SECRETARY SMITH DISCUSSES INDIAN MATTERS.

He Presents Some Practical Suggestions -The Educational Problem Considered at Length in His Annual Report-He Stands Up for the Contract Schools As the Best Thing to Be Had Under Present Circumstances.

Hoke Smith's Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 .- The annual report of Secretary Hoke Smith of the interior department deals largely with Indian affairs, and he presents some practical suggestions for the development and civilization of the Sacs. Besides giving a succinct history of the progress of the Indian bureau during the past twelve months, the secretary reviews the problem of effective work for the advancement of the Indians. He discusses the subject of education and of allotments of land in severalty and urges that the education of the Indians should be for the purpose of fitting them to perform the particular responsibilities most likely to fall to their after lot. He presents the possibilities of reservation as land the to improved and developed, to which the Indians should be taught to apply those modes of agriculture recognized in civilized life. Their education should fit them for this work, and they should be led on with the assurance that the government dealing with this land will treat the Indians with perfect honesty and make no further effort to trade them out of it for the benefit of those who wish to settle upon it. The Indians should keep their lands.

On the subject of contract schools the secretary says: "I agree fully with those who oppose the use of public money for the support of sectarian schools. But this question should be considered practically. The schools have grown up. Money has been invested in their construction for the time when they were recognized as wise instrumentalities for the accomplishment of good. I do not think it proper to allow the intense feeling of opposition to sectarian education, which is showing itself all over the land, to induce the department to disregard existing institutions. We need the schools now or else we need a large appropriation to build schools to take their place.

"It would scarcely be just to abolish them entirely, to abandon a policy so long recognized. My own suggestion is that they should decrease at the rate of not less than 20 per cent a

"This is the policy which is now controlling the department, and unless it is changed by legislation it will continue. The decrease in the amount alloted for the present fiscal year is 20

An appendix to the report publishes in full the report of the commission to the five civilized tribes. The secretary insists that law and order in the Indian Territory must be enforced as a duty without regard to the wishes of those who control the tribes.

He speaks of the land office as second in importance to the Indian office, and recommends changes in the system of surveying and establishment of a land court.

VAN LEUVEN PENSION FRAUDS

Special Examiner Waite Indicted for Bribery and Intimidation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 1 .- The defense in the Van Lueven pension frauds have all along hinted mysteriously at a coup which was to be sprung at a critical moment, and have asserted that the special examiners of the department, who were the prime movers in uncovering the frauds, would be behind the bars before the Lime Spring, Iowa, pension agent would. The meaning of these mysterious hints has just leaked out, although it was intended that they should remain unexplained until the approaching trials in the federal court at Dubuque were in progress. It has been discovered that the grand jury of Howard county, Iowa, meeting at Cresco, recently returned an indictment against Special Examiner Edward G. Waite, of this city, charging him with attempting to bribe a Howard county pensioner to give evidence adverse to Van Lueven and Dr. Kessell, of Cresco, by offering an increase in pension as a reward. Two other indictments were also returned, charging Mr. Waite with intimidation of witnesses. The fact that these indictments have been found has been kept a profound secret, as well as the further fact that attempts to find similar indictments are makin Winnesheik county, Iowa.

Dr. Kessell is under federal indictment at Dubuque for complicity in the Van Lueven frauds as a member of the Cresco examining board. His attorney is W. K. Barker, who is also county attorney of Howard county-a fact which is claimed by Mr. Waite to explain the bringing of the indict-

Safe Blowers at Emporla.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 1. - The meat market of Charles Grab was entered by burglars last night, the safe blown open and all the cash and valuable papers were taken. The burglars then proceeded to tear things up generally. The meat was thrown promiscuously and the store fixtures

On his cash book this morning Grab found written in a clear business like hand: "You will find yourself \$25.50 short."

Fifty Years for a Fratricide.

