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CITY NEWS

List of those that have entered the Gold Watch Contest:

1. N. D. Valentine, Phoenix, Arizona.
2. Eldoro Thompson, Oskaloosa.
3. Miss Rosa Terry, Des Moines.

Mrs. John Walker, who has been sick, is convalescent.

Mrs. Henry McCravens who has been sick is improving very nicely.

Read the BYSTANDER and draw your own conclusions in regard to its progress.

Mr. Pete Holmes has been confined to his room this week with an attack of heart trouble.

Miss Dacie Hannon will arrive here next week to live with her mother, Mrs. Ella Davis.

Miss Effie Jackson has been sick with the lagrippe the past week, but is some better now.

J. R. Brown has opened a tonorial shop on Twelfth and High street. He invites the patronage of his friends.

Miss Maud Morton has been confined to her room the past week with an attack of the lagrippe.

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Have you ever tried Eureka coal? If not, call at 416 W. Seventh street, or 411 East Sixth street. Phone No. 170.

Miss Stella Mason of Knoxville made a brief visit to our city this week. She is visited with Mr. Easley's folks.

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All the contestants for our gold watch will make their last report so that it will reach us not later than Tuesday noon, Feb. 10th. We make it that date so that all will have a fair show. You will also state when you make your report which makes of a watch you prefer, if you are the successful one, Elgin or Waltham.

Miss Mary Bell, assisted by several other members of the "Eindeickie club," gave a reception last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. Valentine, on Fremont street, in honor of the Misses McKees, who are visiting in our city. They will return home tomorrow (Saturday), at Venmeter. Games and social conversation was the amusement until about 10 o'clock, after which a dainty refreshment was served.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt, our tenor singer will appear in Saint Louis, Mo., Feb. 20th, as the star at one of the largest theaters, "The American Eagle," had his cut with a brief sketch, last week. Mr. Holt is a product of Iowa, and we ought to feel proud of his success in music. But few, if any possess the fine quality of voice that he has.

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The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met with president, Mrs. Wm. Mash and was opened with prayer. Every week three ladies bring a question. One from English literature, one from history, and one from Astronomy to be discussed during hours of needle-work. At 5 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. R. Earickson, 519 East Sixteenth street.

The Kings Daughters met at the home of Miss Marie Williams, with the President, Miss Della McKnight in the chair. As there were not enough members present to do business, the society adjourned to meet with Miss Josephine Rivers 900 Tenth street. All members are requested to be present and those who would like to become members. Miss Della McKnight, President; Miss Josephine Rivers, Sec.

Remember that the Champaign & Son Steam Laundry do first-class work on short notice and guarantee satisfaction. Give us a call, 816 W. Grand ave.

Mr. E. T. Banks has purchased a nice home out on 1046 Enos Avenue and moved out there last week. We are glad to see our people at work buying homes, it is far better to own a home and pay your taxes once a year than to pay rent every month on some one else's land. How true is the old maxim, "There is no place like home be it every so humble."

Pearson's Studio wish to call your attention to their excellent photographs, taking six out of eight first premiums at the Iowa State Fair in 1896. Your continued patronage is kindly solicited. Studio corner of Sixth and Locust.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle celebrated their sixth anniversary at the home of Mrs. J. P. Hamilton's. The tables were beautifully decorated with roses and carnations. Mrs. W. H. Warwick, the president, welcomed the guests and spoke beautifully of the departed members, Mrs. Topson, and of the regretted absence of Mesdames Bell and Level. Mrs. Basfield responded to the toast of "Women's Clubs" Mrs. A. O. Smith responded to the toast, "Women in Politics." Mrs. R. A. Wilburn's toast, "Our Husbands" was humorous and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. G. I. Holt read a beautiful poem dedicated to the H. B. S. Reading Circle: "The old ancient History, the morocco bound History, the dust-covered History we all loved so well." Mrs. Blagburn's solo, "Fleeting Days," was sung in her most pleasing style. Mrs. Denny and Williamson gave quotations from their favorite authors. An elaborate lunch was served, and all voted that the sixth anniversary was the happiest day spent in the H. B. S. Reading Circle. Mrs. C. W. Newton, of Burlington, was guest of honor. The next meeting will be with Mrs. T. E. Barton. Longfellow's day will be observed.

Our gold watch contest is progressing nicely. The candidates are running very evenly, and with extra effort on the part of any candidate they will be the possessor of a beautiful present.

A Musical Feast. Last Sunday evening the A. M. E. church was crowded to its utmost capacity with both white and colored people anxious to hear the famous A. M. E. church choir sing in their special song services which occur the first Sunday in each month. Special invitation was given the members of the legislature and all friends in general. By 7:30 o'clock the house was crowded, at 8 o'clock standing in the aisle was at a premium and members were turned away and could not even get in the vestibule. The Governor, Lieut-Governor, State officers and members of the legislature with their wives and daughters were present. While the choir is composed of some of the best musical talent in Iowa, and the better class of people are fast becoming to appreciate this fact, and that Rev. T. Reeves is a great man in the right place. The next day in the capitol it was the morning talk, and praises of choir and church. Much credit is due to Wm. Coalson, in having such a crowd present. If more of our white friends would come out to our colored churches and see the better class of our people they would be greatly surprised at our rapid progress. The first piece on the program after introduction, was a solo by Mrs. J. H. Shepard, but being sick could not render it, and her number was supplied by Mrs. Wm. Coalson with her rich sweet contralto voice in a solo entitled, "What Will You Do." The next solo was "Fear Not, Oh Ye Israel," by Mrs. E. F. Johnson, which was well rendered in her highly trained operatic voice, followed by Dr. E. F. Johnson, with a bass solo in his usual manner. Then a very beautiful duet entitled, "Holy Mother, Guide His Footsteps," by Mesdames Coalson and Birney, which was magnificent. Mrs. Birney was a highly trained voice. "Come Unto Me," by Mrs. J. F. Blagburn was highly complimented; she has a very sweet voice. Prof. Geo. I. Holt, the star tenor of Iowa sang "The Better Land," and last was a beautiful base solo by J. E. Mosley, which was grand. He received many compliments from the audience. In this sketch we did not mention the pieces sung by the choir, as a whole, which was all good. So well pleased was the members of the legislature they want the choir to give a special sacred song service at the tabernacle so all can be accommodated.

Senator Dubois of Idaho will not go back to the senate again. His reward for being a populist and for serving Bryan is to stay at home. The pops could not trust him, he deserted his old friends and his new friends deserted him.

Mr. Banks, of Burlington, Iowa, whom the Mississippi authorities wanted for trial of murder, acknowledged that his name was Banks, and confessed his guilt, asking the sheriff to deliver him to the Mississippi officers.

The board of directors of the State Agricultural college granted Mr. Wilson an indefinite leave of absence, but he is to stand at the head of the faculty as before, with the hope that at the expiration of his term as Secretary of agriculture he will return to the college. There is no disposition on the part of the board to let him get away.

MCKINLEY'S INAUGURAL BIBLE. Bishop Arnett of the African Methodist Episcopal church went to Washington this week to arrange for the entertainment of the members of the committee appointed to present to President-elect McKinley a bible for use in the inaugural ceremonies. It will be the gift of the African Methodist Episcopal church. It is now being printed in Cincinnati by the Methodist book publishing house. It will be bound and lined with silk, with a dedicatory inscription on the inside; on the outside there will be a gold plate in the form of a shield on which the name of the President, the date, the name of the donors will be engraved and the bible will be enclosed in a box made of native Ohio wood and gold mounted.

The people of Nevada could not get free silver, and so their legislature says they can have free fighting.

THE GLORY OF YOUTH. In youth we seek counsel and wisdom from the elder. In old age we are dispensers of knowledge and power. The young youth should be bright, energetic and obedient to his tutor. In this age where avenues of opportunities are open to us, where to a great degree equal competition is the passport. Let our colored youths prepare now while young to enter those avenues. Let us think while in the glory of our youth of the future. Let us employ our leisure time reading good books and literature. How often have we entered the homes of many young youths and found them reading fruitless books or seen lying on their table literature that should not be found in the homes of well regulated families. Youths, your association should be with the highest and most cultured class. Parents, these may seem little things to you; yet you should watch little things for they make large ones.

