

# MET DEATH IN CUBA.

### DRAMATIC ENDING OF MAJOR DANA OSGOOD.

Commanded a Cuban Battery at the Siege of Guimarae—Died While Hugging His Cannon—Gen. Serafin Sanchez, One of the Planners of the Revolution, Killed in Battle.

**Died in a Cuban Siege.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A special to the Herald from Guimarae Camaguey, reports that Major Dana Osgood, the noted Cornell university half back football player, who commanded a Cuban battery during the recent siege of the town of Guimarae, was killed in battle, and gives the following details: "General Garcia then ordered Major Osgood to open fire on the Spanish forts. Two hours later a large fort, known as Fort Monfau, located on a hill about 700 yards from the town, was abandoned by its defenders, who took refuge in the town. On the second day of the siege Major Osgood, under heavy fire from the Spaniards, was training one of his pieces on the forts, when a Mauser bullet struck him in the forehead. He uttered the word, 'Well,' and bending forward on his cannon, hugged it and breathed his last in behalf of Cuban liberty. The news of his death deeply impressed President Cisneros and the commanding officers, all of whom had great regard for the American officer. The Spaniards, who had an abundant supply of ammunition, kept up an incessant fire against the Cuban intrenchments. General Garcia, on October 27, made up his mind to capture the place by assault. The Spaniards had abandoned all the forts outside of the town, but had made themselves strong inside. They had taken commanding positions in the stone buildings and massive stone church in the public square. At a signal Generals Cebreco and Capote at the head of their men, charged the town from different quarters. The Spanish garrison then took refuge in the old churches and there strongly barricaded itself. General Garcia ordered that three guns be brought to bear upon the stone structure and fire was at once opened on it. One of the shots from a twelve-pounder mortally wounded the Spanish officer in command, Major Martinez, and killed some of his men. Shortly after a tremendous cry of 'Viva Cuba Libre' came from the Cubans. The Spaniards had signalled their unconditional surrender."

**General Sanchez Dead.**  
The Cuban junta has received a message fully confirming the report of the killing in battle of Major General Serafin Sanchez, inspector general of the insurgent army, at Las Damas, Santa Clara province, on November 20. An expedition was expected from Jamaica and part of the forces of Generals Carrillos and Sanchez started for the coast to receive it. The insurgents numbered about 1,200 men, but before reaching the point where the expedition was to disembark the column was attacked by 3,000 Spaniards under General Luque. A desperate battle ensued, which lasted five hours, darkness making it impossible to continue the fight. In the battle the Spaniards suffered a loss of 120 killed and ninety wounded. Cuban loss was forty-three killed and twenty-six wounded. General Sanchez, mounted on a small horse, was in the thick of the battle. A column of Spanish soldiers surprised the insurgents by an attack from the rear, and General Sanchez received a bullet in the back. He remained on his horse, however, and although his compatriots tried to induce him to retire he refused, saying that he was not badly wounded. Ten minutes later he fell from his horse and soon expired. His last words were: "Vive Cuba Libre!"

**Cuban Homes Invaded by Police.**  
A Santiago, Cuba, correspondent of the World says: "The city was thrown into consternation by a descent of the Spanish police. The homes of many peaceable citizens were entered after the town had gone to bed. It is known that at least twenty-five persons were arrested and hurried off to prison. Nearly all of Eastern Cuba is in the hands of the Cubans, save the city. The Spanish policy of arresting citizens suspected of sympathy with the insurgents had long since spread its terror among all classes. These recent arrests are further evidences of General Weyler's determination to wage war on citizens in their homes, as well as on the armed bodies in the field. No one can learn any definite reason for the sudden arrests. There were three women among the prisoners. All were locked in the jail 'El Morro Castle.' Many were sent to two lawyers and four merchants. All rest under the general accusation of plotting against the Spanish authorities."

