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## CITY NEWS

Miss Eva Slater returned to her home in Chicago this week.

Mrs. O. S. Stewart is ill this week, being confined to her bed.

Go to Mrs. Clark for rooms and boarding. Meals 15 cents.

Miss Pluda Lawther is quite ill this week at her home on Des Moines St.

Parties, dinners and receptions were full last week and continue this week.

Mr. D. A. Basfield and children returned this week from Webster City, which improved in health.

Investigate this Court House question that you can vote for the best interest of the city and the tax payers.

REGAINS AT THE FIRE SALE  
going on at LEWIS E. BOLTON'S and 415 East Sixth St.

Mr. E. Gould returned from her visit with parents and friends in Iowa and reports a good time.

X L Laundry is not surprised nearly white and neat finish, one No. 424.

Mr. J. E. Meadows has a class in calligraphy and desires a few more scholars. Write at No. 778 W. 9th St.

Mr. Burnie Kimberborough who visited Mrs. Fields returned to his home in Okaloosa last Wednesday, a pleasant visit.

Miss Ruth Hale who recently left city to spend the holidays with her parents in Keok, returned to our city Tuesday and report a good time.

Miss Mand Watkins of Albany, Mo., who spent the holidays visiting friends in the Capitol City returned Wednesday.

Will it increase your property value if the proposed site are chosen? Then vote to locate it where it adds to the appearance of the city.

A marriage license was issued to Mr. and Miss Jessie E. Enix, repair your bells.

Called to the members of North Star lodge number 2 A. F. A. M. there will be a meeting at their hall, business of importance. All members are urged to present.

Mr. and Mrs. Young from St. Paul, Minn. has moved here to make this their future home. Mr. Young has been employed at the Kirkwood hotel.

Miss Mand Watkins and Burnie Kimberborough accompanied by the Misses Johnsons spent Saturday in Clive for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had a merry time was had.

Mrs. Dan Roy who has been very seriously sick is a little better at this writing, last week her many friends and little hopes of recovery but she as the fever seems broken she may recover.

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Every Article Below Cost.

## OUR END IS COMING,

Nothing Reserved. Everything Must Go.

And coming in a hurry. Our Immense and Magnificent Stock cannot long withstand the terrific demands of many more such multitudes as thronged our floors Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### EVERY ARTICLE MARKED BELOW COST

has worked like magic to make this Closing Out Sale the greatest of successes.

## WE MUST CLOSE OUT AT ONCE

Regardless of Cost--Regardless of Loss,

Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps--Everything, anything, sacrificed to accomplish our aim. It is folly to buy elsewhere while Frankel's offer these

### Great Closing Out, Money Saving Inducements

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### FIRE SALE NOW GOING ON

and great bargains in Christmas goods at LEWIS E. BOLTON'S, East 6th St.

Hon. Frank F. Merriam the State Auditor-elect was installed into his new office last Monday. Mr. Merriam is a very bright and sociable young man and we hope that he will continue that high degree of proficiency as the worthy man he succeeds Hon. C. G. McCarthy.

### CENTER STREET CANDY KITCHEN

1059 Center Street.  
Christmas Candies at 10c per lb.  
Bread at 4c per loaf.

Died, of consumption at her home on 717 Cherry street last Tuesday night, Mrs. Addie Bell Shinghouse. She was born in this city in 1876 and has lived here continuously, her maiden name was Addie Bell Henderson Smith her mother died only a few months ago the funeral was held at the A. M. E. church Friday afternoon. Rev. Reeves officiated, and thus ends what in early childhood promise to be a long life.

### SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

A very beautiful party was at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coulson on Center street by Miss Maud Williams in honor of Miss Eva Slater of Chicago who was spending the holidays here, about 30 were present and enjoyed themselves playing games, music, singing and conversation. Ice cream and cake was served, Mrs. W. H. Birney assisted Mrs. Coulson in entertaining, and as society well know they are good entertainers.

A nice party was given at the home of Mrs. Jones on Crocker last Monday evening by Miss Delphia Norris and Arthur Jones in honor of their friend Miss Emma Reed of Mt. Pleasant who spent the holidays here a lovely time was had by all, the evening was spent in games, music and get. Ice cream and cake was served and at a late hour all departed wishing that Arthur Jones and Miss Norris would call them back again soon to another party.

The newly elected officers and teachers of the A. M. E. Church Sunday School:

Superintendent of the Sunday School J. B. Shepard; Assistant, Harrison Gould; Treasurer, Mrs. Eliza Bell; Secretary, Miss Iona Sanford; Asst. Secretary, Beulah Allen; Organist, Sophia Bass; Choister, Mrs. J. H. Shepard; Librarian, Agnes Reeves and Bertha Allen. Teachers: Rev. Reeves, Henry McCraven, Mrs. Broeden, M. Warrick, Breckenridge, Eliza Bell, Stewart, Shepard, Miss Zella Davis, Mr. Hubbard, F. Blazburn and J. L. Thompson.

### CENTER STREET CANDY KITCHEN

1059 Center Street.

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605 Walnut street, Des Moines, Iowa.