PHOENIX ARIZONA. The BYSTANDER has become a regular and welcome visitor in many homes in this city. The news furnished by its correspondents, together with its editorial worth is prized very highly, because of the news in the Negro world. Our legislature is in session here. House bill No. 28, favoring Woman Suffrage has been reported by the committee recommending its passage which is a step in the right direction. Robert Hudson is janitor, and a good man. Among those in business here is T. E. Tolan, exclusive carpet house, Isaac B. Atkinson, proprietor of "candy kitchen," Miss Mildred Miller, hair dressing parlor, also Mrs. Fannie Smith, expert manicuring and hair dressing. Mr. J. A. Wilburn accidentally got his arm broken a few days ago. He has the sympathy of all, especially as he has recently married, and can't be at his usual business. Mr. Charles Townsend of El Paso, Texas is a winter sojourner in Phoenix for the benefit of his health. A Sunday School has been organized, and its success now is an assured fact. Many of our best citizens are helping in the work. N. D. Valentine is Supt., Miss M. Miller is Asst. Supt., Miss Eppie Williams, Secretary. Jas. J. Bradburn, Treasurer, Mrs. Ridley, Librarian; Mrs. Nancy Wilburn, organist. A church is greatly needed, and the right man, a man with a good heart, a strong mind, well stored with useful knowledge, a willing worker; one who would dare to do right; such a man as Rev. T. REEVES, of Iowa, would be crowned with success. The thermometer today stands at 95 degrees in the sun. This territory should be so republican in politics, and the Negro voter will be heard in Washington. One short month more and the wheels of prosperity will begin to hum.

NEWTON NOTES. Mrs. Ed. Geede, of Grinnell is in the city canvassing hair work. She has been quite successful, and is well liked by all who meet her. In spite of the inclement weather last Thursday evening, a large number of friends met at the A. M. E. church, where a surprise reception was given for Rev. Walden and family. A good time was had and many tokens were left showing the esteem in which they are held. Miss A. F. Williams is visiting in Montezuma and Marshalltown. Sunday, Feb. 23d, quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. church. Presiding-elder Bundy is expected to be present. Those on the sick list are, Mesdames Moore, Watson and Green, and Misses Lulu Fine and Katie Mays. Several of our young people are preparing to attend the Solicitor's ball at Oskaloosa, the 23d inst. Misses Genevieve Green rendered several choice selections of music at the reception given by Mrs. W. R. Manning, Thursday evening. OTTUMWA ITEMS. Miss Carrie Owens has returned home from Oskaloosa, where she was visiting for a couple of days. She reports a lovely time. The young gentlemen of Ottumwa entertained the young ladies Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Fowler. The evening was spent in games, singing and music. Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Samuel Weeks furnished the music. Mr. Samuel Weeks had his guitar, and Mr. Sheldon, his mandolin. Refreshments were served. Those present were Misses and Messrs. Blanch Bell, Mamma and Queen Horn, Carrie Spicer, Ida Hamilton, Ellie Smith, May, Carrie and Bessie Owens, Mesdames Emma Fields, Anna Johnston, Bettie Fields, E. W. Fowler and Misses Nellie and Edna Fowler. The young men that entertained were, Messrs. Johnnie Davis, William Freeland, William Woods, Thos. McElroy, Budd Bell, Wesley Fields, Thomas Scott, Joseph

Hopkins, Walter Owens, Thomas Bradford. They all went away saying they had a lovely time, and hoping the gentlemen would entertain again soon.

Mrs. Carter has been quite ill for the past week, but at this writing she is better.

Mrs. Hattie King and Mr. Gilbert are on the sick list.

Mr. Lewis Brown, an aged colored man who lived alone at 208 South Moore street, was found lying across the bed with life extinct, about 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, by his next door neighbor, Mrs. Martha Bradshaw, who was taking care of him. He has not been well this winter, and in the past week has been in bed with a severe cold which brought on pneumonia, which caused his death. Mr. Bradshaw's son had been to see him about an hour before he was found dead and had given him his medicine. A daughter of deceased, Miss Frances Brown, a school teacher at Muchakinoek was immediately notified and she came down on the Wabash. A son, Joseph Brown, who is attending college at Iowa City also came down. The funeral occurred Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th, at the M. E. church on Jefferson street. The interment was at the Ottumwa cemetery.

ALBIA NOTES. Mrs. C. Thomas is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Griffith, of Mnohy. Mr. J. T. Clay, general agent for the Negro Solicitor, made Albia a visit last week and appointed Miss Henrietta Jones reporter for that paper at this place. Henrietta is an energetic girl, and will advance the interest of the paper. Mrs. Josie Meadows, of Ottumwa, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, this week. Those on the sick list this week are Monroe Davis, L. Brummer, Albert Grayson, M. F. Ward, Molly Tolson, Ada Davis, Nora McDonald and Maggie Jones. Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church was a success financially and spiritually. Elder Bundy and Rev. Harris officiating. Elder Bundy is an able speaker and won many friends while in our city. Quarterly conference was held Monday evening, with elder Bundy presiding. Members of each department made a good report. Messrs. Marshall and Bowman, of Colon visited their families here this week. Elder Jason Bundy was the guest of H. Jones while in the city. He left Tuesday for Oskaloosa.

BEDFORD CORRESPONDENCE. EDITOR BYSTANDER:—Having perused articles from several of the neighboring cities, I thought of sending you a letter to inform your readers that we Afro-Americans in this secluded corner of Iowa, although removed from the busy marts of larger cities, still enjoy a certain amount of health and happiness. The contingent of the Negro population of this county (Taylor) is numerically small, about one hundred in total residing mostly in Bedford, the metropolis and county seat of Taylor county, though there are several important enterprising farmers and stock-raisers owning and living on their farms. But as a general thing the nature of employment here is so diversified that it has become imperative for the Negro who would cope with his competitor in the mad rush for bread, to accommodate himself to existing conditions, hence the reason for no considerable number pursuing the same manner of employment.

We have in Bedford two plasterers, one blacksmith, one cook, one barber and one brickmason; also two carpenters. Miss Nettie Franklin is at present in Chicago fitting herself for a trained nurse. Rev. Mendenhall, of Clarinda, visited our city last Sunday and preached two very interesting sermons. Rev. Peters, of Marvill, was also a visitor during the week. Miss Stella Mason, of Knoxville, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Mattie Shackelford of Sharpsburg were welcome visitors this week. On Tuesday evening they were entertained at the residence of Mr. C. Lucas by the young folks who rendered a very amusing literary program. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Miss Mason returned to her home in a few days, having received notification of an event occurring there at which she is compelled to be present.

MUCHAKINOEK NOTES. Robert Drew has bought one of John Baxter's home occupied by constable Newton Cary, and will arrange to move to our town shortly. W. H. Reeves and wife has been made happy by the arrival of a baby girl. Rev. P. P. Taylor of Ottumwa arrived in our city Saturday and remained over Sunday. Miss Lizzie Tate of Oskaloosa is spending several days in our city at this writing. Have you noticed how J. H. McDowell's choir sings? They are improving wonderfully.

Mrs. Sam. Mease got her face badly burned a few days ago. Those on the sick list are, Mrs. Minnie London, Mr. Alf Tinson, Mrs. Mathews, John Farror, who was found guilty as accused at his last trial, has been granted a new hearing by Judge McCoy. Master Herbert London has been visiting with his grand mother Brown for several days.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLY. Mrs. Dr. Lawther departed Wednesday, for Colfax, on professional business. Mrs. Mildred Brooks who has been stopping at the home of Mrs. Geo. E. Taylor for several months, departed for Des Moines, Wednesday. Mrs. Jacob Brown, Mrs. L. London, and Mrs. Etta Buyer, of Muchakinoek, was in the city Monday. Miss Ola Wetzel, of Colon was an Oskaloosa visitor Tuesday. Snowden & Miller's Tennessee Jubilee Singers were in our city Thursday. They gave Penn college a compliment concert Thursday morning. At the Congregational church in the evening they were simply wonderful, pleasing to all who attended, receiving many plaudits. Quite a number of our people attended. Miss Susie Wilson and her sister, Mrs. Edward Jones, of Muchakinoek, was in the city Monday, shopping. Miss Sybil Yeaser is laid up with the lagrippe. Aunt Eliza Warren died after a lingering spell of sickness. She suddenly passed away near 9 o'clock p. m. Monday, at the ripe old age of 71 years. She was one of the founders of the A. M. E. church of Oskaloosa. She realized that the time was near at hand, and seemed anxious to go. Her request was to have Des Moines eminent divine, Rev. Timothy Reeves preach her funeral sermon; taking place at the A. M. E. church Wednesday at 2 p. m. She leaves a husband and daughter and granddaughter. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community. Little Marile Hall, came in from Washington Saturday, to visit a few days with her father, Mose Hall. Mr. Willie Jones, of Montezuma, is visiting friends at the residence of Mrs. Annada Blackburn, 308 B Avenue East. Rev. Wm. Williams of Muchakinoek and Rev. P. P. Taylor of Ottumwa, was in the city Monday. Miss Mary Rhodes, of Muchakinoek, was among friends in Oskaloosa, Monday.

