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CITY NEWS

RAY & HARKINS, 1007 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

Miss Cora Smith who has been sick, is reported somewhat worse.

Oscar Watts left Tuesday evening for Ottumwa, to remain indefinitely.

Att. I. E Williamson went out to Lincoln, Nebr. last Saturday on legal buisness.

Don't fail to hear the famous pianist Paderewski Feb. 13, see paticular elsewhere.

J. H. Shepard made a brief business trip down to Decatur this week.

Miss Edith Stanton is a little worse o day.

Mr. W. H. Birney was on the sick list the forepart of this week; but is better

Miss Sophia, Bass remain quite sick at her home on Sixth Avnue, with but change in her condiction sence eek.

Mr. Stephen Ewing an oldt time Des Moines boy arrived in the city last Monday from Minneapolis for a short visit.

Rev. Colman, the Quaker Minster, from Mahaska County is in the city his week on his regular tour.

Mr. J. T. Bigaburn, our well known book agent, has a new book, The life of W. L. Moody, the great evangelist, recently deceased.

Program of the Ladies and Gentlemen Sunday Afternoon Club, at tha A. M. E. chuch for next Sunday; First, singing by choir; short address by Mrs. Mattie Warrick; singing by choir; paper by Mrs. C. S. Stewart; singing by choir.

E. G. McAfee president.
Mrs. J. B. Rush secretary.

The P. L. D. Society met on 4th St. A programme was rendered, several visitors was present. The following is the programme for Monday: Recitation Miss Effie Jackson, Paper Mrs. J. F. Blagburn, Reading from Dunbar, Mrs. A. Pearson, Debate, Music.

Miss Reeves and Mrs. F. Goggins of Highland Park will commemee taking a course in instrumental music soon from either the Des Musical Conservatory or Drake University Conservatory.

In the prize fight this week at the Grand Opera House; Bell of Iowa City got the decision over Rivers of this city and Young Turner fought to a draw,

Prof. Geo. I. Holt. received a well written set of resolutions thanking and complimenting him and his Post Office Glee Club fos their beautiful singing at the instalation of the officers of Crooker Post G; A. R. on the 12th.

Miss Della Richardson, has grew so much weaker in the past few day that she can not be permitted to see her friends and those who would know her condiction must inquire of her relatives.

Revival meetings at the verious churches, are still in progress, the Corinthian Baptist church, has had 12 or 15 addition, the First African Baptist church, the A. M. E. church and the East Side Baptist church; have all had some additions and the interest ceases with each week, the East Baptist people have taken a short rest, but will start again in a few

Muchakinock, Iowa ADDIE JOHNSON RESTAURANT for good short orders; also Ice Cream. Prompt attention given

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Applicants for the census enumeration, must pass a writen examination, there will be a prepared form and those desireing to work upon the census will meet the supervisor at the time and place he may state in his call. In takeing the census this year there will be several changes from the plans and methods of former years and upon what line this examination will be conducted on is what is troubling those that are preparing to take the examination.

I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best liniment I have ever known of.—J. A DODGEN, Alpharetta, Ga. Thousands have been cured of the rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale by all Druggists.

Charity Lodge No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F, convenes every Tueeday evening at their Hall, South East corner of East 3nd and Walnus Streets. The Officers as follows were installec for the ensuing quarter: Mr. W. R. Frazes; P. .NF., Mr. Chas. Heart; N. F, Rev. Rakes; P. N, G, B. L. Walker; N. G., J. James; V. G., H. S. Clay; W. T., Rev. Bates; W. C., H. Wright; E. S., Geo. Gater; P. S.

PADEREWSKI COMING.

All lovers of high classic music will be delighted to know that Ignace Paderewski; perhaps the finest pianist in the world, will make only one stop in Iowa on his American tour which is announced to be his last visit to America. He will appear one night only at the New Auditorium, Des Moinef, Tuesday, February 13th. Prices $1.00, $2.00 and $3.00. Reserved seats can be obtained on application by mail to J. S. Connolly, Des Moines, Iowa, at $3.00 apiece. Send in your application at once, as the best seats are going fast. The regular city sale will begin Monday morning, January 29th, at 10 o'clock. Numbers given out at 9 o'clock a. m.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

This week will without doubt be a very important week for the Fifty-sixth congress, at least some issues and questions will come up that the public are anxiously watching. First, the famous Roberts case. The question of expelling or excluding him from the house as the majority report of the committee recommend the latter and the minority committee the former. In either event, he will be precluded from a seat in congress on account of his polygamous practices in violation of the law. Then the senate will report on the Clark investigation case, where it is charged that Senator-elect Clark of Montana has bribed and bought members to vote for him, and at present, according to the evidence, it looks as though Clarke too, like Roberts, is doomed to meet defeat at the senate door. Then the well known Senator Quay of Pennsylvania question electing him United States senator, inasmuch as the Pennsylvania legislature failed to elect his successor last year. We hardly think that the senate will elect him, as the state legislature had a chance to elect him. They preferred to not have but one United States senator. The last and most important bill to the colored people is the one relating to a law punishing mob or other unlawful assembly, of people, who are found assisting to lynch or take the life of any person accused of a crime, introduced by Congressman Crumpacker of Indiana, our colored congressman. Hon. Geo. H. White of North Carolina has prepared a great speech in favor of the bill and it is looked forward to be a masterpiece of much importance.

CITY CAMPAIGN.

Again the regular biennial city election is drawing nigh. There is to be an election of every city officer and many candidates are aspiring for the various places. Nearly all the present incumbents are asking for a second or third term, as the case may be. At present the mayoralty contest has three active contestants, while many others would like to come out. We believe that every voter and taxpayer should look for the man that in their judgment will make the best mayor. One that will not only be a credit to our city, but one that will use retrenchment and economy. One that will treat all classes alike and will have the true growth of our city in his heart. One that is progressive and advancing. With such a man nominated and elected we can hope for a continued growing city for the next two years.

PRIZE FIGHTING.

On last Monday occurred another prize fight by local men. Among them were four colored men, which was more than the white men had in the ring. While of course prize fighting will continue to go on and there will always be some colored men follow it, yet we think too many of our race are learning or trying to follow that business, and as some says (using the slang phrase), be "dead sports." We should not tolerate it, because it is not elevating, but brutal, and will ultimately leads to distruction. Last winter the degrading cake walking and coon song crazestruc k our city. This winter it is prize fighting. Neither is advancing or elvating to any race and the sooner we cease it the better for our race.

FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

A scheme to Cheat the Colored People Under the Ex-Slave Pension Bill.

Washington, Jan. 19—The senate committee on pensions has made an advere report on the bill proposing to pension ex-slaves. The committee states:

"This bill, which is similar in terms to others that have been introduced in to both branches of congress, proposes to pension ex-slaves on a sliding scale according to age and if enacted into law would take millions upon millions of money from the public treasury. The introduction of these bills has given an opportunity for dishonest people to impose upon the ignorant and credulous freedmen and their children of the south in a way that will surprise the people of this country when they know the facts. An association has been formed under the name of the Ex-Slave Bounty and Pension Association of the United States of America, with local association in various parts of the country, and constitution andby-law have been adopted and membership certificates issued upon the hypothesis and promise that congress would certainly favorably legislate on the subject. The charge for charters for local associations is $2 50 for membership certificates 25 cents each, and each member agrees to pay 10 ceuts per month to the local association to aid the movement.

"Your committee has in its possession two certificates, one dated July 5, 1897, numbered 1,367, and another datee Abril 17, 1898, and numbered 35,710. This shows the tremendous groth in membership, and enables your committee to estimate the probable amount of money already taken by the promoters of the scheme. At 25 cents each the membership issued up to the latter date represents almost $9,000, while the dues for a single year would amount to $13,000. It is safe to assume that the membership has probably doubled since April 17, 1898, and hence it is a safe presumption that an amount aggregating $100,000 has been taken from the poor and deluded victims of the nefarious scheme."—The American Eagle.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Bethel A. M. E. church has extended invitations to the Second Baptist choir Rock Island, the A. M. E. choir, Moline, and the Third Baptist choir of this city to take part in their musical chorus next Sunday, the 28th.

A. D. Corbin is laying a new sidewalk in front of his three houses on West Tenth street. When done it will make quite an improvement to his property which brings him upward of fifty dollars per month. Pretty good, A. D. Keep on building.

I had the pleasure of visiting across the river last Sunday for the first time this year. I found that the colored people were making a very good progress. Rev. Thomas has the A. M. E. church in a very beautiful appearance in Moline. I found they had made a wonderful progress since last I was there. I visited some of the members of the G. U. O. of O. F. that was lately set up, and I found them getting along nicely. All reported plenty of work.

The big Odd Fellows banquet this week, will publish the success of it next week.

Rev. M. J. Burton will take charge of the Third Baptist church Sunday, January 28. The members are all ready congratulating themselves on being successful in getting a man with a good clean reputation and a bright future before him. Rev. Burton has surely got that.

We have to congratulate our big sister Muchakinock for selecting Mr. Lewis Perkins as superintendent of the Union Valley Sunday school and the corps of teachers whom they selected to assist him. We feel as though no better ones could have been selected. Good luck to you Brother Perkins and your assistants.

Persons having news of importance for the Bystander can send it to 106 East Pleasant, where it will be cheerfully received and forwarded to the publisher.

Those whose subscription expired December 31 should be ready to renew it when the agent appears, which will be in a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson of Rock Island, Ill., were in the city this week.

Mr. James Moss, of Fairfield, Iowa, is in our city, stopping at his brother, Charley, on West Tenth street.

Mr. John Hill has employed a new barber in his shop on Fifth near Brady, where you can get a hair cut, shave bath and walk right through in the restaurant and dine abundantly. Give them a call.

Mr. C. C. Allen, who resides on the northeast corner Main and High streets has been laid up for the past week with a very bad sore throat. We wish him a quick recovery.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.
(Last Week.)

Miss Henrietta Davis was in our city Friday, January 12, at the Soldiers' home. She left Saturday for Washington, Iowa.

Miss Barbara Boyd received a very severe burn in the face. She is getting along nicely at this writing.

A very pleasant surprise was given Miss Jessie Walker Thursday evening. A nice time was enjoyed by all.

The entertainment given by the ladies of Bethany was a financial success.

Mrs. L. H. Johnson is talking of moving to Des Moines. We hope he will change his mind.

Every one should subscribe for the Bystander and keep posted on the news.

The readers of the Bystander of this city hope that it will handle the speech of Senator Morgan after January 22, without gloves on. As a rule, we are unfaithful to one another, but true to the white man, who never tires of giving us the worst of it every time.

Every one should attend the union prayer meetings going on in our city, beginning the first of this week, and lasting until the 1st of February.

Mr. J. L. Wallace, the popular young man, is the nightwatch at Letts Fletcher's wholesale house.

Mr. Reedman's health is not very good, but he still keeps to work. He is one of Marshalltown's best hustlers.

Spring time is coming and with it spring elections. The voters in the First ward want to remember the promise made in regard to the water extension on Bromley and Woodbury streets. Begin now to look for a good man to fill vacancies, for there will be one.

It seems that some one gets mad whenever their actions are spoken of on the streets. Well, my friend, if you ever expect to be anything or make something out of yourself you must act like men on the streets. Keep us out of work, no one will hire us on the account. We can always be found holding up the corner of some building. Now take this as good advice and see if you don't prosper.

The health of the colored race in Marshalltown this winter is better than last. We have had no deaths, for which we are thankful.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Josie Meadows returned home on last Monday from Muchakinock, where she has been for the last two weeks.

At the senior entertainment on last Tuesday evening Mr. Will Hollingworth spoke. He is the only colored student in the senior class. We have two in the high school and three in the ninth grade.

A few of the little boys and girls gathered at the home of Mrs. Ben Grayson on Sunday afternoon with a taffy pulling.

The smallpox scare still keeps us from having any services at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Mary Hooley and Mrs. Will Roberts and Mr. Wells of Hocking were in town on last Friday.

A number of the Albia people attend weekly services at the Baptist church in Hocking.

May Davis.

DUBUQUE NOTES.

The revival meetings closed last week with one addition.

The services last Sunday morning and evening were well attended and the condition of the church is improving and also the Sunday school.

Mr. Ellis, who has been visiting with his wife, will leave in a few days for Michigan.

Mrs. Ed. Martin and Miss Washington are visiting in Burlington.

Rev. Johnson is suffering from a fall he received last week.

Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Jones are on the sick list.

EVANS NEWS.

Evangelist David Phelps has been conducting revival meetings for the last two week, assisted by Rev. Tate. There was a meeting held at the Baptist church all day Sunday.

Miss Hattie Parker and Miss Emmer Johnson were entertained by a host of friends Sunday evening. On the way to the residence Miss Maud Jackson, while crossing a railroad bridge, slipped and fell backwards across the rail, but was not dangerously hurt.

Mr. Harrie Frankling fell down a dangerous hill Sunday night but was not badly hurt.

Mr. T. Taylor was badly hurt Sunday morning while fighting with some young men. He was hit by a brick which crushed his skull, and it is said he was intoxicated and is better at this writing.

Mrs. E. D. Willes is very ill at this writing.

Miss Emmer Taylor is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. Janes is on the sick list, also Mrs. Clark.

CLINTON.

Mrs. Thomas Galloway returned to her home in Chicago last Wednesday after a visit with the family of M. O. Culbertson.

Mrs. William Emerson is reported as being quite ill at her home on Third avenue.

The people of this city received a rare treat on Monday evening when Miss Henrietta P. Vinton Davis appeared at Bethel A. M. E. church in a pleasing program of dramatic readings and impersonations. This was her first appearance in Clinton, but those who were fortunate enough to hear her are unanimous in their praise. Those assisting in this rare treat were Misses Estella Bush, Mary Moreland and Mr. Schiller Emerson, who added new laurels to their previous efforts. A return engagement is desired by many.

The little Casino restaurant, conducted by William Allen on Second street, is being moved a short distance to make room for other buildings soon to be erected.

We regret the entertainment which was given by Miss Davis was not more a success financially, but it is no doubt due to poor management and lack of interest on the part of some who sold tickets.

At this writing it is growing colder with indications of bad weather.

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MUSCATINE NEWS.
Last Week's Correspondence.

Sunday was quarterly meeting. Services were held by Rev. Bundy.

Mrs. Dora Price, who has been sick, is reported much better at this writing.

Miss Maggie Bradley after a pleasant visit of two weeks at the home of Dr. Peter Townley, left for her home in Moline Wednesday morning.

Mr. Frank Jones, of Moline, was a guest at the home of Dr. Townley Tuesday.

There are several strange colored gentlemen in the city and are employed at the Commercial House.

The D. Y. W. Y. K. club gave a reception Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Rosetta Watson in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Townley. Each member brought a guest. A splendid supper was served and the guests departed at a late hour voting the club as royal entertainers.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pearson is quite sick.

Mr. F. K. Holbrook, of Tipton, and Mrs. Ida Buckner, of Wilton, were united in marriage on the 18th. Mr. Holbrook was a student at the state university. He has accepted a position at Franklin's blacksmith shop in South Muscatine.

Rev. Gordon was a passenger for Iowa City Saturday to hold services.

A little girl has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baines. They are justly proud as this is the first girl.

There will be an entertainment at the church Thursday evening. A debate will be one of the features of the evening.

