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CITY NEWS.

A Happy New Year to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox are spending the holidays visiting in Keokuk.

Go see Thirty Years of Freedom at St. Paul's A. M. E. church next Monday, January 2, 1905.

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER

J. B. Rush, attorney at law, will deliver an emancipation oration next Monday afternoon at Enterprise, Iowa.

Miss Lizzie Blagburn left Saturday for Oskaloosa, Iowa, to spend the holidays at her old home.

Mr. Lu Sheldon made his wife happy Christmas by presenting her one of those beautiful \$10 graphophones, the latest style.

Miss Irwin Warthall of Lucas, Iowa, is spending the holidays in the Capitol City, the guest of Mrs. James Jones.

Remember the Iowa State Bystander holiday rate is only \$1.00 for the entire year.

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Miss Eldora Green of Newton and Mr. A. C. Forney of Colfax were in the city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Spears entertained a few of their friends at dinner last Sunday.

The Misses Blanche and Electa Lewis of Lima, Ia., who spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends in the city, returned home last week.

Mr. C. B. Woods has accepted a position in the dining car service of the C. R. I. & P. Ry., left last Thursday for Davenport to report for duty.

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Mrs. Gertrude Cannady has so much improved in health that she expects to be able to resume her position as bookkeeper for her father, E. N. Hyde, the 1st of the year.

Mrs. Frank Smith left this morning for her home in Topeka, Kansas, after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends.

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Mrs. Geo. Patton,
124 W. Grand Ave.

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER

You will miss a great treat if you don't see the drama, Thirty Years of Freedom. Admission 15 cents.

For good lunches or meals go to N. W. corner of Third and Walnut. Open all night. Fox & Evans.

We extend to our friends New Year's greetings with many thanks for their interest manifested in our work, and with the new year January 1st 1905, we continue our services at the corner of Tenth and Park streets; to which we welcome all.

Morning Service, topic—"The Lapse of Time should awaken us to duty."
Evening Service, topic—"As thy days so shall thy strength be."

David and Jonathan League at 2:00 p. m. Rev. H. W. Porter, Pastor.

EMANCIPATION EXERCISES
at Union Congregational church, Monday evening, January 2, 1905 at 7:30.

PROGRAMME
Music
Invocation
Music, Solo.....E. T. Blagburn
Reading Emancipation Proclamation
.....Miss Ethel Stewart
What We Have Accomplished as a Race
CAPT. E. T. Banks
The Negro in Business.....E. N. Hyde
Music, Instrumental Solo.....
.....Miss Marguerite Fields
The Medical Profession.....
.....Dr. A. G. Edwards
The Negro Attorney.....J. B. Rush
Negro Journalist.....H. E. Jacobs
Music, Solo.....L. Shelton
Oration.....Samuel Barrett
Music.....Mrs. M. E. Blagburn
Oration.....J. L. Thompson
Music
Benediction
Exercises begin promptly. All are invited. Admission free.

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER

Mrs. L. R. Palmer will entertain the H. B. S. Reading club next Wednesday, January 4. All members are asked to be present.

SOCIAL FESTIVITIES

This is a Strenuous Week for the Des Moines Society People.

As we said last week Des Moines Society was all agog this week. So great was the pressure that the Northern Arura Morellias handed the weatherman a package Monday and cemented it Tuesday, so much so that even the wheels of society were clogged as well as the wheels of the steam and electric power, but with society the weatherman could only clog their wheels one day while the latter wheels were clogged for several days, but the latter part of the week when old Sol began to assist human ingenuity in clearing up the wreckage left by the greatest snow blizzard Iowa has seen for many years. While the editor feels his inability to do justice in writing the many entertainments and socials, but the public as with other articles consider that these various write ups are but a synopsis of the real facts, leaving you to imagine the rest.

Monday morning though observed this year as Christmas holiday, begin with Mrs. Wm. Coulson who very pleasantly entertained a company of ladies at a coffee Monday morning at her beautiful home, 2018 Center street, in honor of her visiting guests, Mrs. F. Bland of Keokuk, Mrs. T. Elliott and Mrs. F. Hughes of Chicago and Mrs. Chas. Comley of Webster City.

The guests were received by Mrs. H. Hughes and Mrs. J. Shelton and introduced by Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Theo. Williams to the remaining party, consisting of the visiting guests.

The ladies were then invited to the dining room where a delicious three course coffee was served by Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Maude Johnson.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with the Christmas greens and the tables laden with roses, carnations and ferns.

Place cards with holly leaves were used as favors.

There were about forty ladies present and all report a most enjoyable time.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James Woods gave a card party complimentary to Miss Nettie Franklin of Bedford Mesdames Hughes and Elliott of Chicago, Bland of Keokuk and Comley of Webster City. As the weather was so extremely cold and snowy only a few ladies were present, although they reported a pleasant time. Mrs. Joseph La Cour received first prize.

In the evening very beautiful printed invitations issued by Miss Mary Montague, Mesdames James E. Todd and Theo. Williams invited the gentlemen ladies to a reception in honor of Mesdames Comley, Elliott, Bland and Hughes and Miss Franklin, at the home of Miss Montague on Day street, but owing to the severe snow storm no one was present.

Wednesday afternoon Mesdames Gus Watkins and Harry Hughes entertained at the former home on Zeline street, from 3 to 6 o'clock. As the street cars were not running on account of the snow, and back service was unreliable, only a few could attend. About 20 ladies were present and enjoyed the afternoon very nicely. Refreshments were served in courses.

In the evening Mrs. W. H. Birney and Mrs. Maude Johnson gave a reception at Mrs. Birney's beautiful home, 2005 Leysers street, in honor of Mesdames Elliott, Hughes, Comley and Bland. Both ladies and gentlemen were invited. The street car service was not yet in operation, so not as many were present as was expected, although quite a few were present. Music and conversation engaged their time. Refreshments were served in courses. Mesdames Birney and Johnson are good entertainers and every one present enjoyed the evening.

Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 6, Mrs. L. Shelton entertained ladies only in honor of Miss Nettie Franklin, Mesdames Bland, Comley, Elliott and Hughes. There was a large crowd present and the ladies were well entertained. Refreshments were served in an exquisite manner. The hostess is an excellent entertainer. The graphophone made cheerful music for the guests.

In the evening one of the most elaborate card parties that has been given this year was the one last night at 817 Eleventh street, given by the Messrs. and Mesdames C. S. Ruff and Peter Hudlin. They begin playing about 8 o'clock and after playing for several hours the following prizes were awarded to those who won the most games. First prize for lady was a Doulton pitcher, won by Miss Olive Smith; booby prize, a Doulton tea pot, won by Mrs. H. Gould. First prize for gentlemen was a carving bird set, which was awarded to Mr. Harry Edmonds; the booby prize, a match holder was won by Mr. E. T. Blagburn.

A three course luncheon was served after which was enjoyed for a short time ere the guests departed for their homes. More will appear next week.

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George Logan, our court bailiff, left Friday for Savannah, Mo., where he will spend the holidays with his relatives. As George visits there so regular we expect that there are other than relatives to attract.

Remember that the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation will be celebrated Monday evening at the Union Congregational church. Come out and show your appreciation of the day, as there will be a good program, which appears in another column.