Window Glass Pool Planned. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—Representatives of the Pittsburg Window Glass Company and the Indiana combine met here Wednesday for the purpose of establishing a central sales agency to control the output of the country. To accomplish this it will be necessary not only for the Pittsburg and the Western combines to unite, but the Eastern associations as well as the independent manufacturers must be brought into line. To this end the meeting appointed a committee to draft a plan of procedure which will be satisfactory to all concerned. When this committee completes its work another meeting will be called. There is now about \$15,000,000 capital invested in window-glass plants, which have in use 1,384 pots and give employment to about 10,000 men.

More than It Was Worth. Judge Walton, who presides over a court at Washington, is a man of grim humor. One day, in the lobby, a member of the bar was seeking to convey the impression to a group, of whom Judge Walton was the center, that his income from his profession was very large. "I have to earn a good deal," the lawyer said. "It seems a large story to tell, judge, but my personal expenses are \$6,000 a year. It costs me that to live." "That is too much, Brother S—," said the judge; "I wouldn't pay it—it isn't worth it."

The Fabric of a Dream. The situations in which men frequently find themselves in dreamland was well illustrated by an Irishman, who, when recently relating a remarkable dream he had had, remarked, "Then I thought I was walking about naked, wid me hands in me pockets."

Money! Make It Yourself! I have never seen anything in the paper about the People's Wind Mill; we call it the People's because the inventor never patented it, but let everybody use it free. Any farmer can make a mill himself, and all the material complete will not cost over \$10. It is a splendid mill and will pump the deepest wells, and will last longer than any mill I ever had. Any person can get diagrams and complete directions free, as I did, by sending 15 two cent stamps to pay postage, etc., to Francis Casey, 38 St. Louis Mo. He sells pumps also, and when you get your wind mill going would be glad to sell you a pump if you need it. It is certainly useless to pay \$50 or \$80 for a windmill when you can make one just as good for \$10. I think there could be big money made putting these mills up through the country as every body would like them.

A READER. An Exclusively Female Masquerade. A fancy dress ball is given once a year by the women painters, sculptors, singers and actresses of Berlin. No males are permitted at these balls, and about one-third of the attendants are in masculine costume.

Greatest Potato Eaters. The greatest potato eaters are the people of Germany and Belgium. The consumption of this vegetable by them averages 100 pounds per annum for each person.

How a Woman Paid Her Deb. A lady in Lexington says: "I am out of debt, and in the past six weeks I have made \$300. Every housekeeper wants a Dishwasher, and any intelligent person can sell them with big profit to himself. This Dishwasher is lovely; you can wash and dry the family dishes in two minutes, and without wetting your hands. You can get particulars by addressing the Mound City Dishwasher Co., St. Louis, Mo. There is big money in the business for an agent. I expect to clear \$4,000 the coming year. I need the money and why not make it?" Miss C. E.

Reflections of a Bachelor. A man never knows how much he thinks of a girl till she does something that hurts him. Nowadays you can't ever tell how a girl's waist fits her by the looks of her coat in the back. The worst kind of a hurt is the one that seems such a little thing when you try to explain it. When a girl says a man is a prig, he has probably talked puff to her till she had to admit that she didn't know how to play it. The woman who has a bony neck and always puts on low-cut dresses ought to be compelled to marry the man who insists on wearing knickerbockers when his calves are the same size all the way up.—New York Press.

Tortoise-shell Lorgnettes have their value enhanced by jewels.

THE RULING PASSION. The wealthy woman lay dying and the lawyer was preparing her will. After dividing the bulk of her fortune among her children, she said: "I want to leave \$100,000 in equal shares to these ten charitable institutions," and she named them. "All right," said the lawyer, and he began to read out what he had written: "I give and bequeath \$10,000 to the Presbyterian hospital, \$10,000 to the institute for..." "No, no!" interrupted the woman, excitedly. "I understood you to say that you wanted to have the \$100,000 distributed equally among the ten institutions. Have you changed your mind?" asked the lawyer. "No. I want to give them the money," was the reply; "but I—I—well, make it \$9,999.98 to each institution."

And a happy smile came over the face of the dying woman. She evidently believed that she had somehow made a bargain of her bequests.—New York World.

QUIMBY'S NEW AND SECOND HAND STOVES AND FURNITURE

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she made a Man Feel Cheap and Caused the Girls to Giggle a Bit. From the Washington Star: "Literal children, or, more properly, children who take your chiding literally, are holy terrorists," relates a young man, noted for his politeness to ladies. "I was in a herdic the other day which was much crowded, though no one was standing at the time. Presently a lady and gentleman got in and I gave my seat to the lady, leaving the old herdic sitting in one end of the herdic called to her little sister, a child of six, perhaps, who was sitting near the door at the other end, to come to her and give her seat to the elderly gentleman. The child came willingly enough, and while the sister was reading her a lesson in manners, a passenger got out, and I took a seat. 'Never let me see you remain seated again when people older than you are standing,' closed the lecture, and the child was crowded, half sitting, half standing, between the older sister and the lady next to her. Two minutes later a pretty girl got in and, of course, as the only gentleman in the herdic, I gave her my seat. No sooner had I done so than that small terror was on her feet. 'Oh, mister,' she said in sweet, shrill accents, 'you take my seat, you're older than me.' Everybody laughed, of course; trust a lot of giggling girls for that, for the only place on earth that I could have 'taken a seat' was on the sister's lap. I didn't take the seat, but I did take to the street, and walked five blocks in a drizzling rain to get away from the giggle of those girls."

Three Decorative Trifles. The pretty crinkled paper so much in vogue, and which has been so lavishly used for lamp shades, is the best of material for photographs, frames, which when they are complete, are not only effective, but have nothing tawdry or cheap looking about them, though only made of cardboard and paper. The stock in trade must include crinkled paper in different shades: small rolls, called the "Butterfly," may be bought for a penny each; these are sufficient for the flowers, whilst the large rolls, which are much broader, and are used for covering the frames, cost 4 1/2 each, a glue pot and glue, plenty of cardboard (old boxes come in very useful), some glasses cut by the local glazier, 6 inches by 4 1/2 inches for cabinet sized photographs; and, lastly, a few yards of different colored baby ribbon, are all the materials that are necessary, hence for a few shillings a large quantity of these artistic frames may be made. Take 1 1/2 pieces of cardboard and cut them all into you want a frame to be, say, 10 inches by 12 1/2 inches; these will make the front and sides of the frame. The front must have a small oblong part cut out a little smaller than the size of the photograph, so that the name of the photographer, etc., shall not show. Cut it a little to one side of the frame, and also about two inches from the bottom; now cover the board with white or dark green crinkled paper, or any other color. The paper should be cut larger than the cardboard, and the overlapping portion glued to the reverse side, so that the glue will not show. After neatly cutting the paper at the corners in the oblong part where the photograph has to come, glue it carefully at the back, and then it will be ready for the glass, which must also be glued on at each corner. Whilst the front is drying the back must be covered in the same manner, cut, say, an inch and a half broad, and also covered; this piece must be bent back a little, about two inches from the top, and fixed on the back with two paper fasteners to form the stand.

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Happily is the man who can be proud of his friends.

Chicago is the only city in the country that is already "greater."

This is the season when the backsliders and drunkards are saved again.

Man is apt to charge his failures to luck and credit his successes to sagacity.

The Cherry girls are going to become living pictures. Animated chromos, we presume.

Fortunately for mankind their tastes for amusements vary more widely than their personal appearance.

There are a great many people who would be better off if they only knew that asking questions is not conversation.

A half-breed Indian named Boulanger claims half of Kansas City. If he had been a full-blood he would have wanted the whole town.

Pugilist Corbett indignantly denies that he thrashed his stage manager. It is a serious matter now-days to charge a pugilist with fighting.

Why should a preacher, any more than any one else, be permitted to speak slightly of women without securing the contempt of all many men?

Another miser, who wore sooty clothes and a sad countenance for many years, died in New York recently leaving behind him a bank account credited with \$14,000 and several strong boxes containing \$1,520,000 more. No wonder the times have been hard.

The government receipts from customs during December amounted to \$10,778,412, a gain for the month of about \$800,000. The internal revenue receipts aggregated \$13,198,998, a nominal gain over November. As compared with December, 1895, there is a loss of about \$1,390,000 in the customs, and a gain of about \$448,000 from internal revenue.

"Will the young man from the country spend his evenings at a dime museum," asked Edward Everett Hale last week, "or at a bookkeeping school?" It is not the more or less of bookkeeping which will be the result of the young man's decision. It is the destiny of half a century. It is not impossible that the destiny of America may rest on the decision.

New York ladies have been discussing the inroads made on the home by club life, and bewailing modern innovations in general. One woman decried that "homes are broken up by the new-fangled clubs, and even babies of 6 are smitten with the fever. Cupid has no privacy in which to shoot his darts and can only make his advance under the cover of a hundred eyes." But, worse than all this was the statement that the fine de siecle woman had no time to make mince pies.