**Official Vote in Wyoming.**  
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 5.—The official canvass of the vote of Wyoming resulted as follows: Republican electors, Brittain, 10,072; Howell, 10,033; Mrs. Malloy, 9,998; Bryan and Swall electors, D. S. VanMeter (Pop.), 10,128; John A. Martin (Dem.), 10,369; P. J. Quealy (Dem.), 10,352; Congress, William Brown (Pop.), 628; Frank P. Mondell (Rep.), 10,044; John S. Osborne (Dem.), 10,310.

**Foley Held for Trial.**  
Preliminary Examination Waived and the Young Man Put in Liberty Jail.  
LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 5.—F. S. Foley was quietly brought here from Kansas City last night.

This morning Foley was taken to Justice Lawson's office, and after his attorneys had a short conference with him they announced that they waived a preliminary hearing. He was then taken back to the jail, where he will await the action of the grand jury at the February term of the circuit court. An effort may be made in the meantime to get him out on bail.

# BOLD ST. LOUIS ROBBERS.

### They Hold Up an Office in Broad Day Light.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 5.—Three highwaymen with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Home Brewing Company at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and held up the cashier, Robert Haverkamp, forced him to hand over \$400, and then, not satisfied with the amount, went behind the counter, looted the money drawers and secured probably \$500 additional.

The robbery was the most daring that has occurred in years. When the hold-up occurred there were present in the office the cashier, a half dozen clerks and several customers.

The robbers entered the place together. The leader ordered all within to hold up their hands. The order was hastily complied with. He then ordered them to line up. This was also done. Cashier Haverkamp was asked to hand over the money in his possession. He had \$300 or \$400 on the desk, and it was given to the leader of the trio.

The fellows were not satisfied with the results. Going behind the counter, two of them held the occupants of the office in line, while the other went through the safe and money drawers and secured between \$500 and \$800 more.

Cashier Haverkamp was busily engaged with his books when the men entered, and one of them said: "Can I look at your city directory?"

"The directory was in an adjoining room," said Mr. Haverkamp, "and I stepped to get the book for the young fellow. Hardly had I turned my back when one of the men gave me a shove and then poked a pistol into my face. 'Shell out!' he said, in threatening tones, 'or I'll shoot.'"

"I turned a bit and saw that the other two unwelcome visitors had covered everyone in the office with their pistols. There was nothing for me to do but turn over what cash I had and I did it."

When the desperadoes had taken all the money they produced ropes, and bound, hand and foot, every one in the office. This required nearly ten minutes and it seems marvelous they were not discovered by some one from the outside. Having bound their victims, the robbers warned them against making a noise, under the pain of instant death. When the thieves had gone one of the clerks managed to free himself and then liberated the others.

The robbers mounted a North Broadway car and went south, when they left the car and went towards the river.

The police were notified five minutes after the robbery occurred. A half dozen officers hurried to the brewery office, but when they arrived there was no trace of the fellows.

# KANSAS WOMEN.

### Twenty Counties Will Have Female Superintendents.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 5.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Stanley learns that at the recent election twenty of the 105 counties of Kansas elected women county superintendents as follows: Chase, Sadie P. Grisham; Clark, Julia A. Crane; Cloud, Mary L. Brierly; Cowley, Julia B. King; Finney, Ollie B. Mullins; Gray, Mollie Land; Greeley, Mary E. Wells; Hodgeman; Carol E. Reed; Johnson, Edith Barnett; Kearney, Tillie E. Davis; Labette; Hattie Ham; Meade, Jennie Kessler; Miami, Lizzie W. Boyle; Neosho, Elizabeth Frazier; Pawnee, Carrie Hall; Republic, Lucy Howard; Seward, Kate B. Saunders; Stanton, Viah M. Cross; Woodson, Lucy Ellis; Wyandotte, Melinda T. Clark.

# IN A MAN'S ROLE.

### Sarah Bernhardt Makes a Hit in a New Line.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt scored a fresh triumph in her assumption of the title role of De Musset's "Lorenzaccio" at the Renaissance theater last night. The play was presented with a splendid cast and mounting. There is only one opinion of Mme. Bernhardt's superb acting of the male part, but there is a different view of the value of the piece. Some of the critics think that the actress has only produced it as a proof of her versatility and as a stepping stone to the future assumption of the role of Hamlet.