Mr. I. P. Johnson of Muscatine, Iowa, one of Muscatine's influential and successful gardeners, who lives only one and one-half miles from town, where he owns some valuable land. He was here on business and stopped with his relatives.

The full report of the executive committee of the Woman's State Federation meeting will appear next week. Only a few of the committee were able to arrive here. Some were snow-bound. Those present from abroad were Mrs. C. B. Lewis of Davenport, Miss Leah Shiffly of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Emma Gardner of Ottumwa.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of James Shackelford, formerly of Iowa, who attended Simpson college, but now of Leadville, Colo., to Miss Leona Robinson, 213 West 6th street, Leadville, Colo., December 21, at 4 o'clock p. m. James was born in Taylor county on his father's Samuel farm, and he recently moved with his parents to Hennessy, Okla. Young James has been attending college in Colorado. We extend congratulations.

WHAT OUR READERS SAY.

The Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa, displayed great enterprise in getting up a holiday edition, which was fully illustrated with cuts of many of the representative Afro-American men and women of that city. The holiday number of the Bystander shows what could be accomplished in the newspaper world if the colored people would promptly come down with the coin—Chicago Broad Av.

I congratulate you, Mr. Thompson, for the publishing of such a clean and good edition. It is helpful to the race in the northwest.
Rev. H. W. Porter,
Pastor of Union Cong. Church.

I wish to congratulate your holiday edition. It was a creditable edition, the editor's good.
Rev. T. L. Griffith,
Pastor of Corinthian Baptist.

The Bystander lacks for race news and for well written editorial comments upon matters of interest to the race generally.
S. Joe Brown.

I regard your valuable paper the best in the state.
Mrs. G. C. Banister,
Keokuk, Iowa.

Editor Bystander—Sir: In reply to your request will say I have taken the Bystander for nearly two years, and throw all other papers aside on its arrival at my door. It keeps pace with the day, and especially the race matter. Also the politics, the newcomers and the outgoers, societies, church services and what clubs. I think every colored citizen ought to take the Bystander. We realize the fact that it is edited and managed by Christian men who believe in cultivating the brain reforming the hearts of the people of the community, and are interested in the general welfare of the race.
M. G. Newman, City.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 20.
Mr. J. L. Thompson: While looking over your beautiful paper I thought I would ask you to speak a word in behalf of it. I don't think I could get along without it. I see so much in regard to our race and about the colored women's clubs, and the great work we are doing. I think every colored family in Iowa ought to subscribe for it. I shall insist on all of my friends and also the members of I. B. W. R. C. to subscribe for it. Our club is trying to reach the top of the mountain and if the Lord is with us we will be like Moses, will look in the Promised Land and see the fruits of what we and the colored women's clubs in Iowa and wherever one of our race is formed. Every man and woman should take the Iowa State Bystander next year.
Mrs. Z. A. Taylor.

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Clubs and Club Women.

Address all communications for these columns to the State Editor, Mrs. He'ena Downey, 711 Bashaw street, Ottumwa, Ia.

"One as the sea—but many as its waves;"

Central as the sun, divergent as its rays;

Separated fingers—unseparable hand;

Mountain, valley, meadow—one united land.

A million burning thoughts from one common mind.

A million earnest women—one woman-kind!

A thousand zealous clubs in every land and nation

Bind the world together in one general Federation. —Bardette.

I regret that I have been unable to publish an article on club work each month; but only two clubs have contributed articles. Is it possible that three months of the season have passed and our clubs have did nothing of interest.

Have you did nothing to lighten the burden of a weary heart? Have you did nothing to raise the home moral and civil life of your community?

Have you opened your doors and invited women who are not interested in the work and endeavored to show them the value of cooperation?

Have you sent no word of comfort or cheer offering to some invalid or needy widow?

If so, publish what you have done or what you intend to do, not from vanity, but to draw helpers and those who need help.

These articles can serve two purposes by means of a genuine and hearty cooperation.

It can broaden the sphere and enlighten the minds of those who are unconscious of organized womanhood, thereby stimulating them to similar efforts and it will also show to clubs that are doing nothing, work that they can do and stimulate them to action.

We hope all club presidents will take hold of this matter and see to it that an article is sent from their club each month.

The weal of the Federation depends not upon the president and officers, but upon the faithful support of the clubs, even to the smallest and latest comer.

My hope is for a close touch with clubs and individuals, that together we may further the great purpose and aims of the Iowa Federation.

KEOKUK

The F. E. H. club is progressing nicely and are doing much charity work. They issued a calendar which is noteworthy from an artistic standpoint as well as the plan of study outlined. They have sixteen members. Officers are:

President, Mrs. Ollie Gross, 318 N. Thirtieth street.
First Vice President, Mrs. Nora Calhoun, 921 Franklin street.
Second Vice President, Mrs. James, 1321 Morgan street.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ella Halley, 1517 Concert.
Assistant Secretary, Miss Kittie Owens, 1223 Morgan street.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Belle Banister, 1023 Morgan street.
Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Johnson, 1334 Morgan street

OTTUMWA.

The Good Intent club are flourishing as only weeds flourish. Their membership is now 24 and they have received new inspiration. They brought cheer to the home of a widow Thanksgiving by sending three baskets of provisions and are going to send out others Christmas. Officers are:

Mrs. Amy Jenkins, president.
Mrs. Francis Hicks, first vice president.
Mrs. Emma Gardner, second vice president.
Mrs. Helen Downey, recording Sec.
Mrs. Jennie Weston, Cor. Sec.
Mrs. Anna Herald, treasurer.
Mrs. Ella Brown, Historian.
The Board of Directors of the Iowa Federation will meet in Des Moines Dec 27.

A full attendance is expected and the meeting promises to be the best in the history of the Federation.

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BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR AND ENTERING OF THE NEW.

Standing upon the closing eve of the old year and stepping across the calm of time into the dawn of the New Year one may look back over the year just passing and count the good deeds, kindness and knowledge that he has shed abroad the past twelve months. The influence that he has impressed upon his fellow associates and the true light he has shed abroad. Also the amount of money he has made and more essential the what amount of this he has saved. Have you become a better man, a better citizen in the community in which you live? Have you added to your bank account? As we square up accounts for the old year those and many other questions we should ask ourselves, so when we step into the threshold of the new year, new month, new week, new day, we should go in through the permission of kind providence with a clear conscience that our debts and duties are fully paid to man. Then start out this new year to do even better than we did the year before. Try to leave an honorable name, honest manhood or noble womanhood and a pure character and thus little by little our race will rise and be respected by other races as we respect ourselves and one another. Be true, honest and virtuous.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Miss Lizzie NBlackburn of Des Moines spent Xmas with her mother, Mrs. A. Blackburn.

Miss Maria Reed of Washington, Iowa, is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. A. G. Clark.

Sarah Topson of Enterprise, Iowa, is visiting Mrs. Ed. Murray.

Eva Hart and Entale Buckner spent Xmas in Buxton.

Presiding Elder Gaines and Elder Jackson of Buxton held quarterly conference Tuesday, December 20, at the A. M. E. church, which was well attended.