The results of the last French census, just published, show that there is no sign of recovery in the birth rate. The total increase in the population of France since 1891 is only 175,027, while the number of foreigners in France is decreasing. The large towns are growing slightly at the expense of the smaller towns and the rural districts. The inhabitants have increased in twenty-four departments and have decreased in sixty-three departments. The minister of the interior, M. Barthou, notes an increase of emigration, but is compelled to confess the marked tendency of the population to remain stationary as to numbers.

From Council Bluffs, Iowa, comes a story that illustrates several phases of human nature. In that city the other day a man who is very poor and who is likely to remain so, owing to the fact that an accident has deprived him of both his arms, found a large roll of greenbacks. The money lay in the gutter and the finder could almost hear it beg him to pick it up. This, on account of his misfortune, he could not do. So he quietly kicked the treasure into the shadow of a building and tried to think out a safe method of transferring it to his lamely empty pocket. At last a small boot-black sauntered by, and the man concluded to take chances. With a fine pretense of having just dropped the bills, the man gruffly ordered the youngster to assist him. The boy comprehended the situation at a glance, seized the little fortune, took to his heels, and, easily distancing his angry pursuer, vanished permanently from the scene.

American girls who have married foreign noblemen are now furnishing Europe with her daily consumption of scandals. After the Princess de Chimay comes the Baroness Lucie Wangelheim, who some time ago left her husband and began an intrigue with Count Waldemar Tuskul. The baron has fought a duel with the count to square him self with his honor. It is said that he will have to fight two or three more duels for a similar reason, but the baron prefers the fighting to giving up a wife whose dowry was \$1,000,000.

Hereafter no member of the Masonic fraternity in Minnesota can sell intoxicants, and 100 persons now in the liquor business will be expelled from the order if they do not change their occupations. The Masons of Minnesota evidently want to be classed as good temperance people.

A stranger was robbed in Chicago this week by "a man who looked like the pictures of Gen. Weyler." Out of 2,000,000 people there was only one man who answered the description, and he is now in jail.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

CRIME AT WALFORD.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 5.—The fire at Walford has caused a very mystifying condition of affairs. Both Grocer Novak and Farmer Murray are missing and it was certain their bodies were in the ruins. The day before the fire a load of charcoal was placed in the cellar beneath where Novak slept, and this continues to burn despite efforts to quench the fire. One body has been recovered and while the ruins have been completely overhauled the other is missing. It is possible the other was completely destroyed. The body is claimed by the relatives of both Novak and Murray. Novak carried \$35,000 life insurance and the companies decline to pay. There is emphasized fact of foul play.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 6.—The coroner's jury has decided that the body found in the ruins of the fire at Walford is that of Frank Murray and has ordered it turned over to his father. The belief is unavoidable that he was murdered and that an axe was used to crush his skull. Suspicion surrounds Novak, who was known to be in a bad way financially, and it was certain that he would be compelled to default on part of his life insurance at the time of the next payment.

VINTON, Feb. 9.—Frank Novak, the supposed murderer of Edward Murray, was seen on the morning of the 9th at a farm house fourteen miles from Walford, near Homestead. He had a gun with him and a diamond ring on one hand. The authorities have asked Governor Drake to offer a large reward for his capture.

YETZER IS A CRIPPLE.

Osceola County Bank President Spends His Time in the Prison Hospital.

ATLANTIC, Feb. 8.—Joseph Yetzer, president of the broken Atlantic bank, who is doing a five years' sentence at Fort Madison, has been declared to be a helpless cripple from rheumatism. He was in such a frail condition when taken from the Cass county jail last summer that grave fears were entertained that he would die before he could be placed in the prison. He has lingered at the point of death for a long time. The prison official gives but little hope that the bank president will be able to spend any great portion of time outside of the hospital. He has lost the use entirely of one arm.

AFTER DES MOINES POLICE.

Whitechapel Dealers Agree to Testify Before the Grand Jury.

DES MOINES, Feb. 8.—Residents of Whitechapel have signed an agreement to appear before the grand jury and testify against the city administration because of its attitude toward the running of disreputable places of their class. Bill Weaver, ex-hackman, and a generally shady character, has circulated the agreement, to which, he says, he has seventy-five signatures, by which the lewd women declare their willingness to go before the grand jury and testify that they have been driven into Whitechapel by the police and promised protection if they went there.

Technically Guilty of Bigamy.

STOUT CITY, Feb. 11.—About two months ago Wm. Flood, of Salix, was married to Mrs. Alice A. Ferguson, who supposed she had a divorce from her first husband. She had applied for a divorce and about a year ago her attorney asked for a decree by default, but did not have the papers with him at the time. He was told to send them and decree would be entered. He did so but the papers were mislaid. Recently they were accidentally discovered, and an entry was made granting the divorce to a woman who had been married a second time for two months. Neither of the interested parties was informed of the blunder which had been made.

Mule Law Amendment Urged.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—A quiet canvass of the legislature on the question of a bill allowing the manufacture of liquor is being made. Friends of the measure claim fifty-two votes are sure in the house, while fifty-one will pass the bill, but admit they have not the twenty-six needed in the senate. Their plan is to bring it up at the end of the session, if they have votes enough to pass it.

Canal Coal Near McCallsburg.

McCALLSBURG, Feb. 11.—An important find was accidentally made at the new coal shaft two miles south of McCallsburg. What was thought to be from two to three feet of slate above a two-foot vein of coal has proved to be canal coal, something not found in any quantity in the state and but little this side of Pennsylvania.

Ex-City Treasurer Settles.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 10.—The city has settled its claim of \$11,000 against ex-City Treasurer Stoddard for \$6,000, with the understanding that no suits are to be brought against Stoddard, who claims that there was no real shortage in his accounts, but that the apparent shortage was a result of errors in book keeping.

Head Clerk Disappears.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 7.—Victor Johnson, Swedish-American, for years head clerk for Allmayer's clothing house, disappeared recently. He started home from up town about noon, and has not been seen since. He was not well, and it is believed that he wandered off in a fit of temporary aberration of mind.

Fanned Bogus Coin.

MYSTIC, Feb. 11.—Tom Weston has been arrested for passing counterfeit money, and since his arrest two other men who are supposed to have helped him have disappeared and are located in Missouri, where they will be arrested.

An Ottumwa Fire.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 10.—A fire in Fleming's shoe store and Pallister Bros. cigar factory, destroyed \$12,000 worth of shoes, cigars and tobacco and did \$7,000 worth of damage to the building. Fully insured. Origin of the fire unknown.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Verdict Returned in the Eckerlebe Trial at Clinton.

CLINTON, Feb. 11.—The trial of Chris. Eckerlebe for the murder of Miss Kell last July ended, and the case was given to the jury. The jury was out one hour and forty minutes, returning a verdict of murder in the first degree, and recommending punishment by death. The attorneys for the defense immediately filed a motion for a new trial.

\$5,000 For Breach of Promise.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 10.—In the breach of promise suit of Stephanie vs. Lefebvre the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, giving her \$5,000 damages, as claimed. Miss Stephanie was a domestic in the employ of the Lefebvres. Young Lefebvre fell in love with her and they were engaged. Lefebvre's father objected and finally the young man broke off the engagement and married another young lady. The Lefebvres are wealthy farmers living near Fairfax.

Robbed by Wholesale.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 10.—Further investigation of the home and farm buildings of Arthur Courtney, at Mt. Pleasant, shows the entire farm to have been used as a fence for stolen booty. Cellars disclose piles of clothing and groceries of every description, much of which has been identified.

Life Imprisonment for Young.

SIoux CITY, Feb. 9.—The jury in the case of William Young, the negro who recently killed George Elliott in a quarrel at Coon's poker room, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, and recommended life imprisonment. Sentence will be passed February 16. Young will appeal.

Reward for Novak.

DES MOINES, Feb. 11.—Gov. Drake has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and delivery to the proper authorities of Frank Novak, who is believed to have murdered Edward Murray at Walford.

IOWA CONDENSED.

Anamosa dispatch: Governor Drake has pardoned Henry Weston from the Anamosa penitentiary. Weston was city marshal of Bellevue, and in arresting a man he shot and killed him. He got 18 months and has served about half the time.

At Shell Rock recently fire was discovered in H. D. Wilson's dental office and before it could be put out four buildings were totally destroyed and two others damaged, all occupied by business men. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will probably reach \$6,000.

There came near being a tragedy in the Bon Ton bakery at Oskaaloosa recently. William Frame, a baker, shot twice at Thomas Barr, the proprietor, but neither bullet hit the intended mark. The parties recently moved to Oskaaloosa from Fort Dodge, and the bakery is one of the largest in the city.

Anamosa dispatch: The Jones county school fund has had \$150 added thereto again by the Cascade saloonkeepers in fines. John Geary and T. V. Williams, who were arrested a short time ago, were arraigned in Justice Ricker's court and both pleaded guilty, whereupon the justice fined each \$75 and costs, which they promptly paid.

