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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

West Woods of Muchakinock spent Sunday in the Capital City returning home Tuesday.

At the P. L. D's next Monday evening Mrs. Wilburn and Lieutenant McAfee will give their experience in the South.

I X L Laundry is not surpassed for pearly white and neat finish, Phone No. 424.

The colored company which left here last summer under Captain Brandt will arrive here to day.

The Ladies afternoon social club met at the home of Mrs. A. Griffen, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, Thursday March 9th.

There will be a grand rally Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at Bura's Chapel for the benefit of the A. M. E. Mission work. Rev. Reeves will preach, Rev. S. Wright, pastor.

The young woman Zella Davis has been ill without a day, unable to perform domestic duties with the Des Moines insurance company, at this time she is able to be at her work.

The First African Baptist church will be baptizing Sunday the 4th, in the evening, there are nine candidates for baptism. Baptizing at 8:30 P. M. Rev. Lomack Pastor.

There was a small fire in the First African Baptist church this week caused by the gas pipe being disconnected, Rev. Lomack led the fire department and the fire was soon extinguished, damage about \$50.00.

Miss Samantha Shaw of Centerville Iowa who has been assisting her brother who is in the laundry business at Collatz passed through our city this week enroute home; while in the city she was the guest of Miss Rosa James of 148 Maple street.

The P. L. D. Society held quite pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis Blagburn. The society was entertained by H. J. Pierce, after the programme lunch and refreshments were served, the next meeting will be held at Frank Blagburn's residence March the 6th.

Those who passed the civil service examination for a position in the Postal department were: Clerical, Mr. Geo. Dunn and Miss Zoe Z. Richardson and for Carrier, Mr. Harry W. Hughes who stood second on that department. We hope that each may be appointed as at present we have no colored person in the service.

Married, last Saturday at the groom's home Miss Ada Lewis to Mr. G. L. Williams both of this city. It was a very quiet wedding and only a few friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Reeves at the residence; they are at home at

912 2nd., street. May happiness and success crown them through life.

Though the efforts of the Misses Vie and Bertha Langford and their neighbors they planned a surprise on their mother Mrs. Sarah Langford last Monday evening as it was her 43rd., birthday. It was indeed a very complete surprise as Mrs. Langford was at the church and when she arrived was much surprised to see about 95 of her friends there and in possession the evening was passed away in games, conversation and music, John L. Thompson in a few brief remarks presented Mrs. Langford with a beautiful table cloth as a present. Coffee and refreshments was served by Meedams Jackson, Holmes and Fletcher after which all departed homeward wishing the hostess many more pleasant birthdays.

8th ILLINOIS REGIMENT. It is announced that the 8th Illinois regiment (colored) will soon arrive in Chicago from Cuba, and the colored and white people are making great preparation to receive them. There will be a street parade and banquet given upon their arrival which will be about the 15th of March. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and several of Chicago's leading public men will speak. There are 1265 men in the regiment. We are glad that Chicago appreciates her loyal citizens and brave heroes, who are ever willing to defend our country. If more of our cities would pattern by Chicago there would be but little trouble between the American citizens of the United States.

NEW CONGRESS. Before another issue of the Bystander the famous 56 Congress will be a thing of the past. It is true it has been made more prominent because of the Spanish-American war, which we may see things in our mind to criticize the action of congress. It is true they could have done more, yet they have done a great deal considering the many complex and intricate problems to be settled, and the varied interest to be protected. We hope the new Congress will be more in harmony with the administration so that the acquisition distribution and protection of the new territory be settled and men may pursue the peaceable pursuits of happiness again.

DIED. The death of Henry Edger Williams last Sunday, takes away another very interesting and highly respected man. He died at the home of his son, Wm. Williams 778-23rd St. Father Williams, as he was sometimes called, was born in Newburg, Orange Co. New York, March 21, 1819. He became a christian and joined the church at the early age of 21 yrs. and has been a member every since. He was married to Miss Colia Bays of a Chester, Orange Co., New York, in 1845, and came to Iowa in 1865, in which state he has remained every since. The funeral services were held at the home of his son William, on 23rd St. He leaves five daughters and two sons, Mrs. G. H. Cleggett of Phoenix, Mrs. J. T. Blagburn and Mrs. C. A. Greenway of Webster City, Mrs. D. C. Basfield of Oskaloosa, Wm. and Harvey and a number of friends to mourn his death.

The H. B. S. will meet with Mrs. Warricks Thursday, March the 9th.

CECILED SOLDIERS WELCOME HOME. Captain Brandt company of immunes will arrive here this morning at 9:10 A. M. over the Wash-bash, according to a telegram received yesterday. The Crocker and Kinsman posts will meet them at the depot and act as escort of honor preceded by the Des Moines Union Band where they will march through the principal streets of the city thence to the Capital, where Secretary of State Dobson will deliver the welcome address, and Captain Amos Brandt will deliver the farewell address, they will then disband and in the evening, Mr. I. Curtley will give a reception for them in the Dewey Club rooms.