# FOOT BALL CAUSES DEATH.

### Moses Allen of Mexico, Mo., Dies From Injuries Sustained in a Game.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 5.—Moses B. Allen, a bright young son of K. H. Allen, died in this city yesterday of stomach trouble, which began by being seriously hurt while playing football some time since.

He was severely pounded in the game and he remarked when his fatal illness brought him down that he thought he had two ribs broken in the game.

# Philanthropist Bliss' Will.

CANTON, Tex., Dec. 5.—The will of Philanthropist George Bliss has been recorded. The residue of a large estate privately disposed of is distributed among the following institutions: Yale, \$50,000; the New York Woman's hospital, \$20,000; the hospital of the Ruptured and Crippled, \$20,000; the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital, \$10,000; the New York City Mission and Tract society, \$10,000; the New York Protestant Episcopal Mission society, \$10,000; the Domestic and Foreign Mission society of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, \$20,000; to the Northampton, Mass., Woman's home, \$10,000.

# A Deal for 500,000 Acres.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 5.—A big transaction is on at the stock yards which involves the transfer of 460,000 acres of Texas ranch land and 20,000 head of cattle. A. J. Snider of the Evans-Snyder-Buell company and J. K. Zimmerman of Memphis, Tex., have associated themselves in the purchase of the Bugby-Coleman, otherwise known as the "Shoe-bar" ranch, the purchase price as given out being \$2,000,000. The ranch is near Memphis, Tex., on the Fort Worth & Denver City railway, and is one of the largest properties in the region of the Panhandle country.

# BY THE PRESIDENT.

### HE ISSUES A RETALIATION PROCLAMATION.

Operations of the Act Which Relieves German Vessels From Payment of Tonnage Dues and Other Shipping Charges Suspended by the President—Interest in Shipping Circles.

Germany Called to Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The President has issued a proclamation suspending, after January 1, the operations of the act which relieves German vessels entering United States ports from the payment of tonnage dues and other shipping charges. This action was taken upon proof that American vessels are denied corresponding privileges in German ports. The shipping charges under United States laws are based on a sliding scale. The president's action doubtless will arouse widespread interest in shipping circles.

Secretary Morton, in his annual report, did not go into the question of European restrictions on the importation of American food products, especially the German and French requirements for the inspection and certification by the United States of export pork, and the question will not be dealt with by the President in his message except possibly by passing reference. Nevertheless, the whole question is receiving the earnest attention of the administration. Retaliation could not profit American trade, but practical retaliation has been hinted at by Ambassador Uhl in the case of Germany and by the United States consul general at Vienna, Max Judd. Mr. Uhl has suggested, in view of the required inspection of American pork imported into Germany, that it would be reasonable to require a certification by the German government of the purity of the beer and wine exported by Germany to the United States.

Secretary Morton, with considerable difficulty, has obtained from agents in Germany official reports bearing on the local inspection of pork in that country, which, it is claimed, conclusively prove that their own inspection of pork does not effectually prevent trichinosis, and the real purpose of requiring an inspection by the United States government is to prevent American competition.

# A PAPER POOL.

### Makers of Material for Newspapers May Form a Combination.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—William A. Russell and H. M. Knowles of Boston, leaders in the reported combination to control the paper mills of the country, have gone to New York to attend a meeting, at which, it is expected, details of the combination will be completed. The proposed agreement between the paper mills will not take the form of a trust or consolidation, but will be a pool to control the output, sales and price of paper used by newspapers and other publications.

# Governor-Elect Stephens' Expenses.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—Governor-elect Stephens filed his statement of campaign expenses today with the recorder of deeds of Cole county, in compliance with the law. According to this he expended \$3,105, as follows: Telegraphic tolls, \$105; postage, \$300; extra newspapers, \$275; Democratic state committee, \$1,193; secretary of the Audrain county committee, \$10; distributing cards, livestock, etc., \$105; county cards, \$10; sundry county committees, \$202; circulars and portraits, \$190; electotypes, \$15; filing delegation in St. Louis, \$700.