Mr. Samuel Baines entertained a few of his friends at a 3 o'clock dinner Sunday.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Ladies' Industrial Cirlce met last week with Mrs. M. A. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Persons are now located at 717 Ninth avenue, where they will be pleased to see their friends.

Otis White came down from Mechanicsville for an over Sunday visit last week. He has taken unto himself a better half. Let the good work go on.

Quite a number of our people went to Iowa City last week to participate in a cake walk.

Rev. Bass will begin a series of meetings Sunday night. Every one should by all means attend.

News is somewhat scarce this week.

The Sunday school board and teachers' meeting will be held this week with Mrs. Della Marshall of South Seventh street. They will elect officers for the ensuing year.

Miss Ella Martin took part in a concert given Monday evening by the high school glee club at the school. She is a member of the class of 1901. Success to her.

Bessie Oliphant was on the sick list last week.

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TAUGHT A GOOD LESSON.

Below we print a clipping from the Nebraska State Journal of Tuesday, the 23rd inst.:

"I. E. Williamson, a colored attorney of Des Moines, who is in Lincoln on legal business, complained last evening because he was refused accommodations in a restaurant at 1224 O street unless he would consent to pay $1.50 for a meal that was advertised on the bill of fare for 15 cents. Mr. Williamson refused to do this and he says he will swear out a complaint this morning against Mr. Orr, the proprietor. In explanation of the matter, the proprietor told the colored man that the owner of a restaurant had the privilege of raising his prices for colored people or any other people at any time. Mr. Williamson says this is not "full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privlieges of inns, resturants, public conveyances, barber shops, theaters, and other places of amusement" as guaranteed to all persons by the civil rignts act of this state. The penalty for the first offense is a fine or not less than $25 nor more than $100."

The arrangement in the afternoon. Defendant pleaded guilty and paid his fine and said to the court that he wanted no more discrimination for him. That he had enough. It is strange that yet up here in the great northwest there remains some few old mossbacks who are tinged with hatred and color prejudice that they are yet unwilling to accord a gentleman equal accommodations but this one act of making the proprietor suffer is a good example and will deter others in public places who might hold some discriminating ideas.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FORMER IOWA MAN.

Special to Bystander.

Christianburg, Va. Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your esteemed paper to give an account of myself to my many friends in all parts of fair Iowa. For my four year's stay in Muchakinock and my connection with the work of the Iowa Baptist association brought me in touch with a number of people, and permitted me to form several endearing friendships. From time to time it has occurred to me that all these people have looked into the columns of your paper for some word from me and that they will follow my work here with as much interest as was manifested while I was there. I want to be one of your permanent subscribers, and keep in touch with the work of our people throughout the state. I have seen so much in my travel of nearly four thousand miles that I might write a lengthy account of what I have seen and experienced, but as this would take too much time and space I will devote myself to telling of my new field of labor.

My stay in Richmond was very short. Application had been made from this field to the president of the university there for some one to take charge here, and I flatter myself that Providence has suffered me to be there to become the fortunate one to receive the president's recommendation. I came here and began revival meetings November 5, and in the course of three weeks thirty-three souls proposed conversion, and seven backsliders were reclaimed.

I left here to accept an invitation to Ann Arbor, Mich., and while there received the call to take charge here as permanent pastor. During my stay in Michigan I was also called to that field, but could not somehow resist the impression that duty called me here. So I returned to Iowa to get my family, having while there to see numbers of my old friends, especially at Muchakinock. How I have regretted that the smallpox scare was so intense that it was thought unwise for me to meet my old congregation, for the distance is so great and the responsibilities are so grave it may be many days before I may be so near to them again. A large part of the pleasure of this life is in meeting old friends.

Now we are in the old state from which many of Iowa's old citizens have gone. I confess that Virginia has some charms for me, not because it was the place of my birth, but because there are so many of our people, that our congregation may easily be counted by the hundreds, and because our people out of their small earnings are buying homes and farms, educating their children, looking for higher things and living in peace. As to racial prejudices, I have so far been brought so little in contact with it as to be unable to speak concerning it.

I look out of all the windows in our dwelling upon scenery transcendantly sublime. It defies description. When on last Sunday our choir sang

"We are dwelling on the mountains,
Where the golden sunlight gleams,
In a land whose wondrous beauty
Far exceeds my fondest dreams,"

they spoke my sentiments concerning the scenery here. It is not the toil of art that has produced this beauty, but nature's own wondrous hand that threw up these mountains, kissing the distant horizon and holding converse with the clouds, that shaped those rugged hills and covered them with trees. I am longing for the springtime to clothe these hills in their drapery of living green, and to give us the pure air, refreshing and invigorating.

As to our church, while there may be larger ones in many places, there is none better. Our membership is about five hundred, and if once some of my old friends were in their intelligent, spiritual meetings, they would not wonder that I am so much pleased.—Continued.

Special to Bystander.

Mrs. F. Miller, of Burlington, is visiting her sister for a few days.

Bethel A. M. A. church is carrying on revival meetings conducted by their pastor, Rev. T. Reeves.

Rev. Reeves is well liked by all who know him. Last week the young men gave him a very fine silk hat, and the older men presented him with a pair of patent leather shoes.

Our choir did some beautiful singing Sunday night that was highly complimented by all who heard them sing.

The fourteen willing workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Woodard Wednesday.

The Sunday school will elect new officers Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Lows.

Mrs. G. Reeder is on the sick list. Grandma Johnson is improving.

Mrs. Low entertained the Sewing Circle last week.

We need an agent for the Bystander.

The normal meets every week.

Each week we get a new member. Keokuk is all right.

Special to Bystander.

Mr. Editor:: Permit me a word for the A. M. E. church at Clarinda, Iowa. We have just closed a successful fair of two nights, January 1st and 2nd, and now a successful revival meeting is being carried on, and all the members are spiritually benefited, and in our Sunday school as well. The church is in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the disadvantages undergone along the line. God is leading her beside still waters by His power.

Special to Bystander.

SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

The men are out attending their meeting as they should. We hope they have'nt got tired as the cause is a grand one and should interest every young man in the city, some excellent papers are being read by some of our ladies, come out and hear them.

The ladies sewing circle will give their Bazaar on the 11th a good time is promised. There will be a program and refreshments.

The Carpet Committee will give their concert on the 57th of Feb.

The Clock Committee with Mrs. E. Grant, as Chairman has purchased an elegant eight-day regulator, which now hangs in the church.

Mesdames John and Chas. Williams have been on the sick list.

Mr. E. Smith has returned to Yankton.

Mr. E. E. Cumley has arrived.

Mr. H. Whiddon has gone to Yankton.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS

B. F. left Thurfday morning for Ottumwa where he will make his future home, His family will go later.

Mr. Bert Crawford has returned from a visit at Davenport, and his old home, West Liberty.

Miss Kate Carter returned from her holiday visit at Muchakinodk, Tuesday evening.

Mr. D. Short has been a sufferer from quinsy the past week.

Mr. Chas. Bell came home from Des Moines and other western points, last Monday.

Mr. Milton Thomsson will give a cake walk at Oxford, the 19inst.

Mr. Walter Martin was in Cedar Rapids from Wedensday until Friday of last week; securing walkers for the cake walk, which he will give here the 17inst.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Corinthian Baptist Church—situated on 11th St., between Crocker and School Sts. Preaching: at 11 A. M.; Sunday School; at 12 o'clock Preaching, at 7 P. M.
Rev. S. Bates, Pastor.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. F. J. Peterson, pastor.

First African Baptist Church—Corner School and B. streets. Rev. J. Underwood pastor, Preaching 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school 2:30 p. m., Mrs. E. L. Noble, Superintendent; Young People's meeting 7 p. m., preaching 7:30 p. m.

Burn's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street.—Sunday services, preaching at 11:00 a. m and 4 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30. Prayer and Class meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. G. W. Holmes, pastor, 220 Des Moines street.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets Third Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—East Second and Walnut. J. F. Blagburn, W. M.; G. H. Cleggett, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 8.—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Cleggett, Rec.

Charity Lodge, No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, P. S.

Naomi Court, No. 3—meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.

Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susan White, matron; Mrs. Flora Majors, secretary.

Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World No 178 Victoria Lodge—meets every Monday evening at Webster's Hall, corner of Tenth Center streets. Mrs. E. A. Wood, Proctor. Mrs. Rose Johnson, Secretary



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E. A. Higins received relief of a dreadful attack of sciatic rheumatism, in one treatment was able to return to work.

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A Baby's Cry.

A moderately intimate acquaintance with infants enables one to distinguish, almost from birth, three cries—the healthy yell, by which the child exercises his lungs, the fretting of moderate discomfort, and the acute cry of pain, the latter two including at first hunger, thirst, and dissatisfaction. By the end of three months the nurse or mother should be able to distinguish the fretting of actual physical discomfort from that of restlessness, and the sharp cry of pain from the less acute announcement of thirst, hunger, etc., while anger imparts a characteristic quality to the cry. If the baby is comfortably dressed and properly fed he will be less likely to be fretful and crying.—Dr. A. L. Benedict in the January Woman's Home Companion."

A Point in Carving Etiquette.

The adept carver will not ask the guest of honor which is his or her favorite piece. We will give the one we would honor the cut of fish next the tail, that nearest the head being next choice; the emperor's muscle and oyster of the turkey, with a bit of brown fat added as a tribute to palate discrimination; the tenderloin of steak, the hock of the leg, the tenderloin with kidney of the saddle (with some brown fat); the loin of the hare or squirrel, the rib of the sucking pig. Other guests will express their preference promptly when asked, that none may be kept waiting.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in the January Woman's Home Companion.

Louisiana Rice Is Red.

The rice planters and millers of Southwestern Louisiana are having some trouble with the crop this season. For some unaccountable reason a considerable percentage of it is red. This is not the first season that red grains have appeared among the white, to be sure, but never before has the proportion been so large. An examination by chemists has shown that the red rice is equally nutritious as white. The value of the article as a matter of food is not in the least injured by the red grains. But the fact remains that the colored grains injure the sale of the rice they appear in.

Humors of Examination.

The humors of examination papers were further illustrated by Dr. Haig Brown, who, in speaking at the City of London college upon the responsibility which rested upon examiners in weighing fragments of knowledge, said that the question, "What are the Chiltern Hundreds?" once received the reply, "Small animals which abound in great numbers in cheese." The inquiry, "What is a cherub?" elicited, in its turn, the answer, "An immoral being of uncertain shape."—London Chronicle.

The Population of London.

Last year's statistics show that the population of London is 4,484,717. For every 1,000 inhabitants there were thirty births and 17.7 deaths. The number of infants who died in their first year was 158 for every 1,000 births. During the period extending from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was lower than in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and Copenhagen; but in 1897 it increased to such an extent that it is now very little lower than that of most European cities, Rome included.

Slaves in New York State.

Immigration officials say that many foreigners in this country are living in a condition of abject slavery. At Avon, N. Y., there is a colony of 270 Italians who are under the direct control of one man, who hires them to farmers and fruit growers and takes most of their earnings, while those who perform the labor get little more than enough to eat, and are housed in buildings little better than cattle sheds.

Plum Pudding the Rage in London.

A plum pudding craze has broken out in London. One firm sold 600,000 pounds of puddings three weeks before Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed in these, ranging from buttons, gold sovereigns and half sovereigns to thimbles and diamond rings. One pudding ordered had in it a diamond and opal brooch worth $500, enclosed in a silver box.

Centenary of Electricity.

"Electricity as we know it" is just 100 years old. In 1799 the Italian scientist Volta gave definite form to the method of producing the current, and it is from his name that we have the term "voltmeter" to describe the instrument which measures the force of the current, and "volt" as the unit of that measurement.

Art in Venice.

Venice has had three international art exhibitions since 1895, and all of them have been successful. The last one, which closed on Nov. 13, occasioned the sale of $70,000 worth of paintings, 19 per cent of which went into the pockets of non-Italian artists.

High Collars Injurious.

Doctors say that the high collars so much worn by both men and women are productive of dire physical results. The head is thus thrown forward to relieve the back of the neck, and this narrows the chest and decreases the lung capacity.

Mast and Sails.

The highest masts of sailing vessels are from 160 to 180 feet high, and spread from 60,000 to 100,000 square feet of canvas.

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RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Dundonald Reported to Have Entered With 1,800 Men.

DURBAN, Natal, Jan. 22.—The statement comes from an excellent source in Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,800 men. This is not confirmed from any other quarter, but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting well to the left of the line of advance.

Monday's Fighting.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following, dated Spearman's camp, January 22, 4:15 p. m.:

"General Warren continues pushing, though he is necessarily making very slow progress, as the Boers are numerous and strongly entrenched. Our infantry are working over parallel ridges, while Lord Dundonald's cavalry is lying well out on the left flank and awaiting developments. The Boers contest every inch of the ground. This morning General Warren's artillery opened fire, but the Boers did not reply and our fire became less hot."

BRITISH WOUNDED.

Nearly Three Hundred Wounded in Saturday's Battle.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The war office posted a dispatch from General Buller, dated January 21, 10 a. m., in which he gave the following list of wounded in the action near Ventor's Spruit Saturday: Colonel B. Hamilton, staff officer; Major C. McGregor, staff officer; Major F. English, Second Dublin Fusiliers; Captain C. D. Vaughan, First Border Rifles; Captain R. B. Blunt, Second Lancashire Fusiliers; Captain C. A. Hensley, Second Dublin Fusiliers (since dead;) Second Lieutenant Murier, First Border Rifles; Second Lieutenant P. D. Stewart, Second Gordons; Second Lieutenant M. G. Crofton, Second Lancashire Fusiliers; Second Lieutenant A. H. Keirry, First York and Lancashires; two hundred and seventy-nine noncommissioned officers and men.

GET A PACK TRAIN.

Americans Abandon Twenty-two Horses to the Enemy.

MANILA, Jan. 23.—The escort of 50 men of Company C, Thirtieth infantry, Lieut. Ralston commanding, which was ambushed near Lipa, as already cabled, consisted of 50 convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon the pack train from three sides. The Americans, in addition to their casualties, were compelled to abandon the train which consisted of 22 horses. The latter, with their packs, all fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles, until the Americans were re-inforced.

SITUATION OUTSIDE OF NATAL.

All Forces Are Resting on Their Arms While Buller Fights.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The British in the districts in South Africa continue inactive. Lord Methuen's thirteen thousand men remain behind their works. General French's four thousand at Rensberg, were aroused Sunday by a general alarm that the Boers were attacking, but it turned out that there was no basis for this. General Gatacre is quiescent at Colesburg. At Ladysmith the deaths from enteric fever and dysentery average ten a day. Some fears are expressed that the garrison may be so worn by privation and disease as to be unable to do much in the way of helping General Buller.

THE TOWN OF TAAL IS TAKEN.

Insurgents Lost Ten Killed and Two Cannon Captured.

MANILA, Jan. 23.—Two companies of the Forty-sixth infantry, under Major Johnson, and three companies of the Thirty-eighth infantry, commanded by Major Muir, defeated 800 insurgents at Taal, province of Batangas, Saturday, taking the town. The United States gunboat Marietta also shelled the place. The insurgents had four cannon, two of which were captured. Two Americans were wounded and ten insurgent dead were found on the field.