### Afraid to Test the Question,

### RESOLUTION TO SELL THE COURT HOUSE SITE OPPOSED BY RIVER FRONT ADVOCATES.

### INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Supervisor Morris introduced the following resolution on Thursday morning and moved that it be adopted:

Resolved, that in view of the possible relocation of the court house site it is necessary and important to ascertain if the square of ground upon which the Polk county, Iowa, court house is now located can be sold and what price can be obtained for it, the county auditor be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids and sealed proposals for the same to be submitted to the board on or before the 16th of January, 1899, the bidder being required to deposit a certified check to the amount of five per cent of his bid to be forfeited to the county in case he shall fail to comply with his bid, and the county to reserve the right to use said grounds for the term of two years. The board reserving the right to reject any and all bids, and that the assistant county attorney be, and he is hereby directed, and authorized to make an agreed case with the attorneys of such citizens as may deny the right of the county to sell such square, and to stipulate that the county is contemplating the sale of said square and if not restrained by injunction, will sell said square of ground to private parties to be built upon for private purposes, provided the county can obtain a satisfactory price therefor.

Supervisor Morris stated this resolution was introduced at the request of Mr. Hunter, who has charge of the campaign against the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds to buy a new site. The attorneys representing the friends of all the proposed sites were in attendance. The attorneys representing the friends of the old site requested the board to pass the resolution. They argued to the board the purpose of the

resolution was to secure from the district court a decision as to the county's right to sell the ground now occupied by the court house. They claimed the river front advocates were circulating literature and asserting in their canvass throughout the county districts, especially, that the old site could be sold for more than enough to buy a new site. This the friends of the old site deny. The resolution, if it had been passed, would have brought this question squarely before the court, and an authoritative decision would have been made within ten days, and the voter would have had some evidence upon which he could rely in forming his opinion as to the advisability of issuing \$100,000 in bonds to buy a new site.

### THE COURT HOUSE CAN BE MOVED AND A GREAT SAVING THUS MADE.

The proposition by a reliable firm of house mover to move the court house from its present location to either of the corners of the court house square without in any way interfering with the business of the county, has entirely overcome the effect of the arguments advanced by the river site advocates regarding the large expense which they claim will be necessary if temporary quarters were occupied while the new court house was being erected. They have claimed the expense for rent of suitable rooms, vanita, moving and fitting up new quarters would aggregate \$80,000. This claim has been scattered broadcast over the country in their printed literature, and there is no doubt many people have been deceived by the

statement. It is now proposed to remove the court house for \$7,000 and the old building. Under the terms of the proposition made, the county is to have the use of the old building until the new court house is occupied, thus making a saving of \$73,000 on the basis figured by the river front advocates. The expert mathematician in charge of the literary bureau of the river front people does not seem to be controlled in the least by the probable cost of any of the items considered. His statements are extravagant and not warranted by facts. As an instance of this propensity to exaggerate may be mentioned the statement sent out from the river front headquarters that it would cost \$48,000 for extra expenses for carrying for the prisoners during the time the new court house was being built, those who are conversant with the facts say that the extra expense would not equal \$1,000.

### WORKING MEN ARE INTERESTED.

If the plan by which it is proposed to remove the court house to the south side of the public square while the new court house is being erected is carried out, a large force of laboring men and skilled mechanics will be required at once to do the work. This will furnish much needed work before the regular spring building season opens, and at a time when laboring men are in greatest need of employment. If the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds to buy a new site is defeated the county supervisors can proceed at once to enter into a contract for the removal of the court house. They can advertise for bids for the building of the court house, can make contracts for the material, and there is no good reason why ground should not be broken as soon as the frost is out, thus affording the working men of Des Moines a large amount of work without any unnecessary delay.

### THE RECORDS WOULD BE SAFE.

It has been urged by the friends of the river front location that in case temporary quarters were occupied by the county officers, the county records would be in great danger from fire or from loss in removal from the old court house vaults to the temporary quarters. The proposition made by a responsible firm of house-movers to remove the court house from its present location to either one of the south corners of the present site, entirely overcomes the force of this argument. If the proposition to remove to the south side of the square is accepted by the people, and it now seems probable it will be, the county records would not be disturbed in the slightest degree. The business of the county would proceed the same while the building was being removed as it does now. The courts would hold their sessions and there would not be the slightest interruption of any part of the county's business. The records would remain in the vaults where they are now located. It would

## W. P. CHASE Co

Games, Toys, Dolls and Holiday Goods. You all know the place--7th and Locust, the Big Bicycle Store



1007 Center Street Phone 529.

### HARRIS-EMERY Co.

Special Sale on 2d Floor Goods at Pre-Inventory Prices.

