

# ELECTRIC FLASHES.

## NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

### WOOD ISSUES ORDER

#### CUBANS WHO BECAME AMERICANS CAN VOTE.

#### Proclamation Will Affect More Than Thirty Thousand, and May Result in a Complete Change in Constitution of Political Parties.

Havana, Feb. 21.—Gov. Wood has decided to issue an order that Cubans by birth who renounced their nationality during the Spanish regime in order to become American citizens, but who are now ready to fulfill the required conditions, may vote at the coming elections. He also points out that it is generally recognized that these men became Americans only for the purpose of self protection, and that they now desire to resume their Cuban nationality as soon as they can legally do so. The order will affect more than 30,000, and it may result in a complete change in the constitution of political parties, although it is believed that the Cuban-Americans will be fairly scattered among those existing.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Havana by the closing of the government offices, but apart from the usual display of flags the only building decorated was the university. The sugar merchants and the managers of the mills have called upon Gov. Wood for assistance in protecting property and in settling a strike which at this season means a great loss to the shipping industry.

#### KANSAS CITY SECURES IT.

#### Democratic National Convention to Be Held There on July 4.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The next national Democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo., July 4. This was the decision of the Democratic national committee which met at Raleigh to fix the time and place of holding the convention. Milwaukee was the only other city which competed for the honor of entertaining the convention and the poor showing she made when the vote was taken, the result being Kansas City, 40; Milwaukee, 9, caused general surprise. The claims of the rival cities as to hotel accommodations, railroad and telegraphic facilities were represented in open session by representatives of each city and subsequently in executive session. Each offered the committee \$50,000, but in addition Kansas City was willing to furnish hotel accommodations for the members of the committee and the hall, with decorations and music, free of expense to the committee. One of Milwaukee's strongest arguments was the political effect which the holding of the convention in that city would have upon the German-American voters who were represented to the committee as wavering in their allegiance to the Republican party.

#### GOES OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

#### Man Supposed to Be John Lazarus Commits Suicide.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 21.—A man between 50 and 60 years old, supposed to be John Lazarus of Mount Carmel, Pa., jumped from the Goat Island bridge into the upper rapids and went over the American falls. He came here on a Lehigh Valley excursion train, stopping at the United States Express office and forwarding three pocket-books and a gold watch to Dr. J. S. Lazarus, Bloomsburg, Pa. He wrote a letter, which he dropped into a box, checked his grip and overcoat at the railway station, and walked hurriedly to Goat Island bridge and jumped into the river. Two policemen saw him jump.

#### COLLEGE STUDENTS FIGHT.

#### Kate Sophomore and Freshmen Have Battle with Snow.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 21.—The sophomores and freshmen at Yale on Washington's birthday celebrated the holiday with the old-time snow fight in spite of the warnings of the faculty. The second-year men, wearing tall hats, were followed by the freshmen and peled with snow through the center of the city. Later a fierce rush took place at the "ence," the sophomores holding the coveted rails against the attack. In the rush the students abandoned snow and used mud, until many of the men were plastered from head to foot. The faculty may take action.

#### KILLED IN COLD BLOOD.

#### Two Kentucky Mountaineers Are Shot Down by an Assassin.

Knoxville, Ky., Feb. 21.—A special from Brooktown says Miles Woods was called from his mountain home and shot down in cold blood. He died in ten minutes. His father ran out to ascertain the trouble and was shot twice by the assassin. It is claimed that before the latter died he charged a deputy United States marshal with having committed the deed.

#### Soldier Sleeps at His Post.

Batavia, N. Y., Feb. 21.—A dispatch has been received from Batavia, that Ernest Kingdom of Stafford, who enlisted in the Fortieth Volunteer Infantry, had been found asleep at his post, tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot. It is said that a number of Filipino rebels entered the camp while Kingdom was asleep and killed two of three American soldiers.