# Pugilism in a Hospital.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—An eight round prize fight was held in the county hospital here between Eddie Santry of Chicago and Jimmy Carroll of Omaha, both featherweight pugilists of note. The purse was made up by about twenty-five employees and young doctors, who were giving a reception to Chief Clerk M. R. Mandelbaum, and the pugilists were brought together in a large carpeted room. The fighting was warm from the start, Santry knocking his opponent out in the eighth round. Among the spectators were three women.

# Sound Money Statement.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—John Perry, treasurer of the Sound Money league, filed his report of receipts and disbursements with the recorder yesterday. The league received \$35,888.98, of which \$15,000 was from the national Republican committee. The disbursements were \$23,934.61, but \$400 of this was refunded to the national Republican committee, making the actual expenses \$17,534.61; of this \$2,500 went to the National Democratic club, and \$1,500 to the congressional committee. Of the receipts, \$10,888.98 was collected in Kansas City.

# Not Going to Cuba.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 4.—There is no truth in the story of reported Cuban enlistments here. There is a movement here to organize among the ex-soldiers what is known as a garrison, for the purpose of securing legislation favorable to the enlisted soldiers in the army, which is the foundation of the story.

# Books \$400,000 Out of Balance.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 4.—It is alleged that the books of the city auditor and the city comptroller are out of balance something like \$400,000, and an expert has been at work on them. No wrongdoing is charged to any of the officials, past or present, the discrepancies being attributed to carelessness.

# Mr. Leedy Put Up the Stoves.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 4.—The Leedy family and furniture arrived from Leroy Tuesday and yesterday. His new neighbors in West Lawrence report having seen the governor-elect in his shirt sleeves putting up stoves, putting down carpets and the like.

# Congressman andirate Father.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 4.—William Emmel of Bell county was pursuing an eloping daughter and finding her seated by Congressman D. C. Colson, accused him of aiding the elopement and made an attack on him. He was prevented from doing his

# SHARKEY GETS DECISION.

### But Fitzsimmons Had Him About Knocked Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Sharkey, practically knocked out by Fitzsimmons in the eighth round, was given the decision by Referee Earp on a claim of foul. Bob jolted Sharkey under the chin with his left and the sailor went over backwards. As he fell he put his hand to his groin. He made no attempt to rise and was carried unconscious from the ring. The foul, if foul it was, could not be seen from the press stand, but Referee Earp gave his decision in spite of Fitzsimmons' protests.

It was Fitzsimmons' fight from start to finish. He fought fairly, while the sailor continually used foul tactics. He would clinch and lift Fitzsimmons from his feet, strike in a clinch, though the men had previously agreed not to do so, and he was generally unfair. Several times during the fight Fitzsimmons had the sailor going, but could not land a knockout blow. In the eighth Sharkey started in to do the leading, but seldom landed. Bob continually sent in left hand jabs on Sharkey's face, sending his head back every time.

Fitzsimmons soon had his man going and went at him ferociously. A right hand swing staggered the sailor, and then came a left hand swing, and a left half-arm punch under the chin that sent Sharkey over with a thud. While the marine was falling, the referee claims that Fitzsimmons struck him in the groin with his knee, thus committing a foul. Sharkey was undoubtedly badly hurt. He was unable to move his legs, though he clutched spasmodically at his groin with his gloved hand. His seconds rushed into the ring and raised him up, but he fainted away and was borne from the ring unconscious. Hardly anyone among the spectators saw the foul and the decision was received with hisses and groans. As far as the art of fighting goes, Sharkey is not in the same class with Fitzsimmons. He is a willing, strong man, but has little science. A clever man like Fitz had no trouble in avoiding his rushes, and he continually left himself open to damaging blows.