- 1.75 and 2.50 Eiderdown Dressing Sacks Saturday \$1.19
- \$1.50 Wool Underskirts Saturday 95c
- \$5.00 Children's Reefers Saturday \$2.00
- 1.50 to 3.50 Ladies' Flannellette Wrapper, Saturday \$1.19
- \$5.00 to \$35.00 Jackets and Top Coats, Saturday for \$10.00
- \$17.50 and \$25.00 Ladies Tailor Made Suits Saturday for \$10.00
- \$8.75 to \$12.50 Silk Shirt Waists Saturday for \$5.00
- \$16.50 to \$37.50 Fur Collarettes Saturday \$10.00
- \$7.00 to \$10.00 Plush Capes Saturday \$4.50
- \$8.50 to \$12.00 Children's Wool Dresses Saturday \$6.75
- \$1.00 to \$1.50 Ladies, Corsets Broken lots Saturday 50c
- \$3.00 Wool Shirt Waists Saturday for \$1.95

### Men's Furnishings.

- Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs at 10c
- Men's Fancy Hose worth 15c in Tan, Black and Blue 7c
- \$1.00 and 1.25 Percale and Madras Men's Shirts, 14 to 16 1/2 inch 60c

### Ladies' Furnishings.

- Ladies' Fancy Embd. Hdkfs. soiled 5c
- Ladies' Fancy Embd. Hdkfs. soiled 10c
- Ladies' \$1.50 Anita Union Suits \$1.19
- Ladies' \$2.00 Anita Union Suits \$1.69
- Ladies' 50c Wool and Cotton Pants and Vest 21c
- Ladies' and Misses' Wool Mittens, all sizes 10c

### MANY ITEMS FOR SATURDAY FOR LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

- Men's Extra Heavy Fleece Drawers 25c
- Men's \$1.25 Wool Shirts for 60c
- Boys' Heavy Ribbed Fleece Drawers 13c
- Boys' 50c Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers 25c
- Men's Natural Mixed and Cotton Shirts 10c
- Men's Half Wool Sox 64c
- Men's 25c all wool half hose 12 1/2c
- 6 Cent Outing and Shaker Flannels 3c
- 5 Cent Canton Flannels 2 1/2c
- 40c Unbleached Muslin 3 1/2c
- 15c Heavy Fleece Eiderdown 11c
- 12 1/2c Light Ground Percales 6 1/2c
- 19 Cent Half Wool Dress Goods 7 1/2c
- 100 Patterns 34 inch all Wool Dress Goods for Saturday 89c

### ALBIA NEWS.

Messrs. Burt Jones and John Thomas, were Metchakook visitors on Saturday of this week.

Miss Henrietta Jones visited over Sunday in Ottumwa.

The young people of Albia tendered a party at the home of Mrs. C. G. Tolson Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Tolson, a very delightful time was had. Ice cream and cake was the repast.

Miss Tolson, from Missouri, niece of Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Xmas in our city. Miss Mattie Snoddy of Okaloosa spent the holidays with her father Mr. Howard Snoddy of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Jones and Burt Jones left Albia on Saturday afternoon for Chariton where they will attend the banquet given by the daughter of Ruth and Odd Fellows.

Miss Cora Thomas daughter of Mr. C. Thomas came over Thursday and will spend a few days at the parental home.

The Daughters of Tabos gave a cold walk at Duncan's hall on Monday evening which was largely attended by friends. Miss Maggie Marshall, music furnished by Miss Henrietta Jones. The happy couple to be rewarded with winning the prize was Miss Della Davis and Mr. John Thomas.

Visitors out of the city present at the cake walk were, Charles Johnson and his mother Mrs. Jackson, of Chariton, and

Mr. Neely has been very sick and will resume his efforts to pastoral work and building a church.

The Xmas tree for the Sunday School was a grand success and well attended. Mrs. Cora Perkins has been very sick. William Walker is on the sick list. Watch for the great concert announcement in this paper.

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### COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Rev. J. Jones who died Nov. 17, 1898, and was buried the 18 at Pargamorie, Kansas, was born in Cooper county, Mo. 1836. Was licensed to preach at Pleasant Green Mo. In 1882 was ordained to the ministry at Council Bluffs in S. at the settling Nebraska and Iowa border. He was elected as Missionary of the Nebraska and Iowa border Association and lived 13 that vicinity two years. He married Miss Ola James of Tongarate, Kansas June 29 1893 who was faithful to the last. Rev. Jones leaves a wife and two sisters, one brother and host of friends to mourn his loss and will be greatly missed by all.

Mrs. Annie Simpson died Monday evening of consumption she was the first woman to join the Zion Baptist church here of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Rev. January preached at Council Bluffs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell entertained at dinner Christmas Eve, and Mrs. January.

### HON. JOHN L. WALLER HEARD FROM.

Below we print a letter recently written to Mrs. H. J. Martin of Cedar Rapids from her brother Hon. John L. Waller of Kansas but now Captain of a company in Cuba. Mrs. Martin kindly permitted us to print the letter.