SEDALIA, Mo., Decl. .- At Warsaw, Benton county, William Brown has been sentenced to fifty years in the penitentiary for killing his brother, Thomas Brown. The two men were gathering corn and became engaged in a quarrel, which resulted in the killing of Tom Brown. After the killing William Brown went to a neighbor's house and said to the inmates: "I just killed two dogs; one was a four-legged dog, and the other was a two-legged dog, down in the field. You ought to have seen the queer antics he cut up."

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Attendance on the Last Day and the Proceedings Thereof.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1 .- The final day of the transmississippi congress opened with a light attendance, a large proportion of the delegates having gone home last night or this morning. The following vice presidents and executive committeemen were announced, the list being incomplete and to be filled later by communication with the officers of the congress: Minnesota, vice president, C. E. Flandrau of St. Paul; executive committee, Dr. M. Gilmore and M. Gridley; California, vice president, William Johnston; executive com-A. E. Castle and mittee, Parsons; Oklahoma, vice president, C. G. Jones; executive committee, Sidney Clark and O. A. Mitscher; Kansas, vice president, Gov-ernor L. D. Lewelling; executive committee, W. R. Savage and W. H. Toothaker; Washinton, vice president, Eugene Semple; executive committee, W. C. Jones and A. L. Black; Arkansas, executive committee, J. T. Tellar and George Sengel; New Mexico, vice president, L. B. Prince; executive committee, T. J. Helm L. B. Prince; Idaho, vice president, George M. Parsons; executive committee, Walter Hoge and F. A. Fenn; Iowa, vice president, E. B. Tucker; executive committee, Lou Bryson and S. D. Cook; Indian territory, vice president, D. M. Hailey; executive committee, Gibson Morgan and W. H. Waller; Utah, vice president, C. C. Goodwin; executive committee, L. W. Shurtleff and W. H. Culmer; Oregon, vice president, C. C. Frank; executive committee, Ernest P. Dosch and M. G. Butterfield; Alaska, vice president, James Sheakley; executive committee, J. S. Bugbee and E.O. Sylvester; Colorado, vice president, A.C. Fisk; executive committee, I. L. Johnson and I. N. Stevens; Nebraska, vice president, R. W. Richardson; executive committee, W. J. Bryan and Judge Bradley of Omaha; Arizona, vice president, W. J. Cheyney; executive committee, Theodore Comstock; Montana, vice president, Governor, John E. Rickards; executive committee, T. G. Merrill and W. A. Clark. The remainder of the report of the

committee on resolutions was read and the following expressions were adopted as the sense of the congress. Recommending to the Southern states the production of ramie as a means of; diversifying the crops of that section; favoring action by congress extending the provisions of the Carey arid land act to the territories; urging congress to pass acts for the admission; of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states; favoring the allotment of the lands of the five civilized tribes, the creation of a state or territorial government, with complete court jurisdiction or the union of all or a part of the territory of Oklahoma and admission in single statehood with that territory. This last was adopted, after some debate over a minority resolution favoring an enlargement of the jurisdiction of the federal judiciary in the territory and deferring statehood until the lands should be alloted and the new citizens

be ready for self-government. At 11:20 o'clock the work of selecting the next place of meeting was begun, but, preceding this, a motion was adopted empowering the executive committee, as appointed here, to | ing, and which engenders fear and fill vacancies. Portland, Ore., Boise City, Ida., Topeka, Kas., Omaha, Neb., and Dubuque, Ia., were the candidates for the next congress. The first ballot resulted in no choice between Portland, Omaha and Boise City. On the second ballot Boise City was withdrawd and Omaha was selected-92 to 87.

AFTER THE OIL MAGNATES.

Texas Authorities Take Steps to Secure

the Arrest of Trust Members. NEW YORK, Dec. 1. - Under Sheriff McDonough received a letter to-day | gleaming eyes and parted lips. written on the official letter heads of W. L. Burke, sheriff of Lennan county, Texas, reading:

Waco, Texas, Nov. 25 .- To the sheriff, New York city. Dear Sir: I have this day mailed to your governor, R. P. Flower, requisition papers for John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, John D. Archibald, Benjamin Brewster, Henry H. Rogers and Wesley H. Tilford of your city. When you receive the governor's warrant please execute at once; wire me and I will come Yours to command, on at once.