Mrs. Jennie Jones, the Sunday school superintendent, had charge of the exercises and Christmas tree for the little folks, which they all seemed to enjoy.

Ren Smith spent a few days in Ottumwa visiting friends.

Mrs. Bell Bush has been very sick, but is convalescing at this writing.

Miss Anna Smith spent her holidays with her brother at Buxton.

Benjamin Lee of Cleve, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Kimbrough, on North Market street.

Herman Moore, of Hedrick was the guest of his aunt, Susie Allen.

Hester Carter, who is attending high school, spent her Xmas with her parents at Buxton. She was accompanied by Beth Straughter.

Ed Carter of Iowa City passed through the city en route to Buxton.

Mrs. Straughter and Mable spent their holidays in Buxton, Iowa.

Kitty Jones and Mrs. W. Jones of Ottumwa were visiting for a few hours at the Franklin home.

Mrs. L. Froster of Buxton was in the city on business.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Soon it will be 1905 and the leap year will go out with sadness for some who were disappointed and joy for some. The old bachelor clubs can disband and live in ease for four years hence.

The A. M. E. and Mt. Zion churches will hold watch meetings Saturday night.

The Silver Leaf club met with Mrs. Lizzie Smith Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. S. Stokes and Priscilla, her daughter, came down from Yankton, S. D., to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charlotte Lee.

Rev. R. Knight of Galesburg, Ill., arrived in our city Saturday to take charge of the A. M. E. church. He filled the pulpit Sunday. There were many pleasant smiles among the members. May he have success in his new field of labor.

The A. M. E. Sunday school held their Christmas exercises Saturday evening. The children received their gifts from an Xmas tree.

A beautiful cantata was presented at the Mt. Zion Baptist church by the children Saturday evening, entitled "Santa Claus in the Klondike Region." It was under the management of Mesdames Cora Harrison and C. E. Stubb'sfield.

Mr. William Young gave an opposition supper to many of his friends Saturday evening. They retired at a late hour, voting Billy a good entertainer.

Mrs. Jessie Merryweather arrived in our city last Saturday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carr.

One of the greatest fires in the history of our city occurred here Friday night. Over two blocks and a half was destroyed in its course of destruction. Some of the finest buildings in the city went down in the ruins. Mrs. Katherine Comely had a very narrow escape for her life. She escaped only in her night robe.

MARION HARLAND.

A very interesting feature of the Sunday edition of The Chicago Record-Herald and one looked for by every woman reader of that paper, is the page devoted to Marion Harland. Under the heading "The Housewives' Exchange" queries and answers appear on subject which conscientious housewives enjoy discussing. Wholesome advice is given about the care of children and how to make a home beautiful and attractive.

Besides writing for the press, she is the author of a large number of books. She has a summer home called Sunnybank at Pompton, N. J., but at present is living in New York City.

ALBIA.

The exercises given by the A. M. E. Sunday school children Christmas eve and conducted by Miss Tena Tolson were very successful, each person rendering their part very nicely.

Mr. Gene Morris of Virginia is visiting relatives and friends in our city. Miss Eva Johnson is back home on a visit from Missouri.

The Masonic order celebrated Xmas by giving a reunion dinner for the Masons and all their friends. Addresses were given by Messrs. V. S. Jones, W. G. Davis, Wm. Bennings, Art. Ester. The opening address was given by H. Jones and closed by V. S. Jones.

MT. PLEASANT.

Rev. J. M. Smothers, clerk of the Iowa Baptist association, has been in the city for several days. He preached at the Second Baptist church on Wednesday night and also conducted the services there on Sunday.

On Thursday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Clarke occurred the wedding of Mr. Harry Burnham to Miss Myrtle Taylor. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Martha Burnham.

Mr. Roscoe Henderson, who is here attending the I. W. U., left Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents in Canton, Mo.

Mrs. C. Beckley and sister, Mrs. R. H. Hackley, are visiting relatives in Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Myrd Carter is visiting friends in Ottumwa.

The A. M. E. Sunday school had their Christmas tree Saturday night.

The Christmas cantata Santa Claus' Honey Moon was very nicely rendered by about twenty-five of the Sunday school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed went to Burlington Saturday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Fats Martin.

Mrs. Geo. Colson and Miss Ethel Williams of Fairfield are visiting in the city with the former's sister, Mrs. E. Richmond.

Mr. Henry Gaters of Des Moines is visiting at the McCrackin home.

Quite a number from Fairfield attended the possum supper given by Prof. F. L. Burnett on Monday night.

Mrs. John Hedge entertained friends at dinner on Sunday afternoon.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

Miss Luella Hall of Moline, Ill., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Winfrey.

Misses Sophia Jackson and Vallie Bowman are visiting relatives and friends in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Walter Arnold is spending several days in Bloomington, Ill.

The Xmas program at the churches were excellent. Miss Katherine King is home from college at Mason City.

Mr. James Goodwin of Canton, Mo., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Robt. Harrington of Marcelline, Mo., is visiting in the city.

Misses Hunt and Sims of Mt. Pleasant were visitors in the city last week.

Mrs. Rachel Thomas and Mr. Everett Cain spent Xmas in Galesburg.

Miss Miller spent Xmas at her home in Canton, Mo.

Mr. Arthur Weldon of New Boston was in the city last week. Ahem! we wonder why he comes to Fort Madison so much of late. Perhaps a certain young lady can tell you why.

Mrs. Harriet McClellan, who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving.

Mesdames Ida Smith and Mildred Murphy attended Mahara's minstrels at Keokuk Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Wyatt of Moline, Ill., is visiting his wife and children for a few days.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Mrs. Adeline Perkins of Buxton was in the city shopping Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Rev. Gaines held quarterly conference Tuesday evening. Rev. Jackson of Buxton preached a very nice sermon.

Mrs. A. Blackburn is looking for her daughter, Lizzie, from the Capitol City this week.

Mr. Homer Jones left last night for Topeka, Kansas, to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. Fields is expected home in a few days from several cities in Michigan, being called to Mendon by the death of her father. She will also visit a sister in Chicago on her return trip.

Mr. M. Donald of Bushnell, Ill., visited Keokuk Christmas.

Mr. Ollie Folks of Burlington was also a Christmas visitor.

Mrs. Lydia Smith Johnson of St. Paul is visiting at the home of her mother, 504 Morgan street.

Mr. Geo. Kellar is home from a business trip to Springfield, Ill.

Mr. John Hoskins will spend the holidays visiting friends and relatives to Ft. Madison and Burlington.

The Misses Maud and Jenette Jefferson of Chicago are visiting their mother on the West Side.

Mr. Wm. Fox of Des Moines is visiting in the city for a few days.

Mrs. F. D. Bland is spending the holidays in Des Moines.

Mrs. F. D. Fields at her beautiful home on Thirteenth and Morgan celebrated her birthday anniversary December the twenty-fourth. Quite a number of ladies were present and had an enjoyable time playing cards. The decorations were very elaborate, consisting of holly, smilax and cut flowers. A bouquet of which each lady received. A delicious supper was served on lunch cloths designed with cards.

Miss Arlish Field was presented with a beautiful portrait as the first prize. Mrs. Wm. Gross the second prize, also a portrait, and Mrs. C. Gains received an Egyptian decorated vase as booby prize. Mrs. Fields was the recipient of many expensive and useful presents, with congratulations from her lady friends, who wished she would have another birthday party next year, as they had such a delightful time.

