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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The French senate adopted the amnesty bill.

Chicago's public debt is shown to be \$26,332,000.

Arbuckle Bros. have reduced the price of coffee 1 cent a pound.

The population of Mississippi is 1,581,270, an increase of 20.2 per cent.

A company for manufacturing automobiles has been organized in Moscow.

The population of Missouri is 3,106,655, against 2,575,184 in 1890, an increase of 15.9 per cent.

Emperor William has appointed Prince von Lynar to represent him at the funeral of Sir Arthur Sullivan.

The charge is made that the money sharks of Chicago pay \$15,000 annually to the police officials for protection.

The Illinois Central has decided to spend \$6,000,000 to substitute electricity for steam in its Chicago suburban service.

Emperor William, in the name of the German empire, will present to Paris Germany's imperial building at the exposition.

Melville E. Stone, manager of the Associated Press, having lived in Chicago thirty years, moves to New York December 1.

Dr. J. W. Brock, a noted army surgeon, has died at his home at Leavenworth, Kan. He served through the civil war in the Sixty-sixth Ohio volunteers.

Mrs. Clay Powell, widow of the late Captain Lee Linn of the Wabash, Ind., Couriers, for many years noted as a democratic journalist in northern Indiana, died.

A law has just gone into operation in Norway permitting the conditional discharge of a convict for good behavior after he had served two-thirds of his sentence.

The British cabinet decided to recommend to Queen Victoria that Lord Kitchener be made a lieutenant general, so as to enable him to take over the supreme command in South Africa when Lord Roberts leaves the country.

District Attorney McAllister of Colorado Springs has ordered Sheriff Freeman of Lincoln county to proceed against the members of the mob who burned Preston Porter, Jr., at the stake last week. Governor Thomas insists on prosecution.

Joseph Leshner's plan to coin sovereign dollars out of silver has apparently been abandoned, at Victor, Colo. It is claimed he has been informed by government officials that the coinage plan is contrary to law and his dies will be seized.

Cattle feeding has been cut short by the high price of corn in Kansas. The scarcity of the product has made the grain worth about 40 cents a bushel in the local market. It has affected the price of stock cattle and they bring less than in the eastern counties, where there is a better crop for feeding. Many feed yards are empty for the first time in several years.

Colonel Edward McMurdoo, the Scotchman who built the railroad from Lourenzo Marquez to Pretoria, capital of the late South African republic, failed to get his money for the work before he died. His heirs, among whom is his brother Robert, an attorney at Chicago, Ill., were awarded \$1,000,000 by the Geneva arbitrators, which the Portuguese government must pay.

Prof. N. S. Shafer of Harvard university, a southern man who has made a special scientific study of the condition of the negroes of the south, gives no favor to the pessimistic opinions that come from that section. He thinks that the moral and intellectual condition of the negroes is improving, and, so far as social morals are concerned, he regards the negro as, on the whole, less dangerous than whites of a like social grade.

Baron Farnham died at London. He was born March 7, 1849.

Lieutenant Farnham, the French naval attaché at Washington, has been advised that the training ship Duguay-Trouin, with a large number of French cadets on board, will visit American waters next spring.

John Hubbard was shot and killed by police officers at Middletown, Ky., while resisting arrest.

General Buller's home newspaper, the North Devon Herald, says it is understood the general will be made a peer when the new year's honor list is issued, and that he will assume the title of Lord Buller of Ladysmith.

The population of Virginia is 1,854,184, against 1,655,980 in 1890, an increase of 198,204, or 11.9 per cent.

The population of Kansas is 1,470,495, against 1,427,096 in 1890, an increase of 3 per cent; Nevada, 42,335, against 45,671 in 1890, a decrease of 7.4 per cent.

The bill submitted to the reichstag shows the imperial budget for 1901 balances at 2,240,947,301 marks, an increase of 174,303,289 over 1900.

No Name, a valuable trotting horse owned by Louis Helm of Baraboo, Wis., was killed in a railroad wreck at Jackson, Mich. He had a record of 2:13 1/4, and was valued at \$5,000.

Bohn Lawson Johnston, the noted English, dietetic expert, died at Cannes, France.

Trinity college, the newly founded Catholic institution for the higher education of women, was dedicated at Washington, D. C., with imposing ceremonies.