At 9 o'clock, before three-quarters of the seats were filled, the preliminaries were called and a number of local celebrities exhibited their prowess.

Sharkey appeared two minutes after Fitzsimmons and his welcome was equally as warm.

Both men were enveloped in long, black robes, which they threw off before putting on the gloves. It was then the disparity in the build of the two men was plainly seen: Fitzsimmons, lean and long and sinewy, looking like a panther, while Sharkey, stocky and sturdy, with his immense muscular development, resembled a grizzly bear.

# Wrangle Over Referee.

There was a little delay before Referee Earp appeared. Announcer Jordan announced that owing to rumors of crookedness Martin Julian refused to accept Earp as referee. Julian says he suggested several men to Sharkey's backers, but all were rejected. He says San Francisco sporting men had come to him and said the referee had intended to give a decision against his man. This statement was received with hisses.

Earp made a speech denying Julian's statement, saying he was square. Then Dan Lynch, Sharkey's backer, said Sharkey had lived up to every article in the agreement, and was here ready to fight with the referee selected by the National club, as per agreement, the men's backers having failed to agree on a referee prior.

Announcer Jordan announced that Julian was ready to take any referee in the house except Earp. Then there was some more consultation, while the crowd howled "Earp."

Julian's charge against Earp was a surprise, as the Arizona man has always enjoyed a splendid reputation as a square sport.

# Silverites to Combine.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 4.—Charles L. Brown of Arkansas City, the free silver Republican who defeated J. V. Beekman for the legislature, is authority for the statement that arrangements are in progress for perfect fusion of Populist, Democratic and free silver Republican members of the legislature into one party. He says all the elements opposed to the Republican organization will get together and act together. Populist leaders look upon this movement as the amalgamation of all the reform forces of this state into one political party.

# Thurston Calls on McKinley.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska and ex-Congressman William Mason of Illinois reached here this morning and during the day had an extended conference with President-elect McKinley. Mr. Thurston said he could speak for no one on cabinet matters, but for himself he would not accept a position if tendered to him, because he believed it to be his duty to remain in the senate, where every Republican was needed.

# Horsewoman Fatally Hurt.

SEBALIA, Mo., Dec. 4.—Miss Eva Boss of Otterville was fatally injured by being thrown from a horse which she was riding to this city. Her skull was fractured and she was internally injured.

# Miller College Burned.

RICH HILL, Mo., Dec. 4.—Miller College, at Sprague, was burned last night. The building was worth about \$3,000. The school will probably be continued in another hall.

# Big Fund for a Hebrew School.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 4.—The biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew congregations adopted resolutions for the raising of a fund of \$500,000 for the maintenance of the Hebrew Union college, at Cincinnati.

# In a Hurry for Guns.

WATERBURY, Mass., Dec. 4.—The orders from Washington to commander of the Watertown arsenal are that work on the gun carriages that have been under process of construction for several months, must be pushed forward as vigorously as possible.

# CLEVELAND ON CUBA.

### A STRONG MESSAGE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED.

The Crisis Has Been Reached—Mr. Cleveland Preparing to Duplicate His Venezuelan Action Unless Gen. Weyler Shall Soon Restore Order—Recruits for the Cuban Army.

The President and Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A crisis in the affairs of Cuba is rapidly approaching and there is every reason to believe that President Cleveland has decided on action which will startle the country almost as much as his famous message on Venezuela, although the exact time of the announcement depends somewhat on future operations in Cuba. By this action the president will not change his previous policy in regard to Spain and Cuba in any regard, but will simply carry it out to its logical conclusion, which is a direct and open threat of active intervention on the part of the United States to secure peace on the island, whether by the independence of the patriots or by voluntary action on the part of Spain. From three different sources the policy partially agreed upon between Secretary Olney and President Cleveland was learned, and the reports in each case tallied with surprising unanimity. A definite and somewhat startling announcement on the Cuban question will be made to Congress, either in the regular annual message or in the supplementary communication, as was the case in dealing with the Venezuelan question. Minister Dupuy de Lome of the Spanish legation has been fully advised of the impending announcement and he accepts what is in effect an ultimatum, believing that Spain will be able to prevent action on the part of the United States by the success of Weyler's operations in Cuba. The policy to be adopted is scarcely a matter of doubt any longer, and unless there should be some sudden changes in affairs in the island through the success or failure of Weyler's campaign, the issue will soon be sharply drawn between this country and Spain.