BURN BENNETT BROS COAL.

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British Commons' "Egg Boiler."
In the British house of commons, as soon as the question to be decided is put from the chair, a clerk at the table sets in motion a huge sand glass, familiarly known to members as the "egg boiler," probably because it takes three minutes to run out. As the last sand runs through the glass the sergeant-at-arms instantly locks the massive oak doors of the chamber, and only those members who have succeeded in getting through the doorway can vote.

Wrong End of the Bargain.
"It is always well to know which end of a bargain you have," said an Irishman when he first made the acquaintance of a bee. Another case that proves the point was that of the man who bought half of his son-in-law cow. The following morning he went over to get his share of

The difference between charity and reform is that charity occasionally begins at home.

When a fellow has money to burn, there are a lot of others who believe in spontaneous combustion.

"Some men," observes the New York Evening Mail, "are honest only when they swear." Honest?

If a girl is only attractive enough, she gets all the more invitations when she doesn't know how to skate.

The celluloid back comb of a Chicago young woman exploded the other day. What red hair she must have!

The new Servian cabinet lasted just one day. If it was so soon to be done for, we wonder what it was begun for.

In Chicago they are now kidnapping chorists. These homes for the aged have got to be filled up somehow.

If the law of supply and demand is still working there should also be a sharp decline in lambs' wool on Wall street.

One of the most thoughtful suicides on record is that of the Kentucky man who paid all his debts before taking his life.

\$16.50 for a lock of Thackeray's hair! Many a young man cherishes a lock of hair that he wouldn't sell for double that.

If there is another Andrew Carnegie, probably he feels flattered, too, to think that anyone could borrow \$1,250,000 on his name.

Of course, Mr. Lawson hopes that there haven't been any members of the New York yacht club caught in the stock market this week.

The Bidwells, however, with their \$5,000,000 operation in connection with the bank of England, still hold the record by a small margin.

King Peter of Serbia announces that he is in favor of arbitration. Almost anybody would, in Peter's place, be an enthusiast on the subject.

Victims of kleptomaniacs should take care to have a good social position or they are likely to be mistaken for shoplifters and treated accordingly.

What satisfaction would it bring to a bald-headed man if he could grow another crop of hair? People would only say that he was wearing a wig.

Thomas W. Lawson and Col. Greene might both be able to make up their losses if they would build a fence around themselves and charge admission.

A corps of motorists is planned for the German army. Judging from the record already established by motorists, they ought to be invincible in warfare.

Whenever a rich American girl makes up her mind that she wants one there seems to be an earl, or a marquis or a duke or something left somewhere.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is our authority for the statement that women are easier to wake than men. But it's mighty hard to put their suspicions to sleep.

Think of the collection of 1,179,713 printed books and pamphlets in the congressional library at Washington! How many lifetimes it would take to read them through!

The young men report that the flowers that bloom in the spring, trade don't interest the girls now a bit. What they want is the roses that bloom in the bothouse.

The Ambidextrous society has been organized in London for the purpose of encouraging people to use both hands with equal facility. All the pickpockets ought to join.

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell thinks he has solved the aerial navigation problem. It is to be hoped that he has at least provided himself with a feather bed upon which to fall.

A dispatch from South America says no revolutions are going on there at this time. It is midsummer in South America and the people probably are trying their best to keep cool.

Here is that old, old question again as to how it is that the women dupe men so easily, not only in money affairs, but in about everything else. The conundrum is as old as Adam. So is the answer.

Mme. Rejane, the frisky French actress, declares that "American society women are the best dressed in the world." But in some cases, either the goods or the money seem to give out before the shoulders are covered.

A young woman who sued a New York street railway company for \$5,000 damages because she fell while attempting to get on a car lost her case in court. The papers say she is very beautiful, but that must be a mistake, as it took her jury five minutes to decide against her.

We can't help hoping that the truculent Turk won't go to war with us just because the consul at Alexandria got disgruntled during the celebration of the anniversary of the sultan's accession to the throne and banished down the American flag above his consulate.

An English duke announces his intention to become identified with the chicken-raising business, but as long as he conducts himself properly there will be no serious objection among poultrymen generally.

SIoux CITY IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Eats Two Blocks Out of Heart of the Business Section

TAKES FINEST BLOCKS IN CITY

Loss Will Run From \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000—Buildings Which Were Burned Were Centers of the Business Life of the City.

SIoux City, Dec. 24.—Two solid blocks out of the heart of the business section of Sioux City were completely destroyed by fire last night. The loss will approximate between \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000, and marks the greatest conflagration in the city's half century of existence.

Buildings which were erected during the old boom days, worthy to have graced cities of twice the size, such as the Toy bank building and the Massachusetts block, and about which the business life of the city centered, were laid in ashes, and the whole vital business life of the city was struck a crushing blow.

The fire started at 8:02 p. m. in the basement of the store of the Pelletier Dry Goods company in the Massachusetts block at the corner of Fourth and Jackson streets. With this as a starting point practically the whole two blocks between Third and Fourth and Jackson and Pierce streets were destroyed. Only one or two buildings, among them that occupied by the Sioux City Tribune, were left standing amid the rain wrought by the flames.

From the Massachusetts block the fire jumped east across Jackson street to the Toy bank building, a seven-story office structure, built of solid granite, which was also destroyed. The T. S. Martin Dry Goods company's store, to the north of the fire-swept blocks, took fire, but the flames were finally extinguished, although considerable damage was suffered by water.

The fire stopped at the corner of Fourth and Pierce streets, just before it reached the Davidson Bros. dry goods store, the largest of the kind in Sioux City. The fire was under control by 11 o'clock.

The Omaha department was sent for but arrived too late to be of service. Grotesque ruins and blackened fragments are all that remains of Sioux City's choicest business section. The path of destruction of the flames defies description.

Fighting grimly against the flames which drove them back yard by yard, the Sioux City firemen struggled desperately against the blaze which threatened the safety of their city. The fire alarm system, which passed through the heart of the burned district, will be crippled until the debris can be removed from the tracks and the wires repaired.

Following is a partial list of the losses: Pelletier Dry Goods company, \$240,000; insurance, \$200,000.

Orkin Bros., furnishings, loss \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000.

J. K. Prugh & Co., queensware, loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$35,000.

R. R. Purslow, west hotel and other buildings, \$45,000; insurance, \$30,000.

W. Brown, Commercial block, \$40,000; insurance half.

Schulien estate, loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000.

Northwestern National bank, loss, \$5,000; covered.

Fagley & Co., clothing, loss, \$15,000; covered.

Faul Leader hotel, loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.

George M. Conway, wholesale tobaccoist, loss, \$55,000; insurance \$45,000.

State Bank Building company, Toy building, loss, \$175,000; insurance not known.

Martin Bros., department store, loss, \$25,000; covered.

Davidson Bros., department store, loss, \$10,000; covered.

Magner & Walsh, saloon, loss, \$13,000; insurance, \$10,000.