Ten plants to manufacture common cotton seed bolls into paper of different grades will soon be erected in the south. Robert Thomas, a New York paper expert, says the scheme is being backed by a corporation with \$5,000,000 capital, and that the work of putting up the plants will begin in about thirty days.

THE GRIND HAS BEGUN

Both Houses of Congress Assemble at the Proper Time.

NEARLY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Short Sessions Held, Adjournment Following the Reading of the President's Message—Senatorial Conferences as to the Program for the Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The opening of congress drew great crowds to the capitol, intent on witnessing those interesting scenes marking the inauguration of the legislative work of the government. On June 7 last the first session of the Fifty-sixth congress adjourned and the second session began today with many momentous questions awaiting the attention of the national lawmakers.

Early in the day the tide of travel turned down Pennsylvania avenue toward the capitol, filling the broad walks leading to the marble terrace, which by 11 o'clock presented a scene of busy activity. On the eastern plaza front there was the same scene of activity, long lines of carriage swinging up to the wings, bringing senators, members, public officials and interested observers, while the many lines of cars contributed their quota of the interested public.

Inside the building but little restriction had been placed on the free moving of the throng and the crowd moved at will from one wing to the other. All of the public galleries were open, so that everyone in the good-natured crowd had an equal chance. By 11 o'clock the elevators began to be sieged and there were signs of an overflow at the doors leading to the galleries. It was evident that the women took great interest in the procedure, for they were present in full force, one delegation of girl students numbering over fifty.

There were conferences among senators as to the program for the week and for so early in the session unusual activity was displayed by members on both sides of the capitol.

Speaker Henderson arrived at his private office about 11:15 and soon was surrounded by members, discussing the program of business.

At noon the speaker's gavel fell and the hum of voices was hushed. Every member rose in his seat. In the silence that followed the voice of the blind chaplain rose clear and impressive in prayer. The chaplain made a touching reference to departed members, asking the blessing of heaven on the bereaved ones left behind.

At the conclusion of the prayer the clerk called the roll. There was so much confusion that the roll call was stopped by the speaker.

"All members will take seats," he ordered. "It is impossible to proceed with the roll call unless order is restored."

His gavel struck the desk rapidly and finally the noise subsided. After a brief session the house recessed until 2 o'clock.

In the senate the credentials of William B. Dillingham as a senator from Vermont were presented and the oath was administered to him. He fills the unexpired term of the late Senator Morrill.

Senator Gear's successor, former Representative Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa, was present, but his credentials were withheld until the official announcement of Senator Gear's death.

At 12:15 p. m. the senate took a recess for half an hour.

The president pro tem, Mr. Frye, appointed Messrs. Hoar and Cockerell a committee to wait on the president and inform him that the senate was ready to receive any communication he desired to make. The committee will join a like committee from the house of representatives.

At 12:55 the senate took a further recess until 1:45.

Steel Contract Signed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The contract with the Bethlehem Steel company of Pennsylvania for armor plate for naval vessels was signed at the navy department yesterday, thus concluding the armor plate contract in its entirety, as the contract with the Carnegie company was signed yesterday. The Bethlehem company's contract was exactly similar to that of Carnegie, viz.: 18,592 tons of armor for \$8,188,870.50.

General Wilson Arrives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Brigadier General James H. Wilson, who arrived here yesterday from China on the transport Thomas, will leave for Washington Tuesday to report to the war department. General Wilson is accompanied by Lieutenant G. S. Turner of the Tenth infantry.

Will Succeed Von Miquel.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—It is announced that the forthcoming retirement of Dr. Von Siemens from the directorship of the Deutsche bank is due to the "pressure of political duties," and this is generally interpreted to mean that he will succeed Dr. von Miquel as minister of finance.

Turk Settles.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 3.—The Turkish-German difficulty regarding a coaling station in the Red sea has been settled, Germany intimating that she only wants a station during the Chinese crisis.

First Bill Is Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The roll call of the house showed that 275 members had responded to their names. The speaker announced a quorum present and that the house was ready for business. The new members were then sworn in. The speaker appointed Messrs. Payne of New York, Grosvenor of Ohio and Richardson of Tennessee to join the committee of the senate to notify the president that congress was ready to receive any communication from him.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Some of the Principal Points in the Chief Executive's Annual.

The president congratulates the country on the prosperous condition of the people engaged in all industries and the existence of conditions which warrant the belief that the prosperity will continue.