#### Cuban Antonomist Party Dead.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The antonomist party has formally dissolved as a political organization. Its leaders have decided that, under present conditions, it would be foolish to continue to champion political doctrines, which apparently belong neither to the future nor the present.

#### Two Miners Killed.

Monongahela, Pa., Feb. 21.—Two miners were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion of giant powder at their camp near here.

# BOER RELIEF FORCE CRUSHED

## Disastrous Attempt of Botha to Rescue Cronje.

London, Feb. 21.—A special from Paardeberg, dated Wednesday, Feb. 21, says: "Commandant Botha attempted to relieve Cronje. There has been severe fighting. Botha's force was scattered with heavy loss."

London, Feb. 21.—The war office has received the following from Roberts, dated Paardeberg, Feb. 21:

"Yesterday afternoon I was satisfied by a careful reconnaissance in force of the enemy's position; that I could not assault it without very heavy loss, which I was most anxious to avoid. Accordingly I decided to bombard him with artillery and turn my attention to the enemy's reinforcements. The result was most satisfactory. The Boers were driven off in all directions, losing a good many killed and wounded and about fifty prisoners, who say they arrived from Ladysmith two days ago by railroad. They also say it was our artillery fire which caused them to abandon the kopje they were occupying. Our loss was two officers and four men, all slightly wounded."

London, Feb. 21.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Modder River, dated Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21:

"The Boer forces under Gen. Cronje are estimated at 8,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of twenty-four hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender."

"The British general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje replied, saying there had been a misunderstanding and that he would fight to the death."

### MACRUM IS AN ASS.

#### Is the Administration's Opinion of Pre-Corria's Ex-Consul.

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—Lyman Gage, secretary of the treasury, arrived here Feb. 22 and is stopping at the Planter's Hotel. He came to St. Louis to speak before the commercial exchange at its banquet. In an interview which appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Secretary Gage said of the case of ex-Consul Macrum and his charges against the English government:

"The administration thinks of Macrum exactly what every responsible man must think, that he is an ass. I am convinced his charges are absolutely without foundation and have been made in spite to embarrass the administration. So far as I have been able to ascertain, there is not a particle of evidence to support his charges. I do not believe that officials of the English government violate the secrecy of our communications to our accredited representatives, and think the investigation to be made will show as much."

"Of course if Macrum can substantiate his charges, if he can show documents which will prove that his mail was tampered with, that will put the case in another light. If the investigation should reveal that state of affairs, then the administration will demand an apology for the indignity. But I do not believe there is the slightest possibility of such a crisis arising as the case now stands. Macrum is not troubling the administration. It will not give him the slightest notice until he proves his charges."

### SIoux FALLS WINS.

#### Captures National Populist Convention of Fusion Faction.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 21.—The Populist national committee of the fusion faction on Feb. 20 named May 9 as the date for their national convention.

There were three cities in the race for the convention—Kansas City, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Indianapolis. It was finally decided the next convention would meet at Sioux Falls.

The feature of the meeting was the unanimity with which the members accepted and indorsed the declaration of Senator Allen of Nebraska that Wm. J. Bryan would be the candidate of both the Populist and Democratic parties and the coupling with his name that of Judge Henry Caldwell of Arkansas, as the logical and most promising vice presidential possibility. Senator Allen went so far as to say that he had positive knowledge that if Judge Caldwell were nominated by the Populists as Mr. Bryan's running mate he would be acceptable to the Democrats and the fusion national ticket would be Bryan and Caldwell.

The middle-of-the-roadsers issued a lengthy address to the public setting forth their contentions and denouncing Butler, Allen and the other fusion leaders for deserting the party. No change was made in the date of the middle-of-the-road convention, which was called to convene in Cincinnati May 9.