Judge Waterman at Davenport recently delivered a lengthy opinion on the Mott Watson will case from Maquoketa, deciding against the alleged illegitimate son of Watson, who claimed the large estate. The estate was estimated to be worth \$300,000, and the plaintiff laid claim to it as the illegitimate son of Watson.

A meeting of the board of trustees of the State Agricultural college was held at Ames a few days ago. Professor James Wilson, who has been appointed secretary of agriculture in Major McKinley's cabinet, was granted an indefinite leave of absence, and Prof. C. F. Curtiss, at present assistant professor, was made acting professor of agriculture.

Ottumwa dispatch: E. E. Harned, the merchant and real estate dealer, who disappeared a week ago, leaving behind many heavy creditors, has suddenly reappeared in the city. He says he has returned to face the music, and that he will try and straighten out his affairs and start in business again. Harned claims that he left Ottumwa with \$12,000, but was robbed of it all in Chicago.

Burlington dispatch: For six months Henry Krekel has been lying in jail with the charge of murder opposite his name on the prison calendar. He was bound over to the grand jury on this charge, and the grand jury found a true bill against him. Now comes the surprising news that there is no evidence against him upon which a conviction could be secured, and Judge Smyth has discharged the prisoner from custody.

W. A. Lichtenwalter, a wealthy farmer of Cerro Gordo county, committed suicide a few days ago by hanging. Neighbors found him hanging from a rope in the loft of his barn. He was a stockholder in the City Bank of Nora Springs, which failed some weeks ago. Fearing that he would be financially ruined, he preferred to meet death in this way. He owned 200 acres of land in Cerro Gordo county and 400 in Minnesota.

A sprouting kernel of corn was a few days ago removed from the nostril of the little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Woods, living near Pocahontas. The child, unknown to its parents, got the kernel into its nose. Trouble was soon noticed in breathing, and the matter gradually became worse. Finally the trouble got so bad the father made an examination and with great difficulty removed the obstacle with a hairpin. It had quite a sprout protruding from it.

J. H. Henderson, of Indianola, filed a petition in the district court at Des Moines recently asking for an injunction against the grand officers of the Odd Fellows in the state, restraining them from paying out lodge money to erect the orphans' home at Jefferson. It is an effort to tie up the funds, and prevent the erection of the home, in the hope that the sovereign grand lodge, to which the case has been appealed, will decide in favor of Indianola.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

Speech in House of Commons Strife Up France and Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In the House of Commons a few days ago Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking relative to the appropriation of £798,802 for the expenses of the English expedition up the Nile to Dongola, said that England would make further advances. In voluntarily retiring from Egypt, France had thrown the whole responsibility for the safety of Egypt upon Great Britain. Great Britain might fairly demand a free hand in the performance of her responsibilities. She believed she was right and would not be run out by any difficulties such as a refusal of money by the Egyptian mixed court of appeals. The words of the chancellor have created a sensation in Paris, the French newspapers declaring that the speech is a direct challenge to France, who must reply by action. A Russian newspaper asserts that "the speech has furnished the opportunity Russia and France have so long foreseen, when together they can ask for a definite period when England will leave Egypt. And," adds the writer, "you may rest assured Russia's pressure will be more than moral."

CRETAN SITUATION SERIOUS.

Greece's Insistence on Union May Mean European War.

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 9.—The announcement that Prince George, second son of the king of Greece, will command the torpedo fleet now in readiness to start for Crete to join the Greek squadron, has added strength to the rumors that Greece will insist upon the union with Crete. It is a well known fact that Christians are now in possession of the whole island, with the exception of Heraklion and Petimo, only awaiting the signal from Greece to proclaim union with that country. The present uprising in Crete is looked upon by many statesmen in this country as a move on the part of the sultan of Turkey to draw the attention of England, France and Russia away from Constantinople.

ATHENS, Feb. 10.—The Official Gazette publishes a royal decree commissioning all available warships in Greece and ordering the immediate dispatch of additional ships to Crete. LONDON, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Crete says the commanders of the foreign men-of-war now concentrated off the island of Crete have notified the captains of the Greek warships that no action on the part of the Greeks, such as bombarding Crete or the landing of troops, will be permitted.

WAR SHIPS IN A STORM.

Admiral Bence's Famous Fleet Had a Thrilling Experience.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 10.—Admiral Bence's splendid squadron, consisting of the flagship New York, the battleship Maine, the cruiser Columbia, the battleship Marblehead and the monitor Amphitrite had a terrible experience in a heavy gale off the Atlantic coast. Three men were washed overboard of the Maine, and the ship's carpenter of the Marblehead was dashed to death by the heavy sea. Several men on the latter vessel were injured, one fatally, and five were slightly injured on the New York by being buffeted about by the waves. The fleet behaved admirably in the gale, which the officers all unite in saying was the worst in their experience, with the exception of the Marblehead, which felt the full fury of the storm and was almost dismantled.

NEW REVENUE MEASURE.

Estimated Increase of \$60,000,000 Over the Present System.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The framers of the new tariff law are counting upon an increase of \$60,000,000 in the revenue above what is yielded by the present law. The exact elements of this increase cannot be determined until the new measure is more nearly complete than at present, but a rough calculation can be made of the sources from which the increase is expected. Sugar, \$25,000,000; wool and woolsens, \$18,000,000; tobacco \$3,000,000; spirits, \$2,000,000; flax, hemp and their manufactures, \$1,000,000; cotton hosiery and other cottons, \$1,000,000; chinaware and glass \$2,000,000; miscellaneous items, \$3,000,000.

PENSION AGENCIES.

Probability that the Des Moines Office Will Be Removed to St. Louis.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—Advice from Washington say the president has signed, on the recommendation of an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine. The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. Under the new arrangement it is stated that the Topeka and Des Moines offices will be removed to St. Louis.

Carlisle to Live in New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary Carlisle has definitely decided to locate in New York on March 4 for the practice of law. This statement has been sent out by certain correspondents, although at the treasury department it is believed to be premature at least. It is understood there that the secretary has reached no conclusion as to whether he will locate in New York or Louisville.

Oney Offered a Position.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Oney has received from President Elliot, of Harvard University, an invitation to fill the chair of international law at that institution after the expiration of his term of office in the state department. The secretary has taken the offer under consideration.

Collapse of a Scaffold.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Through the collapse of the scaffolding of a viaduct on a railroad in Cornwall, twelve men fell a distance of 150 feet and were killed.

COMEZ SCORNS WEYLER.

Cuban Leader Puts No Faith in Promises of the General.

HAVANA, Feb. 9.—General Weyler's attempt to arrange for a secret interview with Gomez in Santa Clara over the question of Cuban reforms has proved a complete fizzle. It is learned that Marcus Garcia resigned the commission delegated to him at the meeting in the palace last week because he learned that General Gomez had threatened to hang him as a traitor if he caught him. Garcia went to Sancti Spiritus but no farther. It is supposed he communicated with General Gomez by letter or special messenger, and considered discretion the better part of valor. General Gomez, sent word, it is said, that he would not confer with General Weyler upon any subject whatever, and refused to meet him under any circumstances. While the rebel leader doubted the sincerity of the Spanish government, and declared that the proposed reforms would not be promulgated in good faith, he expressed a willingness to meet any accredited agent or the government, except General Weyler, for the purpose of giving the insurgent view of the question. General Gomez's refusal to deal with General Weyler has caused intense excitement in official and speculative circles. The reforms are acceptable on their face to the reformists and autonomists, but the leaders know it is impossible to carry them out at the present time.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 11.—An expedition landed in the southern part of Pinar del Rio province last week and brought on a fight between the Spanish coast guard and a Cuban escort under Capt. Petros. The Spaniards lost eighteen men, the Cubans seven. Fifteen men of the Spanish patrol were killed in Havana outskirts on the southwest side. While they were passing a large stone building it was blown up and twenty men were buried under its ruins. It is supposed to be the beginning of the "reign of terror" promised by Lieut. Col. Hernandez when he made his last raid in Havana.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 6.—It is rumored in Havana that General Weyler, who is in the province of Santa Clara at the head of his troops, will return to Havana soon, because the frequent raids made into Havana province have alarmed him. It is no secret in Havana that the Spanish officials are uneasy over the appearance of General Rivera in that province, and the possibility of his striking a blow at the capital itself, has greatly alarmed them all. Marquis Ahumada has consequently been in close touch with Weyler. General Rivera had a skirmish with a troop of cavalry fifty miles northwest of Havana and defeated the Spaniards. No details have been allowed to escape, and the censorship has been increased the past fortnight.

Decree Signed.

MADRID, Feb. 5.—The decree authorizing the proposed reforms in the island of Cuba have been signed by the queen-regent.