The troubles in China occupy a large portion of the message. The president treats not only of the present troubles, but the causes which have produced them. These are stated to be the antipathy of the Chinese to innovations upon their long-established customs and the centuries-old desire for exclusiveness. The opening up of the ports and the gradual spread of trade with foreigners to the interior, the establishment of industries and innovations all over the empire, has caused a steady growth of the feeling of resentment. This has been assiduously cultivated by designing politicians who surround the court. The efforts of the various powers in years past, through reason and sometimes by means of a display of force, to keep down an uprising are reviewed. The history of the present troubles is detailed and it is pointed out that the United States has kept constantly in view, so far as circumstances would warrant, the traditional desire of this country to maintain peace and good relations with China, and the same idea would dominate the final settlement of the troubles, so far as the United States could control. The punishment of the real culprits who were the instigators of the uprising must be insisted upon, however.

The relations of the United States with other powers are most cordial. The president calls attention to the new laws in Germany which affect the meat trade with this country, but states it is too early to say just what their effect will be.

Concerning the Alaskan boundary, the president states there is a necessity for delimitating the line and that steps have been taken to secure a permanent settlement of the differences. By a special arrangement this question had been separated from other matters and would be settled independently and as rapidly as the difficulties surrounding it could be overcome.

The Nicaragua canal question is reviewed, but no specific recommendations are made.

The fact is pointed out that the surplus revenues for the year were \$79,527,060 and that this had enabled the setting aside of \$55,544,556 for the sinking fund. The treasury situation is strong and warrants some reduction in the revenues. Legislation to render certain the parity of the two currency metals is recommended.

The necessity of legislation to restore the merchant marine is called to the attention of congress.

Legislation for the effective control of trusts is recommended and the value of uniform legislation on this subject by the various states is pointed out.

Concerning the Philippines the president renews his statement that any definite scheme of government cannot be brought forth consistently so long as the authority of the United States is disputed by armed men. The settlement of the difficulties, however, has made material progress and there is promise that order will soon be restored. The appointment of the commission is reviewed, together with the instructions given it.

It is recommended that the government of Porto Rico be turned over to the interior department.

The situation in Cuba is gone over and congress is informed that so soon as the constitutional convention shall have completed its labors a copy of that document will be transmitted for such action as congress may deem advisable.

Legislation for the army is reviewed and a recommendation made for an army of 60,000 with authority to recruit and maintain it at 100,000, so long as conditions in the Philippines shall render it necessary.

The president commends to congress the recommendations of the secretary of the navy for an increase in the officers and men in that service.

Eager for Government Land.

CROOKSTON, Minn., Dec. 4.—A line of men was formed last night, extending from the United States land office for several blocks, with the intention of remaining in their places until Tuesday morning so that they may have an early chance to file upon the lands of the White Earth Indian reservation which have been opened for settlement. It is estimated that there will be a half dozen filing for each claim and the contests that follow will keep the land attorneys busy for the rest of the winter. Bloodshed may ensue between the squatters and those who have abided by the law.

Kills a Drunken Father.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 3.—News has been received here of the killing of Frank Young, a farmer, living near Plymouth, Carroll county, by his 20-year-old son, Elmer. Young was drunk and started in to annihilate his family with a knife. He had succeeded in wounding his wife, when the son shot him in the neck with a shotgun, almost severing the head from the body.

Lieutenant Insane.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 3.—William Haley was sent to the insane asylum here today. He cannot recover. Haley was with Quantrell at the burning and sacking of Lawrence, Kan., being the noted guerrilla's chief lieutenant. For many years he has been a member of the local police force.

All Present But Senator Allen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Every member of the Nebraska delegation except Senator Allen was in his seat when the two houses of congress convened today. Several of the delegations were favored with handsome floral offerings, notably Senator Thurston, whose desk was buried under a wealth of color. Senator Allen's desk also had two bouquets from friends who had sent the flowers on the supposition that Mr. Allen would be in his seat, but he is not expected until the last of the week.

IS HELD FOR MURDER

The Supposed Slayer of Ranchman Fullhart Under Arrest.