### THANKS FROM MRS. LAWTON

#### Dead General's Wife Acknowledges Receipt of Home Fund.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Lawton has made the following acknowledgment of the receipt of the home fund:

"Pewee Valley, Ky.: Dear Gen. Corbin: Such kindness as yours can never be repaid, and my heart is very full when I try to thank you. Words seem very poor at such a time. Will you please believe that I do appreciate it and all my life will find comfort in the remembrance. The universal feeling which prompted such wonderful generosity from the nation is so beautiful to me, and so dear, my gratitude is unexpressible profound. It has relieved the one anxious thought Henry would have had, and I do not know how to thank you or the nation. Believe me, with kind regards, very sincerely,

"MARY C. LAWTON."

### Keelcy, of Gold Cure Fame, Dead

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—Dr. Leslie E. Keelcy of gold cure fame, died suddenly on the 21st inst.

### Severe on American Meats.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—The Reichstag commission furnished the second reading of the meat inspection bill on the 22nd inst. and the measure in its new shape was adopted by all the members of the commission. Generally speaking, the amended form is quite as severe in its application to American meats as was the original.

### Irish Evicted Tenants Bill Killed

London, Feb. 21.—The house of commons rejected, by 232 to 138 votes, the second reading of the Irish evicted tenants bill.

# LAW IN LIEU OF WAR.

## Police System to Succeed Army in the Philippines.

Washington, Feb. 21.—According to information received at the war department from Manila, with the end of the present expedition of Gen. Bates into the two provinces at the extreme southern part of the island of Luzon, military operations in the Philippines close.

Afterward there is nothing to do but to undertake to maintain order through a police system. Attention is now being given to that subject and steps are being taken to form a thoroughly mobile, lightly armed gendarmerie, something on the order of the Canadian mounted police, to cover the islands at all points and concentrate the energies of the regular troops.

The arrest of a Tagal on the charge of being a guerrilla, as reported from Manila the 21st, is stated at the department, marks the initiation of another policy toward the insurgents who still remain under arms.

As the summary punishment of guerrillas cannot be had until some action has been taken to declare the termination of the application of the rules of war, it is assumed at the war department that General Otis has already issued some kind of a proclamation or notice to the natives, warning them that if they defy the rules of war and pursue a profligate warfare they will be treated as guerrillas when captured.

### GIVES LIE TO MACRUM.

#### Answer Regarding Charges Made by Ex-Consul at Pretoria.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The answer of the state department to the house resolution calling for information regarding certain charges made by the late Consul Macrum was transmitted to the house on the 21st inst. The document says the department of state has been in regular communication by mail and telegraph with Macrum since his entrance upon the duties of his office, that his dispatches have been regularly received, and there was only one instance of complaint in respect to the transit of mails for Pretoria, which was promptly remedied.

The document states that Macrum, while at his post, did not report any instance of violation by the opening of the official mail by the British censor.

In regard to a secret alliance between the United States and Great Britain, it says no secret alliance is possible under the constitution.

### MACDONALD SHOT.

#### Brave Leader of Highland Brigade Severely Wounded.

London, Feb. 21.—It was reported Tuesday that Gen. Hector MacDonald, commander of the Highland brigade, had been severely wounded. The last news received about MacDonald and the Highlanders was that they were pushing Cronje. The war office on Wednesday confirms the report that Gen. MacDonald had been severely wounded. Maj. Hector MacDonald went to Modder River from Bombay to assume command of the Highland Brigade when the former commander, Gen. Wauchope, fell in the battle of Magersfontein.

### PHILADELPHIA ELECTION.

#### Municipal League Secures Four of the Sixteen Magistracies.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—Returns from Tuesday's election in this city did not come in from some of the outlying wards till almost daylight Wednesday. Sixteen magistracies were voted for and the results show a decided victory for the candidates nominated by the municipal league in opposition to the regular Republican and Democratic nominees. While the Republicans elected by reduced pluralities ten candidates, only two of the six Democratic candidates were successful, the municipal league electing the other four.

### Kennedy's Last Hope Gone.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The supreme court has overruled a motion to transfer to the court en banc the case of John Kennedy, the convicted train robber. This is the last attempt made to obtain his liberation and he must now serve his seventeen-year sentence in the penitentiary.