BREVITIES.

A dispatch has been received from Manila stating that eight ministers of the insurgent government have been shot.

The statement is published that fighting has occurred on the frontier of Siam between the French and Siamese.

J. Addison Porter of Hartford, Conn., announces that he has been offered and has accepted the position of secretary to President-elect McKinley.

Chairman John K. Gowdy, of the Indiana republican state committee, has been tendered and has accepted the position of consul-general to Bernese, Switzerland, dispatch: Five men in sleighs and seven horses were overwhelmed by an avalanche near the hospice of Fleula on the road leading from Davostlath to Engadid.

The Nebraska house of representatives a few days ago unanimously reported the Trans-Mississippi Exposition bill appropriating \$150,000 for the exposition. This practically ends all doubt as to the exposition and insures the rapid development of the enterprise.

Recent dispatches announce that the epileptic symptoms which marked the youth of the czar are returning. These symptoms, taken in connection with the fears of the result of the approaching operation by which it is hoped to remove the bony protuberance from the head of the czar, have, it is asserted, produced feelings of morbid melancholy in the Russian monarch.

Paris dispatch: Senator Wolcott had an interview with Premier Meine. It is learned on authority that Wolcott's interviews so far have been without the result hoped. That with President Faure was short and formal. Loubet, president of the senate, is enthusiastic on the subject of bimetalism, but Meine is very guarded. He is reported to have said that however favorable France might be to bimetalism, nothing could be done without the consent of England and Germany. In official quarters little confidence is felt in the success of Wolcott's mission, though he seems sanguine that England will participate in the movement.

An Athens dispatch gives details of the troubles between Christians and Mohammedans on the island of Crete. It is announced that 3,000 Christians have surrounded the seaport town of Canea, and that they have already burned the Mussulman village of Taratzi in revenge for the burning of the town of Galata. Altogether six villages are reported to have been destroyed by fire at the hands of the Mohammedans and Christians, and a rumor has been widely circulated to the effect that a massacre of Christians has occurred at Galata. The Mohammedans made an attempt to burn the telegraph station at Suda. Troops were landed from the English and Italian warships, who aided in extinguishing the flames.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 4.—Senate reconsidered matter of limiting lawyers' arguments and this time the lawyers won, and the law stands as it was before. The section including insurance companies among corporations against which no action is brought is still to be liable to service, brought its agents and another amendment was reconsidered and another amendment was adopted providing that "when action is brought against an insurance company for loss or damage on a contract, service may be made upon any general agent, wherever found, or upon any recording or other agent who has authority to issue policies."

HOUSE.

In bill in relation to the judicial department, amendment providing that county clerks collect fees for benefit of the county instead of for themselves, was voted down. A proposition to give county clerks in counties of 40,000 and upwards \$2,000 a year was also voted down. An amendment making the office of supreme court reporter appointive after January 1, 1899, placing the term of office at four years, and providing that the clerk could be re-elected at the option of the supreme court was defeated. The bill as it now reads makes it possible for the clerk to make \$3,000 per year, whereas he now makes \$2,300.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 5.—One of the longest sections of the code, the one relating to civil procedure, upon which the senate had been working for five days, was adopted today. The last seven chapters were passed with no great change from the old laws.

HOUSE.

The bill relating to the judicial department was again taken up and just before adjournment it passed. The bill as finally passed differs little from the form in which it had been recommended by the code commissioners.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 6.—Senate bill relating to domestic animals was reconsidered and the house bill on the same subject was substituted. Chapter relating to the occupational board of examiners and to the county superintendents were passed as separate titles.

HOUSE.

Bill in relation to internal improvement was taken up. Chapter relating to mechanics' liens was amended so as to require thirty days notice to be given to satisfy liens. The bill as a whole passed. Bill relating to county superintendents was amended to reduce pay of superintendents from \$4 to \$3 per day. On a vote the bill was defeated.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 8.—The bill in relation to the system of common schools was under consideration almost all of the time of the session, and had not been concluded when adjournment was taken. A new section was incorporated providing for the establishment of kindergartens.

HOUSE.

Punk offered a resolution providing for a thorough investigation of the cost of the last state census, the committee to have power to take testimony under oath. Lambert offered a resolution for an investigation of the cost of state printing during the past eighteen months. Both of these resolutions were adopted. Bills in relation to internal improvement and lively stable keepers, warehouse men, etc., passed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 9.—SENATE presented a resolution looking to the careful investigation of the finances of the state institutions. Senate adopted a resolution providing that each bill be given a full reading in each house before adoption. The militia bill passed, leaving the appropriation for the guard at its present figure, and the title relating to public schools and text books was completed. The statutes relating to the construction and operation of railroads were considered and only partially completed at the time of adjournment.

HOUSE.

Senate bill relating to county superintendents, being identical with the bill defeated Saturday, came up and a motion to amend by reducing the pay from \$4 to \$3 per day was defeated. The bill then passed. Majority and minority reports on reading of bills were presented. Speaker named Frank Lusk, Davis, Baker and Volker as members of the committee to investigate the census, and Lambert, Temple and Brant as members of the committee to investigate state printing.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 10.—Carney called up his resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the state institutions to find out if any funds have been illegally retained as fees or other compensation by trustees or officers. It was finally referred to a committee of five, which Carney is to be chairman. The house bill in relation to county superintendents was referred to the committee on schools, being slightly amended. Committee on educational institutions reported in favor of house bill on state normal schools. Bill in regard to construction and operation of railroads was passed. Senate took up the chapters of title 6 in regard to elections but proceeded only through a few sections when the senate adjourned.

Several resolutions were presented in the house today, but nothing of importance was accomplished.

Cleveland to Go Round the World.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 10.—A passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific is authority for the statement that President Cleveland will take a trip around the world immediately after the inauguration of his successor. Several members of his cabinet are expected to accompany him, and Mrs. Cleveland and the children may accompany the party. That matter has not been fully decided yet.

Armor Plate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The senate committee on naval affairs decided to recommend that the secretary of the navy be not authorized to pay more than \$400 a ton for armor, and that an appropriation of \$1,500,000 be made to be used in the establishment of a plant in case the manufacturers refuse to accept this price.

Robber Shot Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 10.—The west bound Santa Fe train was held up by robbers near Peach Springs, Ariz. After taking a registered package from the mail car the robbers turned their attention to the express car. Messenger Summer opened fire on them, shooting one robber dead. The others escaped with some registered packages.

Rope Has Another Severe Attack.

ROME, Feb. 8.—The pope was found lying on the back of a chair. He was unconscious when discovered, and was only restored to consciousness by inhaling ether. The attack is the gravest which he has suffered during the past two years, and it is attributed to increasing cerebral anæmia.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

A ton of coal contains from five to seven pounds of ammonia, which, in gas-making, is now saved.

Farmers on and near the Umatilla reservation (Oregon) are complaining of being almost eaten up by spotted rats.

The Irish are, according to Bismarck, a people with plenty of sentiment, but unaccustomed to use their reasoning faculties.

After a long search, a new and apparently inexhaustible vein of fine blue granite has been found near Fredericksburg, Va.

The income of the Prussian government last year from railways, mines, marine and forest products, etc., amounted to 603,800,000 marks.

Vibrating Tuneful Accord.

ABOUT RAILROAD TRAVEL.

What It Cost to Carry Passengers on Western Roads. There is a surprising amount of information among the people regarding the cost of carrying passengers on railroad trains...

Table with 2 columns: State, Passenger Population per square mile. Missouri 39, Illinois 68, Ohio 89, New York 122, New England 200.

Mr. Eustis showed in the first place that the volume of passenger traffic on railroads is dependent upon the density and wealth of population in the territory through which it runs...

The report of the Inter-state Commerce Commission referring to the railroads of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan...

Classified. Husband—You are too sensitive. Now, I haven't any nerves. Wife—Neither have the lowest order of animals.

264 BUS. COBN PER ACRE. It's marvelous how we progress! You can make money at 10 cents a bushel when you get 264 bushels corn, 2300 bushels oats, 173 bushels barley, 1,200 bushels potatoes per acre!

Like a Dog. "She treats her baby as though it were a dog." "Is that possible?" "Yes, she's hugging and kissing it all the time."

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy, this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

Miss Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children's teething, soothes the sore, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, croup, and colic.

Miss Marie H., Detroit. According to data furnished the zodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth...

Miss Marie H., Detroit. Note—Those who have sent in their stamps (26 cents) for readings by mail, will usually be promptly answered.

The Number of Asteroids. In October last a small planet, or asteroid, discovered by photography in Berlin, was set down in the list of these bodies as No. 424.

YOUNG GIRLS. Their Conduct and Health Often Mystify Their Mothers. Young girls often feel and consequently act, very strangely.