W. L. BURKE, Sheriff. The under sheriff sent the communication to police headquarters to allow the officers to take steps necessary to arrest the indicted magnates. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 1 .-Some time ago an indictment was found in Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil company, on the charge of violating the anti-trust law. To-day a request was received by Governor Stone from the Texas officials, asking for a requisition for the officers of the company, who live in St. Louis. John D. Johnson of St. Louis, attorney for the company, submitted an argument opposing the issuance of the requisition on the grounds that they never lived in Texas. Governor Stone has taken the matter under ad-

Recognition of Hawaii's Republic. Washington, Dec. 1.—The Hawaiian charge d'affaires, Frank D. Hastings, has received information that since the establishment of the Republic in Hawaii July 4 last, the official recognition of the following governments has been received: United States, Great Britain, France. Russia, Italy, Belgium, Mexico and Guatemala, and also notice of intent

from Germany and Peru

Mother and Children Burned. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1.-At 12:15 o'clock this morning the house of Maud comes slowly forward until this woman, who represented her- terial duties don't mix caused Mur-Jacob Schoppenhelm was set on fire she appears in the full glare of the self to me as the child's nurse, and doch's dismissal from the church. by a defective flue and burned to the lamps, and right beneath her moth-thought no more about it. I should round. Mrs. Schoppenhelm and two children, aged 2 and 4 years, perished in the flames. The husband and father was seriously scorched.

Russians Frozen to Death. LONDON, Dec. 1.-A dispatch from Berlin to the Standard says that nine men and two women have been frozen of the same shade, trimmed ex- things, bade my friends farewell, the seeds! Wasn't I a good girl not to death in Besdonnaia, in the Tula | quisitely with old gold and some and within an hour was steaming up to swallow them?"—Puck. district of Russia.

PRAIRIE CHILDREN.

That is the Duchess of Lullaby Land Lying asleep on the velvety sward: That is an indigo flower in her hand, Typical emblem of rank and command. Symbol heraldic of lady and lord

That is her brother asleep at her side-He is a duke, and his little red hand Grapples the ragged old rope that is tied Into the cotlar of Rover, the guide-Rover, the hero of Lullaby Land.

Fishes come out of the water and walk Chipmunks play marbles in Lullaby Land: Rabbits rise up on the prairie and talk: Goslings go forward and giggle and gawk-Everythin; chatters, and all understand

After awhile he will sail on the sea Little red duke on the prairie as eep Daring the shot and the shell, he shall be Admiral, fighting for you and for me, Flying the flag o'er the dangerous deep

Down at the Lido, where billow; are blue. Back through the vineyards to Florence and Rome. That is our duchess whom both of us knew;

That is her husband, so tender and true, Taking her far from her babyhood home Children at play on the prairie to-day Bravely to-morrow will enter the race. Trusting the future whose promises say, Courage and effort will work out a way-Fortune and fame are not matters of place

A Passive Crime.

BY "THE DUCHESS."

CHAPTER IX-CONTINUED. But she does not speak. Twice her lips move as though she would unwillingly have given voice to some thought, but no articulate sound escapes her. Presently she within them slowly, and as slowly fall one by one down her pale cheeks.

"Dick, come here," says Mrs. Neville, nervously, her voice trembling.

He obeys her. Pressing Maud's cold hands he whispers hurriedly, "I shall wait

forever. And then goes back to Mimi's

"If you mean to defy me in this matter," says Penruddock, who has overheard him, "you can take the consequences on your own head. and you know very well what those consequences will be. Henceforth you and I shall be strangers, and I will do my best to forget that I ever had a son. But I warn you that such mad marriages bring only grief and disgrace in their train."