Word was received that Captain Brandt's company of immunes, at least six of them were arrested for inciting a riot, and was heavily fined. Lieutenant Wilburn receiving the heaviest fine, being \$300. It is stated by Captain Brandt that the boys was all innocent, as he was Marshall that day and was asked by the city authorities to send some men down to suppress a riot; he did so. Those men were simply doing their duty. The police claim that these men

prevented them from arresting certain soldiers, hence their arrest and fine. Captain Brandt is much indignant and says that a colored man there don't have anything like justice in the courts, the testimony of one white man will go for more than 10 good colored men. Of course we don't know the particulars yet, but feel sure the boys were in the right and doing their duty.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Persons is reported quite sick at this writing.

Prayer meetings are being held each week with Mrs. Raspberry all invited. Please be ready to pay up your subscription to the Bystander when the agent calls which will be soon.

Luther Lowery was elected by the steward board as a delegate to the District Conference which meets in June.

The Sunday Schools arranging to have a grand concert on Easter Monday night under the management of Mesdames Hawkins, Delia Marshall, Wade, Lowery and Miss Ella Martin.

DUBUQUE NEWS. Rev. Johnson reports a very fine visit in Lamoine and thinks there is good prospects of organizing a church.

Rev. Mrs. Sidney Johnson of Chicago filled the pulpit during Rev. Johnson's absence; she preached a very interesting and able sermon both morning and evening with a large congregation. She intends making Dubuque her future home.

Mrs. H. Bray is suffering with a very sore eye which was inflicted by his little son James, two months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington of Muscatine have located in our city.

Mr. Robt. Lynch of Elworth spent Sunday in our city visiting friends.

Mr. Washington of Muscatine will call a meeting Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church for the purpose of organizing a lodge here.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Martin Johnson, Rev. Mrs. Johnson, Mable Green and Mrs. Mathews.

ALBIA NEWS. Rev. R. H. Williamson left Albia Saturday evening for Oseola where he will assist Rev. Basfield with his quarterly meeting.

Earnest Monroe is a guest at the home of his Aunt Mrs. Snoddy this week.

Mr. Bell of Colon has joined his wife at this place and are visiting at the home of his wife's parents.

A number of the colored people attended the exercises at the Albia High School on Washington's birthday a movement that should be continued by our people, show you are interested in the education of our children.

Election of officers at the P. L. D. on Thursday evening. President, S. E. Franklin; Vice-President, Burt Jones; Second Vice-President, C. Davis; Secretary, May Davis; Treasurer, Mrs. B. H. Williamson; Assistant Secretary, Della Davis; Chaplain, Rev. Williamson; Critic, Henrietta Jones.

Your correspondent attended a lecture by H. Lathford at the Episcopal church on Friday evening which we consider very good indeed, only wish more of our young people were present.

CLINTON ITEMS. The young ladies committee on President Edger's assessment, gave a most enjoyable mask social at the A. M. E. church on Wednesday evening the 22nd., a pleasant time was spent by all present and a neat sum realized.

Bethel choir are arranging for a special song service next Sunday night.

The Friday night Club will meet with Mrs. Tillman on Friday at which time they will debate the question of Negro Emigration to Cuba.

The sad intelligence has been received by Mrs. Tillman of the death of her grand-father Rev. T. J. Houston of Washington D. C. Mrs. Tillman has the sympathy of her many friends.

Mrs. M. O. Culbertson is reported as having been indisposed for several days.

Mr. Lafo Young of Des Moines addressed a good sized audience on Tuesday evening at the Economic Theater his address being founded on the war in Santo Domingo, at the close of the lecture an informal reception was tendered him at the Waspinnion Club rooms.

Please pay your indebtedness to the Bystander.

Clinton experienced some very cold weather this week.

The delegate to the Sunday School Convention to be held in Des Moines in June will be elected next Sunday.

COUNCIL BLUFFS. Spring time is approaching and the churches are planning for their spring work. Watch this paper for her movements.

Miss Hawkins of Lawrence Kan., is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Holmes.

The colored Congress held in Des Moines is a becoming example for the colored people of this section, and should teach us that we should follow after something of the kind that would be beneficial to the race, the church, the home and people in general, rather than the past-time commonly indulged in, which leads to depression rather than elevation.

The Ladies' Mutual Circle will meet Friday with Mrs. W. H. Simpson at the home of Mrs. Simpson.

Bargain Week
This Week
10 Per Cent Off
On all purchases. Bargain Week This Week.
621 Walnut Street
Moershell & Fotheringham.

Mr. Miller who is a Methodist preacher will very soon establish an independent church.

Those on the sick list are J. Smith and Mrs. C. Hall.
The Baptist church is progressing nicely.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS. Inez the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Watts died Monday after a long illness of fever, the funeral was held from the A. M. E. church Wednesday, Rev. Peterson officiating.

Revival meetings have been started at the Second Baptist church.

Mrs. H. Clark still continues very low. Mrs. John Smith is not so well as she was.

A very rousing Missionary meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday a club was formed which will hold meetings every first Sunday in the month.

Mr. Watson Buikes still keeps in poor health.