A Cure. Jones—Still bub has a medicine which he declares is a sure cure for heart disease. —Smith—Did it cure him? Jones—Yes; it gave him such a frightful attack of indigestion that he forgot all about his heart.

Much More. She—How do you account for the fact that a woman learns typewriting so much easier than a man? He—Oh, she has so much more in prospect.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Trifling Affair. Cobwigger—Look here, Freddie, the man next door says you fired a small stone through a pane of glass in his window. Freddie—Pshaw! If that pane is worth \$2 I broke about 10 cents' worth of it.—New York World.

The Light That Failed. Mabel—So Mrs. Dorey has left her husband! I'm surprised; she used to say he was the light of her existence. May—Yes, I know; but the light got going out nights.—Up-to-Date.

PLANETARY GOSSIP.

HOROSCOPIC READINGS OF PROBABLE EVENTS.

Instructions to Applicants for Free Readings in These Columns—Name, Address, Date and Hour of Birth Important Requisites.

THE free readings now being given in these columns are so popular that it will take some time before they can be answered. Every letter sent in will be answered in its regular order.

Those who do not wish to wait their turn can get their readings by mail for twelve two-cent stamps. In all cases full name and address of applicants must accompany requests for free readings.

Following are the readings for this week: Minnie W., Mackato, Kan. According to the data you have the zodiacal sign Virgo which Mercury rules with a lingering indication of the sign Leo...

You are medium height; medium dark complexion; hair and eyes. You are rather of a studious nature and take delight in unraveling some mystery and are easily interested in chemistry and electricity.

According to data furnished you have the zodiacal sign, Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at birth, therefore Mars is your ruling planet or signifier.

You are of medium height, of medium to dark complexion; dark eyes; a luxuriant growth of dark hair. The face is rather full and broad.

You are one of the stirring, energetic kind of people, and have the desire and ability to push your business, yet you do this in such a quiet way that others will hardly know anything about it until it is all over.

Miss Marie H., Detroit. According to data furnished the zodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Uranus is your ruling planet or signifier.

You are quite energetic and ambitious, and do not like to be opposed; anyone that undertakes to control your independent actions will be likely to get the benefit of your opinion of them. You are very independent in your ideas of dress, and will wear anything you think is right and proper, no matter if it suits the four hundred or not.

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In October last a small planet, or asteroid, discovered by photography in Berlin, was set down in the list of these bodies as No. 424. Since the application of photography to the stars the discovery of asteroids has been very rapid, no less than one hundred having been found between February, 1892, and October, 1897.

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SOME VALENTINE DAY SKETCHES.



of St. Valentine, hoped would ever more to be his guiding spirit.

Ye Olden Valentine. HE fingers of Time have encrusted with gold the page that I cherish for memories old; I gaze at the couplet that's homely and true.

By one sleeping now at the gates of the Dawn, And oft as I linger o'er picture and line A tear lies emperaled on the old valentine.

'Twas wafled to me in the long, long ago, When the world sweetly slept 'neath its blanket of snow, When high on the mountains and deep in the dells We heard the clear notes of the silvery bells;

As red as the cheeks of the sender, I know, As blue as the eyes that I loved long ago; No wonder I cherish in shadow and shine The fast fading truths of the old valentine.

The portals of Memory open for me, And back from the years with their shrouding of snow Come a hand and a voice that I missed long ago; And over a picture that hangs on my wall Rays that are golden a moment doth fall, And beautiful grows in the winter sunshine The we, crumpled page of the old valentine.

"Sentimental Sally" sends us the following valuable and seasonable contribution: He who would have me for his valentine Must have no other love than mine; I cannot share his heart, I will not have a part, I must have all, or none, For he my heart has won, And there he reigns alone, A monarch on his throne.

Her Valentine. The postman pulled the bell with vim; The watching maid blushed rosy red; 'Tis a valentine from him! With dimpling smiles she softly said, She tore the envelope in twain, Her eyes the missive seized upon; Her face grew drawn with pallid pain— 'Twas nothing but a tradesman's dun!

But it was long after this, on another St. Valentine day, when the artist riends homeward bound, sat gazing down into the dark blue waves; 'st valentine and the little crier of old, which she observed, but did not now why, attracted his attention and excited his curiosity, that he ventured to tell of his long years' study and self-denial, whilst at the same time he had followed and worshipped a star which he thought too far above him to be obtained, but which he now, by the aid

Overexertion on the football field caused the death of Joseph Kapp of Brooklyn, N. Y.

REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE. In one of his wonderful sermons very truthfully said, My brother, your trouble is not in your head; it is a gastric disorder or a rebellious liver. It is not sin that blinds out your hope of heaven, but bile that not only yellows your eyeballs and furs your tongue and makes your head ache but swoops upon your soul in dejection and forebodings.—and Talmage is right! All this trouble can be removed! You can be cured!

How? By using Saffron Safe Cure. We can give you incontrovertible proof from men and women, former sufferers. But to-day well, and stay so. There is no doubt of this. Twenty years experience proves our words true.

Write to-day for free treatment, N.Y. Warren, 100 Broadway, N.Y. City.

Kidney Disease and Rheumatism

RESULTING FROM ARMY EXPOSURE.

History of Horace Robertson, of Johnson County, Iowa. (From the Times, West Branch, Iowa.)

Horace Robertson is a prosperous farmer of West Branch, Johnson County, Iowa. He is a veteran of the late war, having served for three years and twenty-one days in the Tenth Iowa Infantry.

Since the war he has further done his duty as a good citizen by serving several terms as township clerk, trustee and supervisor. In all these positions he has served with that modesty and singleness of purpose that invariably brings as a reward unstinted commendation and appreciation.

Mr. Robertson suffered excruciating pain for years, suffering as only a confirmed rheumatic can suffer. At his work it was an unrelenting, ever present companion, while his nights were rendered most miserable by the racking pains of this disease.

He told a reporter who was interested in his case and who is associated with him in the noble order of the Grand Army of the Republic, that he had been confined to his bed for days at a time and that the pain in his back and legs was almost unbearable.

He tells the reporter that many months ago he was induced to try Pink Pills for Pale People put up at Schenectady, N. Y., by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company.

He had only taken these pills a short time when he began to experience relief from both rheumatism and kidney trouble. After taking them regularly for several months he found most happily that the racking pain was gone from his back as well as the incessant ache from his legs.

He is now able to do a good day's work for a man verging on sixty years, has a fair appetite and sleeps quite well. Mr. Robertson has now the best health he has had for years and he says that Pink Pills are the best medicine he has ever known, and to them he gives his grateful praise and also recommends these valuable pills to all who are similarly afflicted.

Should any one be troubled with the above statement and Mr. Robertson's character as a truthful man, the reporter suggests that such persons write to Mr. A. C. Hunter, postmaster at West Branch, Iowa, for corroboration.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for \$50c per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

IF YOU WISH TO BE HAPPY. Beware of the man of two faces. Persevere against discouragement. Take a cheerful view of everything. In all promised pleasures put self last.

Trust in God and mind your own business. Cultivate a short memory as to all unkindnesses. Do not talk of your private, personal, or family matters. Cultivate forbearance till your heart yields a fine crop of it.

Give your tongue more holiday than your hands or your eyes. Examine into your own shortcomings rather than those of others. Act as if you expected to live a hundred years, but might die to-morrow.

Compare your manifold blessings with the trifling annoyances of each day. Do the duty that lies nearest; the second duty will already have become clearer. Be content to do the things you can, and fret not because you cannot do everything.

A very beautiful imitation of tortoise shell is made of cow's horns. One-third of the females of France over 14 years of age, are farm laborers. In Europe at this time, some 27,000,000 men are ready to take the field in a fortnight.

The deepest running stream in the world is said to be the Niagara river, just under the suspension bridge. An old ruin has been uncovered on the Mogul reservation in Arizona, and nearly 200 pieces of perfect pottery found.

When bilious or constive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c. The boy stood on the burning deck, To leave it he refused; A spark fell on his ready neck, And, Oh! the words he used!

Trust not the world, for it never payeth what it promiseth.—St. Augustine.

A Modern Way to Stop a Cough

As Tried by a Prominent Iowa Minister.

In a recent letter he says: "Many winters have I coughed all winter long. Twice I have been compelled to resign from my ministerial duties, for a period of several years. When I took cold in winter the coughing would be intense. Last fall I took cold about the 15th of October, and was sick with it for about a week and began what I supposed was a winter of coughing. My wife called my attention to Dr. King's Lung Balm, and after the cure was on her part, and a free expression of a (not flattering character) about patient medicines on my part, I concluded to try the Lung Balm. It has since that time taken a place in my medicine chest, and I have used it ever since. I began to use it about 6 boxes and can now proceed without coughing. I keep it by me and if I take cold I use it. If I have a bronchial irritation after preaching I take Dr. King's Lung Balm. I can cheerfully say that the Lung Balm prepared by Dr. H. J. King, Medical Co. of Omaha, Neb., has been a great help to me. It has no bad effect upon the stomach. Respectfully yours, J. D. DeWitt, Pastor M. E. Church, Spring Hill, Iowa, Des Moines Conference."

