December 1 for Cardiff, has not been sighted yet and it is believed that she has foundered with twenty hands on board.

The word "don" is said to owe its origin to one Joe Don, a famous bullfight about 1500. He is said to have been so shrewd and dexterous in the collection of dues that his name became proverbial and earned a dreadful immortality.

A cigar store in New Orleans, owned by a colored man, does a big trade in the sale of feet belonging to "graveyard rabbits."

A funny election bet was settled by a gentleman in Philadelphia, in view of the large number of amused spectators. With a crowbar he pushed a peanut four times around the city hall.

Mohave county, Arizona, is infested with millions of army worms. The Wallapai Indians make soup of them, and find them very fattening.

A nervous gentleman in Bath, Me., is seeking a divorce from his wife on unusual grounds. He declares that she cannot obtain sleep because his wife "persists in eating dry crackers in bed."

Love entered the hearts of a couple of inmates of the poorhouse in Delaware county, Indiana, and they declared. The groom is a cripple, aged sixty, and the bride is an appetitetic woman of twenty-seven.

Garden Spot of the South.

The passenger department of the Louisville & Nashville R. R. has just issued a hundred page book with the above title. It is descriptive of the resources and capabilities of the soil of the counties lying along this line in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Southern Mississippi and Western Florida. It also contains a county map of the above named states, and is well worthy of a perusal of any one interested in the south. A copy will be sent to any address upon receipt of ten cents in silver or stamps, by C. P. Atmore, Gen. Pass. Agt., Louisville, Ky. Semi-monthly excursions south. Write for particulars.

Penalty of Heresy. "Pa, what is the penalty when a minister is convicted of heresy?" "Well, Bobby, it is generally a raise of salary from another church."

Santa Fe Route—California Limited. Leaves Chicago 6 p. m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, reaching Los Angeles in 72 hours and San Diego in 70 1/2 hours. Returns from California Mondays and Thursdays.

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