"There shall be neither grief nor disgrace through me," says Maud, She is still standing, and has her

hand on the back of her chair as though to support herself. "It is the first time," goes on Penruddock, remorselessly, not heeding the heart-broken interrup-

tion, "that a blot or stain has fallen on our house or name!" "Silence, sir," cries Dick, furiously turning upon him: but no more can be said on either side, for at that instant the attention of all is turned upon the door, just inside which, great difficulty contrives to say. upon the threshold, Esther stands, with one arm extended, as if she would demand silence. There is something in her whole attitude and demeanor that is remarkably strik-

looks of all are fixed on her as she comes slowly up the room, her tall, drawn up to its full height. Her manner is expressive of mystery and long-suppressed excitement. Of all present in the room. Mrs. Neville alone possesses a clue to her thoughts. Silently and slowly

expectation in every breast. The

"No blot, no stain upon your house or name? You dare say that! and let Esther tell her story." Have you lost all memory of the speak?" she repeats, mockingly. 'Is murder no crime? Have a care. Penruddock! And answer me, if you

standstill, and confronts him with

child Hilda?" growing livid. Yet only for an in- not possess you. Had you pursued PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE. stant does he lose his self-control; rallying by a mighty effort, he says, glaring savagely at Esther, "This woman, this fanatic lives, but to tor- floating onward whilst battling ment me! Leave the room, I com- feebly with the stream. You mand you. Your idle ravings have would have seen me running along nothing whatever to do with the the bank in wild pursuit; and you subject we are now discussing. gone at once, or I will force you drawn from the water by Gilbert hence!"

Esther pays not the slightest heed to that, but pointing toward the picture, and gazing sternly on Pennot her eyes haunt you? Where is himself tell his own story." the little one, the little heiress of Penruddock, who stood so fatally in Saumarez, who has plainly been your way to her house and acres? waiting in the ante-room, on receiv-Answer! where is she?"

"She is dead-drowned, as all the world knows!" says Penruddock can of this strange tale," entreats gloomily, answering her against his Mrs. Neville with faltering accents. will, as if in somewise compelled

phantly. "She is not dead! She lives! she is here to claim her own! Behold her, villain, and tremble!"

At this moment Mrs. Neville turns lamps that stand beneath Mrs. Pen- there,"pointing to Esther-"running ruddock's picture, and Esther. hold, along the bank. I jumped in. pulled ing out her hand to Maud, says in the child out of the river, and saw a loud tone, Hilda Penruddock, that it was Hilda Penruddock, whom

come forward!" which as yet she fails to understand, at the cottage. I restored her to notion that newspapers and miniser's portrait. Standing thus, silent of course have mentioned it in conand half bewildered, she is so ex- versation at the vicarage if I had actly like the beautiful painting had time; but unfortunately, I had several pills in the marmalade-Now, above her, as to call forth an ex- made up my mind to leave that day. let mamma's little girl run here, and clamation from Dick. Mrs. Penrud- and finding on looking at my watch she shall have some jelly. dock is dressed in a cream-colored that I should barely catch the up-

mother or the living daughter.

As the extraordinary likeness dawns upon Penruddock, he is com- nized her in town!" asks Mrs. Nevpletely overpowered, turns aside his lille, in great agitation. head and groans aloud. Above even the startling resemblance to her Saumarez's face, darkening it for a mother he sees in the grown girl the | moment. features of the little girl so cruelly, though passively, done to death. called here one day, and Esther Again the whole terrible scene in passed through the hall as I entered. the cottage garden flashes before I knew her at once, and asked for him: again he watches with cold the child. She was, I think, about persistency, until the tiny heiress to deny all knowledge of her, when meets, as he supposes then, and has until now believed, with her death. I was not acquainted at that time, He throws up his hands as if to fling | came out of some room, and looking from him a hateful vision, and turns fiercely upon Esther.

a cleverly-concocted scheme; but to me, struck me at once. I had it shall not avail you much. It is an heard of the adoption by Mrs. Nevold story. Accidental likenesses ille of some strangely pretty child, have been tried before this, but an and, as if by inspiration, the truth imposture always comes to the occurred to me. I accused Esther light."

"Always! Yes, there you are guard, confessed all." right," returns Esther with deep meaning.