Asks for New Armament.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23.—In the Swedish budget, which balances nearly 150,000,000 kroners, and which is the largest on record, King Oscar asks for forty-six new batteries of artillery by the end of 1903. One hundred thousand new Mausers are to be manufactured, and 50,000,000 cartridges, to be in store within four years. A credit is asked for a trial mobilization of the army reserves. Another important item in the budget is the railway appropriation of 20,000,000 kroners, one-fourth of which is to be applied in the purchase of new rolling stock.

Illinois Engineers Meet.

Moline, Ill., Jan. 26.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Illinois Society of Engineers and Surveyors opened here with a good attendance of members from many parts of the state.

Will Not Treat with Employes.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 26.—Officials of three of the big anthracite coal companies have announced that under no circumstances will they treat with the United Mine Workers of America.

Boers Claim Small Losses.

Brussels, Jan. 25.—Since the beginning of the war to the battle of Colenso the Boers say they have lost 212 killed, 6[illegible] wounded—eighty of whom have recovered—and 200 prisoners.

Jesse James, Jr., to Marry.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26.—Invitations are out for the wedding of Jesse James, Jr., son of the notorious bandit, and Miss Stella McGown of this city.

Flames in Mining Camps.

Boulder, Colo., Jan. 26.—A large part of the town of Ward, a mining camp in the mountains, fifteen miles from this city, was destroyed by fire.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

COKE OVENS FOR DES MOINES.

Kilian Seibel Addresses the Commercial Exchange About Them.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—Kilian Seibel, representing the company which projects the erection of a battery of coke ovens in Des Moines, addressed a largely attended meeting of the Commercial Exchange with reference to the project. The company proposes to invest $85,000 in a coke oven plant, standing ready to bring in an outside company, which shall erect a $200,000 gas works to distribute and sell cheap fuel gas to down town plants. The plans now contemplate that the coke ovens shall be built during the summer. About ninety Des Moines laboring men will be required, much skilled labor being brought in for the construction of the plant. Mr. Seibel said that for many years it had been thought western coal could not be coked, but the new process, called the Hemmingway, which is used by the Universal Fuel Company, which Mr. Seibel represents, will enable the great state of Iowa to coke all of its immense quantities of coal. The gas will be used for fuel only. It is the intention, said Mr. Seibel, of the company to furnish fuel for all the manufacturing industries in the city. The liquors arising from the manufacture will be sent east. The ovens to erected in Iowa will be built in the order named: One hundred ovens in Ottumwa, 100 in Des Moines, 100 in Council Bluffs, 100 in Davenport, and 100 in Dubuque. Owing to the great interest taken in the matter by the people of Ottumwa, Mr. Seibel said that the company would build the first ovens there.

AN IOWA HOLD-UP.

Highwayman Attempts to Rob Two Men Near Peterson.

PETERSON, Jan. 26.—Charles Gropenthen and Alfred Peterson when driving up the hill south of Peterson were assailed by a highwayman, who, failing to find any money or valuables on their persons, ordered them to "git," and to do so quickly. They went off in a hurry and at once organized a posse, who surrounded the robber and demanded his surrender. Finding escape impossible, he shot himself through the heart, dying almost instantly. From papers found on his person it was ascertained that his name was Chris Nelson, but his place of residence is unknown, he being a total stranger in the vicinity.

BUILD THIS YEAR.

Des Moines' Inter-Urban Line to the Southwest.

DES MOINES, Jan. 24.—President Polk and General Manager Hippee, of the Des Moines Street Railway Company, have gone to New York, where they will meet a number of capitalists who are interested in the proposed inter-urban line from Des Moines to Winterset and other points to the southwest. For some weeks it has been believed that the construction of the proposed line would be deferred a year, but during the past two weeks encouragement of a substantial character has come to light and there now seems little doubt but the work will be started early in the spring.

SHAW DECLINES.

He Will Not Be a Candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—It is stated decisively by Governor Shaw's friends at the state house that the governor will not be a candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States. They are free to say that in conferences with them Governor Shaw has asserted he would not permit his name to go before the national convention as a candidate for that office. As the statements made by the state officials are directly authorized by the governor, the statement of his position may be regarded as final.

After the Tax Dodgers.

ACKLEY, Jan. 26.—Four separate petitions have been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court, claiming of certain persons over $38,000 on omitted taxes. The petitions state in brief that the defendants are indebted to Franklin county in the sums given below, upon property, moneys and securities that had been fraudulently withheld, overlooked or omitted, or from other cause not listed for taxation, which property is subject to taxation and has not been taxed for the period of five years last past.

Alleged Misuse of the Mails.

DES MOINES, Jan. 26.—C. E. Jordan, of this city, was arrested on a charge of fraudulently using the mails. Jordan is charged with operating three fraudulent establishments—in Kansas City, Mo., in Omaha, Neb., and in Des Moines. He advertised for traveling men to sell a harness oil, and required each to deposit $50 before beginning work. When some of them got stranded he refused to pay their expenses and held on to the $50 deposit. It is alleged the whole scheme was a swindle to get the deposits.

Murder is Suspected.

CLINTON, Jan. 25.—A body found along the Milwaukee road, at the end of the bridge near Sabula, was identified as the remains of J. T. Smith, of Clarksville. The top of his head was crushed. The theory is that he was murdered by some criminal he was pursuing, as he was a member of the American Detective Association. The matter is being investigated by the coroner.

A Woolen Mill Quits.

CLINTON, Jan. 21.—The company operating the woolen mills at Maquoketa has decided to close the same and offer the machinery for sale. The mill is an old institution and has long been noted for its excellent work. Improved machinery of the later and larger mills has left it without a profit for several years, and the stockholders have decided to quit.

Crushed By a Limb of a Tree.

CLINTON, Jan. 25.—Chris Nissen, 50 years of age, was fatally injured and has since died. A limb of a tree fell, crushing his skull. He never regained consciousness.

MUST PAY ON ALL.

Estates Amounting to Over $1,000 Subject to Tax.

DES MOINES, Jan. 26.—In the case of John Herriott, state treasurer, appellant, vs. Seldon Bacon, executor of estate of Sarah F. Ransom, from the Johnson county district court, the opinion of the lower court has been reversed by the supreme court. The estate paid an inheritance tax on all bequests to collateral heirs less $1,000, and the treasurer brought action to recover the tax on the $1,000 deducted. His view is sustained by the supreme court, which holds that "the intention of the legislature must have been to exempt all estates of less value than $1,000, and when exceeding in value such sum all property passing to collateral heirs should be subject to the inheritance tax."

BREVITIES.

Smallpox has appeared at Redfield, eleven miles west of Adel.

W. D. Sansom, who compelled, at point of a revolver, the assistant cashier of a Sac City bank to hand over more than $500, was sentenced by Judge F. H. Helsell, of Sioux Rapids, to two years in the penitentiary. The defense sought in vain to prove that Sansom was insane.

At Dubuque recently the Clinton case of Langan vs. several insurance companies, which refused to pay him for losses sustained by fire, was decided by Judge Shiras in favor of plaintiff for the full amount of his policies, $20,000. The companies involved are the Aetna, Spring Garden, Palatine and Alliance. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Articles of incorporation for the Murray & Creston Ry. Co. have been filed for record in Burlington, the authorized capital stock of the corporation being $2,000,000. The incorporators are: C. P. Squires, W. N. McFarland, Wm. Carson, W. W. Baldwin and C. M. Levey, all stockholders and officers of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The incorporation is to cover the new tracks to be built by the Burlington road, between Murray and Creston, changing the present single track to a double track. The capital stock represents the amount of money to be spent in improvements by the Burlington system in addition to those already made.

Without taking any action, endorsing any particular measure or adopting any resolutions, the Iowa Engineers' Society concluded its sessions, at Des Moines recently, after discussing and showing a decided preference for the Lewis good roads bill, recently introduced in the state senate. This bill provides for county and state systems of taxation and road building, and the employment by the state executive council of an engineer to superintend the making of good roads. The bill was not formally considered, but it was discussed at great length. Officers were elected by the society for the ensuing year as follows: President, Anson Marston, Ames; vice-president, Lowell H. Stone, Des Moines; secretary-treasurer, Seth Dean, Glenwood

The caucus of legislative members interested in the establishment of new normal schools in Iowa, recently indicated to the lobbyists for location of the new schools, who are much in evidence about the legislative halls, that it would be much to their liking if they would all go home and await the decision of the legislature on the main question, as to whether any schools at all should be established. This was not done in an offensive manner. The members simply indicated to lobbyists by the terms of a resolution, the lobbyists quickly grasping the situation that there was danger of the main proposition being defeated if the fight on location was allowed to assume any larger proportions at present. A committee was appointed by the caucus to draft a bill for the establishment of the schools and report at another caucus.

Members of the legislature, comprised of the house committee on industrial schools and members most interested in a change in the industrial school conditions, visited the institution at Mitchellville. The school was thoroughly investigated and after supper a conference was held with the leading citizens of the town at the hotel, where an exchange of views took place. As a result of the visit, the members of the committee came back with the idea that they will make numerous recommendations for changes in the institution, endorsing largely those made by the board of control. At the conference the fact was brought out that the citizens of the town are incensed at the reports sent out about the institution and believe that they have been grossly misrepresented. Members of the committee expressed the opinion that such was the case, and that the citizens of the town are to be credited with every laudable effort in placing the school on a proper footing.

Des Moines dispatch: The extensive railroad building the past year does not seem to injure the prospect for an increased number of miles of new track in 1900. The latest in railroad construction is the building of the Muscatine, Tipton & Northern. The line will be built between Muscatine and Independence, via Tipton and Anamosa. The project has been talked of for several months, but late events give the story color of truth. It is thought that the management of this new line will be slightly related to the Chicago & Northwestern. While the roads may be operated separately yet it is understood they will have on "understanding" as to "freight connections." The old grade between Muscatine and Tipton will be utilized, with the exception of a few miles. Engineer T. B. Tobie has completed the survey between the two latter towns and if the weather permits the corps will continue the work to Independence. The road will touch but very few towns between Anamosa and the termination of the new line. The country which is to be tapped is very fertile and it is expected that many new towns will spring up. The towns that the new road will touch are Muscatine, Tipton, Olin, Newport, Anamosa, Prairiesburg, Cogen and Independence.

That Mysterious Major...

...BY...

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CHAPTER XI.

"I ask him! Do you dream for one moment that I shall ask him for it?" Evelyn opened her eyes in amazement. She began to think she had perhaps made a mistake in pretending she had been an interested listener to the recent conversation.

"Certainly! Did you not understand me? You have merely to say you wish for the check in order to compare it with your own signature, and the rest becomes easy. Lady Howard, you quite agree with me?"

"And do you suppose that Major Brown's suspicions will not be aroused at once?" exclaimed Evelyn, caring nothing either for her aunt's or for Falkland's opinion upon the subject. "No—it is ridiculous! It would be worse than useless!"

"But, Eve dear, surely Mr. Falkland must know better than you."

"He may, of course; but, for all that, I should not like to be the one to make the attempt. If you think your plan will answer, though, why not ask Major Brown yourself?" she added, turning a somewhat indignant look upon Gilbert Falkland. "You have always disliked him; so you ought to be satisfied now if there is a chance of convicting him of forgery."

"Yes, Miss Luttrell, you are right—I had my suspicions of him from the first," returned Falkland, a rather peculiar expression coming into his face. "I never dreamed, however, that they would be so speedily realized. But, as to your suggestion. I would willingly follow it if I could, only it is ten to one that where he would most probably comply with one of your requests mine would absolutely fail. But think it over to yourself for half an hour. Anyhow, we must do something to-night. Every moment is of consequence, and—— We must secure it—if not by fair means—well, in such a case as this I suppose any means are allowable!"

Evelyn's only answer was a deep sigh as she rose slowly to her feet and turned away with a strange inexplicable longing to be left alone to her own thoughts, conflicting ones though they were, to be worried by no more cross-questioning or cynical taunts concerning the man whom, despite her short acquaintance with him and her aunt's strong prejudices, she was beginning to regard with something which was not exactly mere interest.

No wonder, therefore, that this latest affair had been to her like a blow, that for the time being she was simply stunned by the seriousness of the discovery. She could hardly believe that everything had been done with one aim and object in view, that all the Major's attentions, his numerous little acts of kindness to both her aunt and herself, had been part of a deeply laid scheme. It was too terrible to think how easily she had been duped, how she had been carried away by his well assumed courtesies, in many cases falling readily into the traps which had been so ingeniously contrived for her. Yet, as she reviewed the past two weeks, it seemed incredible to her that it should really be so—that a man who could commit such a deliberate felony could at the same time possess such fascinating manners and appear, as he always did, so thoroughly at his ease.

It was growing dark when Evelyn roused herself wearily from her somewhat harassing reveries, and turned her footsteps in the direction of the brilliant lamplight which was streaming forth from Lady Howard's room.

Her aunt had disappeared some time previously, alarmed no doubt by the heavily falling dew, and it was only as the hour was struck by some distant clock that Evelyn remembered she would be waiting for her to make her coffee.

Great was her astonishment, however, as she drew slowly nearer and nearer, to hear the sound of voices and to behold not only her aunt, but two other figures sitting in the shade of the veranda. One was Falkland—she would have recognized his pale, rather cadaverous-looking face a mile away—and the other—— Oh it was absurd! She must be dreaming! It was beyond the bounds of possibility! It could not be Major Brown!

Whether it was beyond the bounds of possibility or not, it was certainly the Major who sprang up at her approach, and who moved his chair to one side to allow her to pass with that same spontaneous courtesy which had struck her from the first.

"Dear me, child, where have you been? I thought you were lost!" exclaimed her ladyship by way of greeting. "Ring the bell, dear, and say we are ready for coffee. They are later than usual this evening."

But Evelyn did not utter a word as she passed silently through into the sitting room. At the sight of the Major her heart had given one tremendous bound, and now it was beating almost to suffocation. What was he doing there? What could be the reason? Never before had she seen either her aunt or Falkland making themselves so obviously agreeable to him. Never before had he even been made welcome to their room.

"Miss Luttrell"—it was Falkland who had followed her through the window—"this will be your opportunity. You cannot have a better chance. Go out the instant your aunt leaves the veranda, and in as casual a way as possible try to gain possession of that check."

At the sound of the low, rather hurried words, Evelyn started slightly and suddenly dropped the parasol which she was swinging slowly to and fro in her hand.

"The check!" she gasped, gazing wildly round.

There was no need to wonder any longer what the unusual affability meant. The Major had not been proclaimed innocent of the forgery, as she in a vague sense of despair had almost imagined. It was clear why he had been welcomed so warmly into their private room; and yet, as her eyes rested for one brief moment upon the accused as he stood talking to her aunt, a handsome, wonderfully distinguished-looking man in his faultless evening dress, all her old feelings of incredulity came back to her as forcibly as ever. She forgot any doubts and suspicions that she had, never for an instant remembered the episode of the birthday book and the strange manoeuvres he had adopted to secure a specimen of her writing and her signature, and with a decided shake of her head put an immediate veto upon Falkland's carefully worked out plan.



"IS THAT THE COFFEE AT LAST?"

"Then you refuse to do anything in the matter? Really, Miss Luttrell, you astonish me!" observed Falkland, a cynical smile curling his lips. "But you have a tender heart, I suppose, and dislike the thought of your elegant friend being provided with a suit of broad arrows at the nation's expense."