# WILL NOT RESTORE SIGHT.

### No Hope for the Blind Through Means of X Rays.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Electrical Review publishes an exhaustive communication from Nikola Tesla on his latest experiment with the X ray, which the editor characterizes as conveying a wealth of suggestions and most important information. Tesla states the sunburn effects noted by so many experimenters are not due directly to the rays of Roentgen streams, but to the ozone generated by the rays in contact with the skin.

The inventor, in referring to the recently widely heralded experiment for making the blind see by means of the Roentgen rays, regretfully remarks:

"It is not cruel to raise such hopes when there is so little ground for it? For, first of all, the rays are not demonstrated to be transverse vibrations. If they were, we would have to find means for refracting them to make possible the projection of a sufficiently small image upon the retina. As it is, only a shadow of a very small object can be projected. What possible good can result from the application of these rays to such purposes? I cannot confirm some of the experiments reported. For instance, when a hand is put before the closed eyes it is easy to distinguish the shadow, much the same as before the light of a candle; but when the tube is enclosed and all light from the same excluded, I fail to get such an impression. The latter, is, therefore, chiefly due to ordinary light."

Tesla points out a possible and strikingly unique method of manufacturing fertilizers by electricity in the following language: "With the currents produced by perfected electrical oscillators, such as were described in one of your recent issues, the production of the ozone is so abundant it is sufficient merely to turn on the current for a few seconds to ozone strongly the atmosphere of a large hall. These currents are also capable of bringing about chemical combinations, of which the chief is that of the nitrogen with the oxygen of the atmosphere, and an immense possibility, which I have been following up for a long time, is opened up—namely, the combination of the nitrogen of the atmosphere on an industrial scale by practically no other means than mechanical power. If fertilizers of the sort could be manufactured in this manner, the benefits to humanity derived therefrom would be incalculable."

Nitrogen is the element of fertility most generally lacking and most difficult to supply. In any available form now known it is very expensive, yet it is very abundant in the atmosphere. If atmospheric nitrogen can be utilized as fertilizer, one of the great problems of agriculture will be solved.

# SHERMAN AND CABINET.

### The Eminent Ohioan Willing to Bow to the Will of His Constituents.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 3.—It is confidently believed that when Hanna goes to Washington he will bear with him a message from Mr. McKinley offering the position of secretary of state to Senator Sherman. Colonel Allan T. Brinsmade, who is a warm friend of Mr. Sherman, said that the senator was willing to bow to the will of his constituents. If they desired him to remain in the Senate he would do so, but if they wished otherwise, he would acquiesce without a murmur.

# Anthracite Dealers Well Satisfied With the Agreement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The agreement entered into February 1 last by the presidents of the anthracite coal mining and carrying companies at the instance of a powerful financial syndicate will expire nominally on January 1, but at the time of the agreement it was arranged that the contract should run on subject to thirty days' notice from any interest. There is the best authority for the statement that no notice of withdrawal has been filed and that none will be.

# The Haytien Cable Completed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The cable between this city and Hayti was opened to the public at midnight for the transmission of messages to Hayti and other places in the West Indies. It approaches New York by way of Coney Island and Brooklyn.