Maud, white as an early snowdrop, is clinging to Mrs. Neville, who has her arm around her. Dick, at a little distance, is listening with intense excitement, to the strange revelation now being made.

"Who ever saw the child again?" says Penruddock. "She was washed out to sea. All inquiries were lifts her sad eyes to his as if in mute made. No stone left unreproach, and then two tears gather turned to discover her; but it was too late. There was no one, not a living being, in sight when it occurred; no one saw the fatal acci-

"There you are mistaken. Two saw it," says Esther, solemnly. "You "I was not present, saw nothing

of it!" says Penruddock, hoarsely. The ground seems slipping from beneath his feet. His parched lips seem barely able to form his words, and with difficulty he supports him-

"You were present!" says the woman relentlessly. "You stood inside the library window, and I saw you there, crouched as I was in the bushes at the other side of the river!"

In the bushes?" stammers Penrud-

"Yes; I had come to get a glimpse of my darling at her play, and watched you as with greedy eyes, you waited till the child crept nearer and nearer to her death."

Fearful now is the expression on the countenance of the wretched

"Without a word of warning, without one attempt to save the innocent life left to your charge by a dying brother, you looked with a cruel longing to see her perish!"

"Though you never touched her, though the crime was a passive one, there was murder in your heart that day, as surely as you are shivering here before us all!

"It is all a fabrication!" says Penruddock feebly, wiping his forehead. Then he glances, in a stealthy fashion, at his son - the boy for majestic figure clothed in black, and whom this horrible thing has been committed-to see if there be condemnation in his looks. "Dick, do not believe it!" he says | moved.

in a tone of honest agony. He looks so old, so broken that Dick is touched, and going up to she advances until she has reached him, places his arm around his

Penruddock. Here she comes to a neck. "I believe nothing against you,

glance. But even then at the last Penruddock starts back, his face moment, a strong desire to save did your search in the bend in the river, hidden by the drooping alders, you would have seen the little figure Be- | would have seen, too, the poor child Saumarez."

"Gilbert Saumarez! He?" exclaims

Dick, in the utmost surprise. "Yes; he was a guest at the vicarruddock, says, "See where her age at that time, as you, Penrudmother looks down upon you! Do dock, may remember. But he shall

> She beckons with her hand, and ing that signal, comes up to them. "Captain Saumarez, tell us all you

"I have very little to tell; but it's all quite true," says Saumarez, after "It is false!" cries Esther trium- a swift glance at Maud's pale face. "I was fishing lower down upon the river, on that day, the 14th of July, when, looking up, I suddenly saw a little child struggling in the up to their fullest height the two water, and a woman-that woman I knew well. Only that very morn- His newspaper is said to be reputa-

costly lace. It would be difficult, in- to town. Four days afterward I deed, an impossible matter to decide started for India, where, as you all which is the loveliest, the dead know very well, I remained for years."

"But you knew Mand-you recog-

A suspicion of shame crosses

"Yes, last year," unwillingly. "I Miss-Miss Penruddock, with whom me full in the face for an instant, passed on. Her wonderful likeness "It is a lie!" he exclaims loudly- to her mother, who was well known of it, and she at once, taken off her

"Then why did you not immediately speak?" demands Dick, coolly. "It was no business of mine," responds the other shrugging his shoulders.

"But, surely, you might have spoken," says Dick; "and it seems remarkable that you did not."

"No doubt, I should, sometime or other, have mentioned the circumstance, only that the woman had implored me to keep silence; saying that she had waited for years to have revenge on some one; and I really thought it a pity to spoil the planning and plotting that had lasted for so long."

"Yet you made love to my niece, knowing all that you did," says Mrs.