"I refuse," returned Evelyn, her head erect, her eyes flashing, "simply because I am certain that Major Brown is as innocent of forging that check as"—pausing to add greater emphasis to her words—"as you are!"

"Oh, very well—there is nothing more to be said, I suppose!" was Falkland's calm reply as he turned away and, without even attempting to argue the point further, walked across to the other side of the room.

Evelyn looked after him with an air of satisfaction, and then drew a sigh of relief. She was agreeably surprised by the way in which he had received her refusal: knowing that he owed the Major a grudge from the very first, she had felt that, if he could annoy him over anything he would assuredly avail himself of the earliest opportunity. But what was the meaning of this alteration of his manner, considering how determined he had been a short time ago to secure that check without an instant's delay? He was taking her decided refusal to help him in his scheme with wonderful placidity. Yes—he was too calm—far too calm. He must have some other plan in his head. Some other plan? Clearly he was not the kind of man to be so plainly balked.

The entrance of one of the waiters with a tray of coffee cups diverted her thoughts for a moment. Moving slowly towards the window again, she stood gazing out on the starlit night. Lady Howard, engrossed in an interesting conversation with Major Brown, turned with a slight start at her approach.

"Is that the coffee at last, Evelyn? You might bring it to us out here—the air is so pleasant this evening."

Miss Luttrell drew a faint sigh. Returning to the small table where the tray had been placed, she found Falkland hovering over the cups and saucers somewhat uneasily, a sugar basin in his hand.

"Let me see, Miss Luttrell—will you make your aunt's coffee? I believe you generally do."

"Yes—I will make it," replied Evelyn, taking up the half-filled cup of coffee which was nearest to her, filling it with cream, and then carrying it off to Lady Howard without offering as much as a glance in Falkland's direction.

She wished he would not thrust his company so persistently upon her. As he knew how detestable his presence was to her, she wondered he had not the delicacy of feeling to remain on the veranda or to absent himself entirely from her aunt's room for the rest of the evening. But no—it seemed as though he took a delight in tormenting her this evening, for, looking around again, she saw him still standing by the table contemplating the coffee cups in the most meaningless fashion.

Evelyn gave a little gesture of impatience and marched boldly past him; even if Falkland was annoying her, it would never do for Major Brown to suffer in consequence. With this object in view, she took up the cream jug, and was trying to reach another cup of coffee, when Falkland stretched out his arm before her and placed one into her hand.

"For Major Brown, I suppose?" he interrogated, with unusual deference.

Evelyn murmured some word of thanks and turned away. But what was it that arrested her attention? What was it that made her start, bend hastily towards the cup, and then, growing whiter than ashes, look round at Falkland?

"By fair means" or "any means." Those were the words he had uttered; and now back in her ears they were ringing, back in her ears she could hear them clanging, clashing, whilst a horrible idea struck her—an idea which seemed almost to paralyze her.

(To be continued.)

UNIQUE COURTSHIP.

There is something very comic according to our notions in the way a Boer manages his love-making. Having asked the permission of his father to court a certain damsel in the neighborhood—by that is meant anywhere within about fifty miles—he proceeds to purchase the most strikingly decorated and loudly colored saddle-cloth for his steed that he can possibly obtain. He will very likely spend a large sum of money on this, for it is a special occasion, and no one knowing the country and the habits of the people will have the least doubt from the appearance of his horse that he is in quest of a bride.

Having made his preparations, he mounts his most spirited horse and journeys to the lady's home, but instead of seeking out the object of his affections he respectfully asks permission of her father to court her. The old man cautiously refrains from answering, but consults his wife, and the youth joins the younger members of the household.

No further notice is taken of the suitor for the rest of the day, but if the parents approve of him, when the rest of the household retire for the night the mother solemnly approaches the young man and maiden with a long tallow candle in her hand. This she places on the table and lights and then, having taken an affectionate farewell of the couple, she retires. This is a sign to the lover that his suit is acceptable. As long as the candle lasts the young people are allowed to sit up and talk.

Doing Penance for Sins.

In former times persons guilty of grievous and notorious offenses were required to make open confession, and further to make satisfaction for the scandal given by their bad example by doing penance publicly in a white sheet in their parish church. The sheet was used to show clearly to everyone which was the offender. The last time that public penance was done in an English church was on Sunday evening, July 30, 1882, when a man named Hartree, in the church of All Saints, East Clevedon, made an open confession of immorality, and promised to perform the penance thus imposed on him by the vicar. No white sheet was used on this occasion. The last case in which one was used appears to have been one in St. Bridget's church, Chester, in 1851. But on that occasion the penance was not public, the church door being locked. In the previous year, however, public penance in a white sheet was done in a country church in Essex, and a similar thing occurred in Ditton church, near Cambridge, in 1849.—Stray Stories.

Metropolitan Beggars' Trust.

The New York police have recently made the discovery that most of the successful beggars in the city belong to a trust. The beggars' trust is said to own a large house in Brooklyn, which provides every description of beggars' supplies, including bogus wooden arms, legs, hump backs, pitiful placards for alleged blind men and cripples, etc. The beggars pay the trust a certain percentage of their earnings, and the trust regulates the hours of their labor, selects the districts, furnishes a list of charitably disposed people, and looks after members when ill The police say that several wealthy and cultured mendicants belonging to the trust live in fashionable flats. Several attended the grand opera last season, and one rides in his own carriage

Dewey Salve.

From the New York Press: One of the big firms in the shopping district decorated the front of its store with an immense portrait of Dewey and beneath it placed the word "salve" in large letters. A stranger in town, much pleased at the decoration, openly expressed his admiration, but, being a trifle short on Latin and not understanding that "salve" meant hail! instead of ointment, remarked indignantly: "Don't you think it's a pity that people will spoil a fine picture of Dewey like that one by trying to advertise with it a poultice for wounds and bruises?"

"The memory of man," remarked the Stockton sage, "differs from romance in that it usually runneth not to the contrary."

A Wonderful Youth.

Mr. Hoon—Clarence Broadhead is the most remarkable young man of my acquaintance.

Mrs. Hoon—How so?

Mr. Hoon—Why, he never tries to act cute at a church festival.

The Craving for Stimulants

Has lately attracted a great deal of attention. The use of them seems to be increasing. This clearly shows an exhausted condition of the nerves and blood, which may be remedied only by strengthening the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do this for you. It cures dyspepsia, constipation and nervousness.

The British government used 124,000 gallons of corn whisky last year in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

"Take Time by The Forelock"

Don't wait until sickness overtakes [illegible] When that tired feeling, the first rh[illegible] matic pain, the first warnings of impu[illegible] blood are manifest, take Hood's Sarsap[illegible] rills and you will rescue your health a[illegible] probably save a serious sickness. Be s[illegible] to get Hood's, because

Hood's Sarsaparil[illegible]

Never Disappoints

An apparatus has been devised automatically photographing people they enter shops and other places.

A MINNESOTA FARMER

Does Well in Western Canada.

VIRDEN, Man., Nov. 18, 1899.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada—Sir: Thinking that my experience in Manitoba might be both useful and interesting to my fellow-countrymen in the United States who may be looking to Manitoba and the northwest with the intention of settling there, I have much pleasure in stating that through information received from Mr. W F McCreary, immigration commissioner at Winnipeg, I was induced to visit Manitoba in February, 1898. When I called upon Mr. McCreary he spared no pains to give me all the information, etc., in his possession, the result of which was that I came here with a letter of introduction from him to the secretary of the Virden Board of Trade. That gentleman provided me with a competent land guide, and, although there was considerable snow on the ground, I had no difficulty in selecting three homesteads for myself and sons. Having made the necessary homestead entries at the land office in Brandon, I returned to my home in Lyon county, Minnesota, and came back here in May following, accompanied by one of my boys, bringing with us two teams of horses, implements, etc. Our first work was to erect a temporary shanty and stable, after which we broke and leveled seventy-five acres and put up thirty tons of hay. I went back to Minnesota about July 20, leaving my son here. I returned in October, bringing my family with me. I found that the land we had acquired was of good quality, being a strong clay loam with clay subsoil. Last spring I sowed 100 acres in wheat and fifty acres in oats and barley. (Seventy-five acres of this grain was sowed on "go-back" plowed last spring.) My crop was thrashed in October, the result being over 2,70[illegible] bushels of grain in all. Wheat [illegible] aged fifteen bushels per acre [illegible] graded No. 1 hard, but that which [illegible] sown on land other than sod [illegible] back") went twenty four and on[illegible] bushels per acre.

To say that I am well pleased [illegible] the result of my first year's farm operations in Manitoba does not adequately express my feelings, and [I] have no hesitation in advising those who are living in districts where land is high in price to come out here, if they are willing to do a fair amount of work. I am ten miles from Virden, which is a good market town, and [illegible] miles from Hargrave, where there [are] two elevators. This summer I ere[cted] a dwelling house of native stone [and] bought a half-section of land adj[oin]ing our homesteads, for which I [paid] a very moderate price. There are some homesteads in this district, [and] land of fine quality can be purch[ased] from the Canadian Pacific Rai[lway] company at $3.50 per acre on lib[eral] terms. Good water is generally f[ound] at a depth of from fifteen to tw[enty] feet. I have 175 acres ready for next year.

The cost of living here is about the same as in southern Minnesota. Some commodities are higher and others lower in price, but the average is about the same. I remain, your obedient servant. (Signed.)

JACOB REICHERT.

Icebergs in the Atlantic sometimes last for 200 years.

Homeseekers' Excursions via the Iowa Central Route.

On January 2d and 16th, February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th and April 3 and 17, 1900, the Iowa Central Railway will sell round trip homeseekers' excursion tickets at rate of one fare plus two dollars, to points in following territory: Arkansas, Arizona, British Columbia, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Manitoba, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Northern Michigan: also to points in Southeast. For full particulars inquire of agents or address the undersigned, GEORGE S. BATTY, G. P. & T. A., Iowa Central Railway, Marshalltown, Ia.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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"I had a bad cough for six weeks and could not find any relief whatever. I read what a wonderful remedy Ayer's Cherry Pectoral was for coughs and I bought a bottle. Before I had taken a quarter of it my cough had entirely left me."—L. Hawn, Newington, Ont., May 3, 1899.

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If you've just taken cold a 25 cent bottle is all you'll need. For harder cases a 50 cent bottle is better. For chronic troubles, and to keep on hand, the $1.00 bottle is most economical.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box.

The bank of England stock fell 11 points in the London stock exchange fright over General Buller's defeat, touching 325.

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NEWS IN GENERAL

BRITISH TAKE SPION KOP.

Reports, Though Meager, Indicate Heavy British Losses.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Advices have been received from Spearman's camp that General Woodgate has succumbed to the wounds he received in the attack upon Spion Kop.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Spearman's Camp dated January 25 at 12:10 a. m.:

"General Warren's troops last night occupied Spion Kop, surprising the small garrison, who fled. It has been held by us all day, though we were heavily attacked, especially by very annoying shell fire. I fear our casualities are considerable, and I have to inform you, with regret, that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded. General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's position untenable. Our men are in splendid condition."

LONDON, Jan. 26.—General Buller's phrase "the men are splendid" thrills England with pride and confidence. His taking and holding of Spion kop are considered permanent advantages. Sir Charles Warren's opinion that miles of adjacent intrenchments are untenable is accepted by most expert observers as obviously true, because of the height of the position, although some point out that it may lack adequate gun platform to resist artillery fire from the two extended lines. It is not likely that General Warren will let go anything he holds, and news of further success is calmly awaited. The military authorities recognize, of course, that in the twelve or fifteen miles between Spion kop and Ladysmith there are continuous defensive positions and rugged hills and ravines which far outrange Spion kop, but they are sure that the troops who have turned the Boers out of difficult places can do it again.

ARMED MEN IN FRANKFORT.

They Are Opposed to Goebel and Warn Legislators.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 26.—A special train bearing over a thousand men carrying Winchester rifles arrived at Frankfort yesterday morning. They are from the counties of Bell, Allen, Knox, Harlan, Whitler, Metcalf and Edmundson. Governor Taylor stated to the Associated Press that they are not soldiers. He disclaimed any knowledge of their identity or the purpose of the armed visitors. Ex-Secretary of State Finley addressed the visitors from the steps of the state house. He said the object of the gathering was to see that justice was done. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee drafted a demand and remonstrance which was presented to the legislature. It reminds the members of the legislature that they are the creatures of the voters of the state, from whom they derive authority. It warns them that there is peril in the situation; that calmness, prudence and wisdom are necessary that truth may prevail. It beseeches them to remember the powers lent them by the people at the polls included the jurisdiction to decide judicially and not otherwise; the people then express their will, not their political preferences. It implores them not to, on slight or technical pretexts or flimsy or trivial causes, permit the submersion of the will of the people. Finally at 9 p. m. the men left for their homes.

MORE VICTORIES.

Schwan Drives the Philippine Insurgents From Intrenchments.

MANILA, Jan. 25.—Part of Gen. Schwan's column, consisting of six companies with some artillery, drove a force of 500 insurgents from their intrenchments at San Diego near San Pablo. The enemy have officially reported that they lost sixty-seven killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed and fourteen wounded, the injuries in most instances being slight. Another battalion, while executing a flank movement, came upon a hundred other rebels in an intrenched position and routed them, killing fifteen. The Americans had two wounded. General Schwan moved against Majayjay, La Guna province, on Tuesday. He found the position almost impregnable but by lowering men down a steep river bank by ropes, he flanked the enemy and drove them out. Part of his command proceeded to Santa Cruz, killing six insurgents.

JAPAN LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

Willing to Send Troops to the Assistance of England.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—K. Hiratati, recently connected with the Japanese war department, who is traveling around the world, after expressing sympathy for England, said Japan would send 30,000 to 40,000 troops to her aid if she would accept them. He added:

"All Japan asks of Great Britain as an ally in war against Russia is to employ part of her fleet in assisting the Japanese fleet to protect the ports of Japan against the fleets of Russia and France, and thus enable Japan's entire military strength to be used for the recovery of Port Arthur, the occupation of Manchuria and the overthrow of Russia's power in China. But the first thing to be done is to free the hands of Great Britain in Africa to take up her work in India."

SENATORIAL REORGANIZATION.

Caucus Held at Which New Officers Are Chosen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The republican caucus of the senate decided definitely upon the reorganization of the elective officers of that body and nominated Hon. Charles Bennett, of New York, for secretary to succeed Hon. William R Cox, and Hon. Daniel M. Ramsdell, of Indiana, for sergeant-at-arms, to succeed Col. R. J. Bright. J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, was a candidate for secretary, and tied Bennett on the first ballot. Alonzo Stewart, of Iowa, was a candidate for sergeant-at-arms and received 20 votes to 24 for Ramsdell.

Chicago Drainage Canal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—At the clo... of the case of the state of Misso... against the Chicago drainage ... the supreme court decided ... the attorney general of Mis... a bill making the summons ... ants returnable April 22, b... to issue a temporary injun... the operation of the cana...

CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A speech, sensational in its interest and international in its importance, was delivered in the senate by Hale, of Maine. The occasion of the utterance was the simple question whether a resolution introduced by Allen calling for information as to the recognition by this country of diplomatic representation of the Transvaal republic should be directed to the president or to the secretary of state. Hale made the question the text of an impassioned speech, in which he declared that nine-tenths of the American people sympathized with the Boers in their gallant struggle for liberty against one of the greatest powers in the world. He denied that the American people were "in sympathy with Great Britain in the South African war to stamp out the liberty of a people," and when Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons, made such a statement, "he should be met with some disclaimer from this side of the Atlantic." Hale spoke with unusual force, decisiveness and earnestness, even for him, and his passionate eloquence claimed the closest attention of every auditor. The resolution, which previous to Hale's speech had caused a sharp colloquy between Allen and Spooner, was finally passed as amended.

HOUSE.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying $145,245,250, was passed by the house to-day. It was made the vehicle of an attack upon the commissioner of pensions by Curtis, rep., of Kansas, who was ably seconded by Lentz and Norton of Ohio and Roberts of Indiana and other northern democrats. All inveighed against lack of liberality in the administration of the pension laws. The commissioner was ably defended by a score of members from both sides of the house.

HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Reports of the special committee of investigation in the case of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, were presented to the house to-day. The majority report, signed by Chairman Taylor and six of his associates, is a voluminous document and is accompanied by a summary of the law and facts. It gives the details of the hearings, the ample opportunities afforded to Mr. Roberts to present his case, his refusal to testify and the unanimous finding of facts, heretofore published, that Roberts is guilty of living in polygamy. A minority report favors swearing Roberts in as a member and then expelling him

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Platt of New York introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite Great Britain to join in the promotion of an international commission to examine and report on the diversion of the waters that are the boundaries of the two countries referred to. A resolution of Rawlins of Utah for an inquiry into the extent of polygamy practiced, and what, if any stress, is necessary for its prevention, in the United States and places over which they have jurisdiction, was passed. Pritchard spoke in advocacy of his resolution relating to the proposed amendment to the constitution of North Carolina, which, if adopted, he claimed, would disfranchise a large class of voters of the state, white as well as black. He was followed by Turner of Washington on the Philippine question, opposing the policy of the administration.

HOUSE.

The house, after transaction of business of minor importance, took up the District of Columbia business, which occupied the time up to adjournment.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Reports of the committee on privileges and elections in the case of Quay, who claims a seat in the senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania, were presented in the senate to-day. The majority report opposes the seating of Quay, while a minority report favors his being seated. Pettigrew of South Dakota, offered a resolution calling for the report of Gen. Bates relative to the treaty with the sultan of Sulu and whether the sultan and his officials were under the civil service. It went over. Caffery presented three resolutions calling for the correspondence with Great Britain on the Clayton Bulwer treaty, with Colombia relative to the Panama canal and with the new Panama canal company of France. They were adopted. Allen's resolution asking for information concerning the sale of the old New York custom house was adopted. Turner, of Washington, concluded his speech on the Philippine question which was begun yesterday.

HOUSE.

The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah, came up before the house to-day. Taylor of Ohio made an argument for the majority report. Littlefield of Maine spoke for the minority report, and then Roberts spoke in his own defense. All of the speakers were vigorously applauded. There was a great outburst of applause in the galleries when Mr. Roberts concluded. Many of the ladies in the galleries were especially demonstrative.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Hale reported from the appropriations committee the urgent deficiency bill. Allen offered a resolution for information relative to the administration of the customs in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. Pettigrew offered a resolution declaring that the United States could not recognize the right of any nation to declare contraband and seize food products as such; that such seizure would be an unfriendly act. Pettigrew spoke in support of his resolution calling on the president for the report of Gen. Bates concerning the treaty with the sultan of Sulu. Senator Spooner asked if he meant to hold the president responsible for the slavery clause in the treaty. Pettigrew said he did. The resolution was adopted.

HOUSE.

The second day's debate in the house upon the Roberts case was less dramatic than that of yesterday. The galleries were almost as crowded, but the leaders were less demonstrative. Speeches were made by Landis, Powers, Miers, Snodgrass, Wilson, Lacey and Crumpacker. The day's debate strengthened the majority resolutions.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 25.—As a result of a speech by Money of Mississippi on the race question Chandler charged the southern senators with reopening the whole southern question after it was supposed to be dead. In answer to charges by Teller and Allen, Allison denied that the senate financial bill permitted the withdrawal of the greenbacks, the silver certificates and the silver dollars. He said no secretary of the treasury would find it possible to do so. The urgent deficiency bill was passed. Among bills introduced was one by Clay, to repeal the war revenue stamp tax.

HOUSE.

The case of Brigham H. Roberts was decided by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him, by a vote of 268 to 50. The exact language of the resolution is as follows: "That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant." The amendment to expel Roberts without seating him, offered by Lacey, was ruled out on a point of order, and the house only voted upon the resolution of the majority and minority of the committee. The latter—to seat and then expel Roberts—was defeated—81 to 244.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Jan. 25.—No business of importance was transacted. Bills were introduced as follows: By Fitzpatrick, prohibiting wholesale liquor dealers from other states from sending solicitors into Iowa to make a house to house canvass for orders; by Hazelton, providing that paving tax shall not be assessed for a greater amount than the property is benefited and legalizing a special tax of not more than five mills from which the difference between the actual benefit derived by property and the cost of the paving shall be paid; by McArthur, permitting the executive council to print extracts from the code; by Young, providing that bodies of paupers shall be turned over to medical schools if the relatives are willing; by Hazelton, providing for the prosecution of barbers who violate the Sunday law; by Griswold, providing that persons signing petitions of candidates for office be required to sign affidavits that they will support the candidate.

HOUSE.

A message was received from the governor announcing the death of Edward Townsend, one of the regents of the state normal school. Bill permitting cities of first class having less than 25,000 population, to levy tax for library purposes, was passed. Bills were introduced as follows: By Sokal, to prohibit the selling or giving of morphine or whisky to any of the inmates of the state institutions; by Steckslaker, to provide the erection of markers and monuments at Shiloh; by Towne, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors; by Jones, relating to the inspection of petroleum; by Sokal, in relation to distribution of text books in districts adopting a uniform series.

OPEN DOOR ASSURED.

Agreement Regarding China Has Been Reduced to Definite Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The success of the negotiations instituted by Secretary Hay with a view of insuring the "open door" for American trade in China, may now be regarded as assured. The last phase of the negotiations was the reduction of the arrangements reached informally to the shape of what are known as definite notes. This work has been going on for some weeks, with the result that every one of the powers that participated in the negotiations has returned to the state department the written agreement, with the exception of Japan and Italy. There is not the slightest doubt in ...ese cases, for Japan was one of the ... of the nations approached by the ...d State to welcome our overtures, ... Italy voluntarily entered the ...otiation without waiting for ad... from the United States. The ...ipt of their formal undertak... ...elieved to be due to a delay in ... for intimations have been ... the effect that they have al... ...n dispatched.

Seaport of the South.

It has long been evident that the rapidly increasing movement of grain and merchandise towards the southern seaboard would demand an increase of shipping facilities on the Mexican Gulf. The most promising seaport city is La Porte, at the head of Galveston Bay. Peculiar natural advantages surround LaPorte, notably its being the fartherest inland seaport on the Gulf, having high dry land with perfect drainage and the purest artesian water, a climate unsurpassed in the south and an attractive city site. The American Land Co., 188 Madison street, Chicago, is interested at La Porte and announces the first general sale of property will be held Feby. 14-17, 1900.

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BULLER IS STRENGTHENED.

Each Day's Delay Brings Up Reinforcements and Supplies.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A Durban special, dated Thursday night, says:

"It is reported here that Lord Dundonald has smashed a Boer convoy. General Buller is said to be within twelve miles of Ladysmith and General Warren to be about six miles to the rear."

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Every hour that General Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger Transports continue to arrive at Durban and fresh troops are being sent up the line to reinforce those at Colenso. It appears that General Buller's troops north of the Tugela number 22,000 and possibly 25,000, with fifty guns. His total forces, forming a great outer curve south and west of Ladysmith, probably number 40,000. While General Buller's forward operations, which began on January 10, develop rather leisurely, the Boers appear to be fully aware that they must meet a strenuous assault. Balloon observers have roughly estimated that 10,000 Boers are using spade and pick in artificially strengthening positions which nature has rendered easy of defense. Military critics in touch with the war office think that news that general fighting has begun may be expected at any hour. It is not thought that one day's fighting will settle the fate of Ladysmith, but rather that there will be two or three days of continuous fighting.

General Buller has telegraphed the war office from Spearman's camp under date of Thursday evening as follows:

"Lord Dundonald with a body of mounted troops came into action this afternoon with a force of Boers west of Acton Homes. After the fight he occupied several kopjes, which he is still holding. Field Cornet Heibrun and 20 Boers were killed and 15 prisoners taken. Two British soldiers were killed and two wounded."

HARD FIGHTING.

Buller's Forces Gradually Approaching Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—It is evident from General Buller's dispatch to the war office and the advices to the Associated Press from Spearman's camp that a big battle is now being fought. As far as can be gathered from these dispatches, the result remains undecided, and unless the Boers withdrew during the night, the engagement, on which hangs the fate of Ladysmith, and which may prove the turning point of the whole war, will be resumed this morning. The war office posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's camp, January 20, evening:

"General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. to-day. By a judicious use of his artillery he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge, for about three miles. The troops are now bivouacking on the ground he has gained, but the main position is still in front of them. The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6:30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

MAKES TREASON OF LYNCHING.

Representative White Introduces a Bill to Prevent Mob Violence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Representative White, of North Carolina, the colored representative of the house, reported a bill for the "protection of all citizens of the United States against mob violence," etc. It provides that all persons shall be protected against being murdered, tortured or burned to death by mobs known as "lynching bees," whether spontaneous or premediated, and all parties participating, aiding or abetting in such affairs are made guilty of treason against the United States government and subject to prosecution in the United States courts.

ALARMING TO THE BRITISH.

Congress Said to Be Prepared to Ignore the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Chronicle says editorially today:

"According to advices we have received from Washington, a canvass of the senate and house of represntatives has placed it beyond dispute that congress will not only pass the Nicaragua canal bill, but will pass it in a form directly at variance with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. This is a statement of decidedly serious importance, and we hesitate to believe that the United States government will commit itself to a course which this country would have regarded as unfriendly.

Osman Digna Captured.

CAIRO, Jan. 21.—News has been received here that Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, has been captured. It had been known that he was in the neighborhood of Tokar six days ago, and several expeditions were organized from Suakim under Captain Burgess, with the result that Osman Digna was taken unhurt in the hills.

Boer Losses Are 6,000.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 22.—Carefully compiled figures from republican sources, some of which have been investigated and found to be correct, show that the Boer losses up to date are approximately 6,425 men, including 2,000 casualties, during the seige of Ladysmith.

Veteran's Mysterious Death.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 23.—Charles Schultz, a veteran of the civil war and a former member of the Ninety-fourth New York regiment, was found dead in bed in a lodging-house here this morning under rather mysterious circumstances. The authorities are investigating the matter. Schultz was an inmate of the Milwaukee National Soldiers' home and had been here for some weeks past. He was known to have had quite a large sum of money recently. He was about 70 years of age

A Russian Warship Ashore.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The Russian ironclad Poltava, 11,000 tons, is dangerously ashore near Libau, on the Baltic. The Poltava's armament consists of four 12-inch guns, twelve 5.9 inch quick firing guns, thirty-four smaller guns and six torpedo tubes. Its cost was $5,500,000.

Losing Anna Gould's Millions.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Matin says it is rumored on the bourse that Count Boni de Castellane, husband of Anna Gould, has lost three million francs by unlucky speculations.

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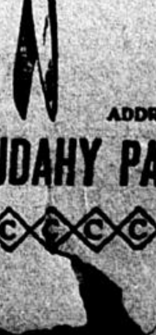
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BELIEF ON LADYSMITH.

Buller Reported to Have Entered with 1,000 Men.

DURBAN, Natal, Jan. 23.—The statement comes from an excellent source in Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,000 men. This is not confirmed from any other quarter, but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting well to the left of the line of advance.

Monday's Fighting.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following, dated Spearman's camp, January 22, 4:15 p. m.:

"General Warren continues pushing, though he is necessarily making very slow progress, as the Boers are numerous and strongly entrenched. Our infantry are working over parallel ridges, while Lord Dundonald's cavalry is lying well out on the left flank and awaiting developments. The Boers contest every inch of the ground. This morning General Warren's artillery opened fire, but the Boers did not reply and our fire became less hot."

BRITISH WOUNDED.

Nearly Three Hundred Wounded in Saturday's Battle.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The war office posted a dispatch from General Buller, dated January 21, 10 a. m., in which he gave the following list of wounded in the action near Ventor's Spruit Saturday: Colonel B. Hamilton, staff officer; Major C. McGregor, staff officer; Major F. English, Second Dublin Fusiliers; Captain C. D. Vaughan, First Border Rifles; Captain R. B. Blunt, Second Lancashire Fusiliers; Captain C. A. Hensley, Second Dublin Fusiliers (since dead;) Second Lieutenant Murier, First Border Rifles; Second Lieutenant P. D. Stewart, Second Gordons; Second Lieutenant M. G. Crofton, Second Lancashire Fusiliers; Second Lieutenant A. H. Keirry, First York and Lancashires; two hundred and seventy-nine noncommissioned officers and men.

GET A PACK TRAIN.

Americans Abandon Twenty-two Horses to the Enemy.

MANILA, Jan. 23.—The escort of 50 men of Company C, Thirtieth infantry, Lieut. Ralston commanding, which was ambushed near Lipa, as already cabled, consisted of 50 convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon the pack train from three sides. The Americans, in addition to their casualties, were compelled to abandon the train which consisted of 22 horses. The latter, with their packs, all fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles, until the Americans were re-inforced.

SITUATION OUTSIDE OF NATAL.

All Forces Are Resting on Their Arms While Buller Fights.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The British in the districts in South Africa continue inactive. Lord Methuen's thirteen thousand men remain behind their works. General French's four thousand at Rensberg, were aroused Sunday by a general alarm that the Boers were attacking, but it turned out that there was no basis for this. General Gatacre is quiescent at Colesburg. At Ladysmith the deaths from enteric fever and dysentery average ten a day. Some fears are expressed that the garrison may be so worn by privation and disease as to be unable to do much in the way of helping General Buller.

THE TOWN OF TAAL IS TAKEN.

Insurgents Lost Ten Killed and Two Cannon Captured.

MANILA, Jan. 23.—Two companies of the Forty-sixth infantry, under Major Johnson, and three companies of the Thirty-eighth infantry, commanded by Major Muir, defeated 800 insurgents at Taal, province of Batangas, Saturday, taking the town. The United States gunboat Marietta also shelled the place. The insurgents had four cannon, two of which were captured. Two Americans were wounded and ten insurgent dead were found on the field.

Asks for New Armament.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23.—In the Swedish budget, which balances nearly 150,000,000 kroners, and which is the largest on record, King Oscar asks for forty-six new batteries of artillery by the end of 1903. One hundred thousand new Mausers are to be manufactured, and 50,000,000 cartridges, to be in store within four years. A credit is asked for a trial mobilization of the army reserves. Another important item in the budget is the railway appropriation of 20,000,000 kroners, one-fourth of which is to be applied in the purchase of new rolling stock.