# APPROPRIATIONS POLICY.

### Chairman Cannon Outlines the Probable Course of the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The sub-committee on the legislative bill of the House appropriations committee had a long conference with the civil service commissioners yesterday. Chairman Cannon said: "Through the courtesy of the treasury department the committee on appropriations has on hand advance copies of the estimates covering all the bills over which the committee has jurisdiction. The committee will no doubt make considerable progress in analyzing these statements before Congress meets on next Monday. It would not be proper for me to speak at this time of the details of any of these estimates, but, as published recently, the estimates for fortifications amount to something more than \$15,000,000. At the last session of Congress there was an important departure from the methods of appropriations for fortifications by giving the secretary of war authority to enter into contracts for material and labor for the construction of gun and mortar batteries at the important ports of our seacoast, to the extent of \$2,500,000. Just what the department has done in the way of acting under this authority has not yet been developed. The committee possibly will be enabled to have the pension appropriation bill ready to report to the House on the first or second day of the session. They expect to have the legislative bill in condition to report by the middle or last of the first week of congress."

"What in your judgment, will be the policy of the committee touching liberal appropriations for the public service?"

"It is perfectly well understood that the revenues received by the government are not equal to the expenditures and that the deficit has been and is being paid from the proceeds of money borrowed at interest. Keeping this condition in view, in my judgment, Congress will provide for appropriations for an executive public service, taking care, however, to avoid extravagance and limiting appropriations to conduct the government economically administered."

# KANSAS CROPS IN '96.

### Secretary Coburn Issues a Final Report for the Year.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 3.—Secretary F. D. Coburn of the Kansas board of agriculture, issued a final bulletin showing yields of the more important crops grown in the state in the year 1896. The total yield of winter wheat is 27,153,365 bushels, or 11,641,124 bushels more than in 1895. Its total value is put at \$13,016,229, the average per acre for the state being 87½ bushels. The corn crop is 251,419,414 bushels, or 19,962,018 bushels more than last year, the average being 28.63 bushels per acre. Its value is \$35,633,013, as against \$46,159,772 for the previous year's crop. Of oats the yield is 19,314,772 bushels, against 31,664,748 bushels the year previous. The yield per acre was but 13.06 bushels and the value of the crop \$2,706,652. Spring wheat shows a yield of but 601,523 bushels.

The combined value of winter and spring wheat, corn and oats raised the present year is \$51,596,493, and that of the same crops in 1895 was \$59,273,079.

# TO MEET JANUARY.

### National Monetary Conference Called to Convene at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—Fifty-two men, representing the boards of trade and commercial bodies of sixteen cities of the Central West, met yesterday afternoon in the Century Club rooms at the Denison and issued a call for a national convention of the commercial bodies of the country to meet in this city January 5, 1897, for the purpose of taking action toward securing from Congress a remedy for the ills attending the present currency and banking system. The meeting was non-partisan in its character.

# Gold Democratic Expense Account.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 3.—According to the sworn statement of Treasurer Lantry, of the state committee, the gold Democratic votes at the recent election cost \$1.25 each. The committee spent \$1,547 to secure 1,194 votes. The report shows that \$300 was spent for postage. This would make about thirteen letters to each voter. The national committee furnished \$1,160 to the state committee, while the voluntary contributions from administration Democrats in Kansas amounted to \$385.

# Colorado Pluralities.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 3.—The state board of canvassers concluded the canvass of the votes cast for presidential electors. The Bryan and Sewall ticket received 158,880 votes; Bryan and Watson, 3,389; McKinley and Hobart, 26,271; Prohibition, 1,717; National party, 376; Socialist-Labor, 169. Bryan's plurality, 132,609. For congress, John F. Shaforth, First district, had a majority of 55,723 and John C. Bell, Second district, 68,544.

# Winner Land Sold.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 2.—The Winner land, about 9,300 acres, was sold here to-day by Special Master Daniel E. Holmes. It was first sold in parcels amounting to \$14,500 and then as a whole for \$15,000. It was bid in by John M. Fox for the bondholders. The sale was attended by Theodore C. Bates and other representatives of the North Side Land and Mortgage company.

# Killed by Essence of Peppermint.

MASSILLON, Ohio, Dec. 3.—At Vigo, Ross county, a local option town, Thurman Rutherford bought fifteen bottles of essence of peppermint at a drug store and drank all of the fiery liquid. He died soon afterward from alcoholic poisoning.

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