The young people held a party at Mrs. Geo. Logan last Tuesday evening quite an enjoyable time was had.

Mr. J. H. Carter of Keb, Iowa visited with his parents.

Mrs. E. McNeal is able to be around in the house after a severe illness.

BOONE DOINGS. Messrs Lewis Johnson and Richard Randolph were Fraser visitors last week.

Mrs. Thomas Patron has returned from an extended trip in Missouri.

Mrs. Turner has been quite sick but is improving at present.

Quite a number of people from Fraser are in the city attending the murder case of Mr. Hall.

Miss Bertha Mitchell is on the sick list.

Rev. D. A. Basfield was in Fraser Sunday.

On Tuesday evening Feb. 22, Mr. S. L. Terry gave a lecture at the church on the subject, "Booker T. Washington." The audience was deeply impressed by the masterful manner in which the subject was treated. Mr. Terry is a young man who will certainly make his mark in the world.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS. Albert Johnson of Des Moines came home last week sick, but is fast improving at this writing.

The A. M. E. church entertainment was well attended, the prizes were awarded in the following order Miss Susie Wilcox, sideboard amount solicited \$59.35; Mrs. Manie Bickly, rocking chair amount solicited \$45.41; Mrs. Ed. Miles lamp amount solicited \$34.28 all the prizes were well worth contesting for and we believe the ladies are as well satisfied as the church officials.

The revival at the Baptist church is progressing nicely, they have a number of converts and several mourners.

Mr. H. H. Kent teacher in West Muchakinock has been succeeded by Miss Barbara Babbitt and the school has taken new life.

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of the strictly UP-TO-DATE Kind are made by
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605 Walnut street, Des Moines, Iowa.
We Have Moved.
On account of Mr. Youngerman taring down the building that we are in to build a new seven story building, we are forced to move. We have located in the Marquardt block, rooms 210 and 211, second floor. You can take the elevator or walk up to the second floor.

somebody that must be—oh, well, Congressman ALLEN told a yarn here one day—"transferred," I believe he called it. He must be "transferred." Well, now, here is the situation. I could not say much with reference to him, but here is the situation, taking his district in the State of Mississippi.

I deal with 1896, because I could not get the figures of last November. I had in the gentleman's district there were only 8,418 votes cast for all the candidates in that district, while the white the estimated vote of the district 20,663 I found in the Second district that the estimated vote was 34,104. The Congressman said that he got a plural vote of 251 over his opponent, but did not give us the benefit of how many he got. I presume a few thousand. In the Third District the estimated vote is 36,850, and 4,050 were cast in the Presidential election of 1896. I found in the Fourth district there was an estimated vote of 42,647. There were votes cast for all the candidates, Democrats, Republicans, Populists, Free-silver, hotentots, and everybody else 11,737.

In the Fifth district the estimated vote is 44,923, and there were 13,700 votes cast for all the candidates.

In the Sixth district there were 33,882 votes estimated and there were cast nobody knows how many. Here is the note in the Directory.

Elected as a Democrat practically without opposition to fill out an unexpired term—and so forth. Practically without opposition?

In the Seventh district the estimated vote is 37,338, and there were cast 8,647 votes.

The total vote cast for Congressmen in the State of Mississippi in the year 1896, leaving out the Second and Sixth districts, where the vote is not given, was 45,867 out of a total vote of between 230,000 and 300,000.

Mr. BRUCKER. Was that at the Presidential election?

Mr. WHITE of North Carolina. That was at the Presidential election in the year 1896. These were the votes cast for Congressmen as they themselves have given them in the Congressional Directory. Here they are. Where are the others? Echo answers, "Where?"

White supremacy to get rid of Negro domination? I do not know whether the Negroes ever dominated in Mississippi or not. If they did, it is the only State outside of South Carolina for a while that they ever did dominate. They certainly never dominated, but we would like to be given a chance by the side of other men to work out our destiny and paddle our own canoe.

I find in the State of South Carolina, adjoining the State that I hail from, a similar situation of affairs. I suppose I might give these facts and figures, because the public would like to know these things, and everyone can not get hold of a Congressional Directory.

In the first district of South Carolina the estimated vote is 34,661; the vote cast, 7,303. In the Second district the estimated vote is 29,265; the vote cast, 8,634. In the Third district the estimated vote is 25,512 and the votes cast 10,539, or about one-third.

In the Fourth district the estimated vote is 40,000; the vote cast, 12,180. In the Fifth district the estimated vote is 28,350, and the vote cast is 8,833.

In the Sixth district the estimated vote is 30,770 and we have this entry, no figures being given at all.

Elected as a Democrat without opposition having received the entire vote cast.

A popular man! In the Seventh district the estimated vote is 35,736, while the vote cast was 9,407. The total vote cast, leaving out those two districts where the gentlemen did not give the public the benefit of the votes cast for them—the total vote cast for Congressmen in that State in that election was 55,954, while the estimated vote of the State of South Carolina is about 250,000, about one-fifth of the entire voting population having actually voted.