San Luis, Cuba--Dear Sister:--It has been sometime since I heard from you and your family and the old year being nearly at an end I thought I would drop you a line to bid you a Happy New Year. Our regiment arrived in Cuba on the 9th of August last and after remaining in Santiago, but one day we came to San Luis, Cuba about 30 miles distant from Santiago where we went into camp and where the regiment has remained on garrison duty ever since. My regiment (the 23rd Kansas) is brigaded with the 8th Illinois are officered entirely by colored men while the 9th Louisiana is officered by white men from Colonel down to Captain inclusive all of its officers from First Lieutenant down are colored men. The health of my regiment has been most excellent in Cuba as only four men have died since our arrival here four months ago or one man per month. We brought one of these men from the hospital in Topeka, Kansas ill one died from an injury accidentally received in camp and the other two died of malarial fever, out of 106 men in my company I have not lost a single man nor is there any serious illness among the members of my company, there being but one in the hospital. I have not been sick a day since our arrival in this island. I am greatly in love with the country and may make it my home. Susan is with me and the children will leave home for this place on or about the 21st day of January. Miney Vampell is a captain in the 8th Illinois and I see him every day. One of Rev. Simons boys is also in that regiment he took dinner with us a few days ago. My Johnnie is a bugler in my regiment and he is very fond of his position. He is a large boy now.

JOHN WALLER  
Captain company C 23rd Kansas

### THE BEST GIRL HE EVER SAW.

Mamma Was busy sewing one day. And I had nothing to do but play. But I must not play all the time. So I help my mother till quarter to nine.

Sister went away one Friday. And I learned how to be neat and tidy. And our papa whom we call 'pa'. Says I am the best girl he ever saw.

I learned how to knit and to split the wood. And never once said I would if I could. So mamma says I must always try. And never, no never say, by-and-by.

The above was composed by Bertha Allen, the little 10 year old daughter of Mrs. Anna Allen.

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THE NEWS IN IOWA

WANT CASSATT PARDONED.

His Application Is Endorsed by a Large Number of Prominent Citizens. Des Moines, Jan. 6.—The papers in support of the application of Senator Cassatt, of Pa., for a pardon have been forwarded to Washington. He was at the head of a national bank at Pella which failed three years ago and at the time made an unsuccessful attempt on his own life. He lost heavily on the board of trade and was convicted of misappropriation of funds and of illegal banking. He was sentenced to nine years imprisonment by Judge Woolson. The application is said to be the strongest ever made in behalf of a federal prisoner sent from Iowa. Among the letters supporting it are five from men who have been governors of the state, several from judges of the district courts, many from men in public office and quite a number from members of the Iowa congressional delegation, as well as a very large number from residents of Pella and that vicinity, and a few from present and former officers of the United States courts.

STATE BOARD IS ALARMED.

Removal of Insane Patients Attracts Attention. Des Moines dispatch: "If the present method of taking patients from the state hospitals for the insane continues," said Hon. John Cowine, of the board of control, "the hospital for the insane at Cherokee will never receive a patient, and the state might as well sell it for a skating rink or a private sanitarium." The statement was made as a matter of illustration, and not upon the theory that he believed in doing anything of the kind. He explained the situation by declaring that if the present movement, inaugurated by the boards of supervisors, in ordering patients from the state to the county hospitals continued there would be nothing left for the state to care for except the incurables, who are too dangerous to be taken away. At Mt. Pleasant already there are three wards empty, caused by the exodus fostered by the county boards. It is the first time that such a condition has existed in the history of the institution, and it is evident that the movement is growing in momentum every day.

FELL BACK IN THE FLAMES.

Fred Bradbrook, of Dysart, Meets a Horrible Death. DYSART, Jan. 6.—The blacksmith shop of E. Bradbrook was destroyed by fire. Fred Bradbrook, a son of the owner of the shop, lost his life in the flames. It is known he had been drinking and that he went late at night to a little office built in the rear of the shop, where he slept. As the night was bitter cold it is supposed he built a roaring fire and that the sparks from the stove set the building on fire. After the alarm was given the young man was seen to appear at a window and make frantic efforts to escape. The room was then a seething mass of flames. It was impossible for aid to reach him and he fell back into the flames and perished. He was 23 years of age.

IOWA MORMONS HIT ROBERTS

Pass a Resolution Objecting to His Admission into Congress. LAMONI, Jan. 6.—The Lamoni branch of the Josephite Church of Latter-day Saints met in its regular annual session for the election of officers, and Alexander Smith was chosen pastor. Mr. Salyards assistant, Richard Lambert secretary. A resolution of censure and protest on B. H. Roberts as a violator of law and practical polygamy was moved by Professor Dunsley and Dean Blair and was carried by 17 to 14, regardless of the precautionary advice of Apostle Wight, of the Utah mission, who took the ground that no evidence was submitted that Roberts is a violator of law.

Congressman Clark Robbed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative Sam Clark has communicated to the Washington police a story of highway robbery of which he was the victim on Christmas eve. Clark took a Pennsylvania train for Boston and the sleeper was crowded. Three toughs followed him. They hustled him into a narrow passage off the car, jammed his hat down over his eyes, tore open his vest and took his pocketbook, containing \$89 and several railroad passes. The thieves jumped from the train while in motion and escaped. The purse and passes were found by a mail carrier and turned over to a police, from whom Clark claimed them.

New Secretary for Railroad Commission.

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—The state board of railroad commissioners held its first meeting yesterday, with all members present, Colonel Mowry being the new member on the commission. A permanent organization was perfected and the following appointments made and ratified by the commission: D. N. Lewis, secretary of the board, and E. C. Dawson to act as chairman.