COUNCIL BLUFFS HAS FIRE. Warehouse of Fuller & Johnson-Shugart Co. Burns.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 28.—Fire last night completely destroyed the four-story warehouse and the entire stock and fixtures of the Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company, causing a loss on the building estimated at \$50,000 and on the stock of about \$100,000, on which was carried insurance of about \$15,000. The company, which has its head offices in Madison, Wis., with large warehouses and sales offices in several large cities of the country, carried a large line of farm implements, wagons and buggies, all of which were destroyed. The fire is believed to have started from defective electric wires on the first floor. Ten freight cars were also destroyed.

The fire started at 7 o'clock, and the entire building was in flames when the fire department reached the corner of Third and Adams streets. A strong wind increased the fury of the flames, but the firemen succeeded in preventing their spreading to other buildings in the vicinity.

BACKBONE SHOT IN TWO. Ellis Overholser Killed in Ringgold County.

Mr. Ayr, Dec. 30.—Ellis Overholser, aged 17 years, was shot in the back and died within an hour, at Knowlton, in the northwestern part of this county, just before noon yesterday. The fatal injury was from the shotgun of Will Christy, aged 16 years, and was the result of an accidental discharge. Four boys, Charles McGinty, Roy Parkins, Will Christy and Ellis Overholser, were out hunting about a quarter of a mile from town. Two of the boys had shot at a squirrel, and young Christy was raising his gun to shoot, when in cocking it the hammer slipped and the contents of the gun were discharged into Overholser's back, at a distance of eight or ten feet. The other boys were right in line at a short distance, but the charge of shot did not go clear through Overholser's body. His backbone was shot in two. He was taken to the home of Frank Marsh and a doctor was summoned, but the injured boy died almost immediately and was buried within an hour. The dead boy's father is Jacob H. Overholser, a farmer who makes his home in Knowlton.

CITY IS REVIVING

SIoux City Rallies Bravely From Disastrous Fire.

SIoux City, Dec. 25.—The ruins of the big fire blazed all day yesterday. The only building to go since midnight of Friday was the Northwestern National bank at Fourth and Pierce streets, the principal corner, where the conflagration stopped.

The identity of the man who jumped from the fourth story of the Massachusetts block and missed the net was established. He is Jenevah Brookway, who roomed in the building, a brother of Jesse Brookway, who about two weeks ago fell from a painter's scaffold and was killed. It is pretty well established that no others lost their lives, although some still insist it was impossible for all to have made their escape.

The heaviest losers, and their insurance follow:

Loss	Ins.
Pelletier Dry Goods Co.	\$240,000 200,000
Mass. Real Estate Co.	185,000 75,000
Farrar, Loan & Trust Co.	115,000 50,000
J. H. Bolton	50,000 20,000
Brown Block Co.	35,000 20,000
Jonathan W. Brown Peavey & Nash Fur Co.	30,000 20,000
Dow Clothing Co.	25,000 25,000
J. K. Truitt & Co.	20,000 20,000
Selzer Bros.	55,000 35,000
R. E. Purslow West hotel	25,000 25,000
Schulien estate	60,000 30,000
Geo. M. Conway	55,000 45,000
Higman & Skinner Co.	50,000 25,000
Johnson & Anson Co.	55,000 24,000
Gillette Hardware Co.	20,000 10,000
Paul Leader	20,000 10,000
James Bothwell	23,000 10,000
Weld Hardware Co.	20,000 10,000
Hurst & Halseth T. S. & J. P. Martin, Mercantile block,	15,000 20,000
Fagley & Co.	15,000 26,000
Orkin Bros.	40,000 20,000
T. S. & J. P. Martin, Mercantile block,	15,000 20,000

Smaller losses are almost without number. The loss now is estimated at \$2,500,000, with insurance between half and two-thirds of that amount.

There was a great scramble for quarters by merchants and officers today. Announcement has been made as to several of the burned blocks that they will be rebuilt. The City National bank has opened headquarters in the Hotel Garretton.

The First National bank has leased the first floor of the United Bank building Sheds and poor quarters of all kinds have been pressed into service.

The fire demonstrated that the city's water pressure is inadequate, and there is a general demand that the city purchase fire engines.

BANK IN BAD SHAP

Dedham Bank Now in Charge of Auditor Carroll.

Des Moines, Dec. 29.—Auditor of State Carroll has taken charge of the Dedham Savings bank in Carroll county. It is in the possession of H. M. Cornary, bank examiner. There is possibility that it may be able to reopen.

John G. Caton, the president, is charged with being a defaulter to the extent of from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The capital stock of the bank is \$15,000 and Caton owns \$8,000 of it. His deposit amount to about \$60,000. Barring the default, the bank has been in a prosperous condition.

Caton, confronted by the auditor, declared that the apparent shortage was the result of error and that he was not a defaulter. He offered to audit and put up his note, secured by \$8,000 stock in the bank, to cover the shortage. He then went to Oregon to see his sons, promising that he would return and straighten everything out.

He did not return, however, but sent one of his sons, who attempted to straighten out the affairs of the bank, but did not bring the funds with which to do it. The sons, also, are bankers.

The auditor, who was in virtual possession of the bank, directed the directors of the institution to attach all the property of the president in order to protect the bank as far as possible, and this they did. Among the pieces of property which was attached was a section of fine land in three separate farms, against which there is only a small indebtedness. Other property also was attached. There is ample to satisfy the impairment of the capital, if it is possible to realize upon it.

BUCK FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Convicts Him of Murder in the Second Degree.

Newton, Dec. 29.—After deliberation covering just twenty-four hours the jury in the murder trial of Millard Buck, accused of shooting John Porter in Prairie City last summer, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The verdict of the jury carries with it a penalty of imprisonment of from ten years to life.

The trial was one of the most sensational which has ever been held in Jasper county, deriving its chief interest from the testimony introduced with a view to showing that Buck's appearance of insanity was feigned, and that he had, through this means, been cleared of the charge against him. The turkey of the jail and Ed. Parney, a trusty who had been detailed to care for Buck, gave the chief evidence along this line.

Parney testified that he was to be given a cow and certain other articles if he would tell visitors to the jail of Buck's strange actions and other stories which would lead them to think that the man was insane. Parney said that the medicine which was supposed to be given Buck was poured down a waste pipe.

HEDRIX SHOT BY FARMER.

Farmer Lays in Wait for Thief Who Stole Harness.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—N. W. Layman, who resides near Camp Douglas north of the city, shot and painfully wounded William Hedrix, who is alleged to have been in the act of securing stolen harness in the brush upon the farmer's place.

Layman discovered the harness was missing from his barn and traced them to a clump of bushes. There he watched for hours with a gun for the return of the thief. Finally a form appeared, Layman called a "nait" and, he claims, upon the movement of the fellow to draw a gun, fired a double charge of bird shot into the man's legs.

Hedrix was taken to the city jail, where Dr. Miller took the shot from his hips and legs. Hedrix will be brought to face a charge of larceny.

ALLEGED PAPER TRUST IS SUED

Attorney General Moody Begins Action in St. Louis.

LOUIS.