PRISONER TAKEN AT LOUISVILLE

Sheriff Armstrong of Custer County Rightly Scented His Prey—Feels Confident He Has the Right Man—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 4.—Sheriff Armstrong returned here with William Oxley, the supposed murderer of Ranchman W. H. Fullhart, who was found dead northwest of Anselmo a week ago Saturday. He found him at Louisville, Neb., and placed him in irons and arrived here with him on the 4 o'clock train.

On leaving here last Wednesday morning the sheriff went to Arnold, where he learned that Oxley had been making his home through the summer with David Parks, of whose daughter he was enamored. Oxley had borrowed a horse of Parks, which had been returned at that time. Learning that Oxley had been at Gothenburg on horseback the sheriff proceeded to Gothenburg. He found that Oxley had secured a stock pass for Omaha and sent Parks' horse home by the mail carrier. Learning at Arnold that Oxley had a brother and sister in the vicinity of Springfield, Neb., the sheriff, after finding no clue to his man at South Omaha, proceeded to visit Springfield. Finding no clue there he went to Louisville and learning that Oxley had been there he secured an acquaintance of Oxley's, who pointed him out and enabled the sheriff to make the arrests. Oxley had \$13 on his person, two pocketknives and a razor.

It is reported that Oxley sold four head of cattle to the T. L. V. ranch, sixteen miles southwest of Fullhart's place, the same week the murder is supposed to have been committed. Oxley had been on the ranches in that vicinity several years prior to six years ago. Since then nothing had been known of him until he returned last spring. There is a timber claim entry in the T. L. V. ranch, which Oxley took a number of years ago when he was an employee on the ranch, but as the company for which he was working at the time broke up, nothing further was done with the timber claim and it yet remains in his name. The ranch is now owned by Tierney Bros. of this place. Sheriff Armstrong feels confident he has the right man. Oxley claims his parents live in Red Willow county. He refuses to talk about the case, but says he knows nothing about the murder.

Nebraska Dairymen to Meet.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 4.—The Nebraska Dairymen's association convenes its sixteenth annual meeting in the committee room of the Lindell at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 18. The session will be devoted to reports of executives and appointment of committees.

Wednesday sessions will be held in the dairy building on the state university farm and addresses will be made by Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews and Governor Poynter. It is announced that those who attend these sessions are expected to bring their lunches with them and make a full day of it, as the farm is to be given an inspection. No session will be held in the evening, as the traveling men wish an opportunity to entertain and do business with their customers.

Thursday is to be devoted to a few papers and a system of elaborate demonstrations at the skimming station on the farm.

Premiums aggregating \$380 have been offered by the association to exhibitors, and as various companies have also offered special prizes a good competitive show is expected.

New Beet Contract.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 4.—The beet raisers of this vicinity are quite satisfied, if not enthusiastic, over the new contract under which they will raise beets next season. The contracts are now in the hands of the agents and are being called for freely. It is expected that there will be from 4,000 to 5,000 acres of beets for the local factory next fall and if this result does obtain there is some promise that the factory in this vicinity will be enlarged by the addition of the Steffens process. Mr. Robert Oxnard, not long since, stated that such addition would be made if the cultivation of beets in the vicinity would be such as to promise a permanent and uninterrupted operation of the factory in the successive seasons.

Printed Reports Delivered.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 4.—Printed copies of the annual report of the State Horticultural society, compiled by Secretary Charles H. Barnard, were delivered at the state house. The report consists largely of scientific discussions on horticultural subjects and includes a complete record of the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the society. The report of the treasurer shows that there was a balance on hand January 9, when the last meeting was held, of \$1,122.12.

The population of Illinois is 4,821,550, against 3,826,351 in 1890, an increase of 995,199, or 26 per cent; Rhode Island, 428,556, against 345,560 in 1890, an increase of 24 per cent.

Steward for the Asylum.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 4.—For steward of the asylum for incurable insane at Hastings, the Governor-elect, after a conference with W. B. Kern, of Wood River, who will be installed as superintendent, has selected H. C. Haverly of Adams county. O. G. Smith of Buffalo county has been selected for assistant superintendent of the industrial school at Kearney. Frank McCartney of Nebraska City, whose appointment as deputy secretary of state was announced some time ago, has notified Mr. Marsh that he will accept.

THE POPULATION OF NEBRASKA.