His Woes. "Bobby doesn't seem happy, even with all those prizes. What is the matter, Bobby?" "So I have noticed. What is the matter, Bobby?" "Why, I got now ice skates on a sled and I dunno whether I want it to freeze or snow."

This is Gastly. "You are doing right well to-day," said the match. "Oh, yes," answered the natural gas, "it is a cold day when I get turned down at headquarters."

Hard to Travel. Brown—Has Youngblood traveled much? Jones—Extensively. He has seen all the big prize fights.

1000 Rewards, 1000. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Cathartic Cure is the only positive cure now known. It cures internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in her own work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100,000 for any case that fails to cure. Send for full testimonials. Address: F. J. C. & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A person who had been for twenty years a member of the fire department of Troy, was discovered after death to be a woman.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

A Question of Quality.—"You will get over it. It was only your puppy love." "Oh, but he was such a nice puppy!"

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS. Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1, all druggists. Care guaranteed, 50c and \$1, all druggists.

An electric omnibus, which goes four miles an hour, is now running in the London streets.

1750 stopped fevers permanently cured. No fee for use of Dr. King's Great Resolvent. Free 25c trial bottle and treatment. Sold by Dr. King's Medicine Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

The taxable wealth of the colored population of the United States is over \$500,000,000.

Hegeman's Camphor Ice with Glycerine. The original and only genuine. Cures Chapped Hands and Feet, Croup, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, etc. Sold by Dr. King's Medicine Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

The 850 savings institutions in Massachusetts had 1,800,000 depositors at the close of last year, with \$135,220,557 to their credit.

JUST try a box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, the finest liver and bowel regulator made. The finest New York courts spend more than \$1000 a year for expert evidences, and give it to two dollar a day jurymen to pass upon.

Enslave Fame. A Trade Expression. Mildred—They say that great poet never rises before noon. Madge—Isn't that strange! Do you remember which of his poems made him famous? Mildred—His "Lines on Seeing the Sun Rise."

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ELKHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO. W. W. PRATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND. This ad. will appear but once.

LITTLE THINGS.

Apple growers in Missouri now weigh their fruit instead of measuring it. Major McKinley will be the third Methodist president.—Philadelphia Press. Before the great freeze in Florida the annual orange crop was from 2,000,000 to 10,000,000 boxes. The estimate for this season is 70,000 boxes. In Mexico it has been discovered that the administration of honey to small pox patients banishes the pustules, and decreases the fever immediately.

Naked Pills. are fit only for naked savages. Clothes are the marks of civilization—in pills as well as people. A good coat does not make a good pill, any more than good clothes make a good man. But as sure as you'd look on a clothesless man as a mad one, you may look on a coatless pill as a bad one. After fifty years of test no pill stand higher than AYER'S Cathartic Pills SUGAR COATED.

BUY NORTHERN GROWN SEEDS. Farmer Seeds are warranted to produce. John Fowler, H. H. H. V. Co., established the world with a yield of 175 lbs. of Golden Wonder No. 1 per acre. Sold by Dr. King's Medicine Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

"Become a Watchmaker." We will show you how and furnish every thing needed to carry on business. It is a trade that is quick learned, pays well, and you can, by following the plan in our instruction book, make watches, repair, repair clocks, watches and jewelry. The total value of the instruction book, watch, and tools, is \$10.00. Send for our catalogue of watches, tools, and jewelry with confidential discount card. Rogers, Thompson & Co., Watchmakers, Chicago. Jewelers Wholesale Supply House.

SMOKE YOUR MEAT WITH KAUSERS LIQUID EXTRACT OF SMOKE. CHICAGO, E. KAUSER & BRO. MILTON, PA.

TEXAS FARMS in the black land prairie belt for good climate, abundant crops. Diversified production. Send for descriptive list, or write for catalogue. Also three ranches with cattle. Best bargains in the state. Write for descriptive list. O. B. Read for our catalogue of Texas, Missouri, Texas, and other ranches. Catalogue sent free. Send for our catalogue of Texas, Missouri, Texas, and other ranches. Catalogue sent free. Send for our catalogue of Texas, Missouri, Texas, and other ranches. Catalogue sent free.

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OPIMUM HABIT DRUNKENNESS. CURE DR. J. L. STEPHENS, LEADERSHIP. W. N. U. Des Moines, No. 7.—1897. When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

Whoever chooses to use St. Jacobs Oil for Hurts or Bruises. Will feel a CURE so SURE, Why—sometimes it amuses.

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RACE ECHOES.

This is Blind Boone's first Southern tour and he is storming the South.

The Black Patti Troubadours were in Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

Darkest America are touring Pennsylvania with good results.

Doc Sayles is called the "Goliath of Jubilee Singers." He is singing "Dora Dean" with great success.

Miss Patty Malone the jubilee singer is dead.

The Negro soldiers in the United States Army number 2,400.

There are twenty seven colored men on the Chicago Police Force.

Henry T. Eubanks, one of the most prominent Afro-Americans of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced himself as candidate for councilman in the fourth district.

By an order of Judge Hayner, Mrs. Helen Douglass, widow of the late Frederick Douglass, wins her dower rights giving her dower in all the lands and tenements mentioned in the widow's suit against Mrs. Rosetta D. Sprague. All accrued rents and profits are included.

The members of the Ida B. Wells' Club, of Chicago, have decided to send resolutions on the Jim Crow Car law to the commissioners at Nashville, before resolving to visit the Centennial.

A convention of colored men met at Guthrie, O. T., recently and organized what will be known as a Territorial Protective League. By resolution the convention set the colored people of Oklahoma as unalterably opposed to separate schools or separate institutions of any kind in any manner or form whatever.

The first Negro policeman appointed in Chicago was Rodney Long who received his commission in 1876. There are now 27 colored men doing police duty in that city.

The first political plum has fallen to a colored American. Mr. James T. Cheney of Youngstown, Ohio will be made door-keeper of the White House. The position pays a salary of \$1,200 per annum and is said to be rich in "perks." It is said to be a personal appointment of Major McKinley's.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks of the 19th Street Baptist Church is the only colored man ever placed in nomination and voted for Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

We learn that Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the Negro poet, will shortly leave for England to give select readings to the nobility and other people of note. We predict for him unprecedented success in that land where prejudice is obsolete and where the color one's skin and texture of hair is no bar to social functions.

Ev-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback was invited guest at the great Black dinner recently held in Albany, N. Y.

As things progress the colored voters become a bit anxious least they should not get their full measure of recognition from the incoming administration. Just what has caused the anxiety we are unable to say, but the feeling of unrest is pretty general among our people. As for ourselves we have abiding confidence that President McKinley will do the fair thing by us, and we are perfectly willing to rest the case there. He certainly seems to have a keen appreciation of the situation, and we think that our friends need have no fear of not being properly cared for by his administration. We may not get all that we think we are entitled to, and we may not be invited to a seat at the cabinet table, but we think that we will get more and bigger places than we have received under any former administration. It is in the range of possibilities that a colored man may be Assistant Secretary of the Interior, or Assistant Postmaster General, and minister to one of the

South American Republics, and still another minister to Portugal race echoes cont. or some other European country. We think that is quite certain that a colored man will get one of the Auditorships of the U. S. Treasury, and possibly Register of the Treasury. The colored people are justly entitled to a commission in the District of Columbia, and if they are not thus recognized they will feel that they are taxed without representation. We are willing to trust the case with Major McKinley.—American Citizen.

VALUE OF EDUCATION.

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The Negro soldiers in the United States Army number 2,400.

There are twenty seven colored men on the Chicago Police Force.

Henry T. Eubanks, one of the most prominent Afro-Americans of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced himself as candidate for councilman in the fourth district.

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The members of the Ida B. Wells' Club, of Chicago, have decided to send resolutions on the Jim Crow Car law to the commissioners at Nashville, before resolving to visit the Centennial.

A convention of colored men met at Guthrie, O. T., recently and organized what will be known as a Territorial Protective League. By resolution the convention set the colored people of Oklahoma as unalterably opposed to separate schools or separate institutions of any kind in any manner or form whatever.

The first Negro policeman appointed in Chicago was Rodney Long who received his commission in 1876. There are now 27 colored men doing police duty in that city.

The first political plum has fallen to a colored American. Mr. James T. Cheney of Youngstown, Ohio will be made door-keeper of the White House. The position pays a salary of \$1,200 per annum and is said to be a personal appointment of Major McKinley's.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks of the 19th Street Baptist Church is the only colored man ever placed in nomination and voted for Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

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