Illinois Engineers Meet.

Moline, Ill., Jan. 26.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Illinois Society of Engineers and Surveyors opened here with a good attendance of members from many parts of the state.

Will Not Treat with Employes.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 26.—Officials of three of the big anthracite coal companies have announced that under no circumstances will they treat with the United Mine Workers of America.

Boers Claim Small Losses.

Brussels, Jan. 25.—Since the beginning of the war to the battle of Colenso the Boers say they have lost 212 killed, 602 wounded—eighty of whom have recovered—and 200 prisoners.

Jesse James, Jr., to Marry.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26.—Invitations are out for the wedding of Jesse James, Jr., son of the notorious bandit, and Miss Stella McGown of this city.

Flames in Mining Camps.

Boulder, Colo., Jan. 26.—A large part of the town of Ward, a mining camp in the mountains, fifteen miles from this city, was destroyed by fire.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

COKE OVENS FOR DES MOINES.

Kilian Seibel Addresses the Commercial Exchange About Them.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—Kilian Seibel, representing the company which projects the erection of a battery of coke ovens in Des Moines, addressed a largely attended meeting of the Commercial Exchange with reference to the project. The company proposes to invest $85,000 in a coke oven plant, standing ready to bring in an outside company, which shall erect a $200,000 gas works to distribute and sell cheap fuel gas to down town plants. The plans now contemplate that the coke ovens shall be built during the summer. About ninety Des Moines laboring men will be required, much skilled labor being brought in for the construction of the plant. Mr. Seibel said that for many years it had been thought western coal could not be coked, but the new process, called the Hemmingway, which is used by the Universal Fuel Company, which Mr. Seibel represents, will enable the great state of Iowa to coke all of its immense quantities of coal. The gas will be used for fuel only. It is the intention, said Mr. Seibel, of the company to furnish fuel for all the manufacturing industries in the city. The liquors arising from the manufacture will be sent east. The ovens to erected in Iowa will be built in the order named: One hundred ovens in Ottumwa, 100 in Des Moines, 100 in Council Bluffs, 100 in Davenport, and 100 in Dubuque. Owing to the great interest taken in the matter by the people of Ottumwa, Mr. Seibel said that the company would build the first ovens there.

AN IOWA HOLD-UP.

Highwayman Attempts to Rob Two Men Near Peterson.

PETERSON, Jan. 26.—Charles Gropenthen and Alfred Peterson when driving up the hill south of Peterson were assailed by a highwayman, who, failing to find any money or valuables on their persons, ordered them to "git," and to do so quickly. They went off in a hurry and at once organized a posse, who surrounded the robber and demanded his surrender. Finding escape impossible, he shot himself through the heart, dying almost instantly. From papers found on his person it was ascertained that his name was Chris Nelson, but his place of residence is unknown, he being a total stranger in the vicinity.

BUILD THIS YEAR.

Des Moines' Inter-Urban Line to the Southwest.

DES MOINES, Jan. 24.—President Polk and General Manager Hippee, of the Des Moines Street Railway Company, have gone to New York, where they will meet a number of capitalists who are interested in the proposed inter-urban line from Des Moines to Winterset and other points to the southwest. For some weeks it has been believed that the construction of the proposed line would be deferred a year, but during the past two weeks encouragement of a substantial character has come to light and there now seems little doubt but the work will be started early in the spring.

SHAW DECLINES.

He Will Not Be a Candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—It is stated decisively by Governor Shaw's friends at the state house that the governor will not be a candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States. They are free to say that in conferences with them Governor Shaw has asserted he would not permit his name to go before the national convention as a candidate for that office. As the statements made by the state officials are directly authorized by the governor, the statement of his position may be regarded as final.

After the Tax Dodgers.

ACKLEY, Jan. 26.—Four separate petitions have been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court, claiming of certain persons over $38,000 on omitted taxes. The petitions state in brief that the defendants are indebted to Franklin county in the sums given below, upon property, moneys and securities that had been fraudulently withheld, overlooked or omitted, or from other cause not listed for taxation, which property is subject to taxation and has not been taxed for the period of five years last past.

Alleged Misuse of the Mails.

DES MOINES, Jan. 26.—C. E. Jordan, of this city, was arrested on a charge of fraudulently using the mails. Jordan is charged with operating three fraudulent establishments—in Kansas City, Mo., in Omaha, Neb., and in Des Moines. He advertised for traveling men to sell a harness oil, and required each to deposit $50 before beginning work. When some of them got stranded he refused to pay their expenses and held on to the $50 deposit. It is alleged the whole scheme was a swindle to get the deposits.

Murder is Suspected.

CLINTON, Jan. 25.—A body found along the Milwaukee road, at the end of the bridge near Sabula, was identified as the remains of J. T. Smith, of Clarksville. The top of his head was crushed. The theory is that he was murdered by some criminal he was pursuing, as he was a member of the American Detective Association. The matter is being investigated by the coroner.

A Woolen Mill Quits.

CLINTON, Jan. 21.—The company operating the woolen mills at Maquoketa has decided to close the same and offer the machinery for sale. The mill is an old institution and has long been noted for its excellent work. Improved machinery of the later and larger mills has left it without a profit for several years, and the stockholders have decided to quit.

Crushed By a Limb of a Tree.

CLINTON, Jan. 25.—Chris Nissen, 50 years of age, was fatally injured and has since died. A limb of a tree fell, crushing his skull. He never regained consciousness.

MUST PAY ON ALL.

Estates Amounting to Over $1,000 Subject to Tax.

DES MOINES, Jan. 26.—In the case of John Herriott, state treasurer, appellant, vs. Seldon Bacon, executor of estate of Sarah F. Ransom, from the Johnson county district court, the opinion of the lower court has been reversed by the supreme court. The estate paid an inheritance tax on all bequests to collateral heirs less $1,000, and the treasurer brought action to recover the tax on the $1,000 deducted. His view is sustained by the supreme court, which holds that "the intention of the legislature must have been to exempt all estates of less value than $1,000, and when exceeding in value such sum all property passing to collateral heirs should be subject to the inheritance tax."

BREVITIES.

Smallpox has appeared at Redfield, eleven miles west of Adel.

W. D. Sansom, who compelled, at point of a revolver, the assistant cashier of a Sac City bank to hand over more than $500, was sentenced by Judge F. H. Helsell, of Sioux Rapids, to two years in the penitentiary. The defense sought in vain to prove that Sansom was insane.

At Dubuque recently the Clinton case of Langan vs. several insurance companies, which refused to pay him for losses sustained by fire, was decided by Judge Shiras in favor of plaintiff for the full amount of his policies, $20,000. The companies involved are the Aetna, Spring Garden, Palatine and Alliance. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Articles of incorporation for the Murray & Creston Ry. Co. have been filed for record in Burlington, the authorized capital stock of the corporation being $2,000,000. The incorporators are: C. P. Squires, W. N. McFarland, Wm. Carson, W. W. Baldwin and C. M. Levey, all stockholders and officers of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The incorporation is to cover the new tracks to be built by the Burlington road, between Murray and Creston, changing the present single track to a double track. The capital stock represents the amount of money to be spent in improvements by the Burlington system in addition to those already made.

Without taking any action, endorsing any particular measure or adopting any resolutions, the Iowa Engineers' Society concluded its sessions, at Des Moines recently, after discussing and showing a decided preference for the Lewis good roads bill, recently introduced in the state senate. This bill provides for county and state systems of taxation and road building, and the employment by the state executive council of an engineer to superintend the making of good roads. The bill was not formally considered, but it was discussed at great length. Officers were elected by the society for the ensuing year as follows: President, Anson Marston, Ames; vice-president, Lowell H. Stone, Des Moines; secretary-treasurer, Seth Dean, Glenwood

The caucus of legislative members interested in the establishment of new normal schools in Iowa, recently indicated to the lobbyists for location of the new schools, who are much in evidence about the legislative halls, that it would be much to their liking if they would all go home and await the decision of the legislature on the main question, as to whether any schools at all should be established. This was not done in an offensive manner. The members simply indicated to lobbyists by the terms of a resolution, the lobbyists quickly grasping the situation that there was danger of the main proposition being defeated if the fight on location was allowed to assume any larger proportions at present. A committee was appointed by the caucus to draft a bill for the establishment of the schools and report at another caucus.

Members of the legislature, comprised of the house committee on industrial schools and members most interested in a change in the industrial school conditions, visited the institution at Mitchellville. The school was thoroughly investigated and after supper a conference was held with the leading citizens of the town at the hotel, where an exchange of views took place. As a result of the visit, the members of the committee came back with the idea that they will make numerous recommendations for changes in the institution, endorsing largely those made by the board of control. At the conference the fact was brought out that the citizens of the town are incensed at the reports sent out about the institution and believe that they have been grossly misrepresented. Members of the committee expressed the opinion that such was the case, and that the citizens of the town are to be credited with every laudable effort in placing the school on a proper footing.

Des Moines dispatch: The extensive railroad building the past year does not seem to injure the prospect for an increased number of miles of new track in 1900. The latest in railroad construction is the building of the Muscatine, Tipton & Northern. The line will be built between Muscatine and Independence, via Tipton and Anamosa. The project has been talked of for several months, but late events give the story color of truth. It is thought that the management of this new line will be slightly related to the Chicago & Northwestern. While the roads may be operated separately yet it is understood they will have on "understanding" as to "freight connections." The old grade between Muscatine and Tipton will be utilized, with the exception of a few miles. Engineer T. B. Tobie has completed the survey between the two latter towns and if the weather permits the corps will continue the work to Independence. The road will touch but very few towns between Anamosa and the termination of the new line. The country which is to be tapped is very fertile and it is expected that many new towns will spring up. The towns that the new road will touch are Muscatine, Tipton, Olin, Newport, Anamosa, Prairiesburg, Cogen and Independence.

That Mysterious Major...

...BY...

ETHEL A. SOUTHAM

CHAPTER XI.

"I ask him! Do you dream for one moment that I shall ask him for it?" Evelyn opened her eyes in amazement. She began to think she had perhaps made a mistake in pretending she had been an interested listener to the recent conversation.

"Certainly! Did you not understand me? You have merely to say you wish for the check in order to compare it with your own signature, and the rest becomes easy. Lady Howard, you quite agree with me?"

"And do you suppose that Major Brown's suspicions will not be aroused at once?" exclaimed Evelyn, caring nothing either for her aunt's or for Falkland's opinion upon the subject. "No—it is ridiculous! It would be worse than useless!"

"But, Eve dear, surely Mr. Falkland must know better than you."

"He may, of course; but, for all that, I should not like to be the one to make the attempt. If you think your plan will answer, though, why not ask Major Brown yourself?" she added, turning a somewhat indignant look upon Gilbert Falkland. "You have always disliked him; so you ought to be satisfied now if there is a chance of convicting him of forgery."

"Yes, Miss Luttrell, you are right—I had my suspicions of him from the first," returned Falkland, a rather peculiar expression coming into his face. "I never dreamed, however, that they would be so speedily realized. But, as to your suggestion. I would willingly follow it if I could, only it is ten to one that where he would most probably comply with one of your requests mine would absolutely fail. But think it over to yourself for half an hour. Anyhow, we must do something tonight. Every moment is of consequence, and—— We must secure it—if not by fair means—well, in such a case as this I suppose any means are allowable!"



"IS THAT THE COFFEE AT LAST?"

Evelyn's only answer was a deep sigh as she rose slowly to her feet and turned away with a strange inexplicable longing to be left alone to her own thoughts, conflicting ones though they were, to be worried by no more cross-questioning or cynical taunts concerning the man whom, despite her short acquaintance with him and her aunt's strong prejudices, she was beginning to regard with something which was not exactly mere interest.

No wonder, therefore, that this latest affair had been to her like a blow, that for the time being she was simply stunned by the seriousness of the discovery. She could hardly believe that everything had been done with one aim and object in view, that all the Major's attentions, his numerous little acts of kindness to both her aunt and herself, had been part of a deeply laid scheme. It was too terrible to think how easily she had been duped, how she had been carried away by his well assumed courtesies, in many cases falling readily into the traps which had been so ingeniously contrived for her. Yet, as she reviewed the past two weeks, it seemed incredible to her that it should really be so—that a man who could commit such a deliberate felony could at the same time possess such fascinating manners and appear, as he always did, so thoroughly at his ease.

It was growing dark when Evelyn roused herself wearily from her somewhat harassing reveries, and turned her footsteps in the direction of the brilliant lamplight which was streaming forth from Lady Howard's room.

Her aunt had disappeared some time previously, alarmed no doubt by the heavily falling dew, and it was only as the hour was struck by some distant clock that Evelyn remembered she would be waiting for her to make her coffee.

Great was her astonishment, however, as she drew slowly nearer and nearer, to hear the sound of voices and to behold not only her aunt, but two other figures sitting in the shade of the veranda. One was Falkland—she would have recognized his pale, rather cadaverous-looking face a mile away—and the other—— Oh it was absurd! She must be dreaming! It was beyond the bounds of possibility! It could not be Major Brown!

Whether it was beyond the bounds of possibility or not, it was certainly the Major who sprang up at her approach, and who moved his chair to one side to allow her to pass with that same spontaneous courtesy which had struck her from the first.

"Dear me, child, where have you been? I thought you were lost!" exclaimed her ladyship by way of greeting. "Ring the bell, dear, and say we are ready for coffee. They are later than usual this evening."

But Evelyn did not utter a word as she passed silently through into the sitting room. At the sight of the Major her heart had given one tremendous bound, and now it was beating almost to suffocation. What was he doing there? What could be the reason? Never before had she seen either her aunt or Falkland making themselves so obviously agreeable to him. Never before had he even been made welcome to their room.

"Miss Luttrell"—it was Falkland who had followed her through the window—"this will be your opportunity. You cannot have a better chance. Go out the instant your aunt leaves the veranda, and in as casual a way as possible try to gain possession of that check."

At the sound of the low, rather hurried words, Evelyn started slightly and suddenly dropped the parasol which she was swinging slowly to and fro in her hand.

"The check!" she gasped, gazing wildly round.

There was no need to wonder any longer what the unusual affability meant. The Major had not been proclaimed innocent of the forgery, as she in a vague sense of despair had almost imagined. It was clear why he had been welcomed so warmly into their private room; and yet, as her eyes rested for one brief moment upon the accused as he stood talking to her aunt, a handsome, wonderfully distinguished-looking man in his faultless evening dress, all her old feelings of incredulity came back to her as forcibly as ever. She forgot any doubts and suspicions that she had, never for an instant remembered the episode of the birthday book and the strange manoeuvres he had adopted to secure a specimen of her writing and her signature, and with a decided shake of her head put an immediate veto upon Falkland's carefully worked out plan.

"Then you refuse to do anything in the matter? Really, Miss Luttrell, you astonish me!" observed Falkland, a cynical smile curling his lips. "But you have a tender heart, I suppose, and dislike the thought of your elegant friend being provided with a suit of broad arrows at the nation's expense."

"I refuse," returned Evelyn, her head erect, her eyes flashing, "simply because I am certain that Major Brown is as innocent of forging that check as"—pausing to add greater emphasis to her words—"as you are!"

