CURRENT NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

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MINOR MENTION.

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Eggs two doz., 25c. Bartel & Miller.

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I. M. Treynor has returned from Des Moines.

George Beatty of Avoca was in the city yesterday.

Emmet Tinley went to Woodbine yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Unger left last evening for St. Louis.

H. E. Babcock of Columbus, Neb., called in the city yesterday.

Charles Beno and Andrew Martin are in Chicago on business.

W. H. Killpack of Neola, Ia., was a guest in the city yesterday.

L. W. Ross is attending the Pioneer Lawmakers' association in Des Moines.

C. R. Frand returned yesterday from an extended trip through the northwest.

Miss Sina Oleson of Madison avenue has gone to Chicago for a four weeks' visit.

Mrs. Charles Beno is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Hollenbeck, in Des Moines.

Thomas Kilcain and Lloyd Croft of Kirkman, Ia., were visitors in the city yesterday.

James M. Kelly, cadiler of the Macedonia tank, was in the city on business yesterday.

A. E. and F. W. Seaburg, cattlemen of Macedonia, were in the city on business yesterday.

Postmaster Thomas Flood and his brother, Charles B. Flood of Taylor, were in the city yesterday.

C. Henricksen and M. N. Esbeck of Audubon were among the guests in the city yesterday.

J. W. Dillin and wife of Neola are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Downs.

James Pillickaleen of Boone, Neb., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Bosco, on Mynster street.

J. S. Williams of Avenue F is enjoying a visit from his cousin, Melvin Spenny of Ellisville, Ill.

Motorman Fred Smith and his wife are rejoicing over the advent of a nine-pound baby girl at their home.

Mrs. Victor E. Bender of Third avenue is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Nevin C. Lescher, of Galesburg, Ill.

E. B. Ashley and wife of Wolf Dale passed through the city yesterday en route to the eastern part of the county.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. F. Lyman, aged 24, and Lizzie Ring, same age, both of Taylor, Ia.

Mrs. E. P. Nichols of Third avenue and Mrs. J. H. Ingersoll are in Kansas City visiting with a sister of Mrs. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones of Sixth avenue have gone to Vinton, Ia., to attend the funeral services of Mr. Jones' mother.

H. C. Reynolds of Madison avenue has entered the employ of an eastern publishing house and will begin work on the road soon.

We give attention to little things in laundry work. You get all that is best in fine work and good service at the Eagle laundry, 724 Bway.

F. B. Taylor and wife of Taylor, Ia., were in the city yesterday to attend the wedding of Mr. W. F. Lyman and Miss Lizzie M. Ring of that place.

A proposition has been made to the Dodge Light Guards to give them the Pottawattamie wigwam after it has been used on the exposition grounds.

Rev. Thickstun will preach on Sunday evening at the residence of David McCreary, on Avenue A, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.

Charles Dickey, Union Pacific telegraph operator at Lexington, Neb., joined his wife here Wednesday evening in a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Pile.

Friends and patrons of the kindergarten department of the Pierce street school spent a social evening together in the kindergarten room of the building last evening.

Miss Gilliland, formerly superintendent of schools of Mills county, has entered business in this city and makes her home with Mrs. O. H. Lucas of Oakland avenue.

All members of Hawkeye lodge, No. 184, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who are members of the initatory degree staff are requested to be present tonight for drill.

The case against Zed Bethers, charged in Justice Vien's court with lewdness, was dismissed yesterday with the understanding that Bethers was to leave the city immediately.

The Men's club of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A paper on "Municipal Government" will be read by Rev. W. S. Barnes. All are welcome.

W. H. Lynchard received a telegram last night from Springfield, Ill., announcing the fatal illness of his father, H. C. Lynchard. The old gentleman is in his eighty-seventh year.

The trial of the suit between the Sharples Creamery company and William Weston occupied all of the day in the district court yesterday. The suit involves $2,500 and is being tried to a jury.

Mr. L. H. Cooley and Miss Ruth Steepy were married on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents at 610 Bluff street, Rev. E. W. Cole officiating. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at its last meeting adopted a series of resolutions concerning the death of Walter D. James, which occurred a few days ago. The resolution committee was I. Burgeson, D. Grow and W. J. Westrip.

Mr. S. B. Nichols and family will move to Epworth, Ia., in a few days. Mr. Nichols was formerly soliciting in Nebraska for the Star Union freight line. He has recently been promoted to the position of traveling agent and been given a territory in the eastern part of Iowa.

Rev. E. W. Cole, formerly pastor of the Christian church in this city, stopped here yesterday en route to the east from California, where he has been living for the last few months with th hope of improving his health. He was entertained in this city by Mrs. M. J. Bonham of Harrison street.

Hon. D. C. Bloomer is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Rowland, who were recently married in Omaha. Mr. Rowland is a resident of Omaha and Mrs. Rowland's former residence was Hot Springs. She is well known in this city, being a distant relative of the Bloomer family and having visited frequently with them.