### Woman Suffrage Beaten Again.

Boston, Feb. 21.—The house on the 21st had its annual debate on woman suffrage, resulting in the defeat of the proposition, 124 to 82, a larger majority than for many years.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 53c to 54c; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 14c; potatoes, choice, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 62c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, 58c to 60c.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 24c to 26c; rye, 58c to 60c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c; butter, creamery, 20c to 25c; eggs, western, 15c to 16c.

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### Frank Crane, Who Disappeared Ten Years Ago, Returns Alive and Well—Supposed to Have Been Murdered.

After ten years' absence from his family and friends in Nebraska, during which time he never had a word of communication with his wife and children, and many people thought he had been murdered, Frank Crane arrived in Sioux City Feb. 16 on his way to his former home at Wakefield, this state. He came as quietly and as mysteriously as he disappeared in November, 1890. Crane is said to be now a furniture manufacturer in Pittsburg, and is evidently prosperous.

At the time of his disappearance Crane was a prosperous and well known farmer in the vicinity of Wakefield. In November, 1890, he was drawn as a member of the federal grand jury and went to Omaha to serve. After serving on the jury he started back home, but when he reached Blair he became possessed of a notion to drop out of sight and he did not go on to his home. He had plenty of money with him at the time.

He went east instead, and afterward spent a great deal of time in Central America and South America and he came to this country almost direct from the United States of Colombia. Two years after Crane disappeared his mother, Mrs. Graves, died, leaving a considerable estate. Most of it was left to her son, and \$2,000 to each of his seven children.

All efforts to find the man had been of no avail and the general supposition was he had been murdered by some one who had taken offense at his acts on the federal grand jury. The murder story was the accepted theory by every one who knew the man.

Because, however, of the uncertainty of his death there has been almost endless litigation over the money left by Mrs. Graves. It is said the man finally decided to return to put a quietus on the litigation. Crane laughs at the idea of his body being supposed to have been tossed into the Missouri River. He declares his actions were governed by his love of adventure, and he expressed no remorse for the worry he has caused those who cared for him.

Most of the people who knew Crane before his disappearance say he did not come back to Nebraska because he wanted to, but was persuaded to do so by his attorney, J. H. Brown of Wakefield. It is supposed Brown located the long-lost man in Pittsburg and prevailed upon him to come back home to settle up the estate and stop the litigation between his heirs. Crane is now about 55 years of age and is well dressed. Very little is known of his actions since he left here and he refuses to talk about them himself. He is more inclined to treat his strange act as a joke than anything else.

### Adds to the Mystery.

Fact sometimes is stranger than fiction. Frank Crane, who reappeared, after ten years' absence, in Wakefield, Feb. 17, has again disappeared. No one seems to know just when he went or where he has gone. Saturday evening for two hours he greeted old friends and acquaintances at the office of Attorney J. H. Brown, with a joke or pat allusion to some past event, but not one word as to why he went away or what he intended to do in the future. During the evening nearly a hundred of the citizens of the town dropped in and chatted with him. The general disposition of the community seemed to be to forget the past and to give him the prodigal's welcome, for ten years ago Frank Crane was a prominent and popular man in the community.

### Illegal Timber Cutting.

John Forecloud and his Indian brother from the Omaha and Winnebago Reservation called on the Indian office in Washington the other day and complained of their agent for permitting the illegal cutting of timber on their reservation by white men. The commissioner immediately ordered the special agent, on his way there, to include the complaint in his investigation.

### Thurston in Court.

The question of jurisdiction of the supreme court to try the case of the state of Nebraska against the Standard Oil Company, brought under the anti-trust law, was argued before the full supreme court Feb. 21. Senator John M. Thurston and F. L. McCoy of Omaha represented the defendant, and Attorney General Smyth represented the state.