MANY COMPANIES ARE NAMED

For Doing Business Through General Paper Company—Claimed They Have Formed a Combination in Violation of Laws of United States.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Attorney General Moody, for the United States, through Dist. Atty. Haupt and Frank B. Kelogg and James M. Beck, special assistant attorney general of New Richmond, Wis., yesterday afternoon filed a bill in the United States district court in which he names the General Paper company as principal defendant and the Itasca Paper company of Little Falls, Minn., Wolf River Paper and Fibre company of New Richmond, Wis., Flatman Paper company of Appleton, Wis., Kimberly & Clark company of Neenah, Wis., Riverside Fibre Paper company of Appleton, Wis., Centralia Pulp and Water Power company of Centralia, Wis., Combined Locks Paper company of Oconto Falls, Wis., Delta Pulp company of Eau Claire, Wis., Grand Rapids Paper and Pulp company of Grand Rapids, Wis., Menasha Paper company of Menasha, Wis., Neoksa Paper company of Neoksa, Wis., The Falls Manufacturing company of Oconto Falls, Wis., John Edwards company of Park Falls, Wis., John Edwards Manufacturing company, C. W. Howard company of Menasha, Wis., Wolf River Paper and Fibre company of New Richmond, Wis., Wisconsin River and Paper company of Prover, Wis., and the Wisconsin Paper company of Grand Rapids, Wis., Manufacturers' Paper company, and the Potesta Fibre company, of Potesta, party defendants in a suit to enjoin them and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper company, in violation of the provisions of sections one and two of the act of congress approved July 2, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraint and monopolies."

The petition alleges that the defendants have entered into an agreement to combine and control the sale of the product of the different companies through the General Paper company, in that the General Paper company regulated prices, sales and shipment and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper company divided the surplus among the members of the corporation.

The petition recites that the General Paper company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin, May 26, 1900, with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares, of which \$100,000 were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named and that later the others were taken into the combine, naming them in the order in which they entered the trust, and goes on to state that the General Paper company became the exclusive selling agent for the defendants with absolute power to control the output of the various mills, fix the prices of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold, and that the defendants and places it shall be shipped, what publishers and other customers they expect mills to supply.

It further states that no dealers or newspapers or other consumers in the territory west of the Mississippi, with the exception of the newspaper publishers in St. Louis and Chicago, could purchase any paper except directly through the General Paper company, and then only upon terms dictated by the latter.

The court is asked to declare the alleged combine unlawful, and that the defendants be enjoined from joining from doing any act in pursuance of the same. That the General Paper company be enjoined from acting as sales agent for the other defendants, and that the latter be enjoined from continuing their arrangements with the General Paper company. The court is also asked to direct the defendants to come into court and answer all questions relating to allegations of the petition as may be necessary.

REPUBLICANS WIN.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—By the action of the state canvassing board in issuing certificates of election as Henry B. Millard, the republicans have secured such absolute control of the assembly that it is now regarded in democratic circles as highly probable that Gov. James H. Peabody will be reelected. The republicans plan, it is said, to accomplish this by throwing out the vote of all democratic wards of Denver and counting the vote of the republican wards. The senate now stands: republican, 19, democratic, 15, vacancy, 1. On joint ballot the legislature stands: republican 66, democratic 23.

By throwing out Los Animas county precinct the canvassing board converted a majority of 124 into a majority of 207 for Darella and by a similar action in Boulder county the re-election of Senator Ward, democrat, was nullified and his seat given to Millard.

Although the members of the canvassing board refuse to say how they stood on the proposition to go behind the returns, it has been learned that one member, State Treasurer Whitney Newton, was opposed to the action taken. Those who voted in favor of upsetting the democratic senators-elect are Gov. James H. Peabody, Attorney General N. C. Miller and Auditor J. A. Holmberg. All the members of the board are republicans.

APPROVE MINISTER SELECTED.

Moscow Zemstvo Passes Resolutions in Presence of Big Audience.

Moscow, Dec. 28.—At the meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo yesterday in the presence of a great audience, resolutions of confidence and congratulatory were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior, and the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between government and the people. The zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of school houses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief of Police Treppoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations, is about to resign and proceed to the front.

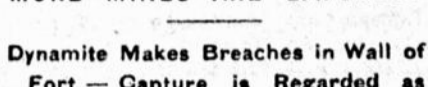
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One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

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STORIETTES.

Frank L. Stanton has many good stories of the south stored up in his memory, and most of them are short and to the point. One of the best and most epigrammatic concerns a Kentucky colonel who was just dressing in the morning in his bachelor home in Louisville. "Sambo," he called downstairs to his headman, "go out and mow some mint for breakfast."

Lincoln Steffens illustrates the Western spirit of illu by telling of a visit he made to a certain Western governor. During his call a visitor was shown in, who excitedly informed the governor that a certain high official had just died, and added: "I dislike to exhibit any unseemly haste in the matter, but I very much desire to make application for appointment as his successor." "Well," was the governor's reply, "you will have to get into the line already formed, and take your chances."

The bishop of Texas is a man of physical proportions commensurate with the great diocese over which he has charge. Leaving a barber shop one day during the recent Episcopal convention in Boston, he lighted a cigar. "Why, bishop," inquired the barber, "you do that sort of thing?" "Oh, yes," was the reply; "I have done that sort of thing ever since I was twelve years old." The barber surveyed the six feet four inches of individual before him. Then: "It's well you began your career," he commented, "for they do say it stunts you!"

Sam Sothorn, who is now acting in London, tells an amusing little story of his first appearance in America. His manager was John T. Raymond, and when the young Englishman made his first stage entrance, the older man, whose talent was equalled by his eccentricity, suddenly laid his hand on his shoulder and turned him around to the audience. "This is young Sam Sothorn," he explained to the astonishment of everybody on and off the stage, "and hereafter we all remember his father's name. Now you will give him a hearty welcome. Sam, my boy, fire away!"

A new story that comes from Germany is that a Christianized Jew, who, returning to his native village, went to the rabbi and said that he had been seized by a strong desire to be buried in the same plot with his parents. The rabbi informed him that he was now a Christian, such a thing as burial in a Jewish cemetery was impossible. The Jew said that he was willing to pay well to have his wish gratified. "Well," said the rabbi, "there will be a meeting of the directors of the synagogue tomorrow, and I will see what can be done for you." He informed the Jew the next day that the directors, after a hard struggle, had given in, but that it would cost him forty-five thousand marks. "That's a terrible price," said the Jew, after he had reluctantly paid it. "Now tell me how you happened to fix upon exactly that sum." "Well," said the rabbi, "the reason was this: When the Messiah appears, you, as a Christian, could not go with them, and therefore would be left in possession of the entire cemetery, and as there were 7000 for three thousand plots at fifteen marks per plot (the regular rate), we concluded it was nothing less than that you should pay for them all."

Found at Last. Hensley, Ark., Dec. 26th.—(Special) That a sure cure for Backache would be a priceless boon to the people, and specially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. Sue Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-looked-for cure.

"I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and I have suffered with the Backache very much for three or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, it thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from Backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

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She—"Are you sure you love me for myself alone?" He—"Did you love me for your mother?"—Somerville Journal.

Enough is as good as a feast, but few of us know when we have enough.

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Large Number of Heads.

CZAR'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

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The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known, even in the newspaper offices, till long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document whose ultimate value depended largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. Naturally, it has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained, also, that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are entrusted.