Now, I am not going to grumble about the number of votes that you cast down there in South Carolina, but I want to say to the Congress of the United States, and through Congress to the people of the United States, that South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, and every other State in this Union ought to have the benefit of the votes that are allowed to be cast in their representation on this floor, and no more.

It is not fair to the other States of the Union to say that one gentleman shall come here from a district giving 30,000, 40,000, 50,000, or even 60,000 votes, and that a district in Mississippi or a district in Louisiana or a district in South Carolina, or possibly pretty soon a district in North Carolina, shall come here

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ARMY BEEF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Gen. Egan resumed his testimony before the court of inquiry into the beef charges. He said that under the contract Swift & Company were wholly responsible for the beef until delivered at the points designated by the department. The clause requiring beef to keep seventy-two hours after leaving the refrigerator was inserted at his instance after the concerns had declared they could prepare it so as to keep that long. If it failed to do so they should not be paid. He supposed deductions for spoiled beef had been made, though he did not know. Regarding the canned roast beef he said when it was kept in the holds of vessels or exposed to the sun it remained perfectly good but looked repulsive. Col. Young said he heard no complaints. Captain Ripley and Major Bowman said the canned roast beef was tasteless and unpalatable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—When the court of inquiry into the beef charges met yesterday Lieutenant Charles P. Dwyer, Ninth infantry, testified that there were numerous complaints as to the canned roast beef, but no official action was taken, as it was difficult to get anything in the way of rations to the army. Several sergeants of the Ninth infantry testified. Their testimony in the main did not differ materially on any point and was in effect that the regiment used both corned and roast beef on the voyage from Tampa to Santiago; there were many complaints from the men as to the nature of the beef, as it nauseated them, had little taste and contained but little nutriment; that most of the sickness in the command was probably caused by the canned roast beef. After getting into the city of Santiago the refrigerated beef was issued, but the men continued to be very sick, nauseated and suffering from bowel troubles, which was attributed to the refrigerated beef, which spoiled in transit to the camp.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Witnesses before the court of inquiry yesterday generally followed the line of testimony heretofore given. There was general condemnation of the canned roast beef and some condemned the refrigerated beef. Several plates of beef were placed before the witnesses, who were asked to sample it and pick out that which had been to Cuba and back. The result was not given out.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The court of inquiry into the beef charges yesterday examined officers and enlisted men and representatives of western meat firms. The meat packers' representatives gave practically the same testimony they had previously presented to the war investigating commission. Dr. Bowen reported on the beef experiments he had on the enlisted men Tuesday. He said four of the enlisted men picked out the Porto Rican canned beef as what they had eaten in Cuba. Two selected the canned meat bought in open market. Two picked out the Porto Rican beef, which had been simply boiled.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—There were several interesting developments in the beef court of inquiry yesterday. Clarence Walters, of the First volunteer engineers, told a sensational story of hardship and inhumanity suffered during his service, describing the canned roast beef in harsher terms than have ever before been applied to that much-discussed article. Later in the day, Lieut. Sewell, U. S. A., who was major of the volunteer battalion in which Walters served, contradicted his story completely, saying there was no canned roast beef aboard the transport which took the command to Porto Rico. Lieut. Taylor, Lieut. Putney and Captain Hicks said the canned roast beef was very bad. M. O. Dwyer said the canned roast beef was not so bad, but the refrigerated beef was nearly all tainted, so that the men were sickened by eating it. Several other witnesses corroborated this testimony. Dr. Christine, of Philadelphia, said he had seen the chemical preparation of meat in the packing house of Swift & Co., at Omaha, by the injection of cannia on the end of a flexible tube.

OTIS NEEDS ASSISTANCE.

COLOMBO, Island of Ceylon, Feb. 27.—The United States transport Grant, which sailed from New York for Manila on January 19, with troops under command of General Henry W. Lawton on board has arrived. General Lawton received a cablegram from Major General Otis saying: "Situation critical. Your early arrival necessary." He also received from Adjutant General Corbin a cable dispatch urging him to hurry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Gen. Otis cables from Manila: "Scandia arrived last night. On the nights of the 21st, 23d and yesterday morning the insurgent troops gained access to the outskirts of the city behind our lines. Many were in hiding, and about 1,000 entrenched themselves. They were completely routed, with a loss of killed and wounded of about 500, and 200 prisoners. Our loss is very slight. The city is quiet and confidence restored. Business is progressing."

MANY SICK MEN.

Typoid Fever on the Increase in Havana and Vicinity.

HAVANA, March 1.—The Seventh army corps, in which only one case of typhoid fever developed in January, now has 61 cases—24 in the first division, which are in the Second South Carolina regiment and 37 in the Second division, nearly half of whom are in the Forty-ninth Iowa regiment. There were five deaths during February from typhoid fever in the Seventh army corps. In the first division there are 99 cases of malaria, in the Second division 97. Chief Surgeon Kean has no apprehensions, however, of an epidemic. Disinfecting processes are rigorously observed, underground sewers are being made, and the main pipe connections will be completed during March.