### Johnson Will Satisfy Creditors.

Lee Johnson of Mead has made arrangements with his creditors whereby they receive 80 per cent., of which 40 per cent. was paid immediately and the balance in six months. No clue to the robbers has been secured, but local talent is suspected.

### Retail Lumber Dealers.

The tenth annual convention of the Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association was held at Omaha last week, with about 250 delegates present from various parts of the state, every section being represented.

### Norfolk Death Rate.

The undertakers of Norfolk have compiled vital statistics for the year 1899. Their report shows that there were thirty-five deaths in a population of 5,000, or a death rate of seven-tenths of 1 per cent.

### Child Severely Burned.

When seated in a high chair before the baseburner the 1-year-old baby boy of Mrs. W. F. Chewoweth of Tecumseh fell forward onto the stove. The child's face was severely burned.

### Depot Will Be Moved.

The Burlington trains are now being run over the new grade east of Humboldt and arrangements are about completed for moving the depot closer to town.

### Kicked by a Horse.

Stephen Cawley, a farmer living near Tecumseh, was kicked in the face by a horse. His cheek was torn open and teeth dislodged.

### Simmons Bound Over.

Frank G. Simmons, late postmaster at Seward, charged with embezzlement, waived preliminary examination before commissioner Billingsley at Lincoln and was bound over to appear at the next term of the federal court, which will be held in Omaha. Bond was given in the sum of \$2,500.

### Mills Resume Work.

The Oakland mills, which for several months have been rebuilding and new machinery added, costing about \$10,000, will soon resume work.

# GIVES CAPITAL A BLACK EYE

## Labor Commissioner Kent Talks on Labor Situation.

Labor Commissioner Kent gave to the press recently the following interview concerning the movement that is now being made in Lincoln toward the organization of a building trades' council:

"Nearly all the money paid for building material goes out of the state, not so with that paid to labor, which goes immediately into circulation and finds its way into the pockets of the butcher and baker, etc. To double the wages of labor means to nearly double the amount of money in circulation, and to double the volume of business done. A pennurious labor policy is to a large measure responsible for the empty buildings around town, and low rents. People usually build as an investment; when wages rise the value of property rises also. Advance wages and the workman immediately demands a better house, better carpets, more clothing, etc. This means more stores, larger stocks, more people employed and in turn more houses, more clothing, etc., for these people."

"Go abroad among working men and you will find that Lincoln is known far and wide as a low-wage town, not a very good advertisement. While the carpenters in Omaha are getting a minimum wage of 35 cents per hour, carpenters in Lincoln will not average more than 20 cents per hour."

"It is hardly necessary to repeat that it is no wonder there is a lack of business, and a surplus of empty rooms in Lincoln. Instead of organized labor being a menace, it is of untold economic value. It is not only of benefit to the employe, but to the employer as well. It prevents the fair and honest contractor from being driven either to reduce the wages of his employes or to go to the wall. It protects the public against unfair and unscrupulous bosses; it teaches the artisan self-respect and independence, builds up the home and educates the children, increases production and consumption, in a word, advances civilization."

### ROBBED OF \$7,000.

#### No Clue Has Been Found—Robbery Story Discarded.

Lee Johnson of Mead was robbed of nearly \$7,000, the robbers entering his house and taking his suit of clothes containing the money. The clothes were later found in the Carlson scale office with papers and other articles scattered all over the room. Lee Johnson recently sold his hardware business and went to Wahoo where he received the balance due him. As soon as the news of the loss of nearly \$7,000 reached the commercial world Mead was filled with representatives from different houses who had bills against Lee Johnson and were looking for some chance to get their money. Some of the claims were nearly \$1,000 each. Lee Johnson recently sold his business to Carlson & Martinson and most of the claims are held by hardware and implement houses and many who are interested do not believe in the thieving story.

