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THE NEW YEAR edition of the Grand Island Independent was as handsome typographically as it was readable.

MR. WANAMAKER'S idea that the tariff should be so adjusted that manufacturers may be able to keep employees going the full week at good wages is one that will be generally indorsed by the people who take a practical view of the matter.

THE total coinage of the mints of the United States during December was \$7,017,416, of which \$4,363,195 was gold and \$2,551,997 silver.

THERE will be a great crop in the year '97, which nobody can deny. An expert who has examined the ground says that it is finer shape than it ever was before; it is wet clear through to Hong Kong, and if there does come a summer drought it can't hurt anything.

AT THE recent election Minnesota adopted a constitutional amendment to the effect that no alien shall hereafter exercise the right of suffrage until he shall have been fully naturalized; and Texas decided that hereafter no person of foreign birth shall vote in that state unless he shall have been a resident for one year, and declared his intention to become a citizen six months before election.

IT is safe to say that Bryan is not so sick of his lecture engagement as the men who are putting up the money for it. The lecture tour was an exceedingly foolish scheme for everybody connected with it except Bryan himself, who is a poor man, and who needs the money it would bring if successful.

WALTER WELLMAN, correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald makes this guess on McKinley's cabinet: Secretary of state, John Sherman; of Ohio; secretary of the treasury, Nelson Dingley, of Maine; secretary of war, Ex-Governor William Merriam, of Minnesota; William Merriam, of Minnesota; William Merriam, of Minnesota; William Merriam, of Minnesota.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE said in a recent address on the coming century that the world is growing better. In his classification, the century of Columbus was marked by discovery, the eighteenth by analysis and the nineteenth by invention.

DURING the year 1896 there were thrown into the hands of receivers thirty-four railroads, having a mileage of 5,441 miles, a bonded debt of \$173,064,000, a capital stock of \$102,533,000 and a total capitalization in bonds and stock of \$275,597,000.

PACIFIC FUNDING BILLS

Are Being Pushed in Both Branches of Congress.

FIGHTING THE HOMESTEAD BILL.

Senator Platt Will Present the Minority Report of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Opposition to the Measure—Senator Pettigrew Will Take the Lead in Its Advocacy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The house will get down to serious business as soon as it reassembles after the holiday recess on Tuesday. Probably the most important pieces of general legislation to be acted upon at the short session have been made special orders and will consume the entire week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The claim of Brigadier General D. G. Swain, retired, judge advocate general of the army, for the amount of his pay withheld under the execution of the finding of a court-martial, will come before the supreme court of the United States this week for argument, he having appealed from the decree of the court of claims, which rejected his suit.

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Increase Naval Inspector.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Herbert has practically decided to increase the present naval corps of inspectors of steel used in the construction of naval vessels of the United States by the appointment of a number of expert civilians.

NEW INSURANCE LAWS IN KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—The committee recently appointed by Grand Master Workman Wallace of the A. O. U. W. of Kansas to prepare a bill for passage by the legislature that will protect the fraternal benefit society against irresponsible concerns that come into the state under the present insurance law will make some very important recommendations.

Liability to Be a Sharp Clash of Interests in Efforts to Secure Consideration.

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AUDITOR STIRS THEM UP

Starting Revelations Made Regarding Minnesota Affairs.

FORFEITURE OF LANDS TO STATE.

General Shaking Up in Mineral Contracts and Railroad Land Titles as the Result of Auditor Dunn's Investigations—He Makes Some Strong Recommendations to the Legislature.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—The biennial report of State Auditor Robert C. Dunn to the legislature contains some startling figures and recommendations, drawn from a rigid interpretation of the law and a careful examination of the records of his office, which includes the land department.

Working on Inaugural Message.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—President-elect McKinley passed a very quiet Sunday at the home of M. A. Hanna. When Mr. McKinley returned from church he was greeted at Mr. Hanna's home by Senator Cullum of Illinois who had stopped over for a short visit on his way to Washington.

Ran into a Landslide.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—Missouri Pacific freight No. 2 ran into a landslide near New Haven, Mo., 67 miles west of here at 2:30 o'clock this morning, killing Engineer Homer Evans, Fireman Henry Hookup and brakeman J. E. McQueen, all of this city.

Big Cut in Miners' Wages.

MASSILLON, O., Jan. 4.—Notices have been posted at all the mines in the Massillon district of a reduction in the price of pick mining from 61 cents to 51 cents per ton.

Colored Athlete Won.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—F. Hart, the Chicago colored athlete, won the six-day heel-and-toe walking match. He only led Hoagland by seven laps. Stephens, the local man, who finished third, Oddy, the Englishman, and Cowboy Smith of Denver failed to make the required 300 miles and will not come in on the division of gate receipts.

Canadian Transcontinental Line.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Hon. J. G. Blair, minister of railways, returned today from his trip to the Pacific coast. It is understood that his report to the government will be in favor of building a railroad through the Crow's Nest pass of the Rockies, but how it is to be done is another question upon which Mr. Blair will say nothing.

Vermont Investors Heavy Losers.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Jan. 4.—The Farmers' Trust company of Sioux City, Ia., which closed its doors last week, will prove a hard blow to its Vermont investors. According to returns since the failure, 80 per cent of the liabilities of \$185,000 is said to be due the people of this state.

Idaho Legislative Deadlock.

BOISE, Ia., Jan. 4.—The Populists and Democrats are in a deadlock over the organization of the legislature. The Democrats demand the speaker and control of all the important committees.

STORY OF COMMODORE WRECK.

One of the Survivors Gives a Graphic Account of the Disaster.

SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD.

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Wheat and Corn Washed Away.

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First Blizzard of the Season.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—The first blizzard of the season prevails in western Missouri, throughout Kansas and in the territories, the trains at many points in Kansas being delayed by snow drifts.

WAGES ARE SHAVED DOWN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The employes of the Illinois Steel company were notified today that their wages would be cut \$3.00 a month.

Favor State Liquor Dispensary.

TOPEKA, Jan. 4.—It is currently reported that the leading prohibitionists and temperance workers of Kansas have decided to ask the legislature this winter to pass a law establishing the state liquor dispensary in Kansas.

Death of a Congressman-Elect.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Jan. 4.—News was received here that Hon. J. J. Davidson of Beaver, the well known Republican congressman-elect for this, the Twenty-fifth district, had died at Phoenix, Ariz., where he had gone in the hope of improving his health.

The People Are In Earnest.

The masses everywhere are for the Democratic ticket this year. They recognize the fact that the issues joined in this campaign are between the people on one side and the plutocrats on the other.

Female Physical Culture.

Girls have so many artificial restraints in childhood that they should correct them as soon as possible by a thorough and systematic course in gymnastics.

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