Rudyard Kipling Improving.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Rudyard Kipling, who has been near unto death because of an attack of pneumonia, is now improving slowly, and it is believed he will recover.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

TEN DOLLARS PER CAPITA TAX

Total State Taxes for 1899 Amount to More Than \$18,645,000.
DES MOINES, March 2.—A statement has been issued from the office of Auditor of State Merriam of the taxes to be raised in Iowa during 1899. It shows that the total state, county, school and city taxes levied in 1899 and collectible in this state this year, being delinquent after April 1, amount to over \$18,645,000. This sum does not include the taxes paid for public improvements, by telephone or telegraph companies, or any of the other revenues of state, county and municipal governments from direct taxation in the form of licenses or per cent levies on income. It costs each man, woman and child in Iowa about \$10 to be governed this year. In 1897 the total taxes amounted to \$18,353,994.81. Of the increase of about \$300,000 about \$200,000 is accountable to the increase in the state tax levy to 3.2 mills. The total state tax, however, amounts to but one-tenth of the total. The schools show the biggest item. School taxes this year in the state are \$120,000 greater than last year. City taxes are \$425,000 greater. The insane taxes have decreased about \$75,000.

WHEAT BADLY DAMAGED.

Weather and Crop Service Bulletin Tells of the Cold Weather Havoc.

DES MOINES, Feb. 27.—Dr. J. R. Sage, of the Iowa weather and crop service, says in his monthly report that winter wheat in Iowa has been seriously damaged by the extreme cold weather and the general absence of snow. Reports from all parts of the state indicate that the changeable weather of the past month, the ground being alternately frozen and thawed, has wrought irreparable damage. Winter wheat which was sown earliest in the fall seems to have withstood the unfavorable conditions best and shows some vitality. Mr. Sage says favorable weather in the spring will save a large proportion of this early sown wheat. The report shows from 50 to 100 per cent increase in acreage in many parts of the state and some increase in all parts of Iowa. A total of 300,000 acres of winter wheat in Iowa this year is reported, against 250,000 last year.

DECISION FOR MRS. DAUBNEY.

Judgment in the Celebrated Case at Decorah.

DECORAH, March 1.—In the district court for Winneshiek county judgment was rendered for Mrs. Daubney in the case which celebrated case of Daubney vs. Daubney. Charlotte Daubney, widow of George Daubney, brought suit against two nephews, Dr. F. W. Daubney, mayor of Decorah, and his brother, charging them with wrongfully converting \$7,000 belonging to the estate of George Daubney, and to plaintiff as her heir under the will. At the time Dr. Daubney was a candidate for state senator, and so strong was the sentiment that a bolt based on the suit resulted in a district having 1,800 republican majority. The decision rendered by Judge Fellows, of the district court, gives plaintiff all she asked.

Dairymen Fighting Board of Health.

SIoux CITY, March 3.—The dairymen of Sioux City have organized to fight the board of health in the courts and to find out by what right the authorities begin a crusade against tuberculosis in dairy herds and condemn animals without reimbursing the owners. At present there is a tuberculosis scare in Sioux City, and for weeks veterinarians have been engaged in testing the various dairy herds of the city. To this the owners object, and for the purpose of making arrangements to assert their rights called a meeting which was attended by about thirty men. The result was that a committee was appointed to engage counsel to fight the authorities in the courts.

New Railroad for Des Moines.

DES MOINES, March 2.—Delegations of prominent citizens from Newton and Colfax visited Des Moines to confer with Des Moines capitalists relative to the project to establish a connection between Des Moines and the Iowa Central at Newton. Meetings of citizens had been held in both these places and enthusiasm upon the subject is at a high pitch. It was then determined to co-operate with Des Moines in carrying the enterprise to a successful issue. The committees were well received at Des Moines and negotiations will be continued.

Deigan to be Rewarded.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Osborne Deigan, of Iowa, will undoubtedly be appointed a naval cadet as a reward for his daring on the occasion of the sinking of the Merrimac. Both the senate and house a short time ago passed a resolution authorizing the president to waive the age limit in his favor, but neither of these measures was adopted by both houses. Finally Senator Gear secured unanimous consent to have the house resolution adopted, which was done without a dissenting voice. It now goes to the president for his action.

An Unusual Accident.

FORT DODGE, March 2.—A valuable horse belonging to George Kepper, a railroad contractor, was killed as a result of a rather peculiar accident. The horse was being driven parallel to the railroad track on which an engine was moving. On passing the engine the horse became frightened, and instead of whirling away, he jumped immediately in front of the engine and was killed, although the driver, fortunately, was not injured.

Still Another Iowa Railroad.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 3.—The St. Louis, Iowa & Northern Railway company was chartered by the secretary of state, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000. The road will extend from Eldon, Iowa, through Iowa and Missouri, in a general southerly direction, to St. Louis. Mileage, 274.25 in Iowa and 249 in Missouri.

KILLED BY A CAVE-IN.