WORST IN 16 YEARS. Practically the Entire Country is Storm Swept.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Considering overblowing which continues to make a blizzard, there has not been, in the report of Dr. Chappel of the weather bureau, such a storm in the past sixteen years. The points of consideration are snowfall, wind and temperature. There have been numerous storms of great force, but only one such a combination of elements has been recorded by its advent. This storm was the one of 1888, the greatest force of which was felt at Omaha.

The reason for the great force of the storm yesterday is that it has been gathering force for the past four days. Beginning with its advent on December 23, on the Pacific coast, it has gained in force and cold every day since its presence on the continent. Coming from the northwest toward the southeast and then to the northeast, it has been blowing over the United States as far as 1,000 miles from the real path of the blizzard have felt the chill of the terrible wind and falling temperature.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—One of the severest storms of recent years has ranged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky Mountains and the great lakes since early yesterday morning, and has caused much trouble to street car companies, railroads and telegraph companies.

In proof that the monkey possesses some of the characteristics of man, a practical illustration was witnessed recently in Lincoln Park, Chicago, a monkey, known as "Jim," was disturbed upon some whisky. He drank it, and in a little while became quarrelsome, and viciously thrashed his wife and two little ones.

Thomas Yates, of Toledo, Ohio, now in his eighty-second year, is believed to be the sole survivor on this side of the Atlantic of the "Zouave six hundred" who made the famous charge at the battle of Balaklava, October 25, 1854. He recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of that event immortalized by Tennyson in his "Charge of the Light Brigade."

Stewart McDougal, a wealthy man of Brooklyn, N. Y., was for years troubled with dyspepsia. Nearly everything he ate caused him distressing pains in the stomach. He gave up eating cooked food, confined his diet to milk, fruit and vegetables, rigidly avoiding meat, and in a few months his health was thoroughly restored, and with it the vigor of youth.

A female polar bear and two cubs were observed in cold storage, a short time ago, by the crew of the whaler, Lora Hansen, which recently arrived at Seattle. The cubs nestled against the mother, frozen in an iceberg that stood one hundred feet above the water, and the ice was as clear as crystal. How long the animals had been thus entombed is entirely a matter of conjecture.

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A CURIOUS FACT

It is worthy of remark that every city of any size or importance in the great State of Texas is located directly on the line of the E. & T. Ry. Naturally the country adjacent to these cities, and the cities themselves, are a little richer in opportunities than other portions of the State, which is as a whole a State surprisingly attractive to the investor and the home-seeker.

"KATY"

ST. LOUIS, MO.

A fish lays more eggs than a hen, and doesn't cackle about it, either.—New York Times.

You can't make no man out of a Willie Boy by having him smoke cigars 'stead of cigarettes.—Spinix.

Bacon—"Why does he call his dachshund 'Procession'?" Egbert—"Because it takes him so long to pass a given point."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Do only thing that some people gits out of education," said Uncle Eben, "is the ability to talk so's people can't understand 'em."—Washington Star.

Lady—"Oh, that big dog isn't the one I advertised for. My dog was a little fox-terrier." Boy—"Yes'm, Your dog's inside o' dis one!"—Puck.

Sutor—"I came to ask your daughter's hand." Father—"Can you support her auto in the manner to which it has been accustomed?"—New York Sun.

Mayne—"What a gossip Mrs. Gadby is!" Edith—"Yes, indeed, I never tell her anything without finding out that she has already told it herself!"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Johnny Gochaw—"Paw, what's the law of gravitation?" Farmer Gochaw—"I dunno. I haint got t'me to keep up with all the fool statoots the darn legislator passes."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Rimer—"Do you really prefer to have long poems sent in to you rather than short ones?" Editor—"Yes. When they're long, you see, I don't have to think up any other excuse for rejecting them."—Philadelphia Press.

Seedy Stranger—"Excuse me, sir, but can you change a dollar for me?" Humanitarian—"Why, yes." Seedy Stranger—"Thanks. And now will you kindly tell me where I can get the dollar?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"That Mrs. Snazles is too much of a aristocrat for me to mingle with." "How's that?" "She was knocked down by a pushcart and she had it put into de paper dat she was hit by an automobile."—Detroit Free Press.

He (reading about the latest society wedding)—"They have a lot to say about what the bride wears, but they have nothing to say about the poor bridegroom." She—"They have no need to, because it is a well-known fact that he usually wears a worried look."—Boston Globe.

A farmer in Monroe county, Mo., last fall invested \$229 in sheep. He has since sold \$227 worth of wool, and has 143 lambs that will average eighty pounds when ready for market, which at four cents a pound, makes them worth \$572. Total income from his flock of sheep, \$684, and he still has the sheep.

Edmond Hosiand, the famous playwright, went to the mayor's office of a little town in France, to register the birth of a friend's daughter. An officious little clerk pompously asked him his name and his vocation, and these questions having been satisfactorily answered, the clerk continued: "Now you have to sign your name. Can you write? If not, you can make a cross."

A Rare Good Thing.

"Am using ALLEN'S FOOT-POWDER, and can truly say I would not have been without it so long, had I known the relief it would give my aching feet. I think it a rare good thing for anyone having sore or tired feet."—Mrs. Matilda Holtvert, Providence, R. I. Sold by all Druggists, 50c. Ask for day.

Nagsby—"When a man and his wife think the same thoughts simultaneously, it is a sign that they are exceedingly congenial." Wagsby—"So? Well, then, my wife and I are congenial all right, for the other night, when she said that she wondered why I'd ever been such a fool as to marry her, I had been sitting there in silence for half an hour wondering over the same identical thing."—Baltimore American.

JAPANESE TAKE ANOTHER FORT

Tighten Their Coil About Doomed Port Arthur.

OCCUPY RIHLUNC MOUNTAIN

Important Position Falls Into Their Hands—Fort Long and Stubbornly Held by Russian Defenders Falls at Last.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The Japanese occupied the entire fort on Rihlung mountain at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Konevchenko had been killed and that General Stoessel had been injured, falling from his horse. General Simulov is also reported wounded. The advices further say that the Sevastopol had sunk in shallow water. Her low hull damaged in two places and the steering room is also damaged.

The garrison is reported to be confident in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1st. Despite its heavy losses November 26 and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of food in the beleaguered fortress is high. Beef is a ruble and one-half per pound. It is expected that the capture of the heights of Pigeon Bay will further curtail the landing of supplies.

WILL WATCH RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Are Not to Be Allowed to Leave Harbor at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—The afloat has issued strict orders to the commanders of the warships in the harbors of Woosung and Shanghai and to the harbor master at Shanghai to prevent any attempt to be made by the Russian war vessels, the cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi. More Chinese cruisers are on the way to Shanghai.

Choo, Dec. 29.—The persistent rumor which has been in circulation for the past two weeks that several torpedo boat destroyers had escaped from Port Arthur and succeeded in reaching Vladivostok is denied by the officials.

HOSPITAL SHIPS ARE WARNED.

Are Protecting Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio cables as follows: On December 19, the Japanese signalled the Russian hospital ships protecting the destroyers in the roadstead of Port Arthur from the main force, and the Russians requested respite of six hours, which meant giving the destroyers the benefit of the darkness. The sequel is not known.