Fire at Granger.

GRANGER, Jan. 5.—Fire at 2 o'clock a. m. originating in Milton Winfrey's drug store destroyed the building and stock, then jumped to the hardware store of Caylor & Fox, which was destroyed, but part of the stock saved. Dr. C. M. Brookhart's office was also destroyed. The building in which was Caylor & Fox's hardware store was owned by L. Swing.

Romantic Career Ended.

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—Major "Jack" Skelton, one of the famous Iowa veterans of the civil war, and a man who at one time was worth a quarter of a million dollars, fell down the stairway leading to the basement of William Butler's jewelry store at 720 West Walnut street. His neck was broken and death followed in a few minutes.

Congressman Hill Has the Grip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Hill, chairman of the house military committee, is confined to his room by a severe attack of grip. His symptoms are similar to those of the disease which was entirely new.

MILWAUKEE BUYS D. M. N. & W.

The Hubbell Sell Out Their Interest in the Iowa Road. Des Moines dispatch: F. M. Hubbell & Son have sold their entire interest in the Des Moines Northern & Western railroad to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company. For the past five years Messrs. Hubbell & Son have not owned the controlling interest in the capital stock of the Des Moines Northern Company, but have controlled its management entirely, and have made the property what is known as the F. M. Hubbell line. F. M. Hubbell has been the president and E. C. Hubbell has been a director and also vice-president and general superintendent. There have been announced terms before of the sale of the property, but all have been erroneous. The sale was made on the 30th in the city of New York by F. M. Hubbell. The capital stock of the company has been something over \$3,000,000. The property consists of the Ponda line, 114 miles in length; the Boone line, 42 miles in length; and the usual railroad equipment. The road has been growing rapidly and the country along the line has been generally improving, making a fine railroad property, indeed.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Contains No Provisions With Which the Public Is Not Familiar. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The treaty of peace concluded at Paris between the United States and Spain, which has been transmitted to the senate, does not differ in any material particular from the synopsis carried in these dispatches immediately after the signing of the same at Paris. The treaty is a document of about 3,000 words in length and its main features are well known to the reading public. Probably the most interesting section will be under discussion during the next few days in the senate. It is that portion of the treaty which applies to the payment of the claims of the American citizens with regard to damages which they suffered during the course of the war. Senator Hoar is anxious to find out what they will amount to. There are claims now on file in the department amounting to nearly \$25,000,000, and there are prominent members of congress who declare that these claims will amount to \$100,000,000.

Osteopaths Organize.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—Iowa osteopaths met in Des Moines and effected an organization with Dr. S. S. Still, of Des Moines, as president. The controversy with the state board of health was referred to a special committee, with instructions to employ attorneys and take steps, probably by mandamus proceedings, to compel the board to recognize graduates of osteopathic schools.

Hills to be Pastor of Plymouth.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Newell Dwight Hills, of Chicago, is to be called to the pastorate of the famous Plymouth church of Brooklyn as the successor of Lyman Abbott. Dr. Hills at one time was an Iowa man.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

The First battalion of the Fortyninth Iowa regiment has been sent from Havana to Cienfuegos. They departed on the train over the South Shore road. Cienfuegos is the last town to be surrendered by the Spanish. Missouri Valley suffered a severe loss a few days ago in the burning of its large flouring mill. The loss is total and will amount to \$40,000. The mill is the property of A. Edgecomb. The business men of Missouri Valley have all agreed to buy their flour of Mr. Edgecomb's mill at Blair, Neb., until such time as he can rebuild there.

Des Moines Dispatch: State Treasurer Herriott has made his annual report showing the condition of the state treasury at the close of business December 31, 1898, as shown by the books of the office. The report shows on hand: General revenue, \$181,789; Agricultural college fund, \$345,728; Agricultural college addition fund, \$12,000; special university, \$34,190; total, \$653,717.

At Belmont recently Bernard Parker, John Riley and Louis King, three town boys, were shot and slightly wounded by Charles Edwards, aged 17 years. A party was being held at the Edwards home and it appears that as these boys were passing they made a disturbance, which aroused the ire of young Edwards. No arrests have been made. The boys' parents state that they will make no trouble.

James Cunningham, of Audubon, says a dispatch, has been found guilty of murder. This sustains the charge in the indictment that he is guilty of killing his own illegitimate child last March and hiding it in the woods on the bank of a creek in the Audubon fair grounds, where it was found about two weeks later fairly well preserved on account of the cold weather, and identified by the doctor and hotel man because of the hair lip and other peculiarities. Miss Hopp, his mother, was released, as in the preliminary trial it was shown that Cunningham told her he had a place to which she consented. Arthur Palmer, as an accomplice to the murder, will have a trial later.

Ottumwa dispatch: A most interesting decision in law regarding a will case, and one that is said to be entirely new, was handed down by Judge Eichberger, of the district court. It is regarding the payment of the debts of a legatee out of the legacy, the prior death of the legatee leaving the property revert to his children. Alvin Lewis died in Ottumwa a few years ago, leaving an estate valued at \$50,000. One of the principal heirs was a nephew, W. H. Lewis, who had died several months before his uncle. The legacy of W. H. Lewis was about to be divided among his children, when his creditors filed claims against his legacy. The children contested the rights of the creditors to collect from the legacy of their father. The judge has decided that the debts of W. H. Lewis must be paid out of the legacy before it is divided among his children, the same as they would have been if Lewis were still alive.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD

HOME RULE FOR FILIPINOS.