Returns by Counties Given Out by the Census Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The population of Nebraska, as officially announced, is 1,069,539, against 1,058,910 in 1890. This is an increase since 1890 of 9,629, or 9 per cent. The population in 1880 was 452,402, showing an increase of 606,508, or 134.0 per cent, from 1880 to 1890. The population by counties follows:

	1900.	1890.	1880.
Adams	18,840	24,308	10,226
Antelope	11,294	10,399	11,563
Banner	1,114	2,435	.....
Blaine	603	1,146	.....
Boone	11,689	8,683	4,170
Box Butte	5,372	5,494	.....
Boyd	7,332	695	.....
Brown	3,470	4,359	.....
Buffalo	20,254	22,165	7,531
Burt	13,040	11,969	6,837
Butler	15,703	15,454	9,194
Cass	21,330	24,090	16,683
Cedar	12,467	7,628	2,859
Chadron	2,558	4,807	70
Cherry	6,541	6,423	.....
Cheyenne	5,570	5,993	1,558
Clay	15,725	16,810	11,294
Clayton	11,421	10,863	8,837
Cuming	14,584	12,265	5,569
Custer	19,758	21,677	2,211
Dakota	6,286	5,336	3,213
Dawes	6,215	9,722	.....
Deuel	12,214	10,129	2,969
Dewey	2,183	2,892	.....
Dixon	10,335	8,084	4,177
Dodge	12,288	12,390	11,563
Douglas	149,590	158,068	37,645
Dundy	2,434	4,012	37
Edwards	15,087	16,022	10,294
Franklin	9,455	7,632	5,463
Frontier	8,781	8,497	934
Furnas	12,373	9,840	6,407
Gage	30,611	36,344	13,164
Garfield	2,127	1,659	.....
Gosper	5,301	4,816	1,673
Grant	763	458	.....
Greeley	5,621	4,869	1,461
Hall	17,306	16,513	8,512
Hamilton	13,330	14,096	8,267
Harrison	9,370	8,158	6,086
Hayes	2,708	3,553	1,012
Hitchcock	4,409	5,729	1,192
Holt	12,224	12,672	3,287
Hooker	432	426	.....
Howard	10,343	9,430	4,391
Jefferson	15,186	14,832	8,949
Johnson	11,197	10,323	7,595
Kearney	9,866	9,061	4,072
Keith	1,951	2,556	194
Keya Paha	3,075	3,320	.....
Kimball	758	959	.....
Knox	14,343	8,282	3,696
Lancaster	64,835	76,395	28,660
Lincoln	11,416	10,841	6,382
Logan	960	1,378	.....
Loup	1,305	1,062	.....
Madison	617	401	.....
Mahar	10,776	13,020	5,880
Merrick	9,255	8,758	6,941
Nance	8,222	5,773	1,212
Nemaha	14,352	12,920	10,451
Nichols	12,214	11,417	8,512
Osage	12,228	25,403	15,727
Otoe	11,770	10,240	6,920
Pawnee	1,702	4,394	.....
Perkins	10,772	9,889	2,447
Phelps	10,772	9,889	2,447
Platte	17,747	15,437	9,511
Polk	10,512	10,817	6,816
Rock	9,984	8,837	8,494
Rockwell	19,611	17,574	15,031
Saunders	2,808	3,082	.....
Seward	18,222	20,097	14,491
Shoshone	9,082	8,887	4,481
Sioux	26,085	31,577	15,810
Scotts Bluff	2,552	1,838	.....
Seward	15,560	16,140	11,147
Shelby	6,602	6,002	2,315
Sherman	6,550	6,390	2,061
Sioux	2,085	2,432	489
Stanton	9,959	4,619	1,813
Thayer	14,325	12,738	6,112
Thomas	628	517	.....
Thurston	8,736	3,176	169
Union	7,339	7,022	2,824
Washington	13,086	11,823	8,282
Wayne	9,802	6,169	812
Webster	11,519	11,210	7,104
Wheeler	1,362	1,673	644
York	18,205	12,729	11,111

Nebraska's Great Surplus.

LINCOLN, Dec. 1.—Figures compiled by the State Bureau of Statistics show that the surplus products exported from Nebraska during the last calendar year amounted in value to \$173,849,207. Following are the figures:

	Amount.	Value.
Kind.		
Horses and mules, hd.	50,570	\$ 2,014,800
Cattle, head	686,131	23,814,500
Hogs, head	2,213,912	27,673,990
Sheep, head	737,357	2,580,