Two Men at Council Bluffs Meet Death and One Injured.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 2.—Two men were instantly killed and one seriously injured by the falling of several tons of frozen earth at the dirt bank of Wickham Brothers. The dead are: J. B. Black, of Council Bluffs, and F. Krone, of Atchison, Kansas. The injured is C. P. Read, of Council Bluffs, limb broken, severely bruised and possible internal injuries. The accident occurred at a dirt bank from which Wickham Brothers were hauling dirt for the grade of the Fort Dodge & Omaha railroad. Without any warning several tons of dirt, which had become loosened by action of the frost, came tumbling down from a height of about 25 feet. Black and Krone were working directly underneath where the mass of earth fell and were instantly killed. Their heads were crushed and their bodies terribly mangled. A number of men shoveling in close proximity to the bank had narrow escapes.

Will Bring Bodies Back.

DES MOINES, March 3.—Adjutant General Byers has received a communication from Adjutant General G. W. Hawkins, of Omaha, of the regular army, announcing that the government has made arrangements for the conveyance of all soldiers who may have died in Manila or Honolulu to their homes without expense to the relatives of the deceased. This order is simply a repetition of the order of congress when it appropriated \$200,000 for the conveyance of all soldiers in the volunteer service who died upon foreign soil. The Iowa department is asked to furnish a complete list of all the Iowa soldiers who have died while engaged in the service and while on foreign soil.

Killed Child and Self.

CENAR RAPIDS, March 3.—Despondent over his hopeless case of consumption and the sickness of a year-and-a-half-old child, Frank Metela, a Bohemian saloonkeeper, fired two bullets into the body of the child and then shot himself through the heart. They were alone in the house at the time and when discovered Metela's body was found in a sitting posture in a chair with the clothing almost burned off. The baby was lying on the bed a few feet away, and both were dead. Metela left a letter explaining why he committed the deed.

The "Rev." Mr. Coffey Sentenced.

DES MOINES, March 2.—"Rev." W. N. Coffey, the Drake University student who stole \$900 in gold from his landlady, Mrs. Magart, and who later pleaded guilty in the district court to the charge of larceny, was sentenced by Judge Bishop to three and one-half years in the penitentiary and to pay the costs of the action.

Des Moines Auditorium.

DES MOINES, March 2.—The Des Moines Auditorium Association has decided to build the new auditorium on the vacant lots north of the Y. M. C. A. building. The contracts will be awarded at once and the building pushed to an early completion.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

A desperate attempt to commit murder occurred a few days ago in the Woodbury county jail. Archie Harris, about 18 years old, a tramp, fired two shots from the door of his cell, injuring another prisoner in the arm. Just how the boy got the revolver is not known, but it is supposed it was smuggled to him by some friend. Fort Dodge dispatch: A plot to rob the First National bank of Fort Dodge by first overpowering the police and then gaining entrance to the vault by an explosion in the basement under the vault was unfolded a few days ago by a stranger to an officer of the bank. There has been no trace of him since. The extra precautions taken are supposed to have foiled the robbers.

At Mason City recently the jury in the trial of Mrs. Lottie Hughes on a charge of murdering her husband returned a verdict of not guilty. They were out twenty-four hours. After the verdict was read Mrs. Hughes broke down and sobbed bitterly. The verdict meets with the general approval of this community. As soon as County Attorney Telford had laid down the case he expressed a belief that the jury would stand for acquittal. From this case he at once goes to work on the Bone murder case.

Forty-two of the stockholders of the German Savings Bank, of Des Moines, representing \$26,000 of the \$300,000 stock, have commenced suit in the district court asking that a receiver be appointed. The bank's trouble has been of long standing. During the panic of '93 it closed its doors, but was reorganized in 1897, the capital stock being increased. Two months ago the state bank examiner ordered a 40 per cent assessment on all stock to put the bank in good condition. Forty-two of the stockholders refused to pay the assessment. The affected stockholders, who claim their stock was ordered sold by the directors, have now begun action to secure the appointment of a receiver and to restrain the bank from collecting the assessment. Francis Gessner is president and J. W. Gessner cashier.

At a recent meeting of the state board of health the secretary, Dr. Kennedy, reported on the current epidemic of smallpox in Iowa. In part the report says: "There has never, at any time in the history of the board, been such a general prevalence of the disease in Iowa. The first report we had came from Hamburg, and soon after from Percival. Up to the present time there have been reported to this office definitely, the following respecting smallpox: Exira, 1 case; Livingston, 2; Audubon, 2; Lacona, 4; West Point, 1; Percival, 17; Clito, 1; Seymour, 6; Genoa, 1; Milo, 6; Hamburg, 12; in all 53 cases. At Seymour one death was reported and one at Genoa; these are all so far reported to the office. Dr. McKiver, in one of his reports, speaks of the existence of Scorpis made an examination at Genoa, but there has been no report except the indefinite statement of one case with several others in the country and one death. It is my intention, as soon as the disease subsides, to get full and complete reports from every section of the state where it has been present."

ALL OVER THE WORLD

PLACE FOR GRAY.