W. F. Lyman of Taylor, Ia., and Miss Lizzie M. Ring of Oakland were united in marriage yesterday in the parlors of the Kiel hotel by Justice Burke. The groom is a nephew of the deceased Hon. Joseph Lyman, who was established in this city several years ago, and the bride is well known in this county, her father being one of the old settlers here.

E. L. Wier resumed his old position last night as citizens' police in a section of the Fourth ward. The position has been abandoned for some time, but the increased number of burglaries caused the place to be refilled. During the preceding twelve and one-half months that the special police had been employed, only two cases of robbery were committed. During the present year, six night robberies and two day robberies have been reported in this district.

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Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

Dr. Reller, osteopath. Beno block.

Minstrel show by the K. O. B. C. club of Omaha for the benefit of Unity Guild, Tuesday, February 15, in Odd Fellows' hall, followed by dancing. Tickets, including dance, 25c.

DAMAGE WROUGHT BY STORM

Sleet Makes Much Mischief Among the Wires and Trees.

MOTOR ROAD RUNS WITH DIFFICULTY

Superintendent Dimmock Evolves a Plan for Clearing Trolley Wires—Telegraph and Telephone Lines in Deep Trouble.

Council Bluffs came under the general embargo of ice yesterday. All business connected with overhead wires was sadly demoralized, and when night came the tired out crowds of linemen reported the hardest day's work in many years. The motor company had a hard struggle to keep its lines open. In the early part of the day gaps between the trains were painfully long. Several of the trains were laid up on the Omaha circuit, and an hour was lost in getting them under way. The ice that encased the trolley wires broke the electric connection from the top, and the ice-covered rails offered great resistance from below. During the afternoon Superintendent Dimmock devised a scheme that relieved the overladen wires. On several of the trains the trolley wheels were taken off and a forked scraper substituted, which clutched the wire in its grip and stripped off the ice. By 4 o'clock in the afternoon the trains were all running on schedule time.

The telephone company suffered greatly from the sleet storm. A great many of its wires gave way under the heavy strain put upon them by the accumulated ice. Within a few minutes twelve of them went down at the corner of Broadway and Pearl street. Manager Atkins had all of the linemen obtainable at work and kept them busily employed all day repairing the constantly recurring breaks.

The telegraph companies also suffered severely, not only in the city, but on the lines eastward. At one time the Postal had only one line in operation between Council Bluffs and Chicago. At no time during the day was communication entirely cut off. The Western Union suffered quite as severely, and its force of linemen had a struggle to keep closed circuits to the east and north.

The sleet played havoc with the fire and police alarm systems. For a large portion of the day circuit No. 2, covering the western part of the city, was knocked out. Other wires falling on the alarm circuits kept the big bell tapping throughout the day until it was finally cut out. All open circuits were closed before nightfall and the system was placed in good order.

Shade trees throughout the city lost portions of their tops, and in many places broken boughs blocked the pavements. In Bayliss park the weight of the ice carried to the earth all of the dead and rotten limbs that had escaped the vigilance of the man who trims the trees, and the fallen branches thickly covered the ground. A large bough fell from one of the trees in the Washington avenue school yard, but at a time when none of the children were out.

APPROPRIATION MAY BE SMALL.

Legislature May Not Treat the Exposition with Liberality.

I. M. Treynor, from the committee on legislation, made a rather unfavorable report at the meeting of the executive committee of the Council Bluffs Exposition association last night. Mr. Treynor had been delegated to go to Des Moines in the interest of the larger appropriation asked from the legislature for the Iowa building and exhibit. He made a careful canvass of the members of the essembly and in his report last night he stated the exact position of every member of the Iowa senate on the subject of the appropriation. The report contained a statement from each member as to just what he would and would not do in the way of voting for an appropriation. A number of the senators did not favor any further appropriation, many of them favored an additional sum of $10,000, several from $15,000 to $20,000 and a few the full amount asked for—$47,000. He gave it as his opinion that the best that could be expected from the members of the senate was the further appropriation of from $10,000 to $20,000. There was a disposition in the house to treat the exposition more liberally, but as the senate would have the final say, he feared that the original plans of the Iowa commissioners could not be realized unless something unforeseen transpired to awaken state pride and make it felt in the senate. He said there was a strong feeling in favor of the plan of enacting special legislation for the purpose of permitting the counties of the state to make separate exhibits, and a majority of the members of the senate had assured him that they would vote for such a bill if Senator Pusey would introduce it.

The report was discussed at length by the members of the association, and it was decided in the event it became apparent that no large general appropriation could be hoped for to have the special bill passed authorizing the county boards throughout the state to make the necessary appropriations for the independent exhibits to be made in the state building. By resolution the legislative committee was instructed to confer with Senator Pusey and the Pottawattamie delegation with a view of preparing this bill. The bill will fix the maximum amount to be appropriated by the counties, and this amount will be about what the larger counties in the state, like Pottawattamie and Polk, will be willing to set aside for the purpose.