Washington dispatch: President McKinley's proclamation setting forth the conditions under which the United States takes possession of the Philippines was cabled to General Otis for promulgation. This was done several days ago, and it is assumed that General Otis has already published it and taken steps to give it the widest possible circulation throughout the islands. The proclamation is about 2,000 words in length, and was cabled to Manila at an expense of \$1,900. It is modeled on the one issued by General Shafter at Santiago when this government took possession of that city and province, but has been much amplified. Home rule, under the supreme direction of the United States, is the proclamation to be given to the Filipinos in the fullest sense. It promises that they will be accorded a voice in the local government, and that the Filipinos shall be eligible to official positions. They will be given a fair judiciary, freedom of speech and of the press. The proclamation shows that the military occupation of the islands is not for the purpose of making war upon the inhabitants nor upon any party or faction among them, but to protect them in their homes, in their employments and in their personal and religious rights. The manner of the treatment of the property and the collection and administration of the revenues, in accordance with the open door policy set forth in the treaty, is fully and plainly stated.

QUAY IS NOMINATED.

Republican Legislative Caucus Makes Its Choice. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 4.—Despite the efforts of the opponents of Senator Quay to secure a postponement of the senatorial caucus, the adherents of Quay carried their point and secured the endorsement of their favorite by a vote of 109 of the 164 republicans in the legislature. This is nineteen less than the number necessary to election on joint ballot. The anti-Quay leaders are jubilant over the result of the caucus, and claim Quay can never succeed. On the other hand, the Quay men are confident.

Horrible Crimes Reported in Corea.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "The correspondent of the Norev Vremya at Seoul, the Korean capital, relates terrible crimes by the anti-Russian party, which, since the departure of the Russian financiers and drill instructors, has wreaked vengeance of vile deceit and barbarous cruelty on the Korean dragonman of the Russian embassy, the official who safeguarded the removal of the Korean emperor to the Russian mission house. The official, his wife and other Koreans were mercilessly tortured with a view of compelling them to confess to a false charge of poisoning the emperor's coffee, in order to shield the real criminals, who are among the highest American officials occupy influential posts in the Korean government service."

Roosevelt's Pardon Rules.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Governor Roosevelt has established a code of rules to govern his consideration and determination of applicants for pardon and commutations of sentence. He will not exercise executive clemency in behalf of a man who has been convicted of murdering or abusing his wife, nor will he pardon any habitual criminal. His mercy will be shown only to those whose sentence seems to have been severe or whose commission of a crime was the result of influence.

England at the Peace Conference.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A report comes from a usually well informed source that the British government contemplates being represented at the czar's peace conference by the prince of Wales, the marquis of Salisbury and Lord Rosebery, aided by military and naval commissions. If true, this will give the project immensely greater importance than it has yet attained and is probably due to the personal influence of Queen Victoria.

Troops in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The war department is confident that there is an adequate force of troops in Cuba to maintain order. According to a statement of Adjutant General Corbin troops are distributed throughout the various provinces as follows: Havana, 16,394; Pina del Rio, 2,100; Matanzas, 3,654; Santa Clara, 2,436; Puerto Principe, 1,405; Santiago, 7,405; total, 33,394.

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FAREWELL TO PEACE.

Paris Paper Gloomily Foretells the Troubles Now in Store for America. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Herald's Paris special says: "The Temps draws a gloomy picture of the future for the United States. It says the United States cannot hide the fact that they 'have said good-bye forever to the idyllic era wherein they dispensed with the regular standing army and ordered printed for the use of the senate. No officer was made looking to making the treaty public, but it is understood this will be done after the treaty is passed upon by the senate. The senate adjourned after a 15 minutes' session."

SITUATION SAME AT ILOILO.

American Forces Remain on Transport in the Bay. MANILA, Jan. 4.—Advices just received from Iloilo say the rebels at a meeting ratified the action of the delegation, which assured the Americans that they might land unarmed, but if the latter landed armed the natives would be uncontrollable. It is further said that every precaution is being made for resistance upon the part of the rebels, and that reinforcements are arriving from the negroes of neighboring islands. The American troops are restless. The rebels are drilling on the beach, evening and morning, in full view of the American expedition, which is still aloft. The American expedition at Iloilo consists of a signal detachment, Battery G, of the Sixth artillery, the Eighteenth regulars and the Fifty-first Iowa regiment.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

Says Those Who Defraud the State Must be Dealt With Vigorously. ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Governor Roosevelt's message opens with reference to the alacrity with which New York responded to the call for volunteers to engage in the war with Spain, but thinks the National Guard should not be obliged to do foreign service now. He says: "The people of New York wish it understood that they look at all American questions of foreign policy through a national standpoint. The tropical islands we have taken must neither be allowed to lapse into anarchy nor return to the sway of tyranny." He declares that "any man, whether public servant or contractor, who in any way defrauds the state or perverts the business of the state to private gain must be dealt with as vigorously as the laws will permit."