President Appreciates the Democratic Senator's Work in Paris.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The president has offered to Senator Gray, of Delaware, and he has accepted the new circuit judgeship created under the recent act of congress in the Third judicial circuit, comprising eastern and western Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. It has been known for some time that the president was desirous of showing in a practical and striking manner his appreciation of the service rendered to the administration and the country by the senator as one of the peace commissioners to Paris. Senator Gray accepted that post and undertook the discharge of his arduous duties against his own inclination and against the advice of political friends.

CZAR IS QUITE ILL.

Nicholas of Russia Unable to Stay on the Throne.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Well informed persons here assure me that the health of Emperor Nicholas is far from good and that his condition excites the gravest solicitude. A long threatened ailment, assumed a critical form soon after the issuance of the manifesto in behalf of the limitation of armaments, and the czar is now prostrated. The malady is of such a character as to forbid all intellectual exertion. His participation in the government is confined to signing documents of whose contents he is ignorant. The Grand Duke Michael possesses the executive power and all government decisions are arrived at without the czar's co-operation or knowledge."

PLOT OF ORLEANIST.

Parisian Papers Claim to Have Discovered Something That is Startling.

PARIS, March 1.—The Rappet and other papers state that the papers of the royalists, which were recently seized, show clearly the existence of an Orleanist plot, which had been aided by subscriptions by certain foreign sovereigns. The plot was to be carried out by a general, who, it was expected, would soon become the minister of war. The Orleanists intended to act as soon as the general took his office, but M. Deroude's action spoiled the plan. The Figaro does not believe that the existence of a plot can be proved, but the authorities are convinced that they have foiled a dangerous conspiracy.

EAGAN WILL GET HIS SALARY.

Court of Claims Decision Authorizes Its Payment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The legal officers of the war department have succeeded in unearthing a decision of the court of claims, whereby General Charles P. Eagan can be paid his salary. The paymasters would not disburse the money, and the auditor for the war department declined to take the responsibility, unless he was assured it was perfectly legal. A decision was found, however, and Eagan will continue to be punished, receiving \$5,500 a year as a bail.

ARMY TO LEAVE CUBA.

Most of the Troops Will Be Sent to the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The war department is preparing plans for the evacuation of the island of Cuba by the United States troops. Garrisons will be reduced to the lowest point and most of the regulars will be sent to the Philippines. Since the arrangements for the disbandment of the insurgent armies it is believed that only a small number of soldiers is necessary in Cuba. Army officers believe on the other hand that the Philippine troubles will last all summer.

JESSE JAMES ACQUITTED.

Kansas City Jury Finds Son of the Noted Bandit Not Guilty.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—Young Jesse James, son of the notorious bandit, whose name he bears, was adjudged not guilty of complicity in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific express train at Leeds, in the outskirts of Kansas City, on September 23, last. The jury was out less than an hour, and the verdict of acquittal was reached on the first ballot. The announcement of the verdict was the signal for applause and cheering that neither the judge nor bailiffs could suppress.

Hanna's Seat in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator Chandler, from the committee on privileges and elections, submitted the majority report on the charge of bribery of the election of Senator Hanna made by the Ohio senate. The majority find the charges without foundation. A minority report was also made in which it is claimed that attempted bribery was so clearly proved that a further investigation is needed.

Hobson is Advanced.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The president has nominated Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson to be advanced ten numbers on No. 1, of list of construction and construction, to No. 8, on the list of naval constructors, for extraordinary heroism.

IOWA EXTRA OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, March 2.—Pursuant to Iowa law an exclusive right has been granted to Joe S. Grem, of Des Moines, for the purpose of advertising and distinguishing his manufacture of candies, the use of the words "Purity Chocolates and Bon Bons." We take pleasure in noticing the following interesting inventions for which we are preparing and successfully presented applications for patents, to wit: 1. A churn dasher in the form of a disk fixed to a hollow stem and so shaped that it produces centrifugal force on its top to force air and cream outward and centrifugal force on its underside to draw the cream inwards at the same time. Violent agitation is thus produced to make butter. 2. A hub for wheels composed of an axle box, an inner hub section and a ring for clamping spokes fast, a second or outer hub section to produce an oil reservoir and to cover tap screws that clamp the ring fast to the inner hub section and to detachably fasten all the parts securely together. J. Hartzhorn, of Stuart, Ia., inventor, and S. C. Means, of same place, assignee, of an undivided half.

DEMOCRATS ON PHILIPPINES.

Declaration of Policy and Resolutions Passed at a Meeting of Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—At a caucus of the democratic members of the house of representatives the following declaration of policy and resolutions as to the Philippines were adopted by a practically unanimous vote: We hold that the constitution of the United States was ordained for an intelligent, liberty-loving and self-governing people, and can not be successfully applied to a people of different virtues and conditions. We therefore hold that a colonial policy is contrary to the theory of our government and that the principles of our constitution should be applied to the people of the Philippines. We believe, with the declaration of independence, that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and we are unalterably opposed to the establishment of any government by the United States without the consent of the people to be governed, and in conformity with these principles we instruct the minority members of the foreign affairs committee to introduce and urge the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United States hereby disclaim any disposition or intention to exercise permanent sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over the Philippine islands, and assert their determination, when an independent government shall have been erected therein, to transfer to said government, upon terms which shall be reasonable and just, all rights secured under the session by Spain and thereupon leave the government and control of the islands to their people.