It is reported that recently positions have been captured behind Liapto which have cut off the Russian supply bases from the main force. Foreign correspondents from Port Arthur declare that the fortress is the strongest that ever was attacked and compare it to six Sebastopols all situated on hills, connected by tramways and telephones and backed by a mass of well masking the movements of the troops from one to the other. They consider that no other army in the world could have done what the Japanese have accomplished, but deprecate as over-sanguine the idea of its immediate capture.

TO RE-ELECT DEPEW.

Former Governor Black Withdraws From Senatorial Race.

New York, Dec. 29.—Chauncey Mitchell Depew, of New York, who succeeded himself for a term of six years as senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve.

The formal announcement of this conclusion was made late yesterday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel by Governor Odell as chairman of the republican state committee, and came as the culmination of a series of conferences by prominent republicans extending over several weeks, and practically continuous during the past three days.

The purport of the announcement is that the candidacy of former Governor Frank S. Black, of Troy, which has been warmly pressed by his friends during the past fortnight or more, is withdrawn, and that the name of Senator Depew will be the only one presented to the caucus of the republican legislature which will select the party's candidate for senator.

FILE PETITION FOR ADAMS.

Asked That Ballot Boxes Used in Denver Be Examined.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—Attorneys Charles S. Thomas and Samuel Bedford filed a petition in the supreme court yesterday on behalf of Alva Adams, the democratic governor-elect, asking that either the court or a commission be appointed by the court to open all of the 294 ballot boxes used in Denver at the late election and make a thorough examination of their contents. The court decided to hear arguments on the petition later in the day.

Governor Adams' petition charges that certain evilly disposed persons are using the supreme court as a cloak under which they may nullify the will of the people as constitutionally expressed at the polls. The petitioner insists that, however extensive the frauds perpetrated, the legal voters have a constitutional right to have their ballots counted, and that every ballot box in the city of Denver should be opened and its contents scrutinized.

Japanese Are Dynamiting Forts. Tokio, Dec. 29.—It is understood that the Japanese dynamiting and paralyzing against the eastern section of the main circle of forts around Port Arthur is progressing favorably. The right wing of the besiegers continues a heavy and effective shelling of the new town preparatory to operations which are being completed. It is probable that the next attack will be simultaneously directed against the east and west faces of the fortress in an endeavor to divide and weaken the resistance of the defenders.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITOL

Des Moines, Dec. 23, 1904.

The Richards and Baird cases are locked for submission to the supreme court at the session of the court which will convene January 10. Clerk Crockett has issued the dockets in their order the cases begin with No. 65. There are three of them. First, that of the state against W. A. Richards; second, that against Frank Baird, and the third, that against W. A. Richards and Bert Richards, the defendants in each case being the applicant.

In the case of Martin against the city of Oskaloosa, involving the validity of assessments for public improvements made in accordance with the statute, but without the intermediation of a city ordinance, McCoy & McCoy, L. C. Bollen and J. C. Bollen and City Solicitor Bremner of Des Moines will appear to make additional argument on rehearing.

The E. S. Blydenburgh case is No. 124 in the second period on the docket and will be submitted at the sitting beginning with February 7. The petition for rehearing filed by the attorneys for Louis Busse to keep him from hanging has been set down for hearing at the opening of the third sitting of the court, March 7.

Governor Cummins has appointed J. S. Goss of Atlantic a member of the state pharmacy commission to succeed Fletcher Howard at the expiration of the latter's term, April 25. Mr. Goss has been a staunch democrat for many years. He was a candidate for the appointment when Governor Cummins first took office, to succeed Mr. Howard, who had been in the office for some years. It is understood that his selection is eminently satisfactory to democrats of all kinds.

Governor Cummins has received an official invitation to attend the ceremony of inauguration of President Roosevelt in Washington, D. C., March 4, next. He will accept the invitation on behalf of himself and the members of his staff, who will accompany him, not to exceed twenty-five. The invitation he is asked to take with him as many of the members of the state guard as desired, within the limit of a brigade. This number, it is stated, arrangements had been made to accommodate. It was decided, however, only to take the members of the staff, the adjutant and the time of inauguration will be Adjutant General Thrift.

It is understood in political circles that the Iowa electoral college, which will convene at the state house in Des Moines, January 8, will have to select a messenger from the half a dozen candidates within the college itself. And it is further understood that the names of those who desire to take the Iowa vote to Washington shall be placed in a hat and lots shall be cast to select the messenger. This method was used four years ago.

General James B. Weaver of Colfax has inaugurated a movement for the removal of the Iowa soldiers' monument from the site of the battle of Polkville. The matter has been discussed to some length, petitions will be circulated through the state for signatures to an unanimous appeal to the legislature to take action. General Weaver has no criticism of anyone to make, and believes that the monument commission did the best it could under the circumstances. But the location and embellishment of the monument have been admitted by all to be unfortunate and inadequate. For years, its removal has been talked more or less, but hitherto there has been no effort to organize a movement looking toward that end. General Weaver was one of Iowa's noted and most courageous soldiers. Veterans everywhere accord him the right to speak for their country in a suitable and appropriate manner. His patriotism is purely patriotic and nothing of the political clings to it. It is expected, therefore, to attract support of the widest character. General Weaver has embodied his views in a letter which he says will be the first of a series of papers on the subject.

At the meeting of the State Teachers' Association the following officers were elected for the following year: President, J. J. McConnell of Cedar Rapids; First Vice-President, E. E. Palmer of Jefferson; Second Vice-President, Ella C. Chantry of Adair; Third Vice-President, O. P. Postwick of Clinton; Secretary, Adam Pickett of Mt. Airy; Treasurer, G. W. Samson of Cedar Falls; Member of Executive Committee, F. E. Bolton of Iowa City; Members Educational Council, T. B. Hutton of LeMars and Mattie Lea A. Lair of Sidney.

A final adjustment of the Chamberlain divorce litigation has been effected by the filing of a decree signed by Judge Hugh Brennan whereby an absolute divorce is given Mrs. Lydia Chamberlain from her husband, David S. Chamberlain, together with a division of the property of the family. The Chamberlain hotel, recently erected at a cost of about \$300,000 by David S. Chamberlain, becomes the property of Mrs. Chamberlain upon the payment by her of about \$2,500. All other property owned jointly by the husband and wife, including the property solely of Mrs. Chamberlain, there having been deeds to that effect filed by Mrs. Chamberlain yesterday with Recorder Dodson, Mrs. Chamberlain, it is said, assumes a \$90,000 mortgage against the hotel.

When workmen are about to repair a Chinese temple they cover the idol's eyes, to prevent the deities from seeing the disorder.

Over 30,000 horses are annually slaughtered in Paris for their meat. The carcass of an average horse yields about 389 pounds of meat.

Whalebone is found in the mouth of the whale, where it forms the substitute for the teeth, which, otherwise, the animal is destitute.

The government of Ecuador has introduced a bill into its congress for the separation of church and State and the confiscation of all ecclesiastical property.

A bullfight was about to take place in Valladolid, Spain, when two of the animals escaped from the arena and made their way into a hospital. Here they nimbly pranced around, and upset several beds on which patients were lying, and gored three persons.

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