Neville, gravely. "In that matter, madam, I ac-

knowledge, I erred," says Saumarez, lightly, though he bites his lip. .. But all is fair in love and war. I wooed her as a girl over whom a cloud rested, knowing her in my heart to be an heiress, and of irreproachable birth. Nay, hear the exact truth," he says with a somewhat reckless laugh. "I am not so rich as the world deems me; and thought if I could win Miss Neville, I might afterward prove her to be Miss Penruddock, and so secure her fortune. But I failed. At first I thought only of the money to which she was entitled; but now, always, I shall think that, were she pennilless and unknown, the man who gains her love will be richer than any soul on earth. You believe me, I am sure?" he adds, turning abruptly and most unexpectedly, to Hilda

"Yes; I believe, you," she, says, earnestly: and then-very sweetly. struck by the extreme melancholy of his expression-she comes a few steps nearer to him and, holds out her hand. He takes it, presses "Tis false!" Penruddock with his lips to it, hastily but fervently, and without anothe: word quits the

> "It is, I plainly see, an unnecessarv question; but for all that, I will ask if you have quite made up your mind that this ridiculous story is true?" demands Penruddock, angrily. addressing his son, upon whose countenance no disbelief can be read.

"Quite." says Dick, readily, who has forgotten to think of anything beyond the fact that the stigma attached to Hilda's birth has been re-

"Then you acknowledge her?" "As my cousin? Yes, certainly." "Then, as certainly, you are a beggar?' says Penruddock, with a harsh

The young man starts as if shot, father," he says, tenderly; "be sure and puts his hand to his forehead. of that. But pray control yourself, For the first time he realizes what all this may mean to him. By what "When the deed was done and the right now shall he speak of love to past? Does your conscience never fatal plunge taken, you rushed to the woman who is all in all to him, the water's edge," goes on Esther, whose image occupies his heart? who declines to address anyone but Their positions are now reversed: Penruddock, gloating over the fact | she is the possessor of land and fordare, this question--Where is the that he plainly cowers beneath her tune; he is now the lonely outcast. TO BE CONTINUED.

Mr. Gumby Did Not Mean to Be Left in the Lurch Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gumby live out of town, which makes it incumbent on Mr. Gumby, when it is necessary to secure a new cook, to go to the agency in town himself and arrange for one that he thinks may answer the purpose. It is nothing to the discredit of Mr. Gumby to say that his visits to the agency have been somewhat frequent, says Harper's Magazine, for a good cook who will stay in the country is almost an unknown quantity.

One evening not long since, Mr. Gumby having paid his periodical visit to the agency, Mrs. Gumby was dumbfounded, on entering the kitchen, to find three dignified Bridgets sitting there in a row. Hastily going into the library, where Mr. Gumby was seated, she exclaimed: "Henry, what in the world do you mean by getting three cooks?"

"I thought it was the best thing to do." replied her husband. "You see, I shall be so busy next week that I won't have time to get any."

Incompatible Occupations. Rev. Mr. Murdoch, a Methodist minister of Rome, Ga., has been deprived of his pastorate by his bishop because he is the editor of a paper. Obeying the gesture not the words, ing I had been playing with her up ble and honest, and only the bishop's

Mrs. Blanchford, who has secreted

A moment later little Ethel cried satin; the girl is attired in cashmere train. I rushed home, seized my triumphantly: "Here, mamma, is Perfection in Cake-Making.

Housekeepers frequently wonder why it is that they cannot make biscuit and cake that are light and palatable and that taste as delicious as the biscuit and cake made by their mothers and grandmothers, the delightful memory of which even to this day creates a sensation of pleasure to the palate. The trouble arises from the highly adulterated state of the materials they have to work with, particularly the cream-of-tartar and soda used to raise or leaven the food. Cream-of-tartar and soda that are now procurable for domestic purposes contain large quantities of lime, earth, alum and other adulterants, frequently from 5 to 25 per cent, and consequently vary so much in strength that no person can tell the exact quantity to use, or properly combine them, to insure perfect results. From using too much or too little, or because of the adulterants in them, bitter, salt, yellow or heavy biscuits or cakes are frequently made. These adulterants are also injurious to health.

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A Curious Coincidence.

Not so long since a stoway was found dead under the main hatch of one of the National line of steamers. He had concealed himself before the steamer left Liverpool and died of suffocation. Curiously enough, in his pocket was found a novel entitled "Doomed on the Deep. "-Chicago Times.

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