Another resolution, by Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, was adopted, as follows:

We, the democratic members of the house of representatives, in caucus assembled, do command the signal loyalty and valor of our soldiers and sailors in the performance of every military duty to which they have been assigned by proper authority, however much we may deplore the policy of the administration now directing their movements, and we pledge to them our hearty support and sympathy under all circumstances wherever engaged.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR OTIS.

Six Regiments of Regulars Ordered to Manila.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The secretary of war has just ordered the reinforcement of General Otis by six regiments. These are the Sixth infantry, now at San Antonio; the Sixth artillery, scattered along the Atlantic coast stations; the Ninth infantry, at Madison barracks; the Thirteenth and Twenty-first infantry, in New York state, and the Sixteenth infantry, at Fort Crook and neighboring points in the middle west. These regiments have been ordered to make ready to proceed to San Francisco, and thence to Manila. In answer to the direct question as to whether or not these regular troops are intended to relieve a corresponding number of volunteer soldiers at Manila, it was said at the war department that while this probably would be the case, it was not possible yet to make a positive statement. This means that if when the reinforcements arrive at Manila the conditions are satisfactory, the volunteer will be brought home; but if Otis still have need for all of the combined force, then they must wait. The reinforcements are made up of troops who are not only regulars, in the full sense of the term, but who have been through the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns.

DEWEY WANTS OREGON.

Says, for Political Reasons, the Ship Should Be Sent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The following dispatch has been received at the naval department: "MANILA, Feb. 24.—For political reasons, the Oregon should be sent here at once. (Signed) Dewey." Dewey's cable was discussed at the cabinet meeting yesterday. Officials profess to be surprised at it, and say they know of no political reasons for the request. There are various surmises. One is that it is to assist in overhauling the Filipinos who are inclined to join Aguinaldo; another it is that probably in the recent fires foreign property was destroyed and that some of the foreign naval commanders there are inclined to seize on the pretext of their interests to demand protection which we cannot afford, to land marines, or do something obnoxious to the United States.

QUAY MEN ARE ACCUSED.

Philadelphia Press Charges Bribery in Behalf of Senator.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The Philadelphia Press, of which Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith is publisher, publishes a long story charging that republican leaders at Harrisburg, who favor Senator Quay's re-election made distinct offers to bribe democratic legislators to favor legislation that was calculated to aid him in his coming trial for alleged conspiracy to loot the state treasury through the medium of the now defunct People's Bank. The McCarrell bill in the legislature, which Senator Quay's opponents sidetracked until after his trial, provided that a district attorney should be largely deprived of his right to set aside jurors. A reconsideration of this provision of this bill might have made it available in the senator's behalf. To secure this reconsideration it is said one legislator was offered \$1,000.

CABINET CRISIS IN SPAIN.

Close Vote on Treaty Causes Ministers to Resign.

MADRID, March 2.—Premier Sagasta has handed the resignation of the ministry to the queen. The cabinet crisis is expected to last two or three days, as it will be necessary for the queen to consult with political leaders. In the meantime, the chamber will adjourn until a new ministry is formed. Ministerialists hope the queen will support Sagasta and dissolve the chambers.

BREVITIES.

The president has nominated Wm. R. Pay, of Ohio, to be United States district judge for the Sixth district. A steamship Neustra Señora del Carmen recently arrived at Manila, bringing news that the American flag has been raised over the island of Cebu, west of the island of Negros.

WYNKEN, BLYNKEN AND NOD.

Wynken, Blynken and Nod one night Sailed off in a wooden shoe—

Sailed on a river of misty light
Into a sea of shimmering white
"Wynken are you going and what do you wish?"
The old man asked the three.
"We have come to fish for the herring fish."
That live in the beautiful sea;
Nests of gold and silver have we,"
Said Wynken,
Blynken
And Nod.

The old moon laughed and sang a song
As they rocked in the wooden shoe
And the wind that sped them high and long
Ruffled the waves of dew.
The little stars were the herring fish
That lived in the beautiful sea.
"Now cast your nets whenever you wish,
But never afared are we!"
So cried the stars to the fisherman
Three:

Wynken,
Blynken
And Nod

All night long their nets they threw
For the fish in the twinkling foam,
Then down from the sky came the wooden shoe,
Bringing the fishermen home.
"It was all so pretty a sail, it seemed
As if it could not be,
And some folk thought 't was a dream
They'd dreamed
Of sailing that beautiful sea,
But I shall name you the fisherman
Three—"

Wynken,
Blynken
And Nod.

Wynken and Blynken are two little eyes,
And Nod is a little head,
And the wooden shoe that sailed the skies
Is a wee one's troubler;
So shut your eyes while mother sings
Of the wonderful sights that be,
And you shall see the beautiful things
As you rock in the misty sea
Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen
Three—

Wynken,
Blynken
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