ROMERO IS DEAD.

Was Mexican Ambassador to the United States. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Romero, of Mexico, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 62. The remains will be taken to Mexico for interment. As representative of Mexico in the conference he voted for the establishment of the bureau of the American republics, and ever since his organization has shown active and zealous interest in its progress. He married a Washington woman many years ago and their home was a social center and the scene each season of brilliant social functions. Madame Romero died not long ago. The intimacy between Romero and General Grant was very close.

DUE TO PROSPERITY.

"Jerry" Simpson Explains His Defeat in Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Jerry Simpson appeared in the house for the first time this session, and is very fluent in his explanations of defeat last November. He admits that prosperity floored him; that many of the people got money enough to get a new pair of overalls and a few dollars credit at the grocery, and therefore lost interest in 16 to 1, which he still continues to believe is the burning issue of the hour.

Correa Wishes to Resign.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—La Riforma publishes an interview with Lieutenant General Correa, minister of war, who says he is anxious to resign the portfolio as soon as possible. Gen. Correa comments upon the fact that 8,000 officers, who returned from the colonies, are now without posts.

New Cabinet for Spain.

MADRID, Jan. 6.—General Polavieja, former governor-general of Cuba and the Philippines, and Silveira, conservative leader, have agreed upon the formation of a new cabinet, and have been summoned by the queen regent. The early advent of the conservatives to power is regarded as certain.

Gen. Gomez Refuses to Surrender.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Havana correspondent of the Times, referring to the refusal of General Maximo Gomez to surrender until an independent government is granted, says: "I believe that the influence of General Gomez with the rebels is completely ended."

Dingley Has the Grip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Congressman Dingley, republican leader, is ill with the grip, and his condition is quite serious.

BRITANNIA.

The British ship Emerald, arrived from the Ladrone islands, reports that after the United States cruiser Charles- ton left the island of Guam, in June last, the Spaniards refused to recognize the authority of Francis Rortach, who was verbally authorized by Captain Glas to continue his former regime as governor, and Jose Sisto, a former public administrator, was declared governor.

A Meeting of the Stockholders of the Greater America Exposition was held at Omaha a few days ago and a board of twenty-five directors elected, representing the most progressive business men in the state. The promoters of the exposition, who have acquired the site and buildings as the exposition of last year, are exceedingly encouraged over the outlook for the enterprise. The Omaha Street Railway company has subscribed \$10,000 to the capital stock.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. Washington, Jan. 4.—The peace treaty was presented to the senate, which immediately went into executive session. The treaty was not read, but the president's message accompanying it was. This was simply a letter of transmittal without any word of recommendation or suggestion, and was only a few lines in length. On motion of Davis, the treaty was referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and ordered printed for the use of the senate. No officer was made looking to making the treaty public, but it is understood this will be done after the treaty is passed upon by the senate. The senate adjourned after a 15 minutes' session.

HOUSE.

Under the rule adopted before the recess the house took up the consideration of the bill to define and punish crimes in Alaska and provide a code of criminal procedure for the district. Sixty-seven pages were completed today and the bill was made a continuing order until disposed of, not, however to interfere with the consideration of bills or other special orders. The house adjourned at 4:25 p. m. out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Morrill.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Caffery continued his speech in opposition to the pending Nicaragua canal bill. Hear and Chaffee gave notice of addresses on the Vest resolution relating to the acquisition of foreign territory. A resolution was passed directing the foreign relations committee to investigate the status of claims of United States citizens against Spain.

WAR DEPARTMENT INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The war investigating commission held only a short session yesterday, devoted to executive business. There were no witnesses ready for examination. The commission has made public a synopsis of the reports of the officers to General Miles in regard to the beef supplied to the soldiers. They substantiate Miles' vigorous denunciation of the canned beef.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Major Harrison testified that while there was some disposition on the part of regimental cooks to cavil at the appearance of the meat, it was really quite good. He said the sudden change of temperature on moving the beef from the refrigerator ships gave the meat a greener growth, which had to be scraped off. Beneath the meat was perfectly good. The canned meat was also good.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Colonel Henry B. Osrood, commissary of subsistence, who served with General Miles at Tampa and at Camp Thomas and Santiago, testified before the war investigating commission that the refrigerated beef served the troops during the war was better than any beef served the regular army in other times, and that it was better than beef killed on the hoof. He declared positively that none of the beef given the soldiers was chemically prepared.

NEW OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN.

New Men in Des Moines, Northern & Western Positions. DES MOINES, Jan. 6.—The annual election of officers of the Des Moines, Northern & Western railroad company was held in Des Moines. A. J. Earling, first vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, was chosen president to succeed F. M. Hubbell, Barton Hansen, of the same company, was made vice-president, succeeding F. C. Hubbell, who, under the former management, occupied the dual position of vice-president and general superintendent. It is understood F. C. Hubbell will remain as general superintendent for the present. M. N. Winnie becomes general auditor. F. G. Ranney, treasurer of the Milwaukee, was elected treasurer. The secretaryship was bestowed upon P. M. Myers, while De Vere Thompson, former treasurer, will fill the position of assistant auditor and secretary. As there yet remains 2 per cent of the stock to acquire the road cannot at the present time be merged into the parent system.