Last fall the Mead Hail Stock Company was incorporated for the purpose of building an opera house and hall combined. Mr. Johnson was given the contract to build the hall. At a meeting held in January the corporation was dissolved and the building was turned over to Mr. Johnson. The building is nearly completed, but the carpenters quit work on learning of the robbery and workmen and lumber liens have been placed against it. The building is worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

There is absolutely nothing that can be attached to square the claims of numerous creditors, who have representatives there. Brochures were sent for, but did not find a cent and failed to do anything. Lee Johnson's liabilities are between \$5,000 and \$8,000, with absolutely no assets, except his residence property.

### Case of Smallpox at Lincoln.

A case of smallpox was discovered at Lincoln last week. Dr. H. B. Lowry was called to attend Herman Minick, a young man of 23 years, who lives in the McMurry Block. The physician immediately pronounced the case one of smallpox and was reported to the city authorities. The board of health investigated the case thoroughly and confirmed the opinion of Dr. Lowry. The building was quarantined.

### Fair Grounds for Sale.

The old Norfolk fair grounds have been advertised for sale by a committee of the owners of the grounds. This association was formed in 1886 and for several years conducted fairs that were well attended, yet not sufficiently to be a financial success.

### Nebraska Short Notes.

Red Cloud is figuring on securing a mill. The Emerson creamery will be reopened for business March 1.

A 7-year-old child of Silas Dillon of Wakefield fell into a pan of hot water and was dangerously scalded.

Thieves broke into the Dwarak mill on Shull Creek, in Colfax county, and stole a wagonload of flour and feed.

H. Thompson of Gibbon averaged 50 income during the last month on each cow, selling the milk to a creamery.

Elmer Sargent of Pierce received a letter last week from W. W. Graham of Norfolk, Ok., who will be remembered as the projector of the Yankton & Norfolk Railroad. Mr. Graham has not yet given up the idea of building the line between Yankton and Norfolk and informs Mr. Sargent that he expects to be out here again this spring, when he hopes to consummate the project.

A small child of Henry Reimers of Beloit, Iliac county, was killed by falling in front of the trucks on which a house was being moved, the trucks passing over it.

About a year ago some thief or thieves stole the regalia of the Modern Woodmen Camp at Bremer. It was given up as gone for good, and not long since the camp purchased a new outfit, but one morning this week a box was found on the doorstep of the Venerable Counsel Corlin's house, and when opened the contents proved to be the long lost regalia. The words, "Don't look for the thief," were written across the top of the box.

Wausa is jubilant over the fact a flouring mill is to be built there the coming season. There was shipped from the town of Howe during the year 1899 a total of 461,560 bushels of grain.

Postmaster Comstock has been circulating a paper to raise the necessary funds to enter Central City in the state racing circuit of the Nebraska Racing Association, which will comprise eighteen of the best towns of the state. About \$200 has already been guaranteed, which makes it practically certain that the necessary amount will be forthcoming to enter Central City in the state circuit. The date of the Central City races will be about the second week in August and will last three days.



## The Senate on Friday resumed discussion of the Philippine question.

Mr. McEnery strongly opposed permanent acquisition of the islands and believed United States ought to relinquish them as soon as authority of this country had been asserted. Mr. Stewart took pronounced position in favor of admission of the products of any of the island possessions of the United States free of duty. Hawaiian bill was read, but nothing was done with it. The House by a vote of 75 to 67, in committee of the whole, struck out from legislative appropriation bill all provision for civil service commission. Action regarded as annual joke, as item will probably be restored in open session when members have to go on record on roll call. Rest of the time devoted to assertions by Mr. Sims (Dem., Tenn.) that northern volunteer soldiers in Spanish war were much more clamorous for pensions than the southern ones, and attributing this to the debauching of public sentiment in the North on the pension question. Mr. Pearre (Rep., Md.) raised the storm by stating that hundreds of Massachusetts soldiers who never smelled powder had applied for pensions. This brought out an indignant reply from Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., Mass.), who detailed the record of the Massachusetts volunteers. He was followed by others, who defended the soldiers from their several States. Mr. Hepburn (Towa.) especially assailed Mr. Sims.