"Oh, very well—there is nothing more to be said, I suppose!" was Falkland's calm reply as he turned away and, without even attempting to argue the point further, walked across to the other side of the room.

Evelyn looked after him with an air of satisfaction, and then drew a sigh of relief. She was agreeably surprised by the way in which he had received her refusal; knowing that he owed the Major a grudge from the very first, she had felt that, if he could annoy him over anything he would assuredly avail himself of the earliest opportunity. But what was the meaning of this alteration of his manner, considering how determined he had been a short time ago to secure that check without an instant's delay? He was taking her decided refusal to help him in his scheme with wonderful placidity. Yes—he was too calm—far too calm. He must have some other plan in his head. Some other plan? Clearly he was not the kind of man to be so plainly balked.

The entrance of one of the waiters with a tray of coffee cups diverted her thoughts for a moment. Moving slowly towards the window again, she stood gazing out on the starlit night. Lady Howard, engrossed in an interesting conversation with Major Brown, turned with a slight start at her approach.

"Is that the coffee at last, Evelyn? You might bring it to us out here—the air is so pleasant this evening."

Miss Luttrell drew a faint sigh. Returning to the small table where the tray had been placed, she found Falkland hovering over the cups and saucers somewhat uneasily, a sugar basin in his hand.

"Let me see, Miss Luttrell—will you make your aunt's coffee? I believe you generally do."

"Yes—I will make it," replied Evelyn, taking up the half-filled cup of coffee which was nearest to her, filling it with cream, and then carrying it off to Lady Howard without offering as much as a glance in Falkland's direction.

She wished he would not thrust his company so persistently upon her. As he knew how detestable his presence was to her, she wondered he had not the delicacy of feeling to remain on the veranda or to absent himself entirely from her aunt's room for the rest of the evening. But no—it seemed as though he took a delight in tormenting her this evening, for, looking around again, she saw him still standing by the table contemplating the coffee cups in the most meaningless fashion.

Evelyn gave a little gesture of impatience and marched boldly past him; even if Falkland was annoying her, it would never do for Major Brown to suffer in consequence. With this object in view, she took up the cream jug, and was trying to reach another cup of coffee, when Falkland stretched out his arm before her and placed one into her hand.

"For Major Brown, I suppose?" he interrogated, with unusual deference.

Evelyn murmured some word of thanks and turned away. But what was it that arrested her attention? What was it that made her start, bend hastily towards the cup, and then, growing whiter than ashes, look round at Falkland?

"By fair means" or "any means." Those were the words he had uttered; and now back in her ears they were ringing, back in her ears she could hear them clanging, clashing, whilst a horrible idea struck her—an idea which seemed almost to paralyze her.

(To be continued.)

UNIQUE COURTSHIP.

There is something very comic according to our notions in the way a Boer manages his love-making. Having asked the permission of his father to court a certain damsel in the neighborhood—by that is meant anywhere within about fifty miles—he proceeds to purchase the most strikingly decorated and loudly colored saddle-cloth for his steed that he can possibly obtain. He will very likely spend a large sum of money on this, for it is a special occasion, and no one knowing the country and the habits of the people will have the least doubt from the appearance of his horse that he is in quest of a bride.

Having made his preparations, he mounts his most spirited horse and journeys to the lady's home, but instead of seeking out the object of his affections he respectfully asks permission of her father to court her. The old man cautiously refrains from answering, but consults his wife, and the youth joins the younger members of the household.

No further notice is taken of the suitor for the rest of the day, but if the parents approve of him, when the rest of the household retire for the night the mother solemnly approaches the young man and maiden with a long tallow candle in her hand. This she places on the table and lights and then, having taken an affectionate farewell of the couple, she retires. This is a sign to the lover that his suit is acceptable. As long as the candle lasts the young people are allowed to sit up and talk.

Doing Penance for Sins.

In former times persons guilty of grievous and notorious offenses were required to make open confession, and further to make satisfaction for the scandal given by their bad example by doing penance publicly in a white sheet in their parish church. The sheet was used to show clearly to everyone which was the offender. The last time that public penance was done in an English church was on Sunday evening, July 30, 1882, when a man named Hartree, in the church of All Saints, East Clevedon, made an open confession of immorality, and promised to perform the penance thus imposed on him by the vicar. No white sheet was used on this occasion. The last case in which one was used appears to have been one in St. Bridget's church, Chester, in 1851. But on that occasion the penance was not public, the church door being locked. In the previous year, however, public penance in a white sheet was done in a country church in Essex, and a similar thing occurred in Ditton church, near Cambridge, in 1849.—Stray Stories.

Metropolitan Beggars' Trust.

The New York police have recently made the discovery that most of the successful beggars in the city belong to a trust. The beggars' trust is said to own a large house in Brooklyn, which provides every description of beggars' supplies, including bogus wooden arms, legs, hump backs, pitiful placards for alleged blind men and cripples, etc. The beggars pay the trust a certain percentage of their earnings, and the trust regulates the hours of their labor, selects the districts, furnishes a list of charitably disposed people, and looks after members when ill. The police say that several wealthy and cultured mendicants belonging to the trust live in fashionable flats. Several attended the grand opera last season, and one rides in his own carriage.

Dewey Salve.

From the New York Press: One of the big firms in the shopping district decorated the front of its store with an immense portrait of Dewey and beneath it placed the word "salve" in large letters. A stranger in town, much pleased at the decoration, openly expressed his admiration, but, being a trifle short on Latin and not understanding that "salve" meant hail! instead of ointment, remarked indignantly: "Don't you think it's a pity that people will spoil a fine picture of Dewey like that one by trying to advertise with it a poultice for wounds and bruises?"

"The memory of man," remarked the Stockton sage, "differs from romance in that it usually runneth not to the contrary."

A Wonderful Youth.

Mr. Hoon—Clarence Broadhead is the most remarkable young man of my acquaintance.

Mrs. Hoon—How so?

Mr. Hoon—Why, he never tries to act cute at a church festival.

The Craving for Stimulants

Has lately attracted a great deal of attention. The use of them seems to be increasing. This clearly shows an exhausted condition of the nerves and blood, which may be remedied only by strengthening the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do this for you. It cures dyspepsia, constipation and nervousness.

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Never Disappoints

An apparatus has been devised to automatically photographing people as they enter shops and other places.

A MINNESOTA FARMER

Does Well in Western Canada.

VIRDEN, Man., Nov. 18, 1899.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada—Sir: Thinking that my experience in Manitoba might be both useful and interesting to my fellow-countrymen in the United States who may be looking to Manitoba and the northwest with the intention of settling there, I have much pleasure in stating that through information received from Mr. W. F. McCreary, immigration commissioner at Winnipeg, I was induced to visit Manitoba in February, 1898. When I called upon Mr. McCreary he spared no pains to give me all the information, etc., in his possession, the result of which was that I came here with a letter of introduction from him to the secretary of the Virden Board of Trade. That gentleman provided me with a competent land guide, and, although there was considerable snow on the ground, I had no difficulty in selecting three homesteads for myself and sons. Having made the necessary homestead entries at the land office in Brandon, I returned to my home in Lyon county, Minnesota, and came back here in May following, accompanied by one of my boys, bringing with us two teams of horses, implements, etc. Our first work was to erect a temporary shanty and stable, after which we broke and leveled seventy-five acres and put up thirty tons of hay. I went back to Minnesota about July 20, leaving my son here. I returned in October, bringing my family with me. I found that the land we had acquired was of good quality, being a strong clay loam with clay subsoil. Last spring I sowed 100 acres in wheat and fifty acres in oats and barley. (Seventy-five acres of this grain was sowed on "go-back" plowed last spring.) My crop was thrashed in October, the result being over 2,700 bushels of grain in all. Wheat averaged fifteen bushels per acre and graded No. 1 hard, but that which was sown on land other than sod ("go-back") went twenty four and one bushels per acre.

To say that I am well pleased with the result of my first year's farming operations in Manitoba does not adequately express my feelings, and I have no hesitation in advising those who are living in districts where land is high in price to come out here, if they are willing to do a fair amount of work. I am ten miles from Virden, which is a good market town, and nine miles from Hargrave, where there are two elevators. This summer I erected a dwelling house of native stone. I bought a half-section of land adjoining our homesteads, for which I paid a very moderate price. There are still some homesteads in this district, and land of fine quality can be purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway company at $3.50 per acre on liberal terms. Good water is generally found at a depth of from fifteen to twenty feet. I have 175 acres ready for crop next year.

The cost of living here is about the same as in southern Minnesota. Some commodities are higher and others lower in price, but the average is about the same. I remain, your obedient servant. (Signed.)

JACOB REICHERT.

Icebergs in the Atlantic sometimes last for 200 years.

Homeseekers' Excursions via the Iowa Central Route.

On January 2d and 16th, February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th and April 3 and 17, 1900, the Iowa Central Railway will sell round trip homeseekers' excursion tickets at rate of one fare plus two dollars, to points in following territory: Arkansas, Arizona, British Columbia, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Manitoba, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Northern Michigan; also to points in Southeast. For full particulars inquire of agents or address the undersigned, GEORGE S. BATTY, G. P. & T. A., Iowa Central Railway, Marshalltown, Ia.

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[NEW]S IN GENERAL

BRITISH TAKE SPION KOP.

Reports, Though Meager, Indicate Heavy British Losses.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Advices have been received from Spearman's camp that General Woodgate has succumbed to the wounds he received in the attack upon Spion Kop.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Spearman's Camp dated January 25 at 12:10 a. m.:

"General Warren's troops last night occupied Spion Kop, surprising the small garrison, who fled. It has been held by us all day, though we were heavily attacked, especially by very annoying shell fire. I fear our casualities are considerable, and I have to inform you, with regret, that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded. General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's position untenable. Our men are in splendid condition."

LONDON, Jan. 26.—General Buller's phrase "the men are splendid" thrills England with pride and confidence. His taking and holding of Spion kop are considered permanent advantages. Sir Charles Warren's opinion that miles of adjacent intrenchments are untenable is accepted by most expert observers as obviously true, because of the height of the position, although some point out that it may lack adequate gun platform to resist artillery fire from the two extended lines. It is not likely that General Warren will let go anything he holds, and news of further success is calmly awaited. The military authorities recognize, of course, that in the twelve or fifteen miles between Spion kop and Ladysmith there are continuous defensive positions and rugged hills and ravines which far outrange Spion kop, but they are sure that the troops who have turned the Boers out of difficult places can do it again.

ARMED MEN IN FRANKFORT.

They Are Opposed to Goebel and Warn Legislators.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 26.—A special train bearing over a thousand men carrying Winchester rifles arrived at Frankfort yesterday morning. They are from the counties of Bell, Allen, Knox, Harlan, Whitler, Metcalf and Edmundson. Governor Taylor stated to the Associated Press that they are not soldiers. He disclaimed any knowledge of their identity or the purpose of the armed visitors. Ex-Secretary of State Finley addressed the visitors from the steps of the state house. He said the object of the gathering was to see that justice was done. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee drafted a demand and remonstrance which was presented to the legislature. It reminds the members of the legislature that they are the creatures of the voters of the state, from whom they derive authority. It warns them that there is peril in the situation; that calmness, prudence and wisdom are necessary that truth may prevail. It beseeches them to remember the powers lent them by the people at the polls included the jurisdiction to decide judicially and not otherwise; the people then express their will, not their political preferences. It implores them not to, on slight or technical pretexts or flimsy or trivial causes, permit the submersion of the will of the people. Finally at 9 p. m. the men left for their homes.

MORE VICTORIES.

Schwan Drives the Philippine Insurgents From Intrenchments.

MANILA, Jan. 25.—Part of Gen. Schwan's column, consisting of six companies with some artillery, drove a force of 500 insurgents from their intrenchments at San Diego near San Pablo. The enemy have officially reported that they lost sixty-seven killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed and fourteen wounded, the injuries in most instances being slight. Another battalion, while executing a flank movement, came upon a hundred other rebels in an intrenched position and routed them, killing fifteen. The Americans had two wounded. General Schwan moved against Majayjay, La Guna province, on Tuesday. He found the position almost impregnable but by lowering men down a steep river bank by ropes, he flanked the enemy and drove them out. Part of his command proceeded to Santa Cruz, killing six insurgents.

JAPAN LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

Willing to Send Troops to the Assistance of England.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—K. Hiratati, recently connected with the Japanese war department, who is traveling around the world, after expressing sympathy for England, said Japan would send 30,000 to 40,000 troops to her aid if she would accept them. He added:

"All Japan asks of Great Britain as an ally in war against Russia is to employ part of her fleet in assisting the Japanese fleet to protect the ports of Japan against the fleets of Russia and France, and thus enable Japan's entire military strength to be used for the recovery of Port Arthur, the occupation of Manchuria and the overthrow of Russia's power in China. But the first thing to be done is to free the hands of Great Britain in Africa to take up her work in India."

SENATORIAL REORGANIZATION.

Caucus Held at Which New Officers Are Chosen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The republican caucus of the senate decided definitely upon the reorganization of the elective officers of that body and nominated Hon. Charles Bennett, of New York, for secretary to succeed Hon. William R. Cox, and Hon. Daniel M. Ramsdell, of Indiana, for sergeant-at-arms, to succeed Col. R. J. Bright. J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, was a candidate for secretary, and tied Bennett on the first ballot. Alonzo Stewart, of Iowa, was a candidate for sergeant-at-arms and received 20 votes to 24 for Ramsdell.

Chicago Drainage Canal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—At the clo[se] of the case of the state of Misso[uri] against the Chicago drainage [...] the supreme court decided [...] the attorney general of Mis[souri] a bill making the summons [...] ants returnable April 30, b[...] to issue a temporary injunc[tion] the operation of the canal [...]

CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A speech, sensational in its interest and international in its importance, was delivered in the senate by Hale, of Maine. The occasion of the utterance was the simple question whether a resolution introduced by Allen calling for information as to the recognition by this country of diplomatic representation of the Transvaal republic should be directed to the president or to the secretary of state. Hale made the question the text of an impassioned speech, in which he declared that nine-tenths of the American people sympathized with the Boers in their gallant struggle for liberty against one of the greatest powers in the world. He denied that the American people were "in sympathy with Great Britain in the South African war to stamp out the liberty of a people," and when Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons, made such a statement, "he should be met with some disclaimer from this side of the Atlantic." Hale spoke with unusual force, decisiveness and earnestness, even for him, and his passionate eloquence claimed the closest attention of every auditor. The resolution, which previous to Hale's speech had caused a sharp colloquy between Allen and Spooner, was finally passed as amended.

HOUSE.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying $145,245,250, was passed by the house to-day. It was made the vehicle of an attack upon the commissioner of pensions by Curtis, rep., of Kansas, who was ably seconded by Lentz and Norton of Ohio and Roberts of Indiana and other northern democrats. All inveighed against lack of liberality in the administration of the pension laws. The commissioner was ably defended by a score of members from both sides of the house.

HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Reports of the special committee of investigation in the case of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, were presented to the house to-day. The majority report, signed by Chairman Taylor and six of his associates, is a voluminous document and is accompanied by a summary of the law and facts. It gives the details of the hearings, the ample opportunities afforded to Mr. Roberts to present his case, his refusal to testify and the unanimous finding of facts, heretofore published, that Roberts is guilty of living in polygamy. A minority report favors swearing Roberts in as a member and then expelling him.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Platt of New York introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite Great Britain to join in the promotion of an international commission to examine and report on the diversion of the waters that are the boundaries of the two countries referred to. A resolution of Rawlins of Utah for an inquiry into the extent of polygamy practiced, and what, if any stress, is necessary for its prevention, in the United States and places over which they have jurisdiction, was passed. Pritchard spoke in advocacy of his resolution relating to the proposed amendment to the constitution of North Carolina, which, if adopted, he claimed, would disfranchise a large class of voters of the state, white as well as black. He was followed by Turner of Washington on the Philippine question, opposing the policy of the administration.

HOUSE.

The house, after transaction of business of minor importance, took up the District of Columbia business, which occupied the time up to adjournment.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Reports of the committee on privileges and elections in the case of Quay, who claims a seat in the senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania, were presented in the senate to-day. The majority report opposes the seating of Quay, while a minority report favors his being seated. Pettigrew of South Dakota, offered a resolution calling for the report of Gen. Bates relative to the treaty with the sultan of Sulu and whether the sultan and his officials were under the civil service. It went over. Caffery presented three resolutions calling for the correspondence with Great Britain on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, with Colombia relative to the Panama canal and with the new Panama canal company of France. They were adopted. Allen's resolution asking for information concerning the sale of the old New York custom house was adopted. Turner, of Washington, concluded his speech on the Philippine question which was begun yesterday.

HOUSE.

The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah, came up before the house to-day. Taylor of Ohio made an argument for the majority report. Littlefield of Maine spoke for the minority report, and then Roberts spoke in his own defense. All of the speakers were vigorously applauded. There was a great outburst of applause in the galleries when Mr. Roberts concluded. Many of the ladies in the galleries were especially demonstrative.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Hale reported from the appropriations committee the urgent deficiency bill. Allen offered a resolution for information relative to the administration of the customs in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. Pettigrew offered a resolution declaring that the United States could not recognize the right of any nation to declare contraband and seize food products as such; that such seizure would be an unfriendly act. Pettigrew spoke in support of his resolution calling on the president for the report of Gen. Bates concerning the treaty with the sultan of Sulu. Senator Spooner asked if he meant to hold the president responsible for the slavery clause in the treaty. Pettigrew said he did. The resolution was adopted.

HOUSE.

The second day's debate in the house upon the Roberts case was less dramatic than that of yesterday. The galleries were almost as crowded, but the leaders were less demonstrative. Speeches were made by Landis, Powers, Miers, Snodgrass, Wilson, Lacey and Crumpacker. The day's debate strengthened the majority resolutions.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 25.—As a result of a speech by Money of Mississippi on the race question Chandler charged the southern senators with reopening the whole southern question after it was supposed to be dead. In answer to charges by Teller and Allen, Allison denied that the senate financial bill permitted the withdrawal of the greenbacks, the silver certificates and the silver dollars. He said no secretary of the treasury would find it possible to do so. The urgent deficiency bill was passed. Among bills introduced was one by Clay, to repeal the war revenue stamp tax.

HOUSE.

The case of Brigham H. Roberts was decided by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him, by a vote of 268 to 50. The exact language of the resolution is as follows: "That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant." The amendment to expel Roberts without seating him, offered by Lacey, was ruled out on a point of order, and the house only voted upon the resolution of the majority and minority of the committee. The latter—to seat and then expel Roberts—was defeated—81 to 244.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Jan. 25.—No business of importance was transacted. Bills were introduced as follows: By Fitzpatrick, prohibiting wholesale liquor dealers from other states from sending solicitors into Iowa to make a house to house canvass for orders; by Hazelton, providing that paving tax shall not be assessed for a greater amount than the property is benefited and legalizing a special tax of not more than five mills from which the difference between the actual benefit derived by property and the cost of the paving shall be paid; by McArthur, permitting the executive council to print extracts from the code; by Young, providing that bodies of paupers shall be turned over to medical schools if the relatives are willing; by Hazelton, providing for the prosecution of barbers who violate the Sunday law; by Griswold, providing that persons signing petitions of candidates for office be required to sign affidavits that they will support the candidate.

HOUSE.

A message was received from the governor announcing the death of Edward Townsend, one of the regents of the state normal school. Bill permitting cities of first class having less than 25,000 population, to levy tax for library purposes, was passed. Bills were introduced as follows: By Sokal, to prohibit the selling or giving of morphine or whisky to any of the inmates of the state institutions; by Steckslaker, to provide the erection of markers and monuments at Shiloh; by Towne, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors; by Jones, relating to the inspection of petroleum; by Sokal, in relation to distribution of text books in districts adopting a uniform series.

OPEN DOOR ASSURED.

Agreement Regarding China Has Been Reduced to Definite Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The success of the negotiations instituted by Secretary Hay with a view of insuring the "open door" for American trade in China, may now be regarded as assured. The last phase of the negotiations was the reduction of the arrangements reached informally to the shape of what are known as definite notes. This work has been going on for some weeks, with the result that every one of the powers that participated in the negotiations has returned to the state department the written agreement, with the exception of Japan and Italy. There is not the slightest doubt in [th]ese cases, for Japan was one of the [first] of the nations approached by the [...] State to welcome our overtures, [and] Italy voluntarily entered the [nego]tiation without waiting for ad[vances] from the United States. The [rece]ipt of their formal undertak[ing is b]elieved to be due to a delay in [...] for intimations have been [...] the effect that they have al[ready bee]n dispatched.

Seaport of the South.

It has long been evident that the rapidly increasing movement of grain and merchandise towards the southern seaboard would demand an increase of shipping facilities on the Mexican Gulf. The most promising seaport city is La Porte, at the head of Galveston Bay. Peculiar natural advantages surround LaPorte, notably its being the fartherest inland seaport on the Gulf, having high dry land with perfect drainage and the purest artesian water, a climate unsurpassed in the south and an attractive city site. The American Land Co., 188 Madison street, Chicago, is interested at LaPorte and announces the first general sale of property will be held Feby. 14-17, 1900.

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BULLER IS STRENGTHENED.

Each Day's Delay Brings Up Reinforcements and Supplies.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A Durban special, dated Thursday night, says:

"It is reported here that Lord Dundonald has smashed a Boer convoy. General Buller is said to be within twelve miles of Ladysmith and General Warren to be about six miles to the rear."

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Every hour that General Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger. Transports continue to arrive at Durban and fresh troops are being sent up the line to reinforce those at Colenso. It appears that General Buller's troops north of the Tugela number 22,000 and possibly 25,000, with fifty guns. His total forces, forming a great outer curve south and west of Ladysmith, probably number 40,000. While General Buller's forward operations, which began on January 10, develop rather leisurely, the Boers appear to be fully aware that they must meet a strenuous assault. Balloon observers have roughly estimated that 10,000 Boers are using spade and pick in artificially strengthening positions which nature has rendered easy of defense. Military critics in touch with the war office think that news that general fighting has begun may be expected at any hour. It is not thought that one day's fighting will settle the fate of Ladysmith, but rather that there will be two or three days of continuous fighting.

General Buller has telegraphed the war office from Spearman's camp under date of Thursday evening as follows:

"Lord Dundonald with a body of mounted troops came into action this afternoon with a force of Boers west of Acton Homes. After the fight he occupied several kopjes, which he is still holding. Field Cornet Heibrun and 20 Boers were killed and 15 prisoners taken. Two British soldiers were killed and two wounded."

HARD FIGHTING.

Buller's Forces Gradually Approaching Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—It is evident from General Buller's dispatch to the war office and the advices to the Associated Press from Spearman's camp that a big battle is now being fought. As far as can be gathered from these dispatches, the result remains undecided, and unless the Boers withdrew during the night, the engagement, on which hangs the fate of Ladysmith, and which may prove the turning point of the whole war, will be resumed this morning. The war office posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's camp, January 20, evening:

"General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. to-day. By a judicious use of his artillery he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge, for about three miles. The troops are now bivouacking on the ground he has gained, but the main position is still in front of them. The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6:30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

MAKES TREASON OF LYNCHING.

Representative White Introduces a Bill to Prevent Mob Violence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Representative White, of North Carolina, the colored representative of the house, reported a bill for the "protection of all citizens of the United States against mob violence," etc. It provides that all persons shall be protected against being murdered, tortured or burned to death by mobs known as "lynching bees," whether spontaneous or premediated, and all parties participating, aiding or abetting in such affairs are made guilty of treason against the United States government and subject to prosecution in the United States courts.

ALARMING TO THE BRITISH.

Congress Said to Be Prepared to Ignore the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Chronicle says editorially today:

"According to advices we have received from Washington, a canvass of the senate and house of represntatives has placed it beyond dispute that congress will not only pass the Nicaragua canal bill, but will pass it in a form directly at variance with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. This is a statement of decidedly serious importance, and we hesitate to believe that the United States government will commit itself to a course which this country would have regarded as unfriendly.

Osman Digna Captured.

CAIRO, Jan. 21.—News has been received here that Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, has been captured. It had been known that he was in the neighborhood of Tokar six days ago, and several expeditions were organized from Suakim under Captain Burgess, with the result that Osman Digna was taken unhurt in the hills.

Boer Losses Are 6,000.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 22.—Carefully compiled figures from republican sources, some of which have been investigated and found to be correct, show that the Boer losses up to date are approximately 6,425 men, including 2,000 casualties, during the seige of Ladysmith.

Veteran's Mysterious Death.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 23.—Charles Schultz, a veteran of the civil war and a former member of the Ninety-fourth New York regiment, was found dead in bed in a lodging-house here this morning under rather mysterious circumstances. The authorities are investigating the matter. Schultz was an inmate of the Milwaukee National Soldiers' home and had been here for some weeks past. He was known to have had quite a large sum of money recently. He was about 70 years of age.

A Russian Warship Ashore.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The Russian ironclad Poltava, 11,000 tons, is dangerously ashore near Libau, on the Baltic. The Poltava's armament consists of four 12-inch guns, twelve 5.9 inch quick firing guns, thirty-four smaller guns and six torpedo tubes. Its cost was $5,500,000.

Losing Anna Gould's Millions.

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Preston Howard, colored, has discovered a rich bed of iron on his farm in Barrer county, Ky.

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Mr. L. E. Perry owns and operates a mattress factory at St Joseph, Mo., employing members of his race exclusively.

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There are today 40,000 negros students in the higher educational is institutions of thcuontry.

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Mr. Callaway the colored commissioner for the Negro exnibit at Paris has asked for an appropria tion of $15,000.

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Col. George F. Bowles, an Afo-American of national prominence died at his home in Natches, Miss. He leaves an estate valued at $100,000.

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Congressman George H. White, member frim North Carolina, is said to be the first colored man appointed on the District committee. This committee is one of the most important in Congress as it governs to a large extent, the District of Columbia.

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Some of the members of the 24th, infantry in Manila who are experience in stage craft have organized a minstrel company, and are giving performances at the theaters. It is reported that they are making $600 per day.

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Mr. A. L. Manley, editor of Daily Record has been appointed to a $1,000 position in the Washington City Post Office. The selection is a most excellent one and the honor and profit could not have been more worthily bestowed.

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Omer. Knox a barber, of Muncie. Ind. is a canidate for sheriff of Deleware county, making about twenty canidates in the field for the nomination. This necessarily divides the vote. Knox believes that with the 650 colored voters behind him, together with about 300 notes of white men, which he says he can get, he will have a ... round plurality over any

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JUST FOR FUN.

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ART OF HYGENE COOKING.

To the Editor of the Bystander: I saw an article in the Iowa State Bystander of last week, in referring to myself. Among other things it said: "He is an expert cook, and is writing on Hygenic cooking."

I do feel proud of the article and pleased with the point of view that its readers may take in behalf.

I will state that should I appear in this city as an additional authority upon the preparation of foods for benefit of the servitude, I don't wish to be called a cook, or a writer of cook books.

In the strict sense of the word, I do think that there should be a clear distinction between the making of the pudding and cooking of the same; therefore I don't think that we are in as much lack of understanding about the art of cooking as we are in the preparation of the same for cooking.

I find that the most unnatural and stupid kitchen man is not censured on this line, as far as the definition of the word cook is concerned; that is to heat by means of fire to tenderize, to make done as he is in the preperation of the same, Pardon me, should it differ from Webster's definition of the word cook. I claim that it is not necessary to add salt, pepper, or other seasoning properties in order to cook any edible article to any degree.

If our ability has been doubted, I have every reason to say that there has been but little said against our foods being cooked, while we many times let the edible material cook too much or not enough.

Is not a fact that it necessitates as much knowledge in justice to kitchen as in drug stores? If so, I am committed to see that one of the most important conventions has not yet convened.

We as the kitchen fraterni y should unite our line of thought and duties and search history in order to know the difference between medical and dietetic chemistry.

Do we really need to know the definition of the word hygiene? We should be careful of making our foods more palatable and nutritious in shorter time, with the aid of the much needed utensils so necessary in the culinary art, and should I meet any favors, or be of any benefit to the culinary art or this city, even if I should be proven to be one of the least, I will feel that my labor has not been in vain.

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You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A.D., 1896, the following described real estate situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 34 in Central Park, now included in and forming a part of the city of Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to E. J. Boynton, Agent; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

GEO. HARNAGEL.

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GEO. HARNAGEL.

A. TERRY,
Owner and Holder of Certificate.

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To Alverd John (in whose name the same is taxed):

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate to-wit:

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 Block Three (3) Anderson and Vennerstrom's Addition to Commerce, and all situated within the County of Polk and State of Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to C. C. Hartley; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificates of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale; and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

A. TERRY,
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To Danl. T. Quinlan (being the person in whose name the real estate hereinafter described is taxed):

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1896, the following described real estate situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 72 Cottage Addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to E. J. Boynton, Agent; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

GEO. HARNAGEL,
Owner and Holder of Certificate.

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To F. F. Thiel (being the person in whose name the real estate hereinafter described is taxed):

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 169 of the Official Plat of the South 50 acres of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 79, Range 24, west of 5th P. M. now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax for the year 1895 to E. J. Boynton, Agent; ... the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

GEO. HARNAGEL,
Owner and Holder of Certificate.

NOTICE FOR TAKING TAX DEED.

To Albert Tracy, person taxed with the following described property:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of December, 1896, the following described property situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for taxes for the year 1895, to-wit:

Lot seven (7) of Saverymans Woodlawn Place, Des Moines, Iowa, correctly described as Lot Seven (7) of Saucerman's Woodlawn Place, Des Moines, Iowa.

That the same was at such sale purchased by Smith & Reed and a certificate issued to said Smith & Reed by the Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire and a Treasurer's deed for said property will be made unless redemption from su... sale be made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

SMITH & REED,
Lawful Holder of Certificate.
By C. C. Hartley, Agent.

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To Chas. P. Dewey (being the person in whose name the real estate hereinafter described is taxed):

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A.D., 1896, the following described real estate situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 44 in Central Park, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to W. H. Boyle; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

GEO. HARNAGEL.

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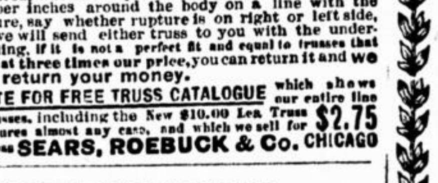
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