MORRILL FUNERAL.

Impressive Services in the Senate Over Remains of Veteran Statesman. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Funeral services over the late Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, were held in the senate chamber Saturday at noon. They were conducted with impressive dignity in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, including the president, vice-president, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, senators, representatives, speaker of the house, and representatives of the army and navy and diplomatic corps, as well as a concourse of private citizens, who took this means of testifying the affectionate regard in which Senator Morrill was universally held. Early in the day the remains were borne from the family residence to the capitol. There were no services at the house and the funeral cortege to the capitol were simple and formal. Arriving there the casket was carried direct to the semi-circle area, immediately in front of the president's desk.

A New Telegraph Law for Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature passed the bill reducing telegraph rates. The bill reduces the charge for day commercial messages of ten words from 25 to 15 cents and other tolls in proportion. Day press rates are reduced from one-half to one-third of a cent per word and night press rates from one-quarter to one-sixth of a cent per word. These rates apply to all points within the state. The measure also places telegraph companies within the jurisdiction of the court of visitation, recently created to regulate railroad traffic.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Stephen Bonsai will contribute to McClure's for January some "stories" gathered in the field on the day "battle," striking personal incidents the battle of Casey and San Juan. The same number, Mr. Hamlin Garland will contribute a true story "Rising Wolf," the "Ghost Dancer."

A. Conan Doyle and F. Frankfort Moore are represented in Alton's New Year Number by short stories and Richard Hovey contributes a splendid ballad called "The Crossroads." Besides, there is the usual varied assortment of articles, stories, etc., all copiously illustrated.

Harper's Magazine for January, especially valuable for a long list of articles of contemporary interest. Lieutenant S. A. Stanton opens a number with an account of the "Naval Campaign of 1808 in the West Indies," illustrated by Carlton T. Chapman. An article by H. W. Wilson treats of the "Naval Lessons of the War," and Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart contributes an interesting historical account of "Brother Johnathan's Colonies."

One of the leading features of the January Cosmopolitan is an article telling how Mr. Platt organized and conducted the campaign for the election of Roosevelt. It is by a gentleman who was actively engaged at the republican headquarters during the campaign, and who gives a vivid picture of the perfection to which political organization has been carried in New York state by the most astute of managers. The wary old senator who has been a lifetime in politics and the youngest political aspirant will alike find food for reflection in Mr. Blythe's article.

Miss Cecilia Beaux, easily first among American women artists, and one of the strongest portrait painters of the day, has made a striking head of Admiral Sampson, from life, which appears as the frontispiece of the January issue of the Cosmopolitan. This is the second of the second instalment Lieut. Hobson's "Merrimack" paper in which the sinking of the collier, directed by the admiral, is vividly and modestly described by the hand that did it.

It is said that the original of Soe Rebecca in "Ivanhoe," as referred by Mrs. Howe in the January Atlantic was Rebecca Gratz, of Philadelphia founder of the Foster Jewish Home that city, whose portrait was reproduced in that institution. The news saw her, but it is said to have heard much of her from Washington Irving, who is believed to have maintained a lifelong bachelor for her and her devotion to her memory.

"A Great American Sculptor" is the title of an article in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January, in which Miss Laura Carr Dennis describes the work and career of that rising young genius, George Grey Barnard. The article is illustrated with photographs, especially for the Review.

W. L. Taylor's page illustration Longfellow's Village Blacksmith printed in the January Ladies' Bazaar Journal, doubtless represents the highest attainment of the illustrative art. The old smithy that the poet's mind when he wrote the famous poem, and the smith, "a mighty one," that he chose as the type, his craft, are reproduced in the picture. Mr. Taylor, in gathering material for his series of illustrations of "The People of Longfellow," followed the poet's footsteps through New England and made a study of the scenes and characters of his known works. As a result, he is presenting in the Journal a series of illustrations that are unequalled.

Perhaps the most welcome feature of Harper's Bazar for the present month will be the opening chapter of a new serial by S. R. Crockett, "Kit Kennedy," a delightful story in the author's usual style. Among the features are short stories by Anna P. Searing and Maud H. Ohl.

Harper's Weekly for 1899, another new serial by H. G. Wells, entitled "When the Sleeper Wakes."

Harper's Round Table for January presents an interesting variety of topics. "Forward, March!" the story of a young Rough Rider, by Kirk Munroe, will be continued. The leading story is the "Wally of Bitter B." by Colgate Baker. Other short stories are: "An Early Pro- Trader," by Reginald Gourlay; "Captain Sampson's Queer Cargo," by George E. Walsh; and "The Nerve of Foley," by F. H. Spearman.

St. Nicholas starts out upon the new year with drums beating and colors flying, though it is wholly innocent of references to the war. Its nearest approach to the subject is the opening article, "Three Little Spanish Princesses," by Isabel McDougall, with three full-page reproductions of paintings by