Hon. Lafe Young, president of the Iowa Press association, submitted a suggestion that an invitation from the Council Bluffs committee would result in the State Press association holding its annual meeting here this summer. Mr. Young intimated that the association would like to meet about June 20, and after the work of the session was over spend a few days visiting the expostition and sightseeing in the two cities, and especially visiting the gardens and vineyards surrounding Council Bluffs. He said all the press association would expect would be the usual reduction in hotel bills extended to all members of large associations, and that the editors would pay their own bills. The committee on solicitation was instructed to promptly act upon the suggestion and extend a cordial invitation to President Young to hold the annual meeting here. Mr. Young says there will be about 300 editors present, and he thinks the free advertising the editors will give the exposition and Council Bluffs will be valuable and opportune.

The soliciting committees made a report of the subscriptions received during the two afternoons that they worked which greatly encouraged the association. The amount reported exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of the members. For the purpose of further strengthening the committees the chairman of each was empowered to impress any member of the executive committee he saw fit and have him aid in the work of soliciting funds. The reports of the committees showed that only a small portion of the work of canvassing the city had been accomplished and they were given another week in which to complete the work.

A request from the art department of the Woman's clubs that the association change the date of its meeting next week so as not to conflict with the Dickens party, which is to occur next Thursday night, was not granted.

Warren Hough of Crescent notified the association that he had recently received from a friend a valuable relic found on the Wounded Knee battleground which some Sioux brave had lost, and offered to contribute it to the curio department in the wigwam.

Arraigned for Counterfeiting.

Special Officer Donella of Omaha and Deputy United States Marshal Reikman returned from Hamburg last evening with William Renshaw, whom they arrested at that place upon the charge of making and passing counterfeit money. Renshaw is an ignorant farmhand, who imagined he could successfully operate an independent mint, and for a long time has been engaged in the work of producing nickels and small coins. He succeeded in passing a number of them and this encouraged him to make money of larger denominations, and he successfully essayed the production of pewter half dollars. The evidence secured against him is of the most conclusive character. He was arraigned before Commissioner George F. Wright last evening and asked to have his hearing postponed until this afternoon. In default the heavy bail bond exacted, he was sent to the county jail for the night.

Swedish Lutheran Church.

The consecration services of the Swedish Lutheran Emanuel church were held at the church yesterday afternoon and evening. One address was made in English by Rev. P. Peterson of Essex, Ia., and the balance of the ceremony was in the Swedish language. All of the ministers of Stanton district of the Iowa conference with one exception were present and took part in the ceremonies. The entire service was conducted by Rev. M. P. Oden of Alta, Ia., president of Stanton district of the Iowa conference.

The afternoon services consisted of prayer, songs, scripture reading and addresses on the subject of consecration. In the evening Rev. S. G. Larson, the present pastor of the church, delivered an address of acceptance of the charge and Rev. J. E. Rydbach of Stanton also delivered an address.

The congregation organized in 1890 with an enrollment of nine and the building was begun in 1892. In 1893 the main auditorium was erected, but the interior has just recently been completed. They now have an enrollment of forty-seven and the church is in a reasonably fair financial condition. Four different pastors have had charge of the work since the establishment of the church, Rev. C. G. Widen, now stationed at Mead, Neb., was the first in charge. The present pastor took charge about the first of last December. He comes here from a charge at Pueblo, Colo., and has had many years' experience in the ministry. The following ministers from out of the city assisted in the services; C. G. Widen, Mead, Neb.; J. E. Rydbach, Stanton, Ia.; A. G. Freden, Nyman, Ia.; E. J. Norden, Red Oak, Ia.; C. J. Peel, Tabor, Ia.; B. M. Halland, Stanton, Ia.; B. Modin, Bethesta, Ia.; Joseph A. Anderson, Creston.

No Word About Watts.

No word was received from Sheriff Morgan from Chicago yesterday, and the attaches of the sheriff's office are unadvised whether or not his mission, to capture John Watts, the fugitive cashier of the Neola bank, has been or even promises to be successful. Everybody about the office yesterday was very much chagrined to think that some ill-advised person saw fit to make the object of the sheriff's mission public before it was accomplished. There is no doubt that Watts was in Chicago, although it is stoutly denied by his friends, and the wide publication given by the Chicago papers and the Press association made it absolutely certain that he would succeed in avoiding arrest if he so desired. The odd part of the affair is that the name of Watson should have been used in Chicago. This name was used only by the sheriff and other officers in prosecuting the search for the man in Des Moines when the officers were looking for him there a few days ago. It was stated at the sheriff's office yesterday that Sheriff Morgan would not return from his Chicago trip until Saturday.

Railroad Company's New Answer.

Attorneys for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company filed an amended and substituted answer yesterday in the suit brought against the company by J. A. Barris & Co., a shipping firm which secured a verdict against the company for excessive freight charges on shipments of sand. The case was appealed to the supreme court, the verdict was set aside and a new trial ordered. The plaintiff sues for three times the amount of the alleged extortionate charges, with costs and attorney's fees. In the amended answer the railway company alleges that the action is void for several reasons, one of which is that while it is a civil action brought under the provisions of chapter xxviii of the laws of the Twenty-second assembly, it is a penal action because it seeks to recover three times the amount involved. The company claims in its amended answer that the sand rate was a just, reasonable charge under the law and within the schedule fixed by the railroad commissioners and asks for a judgment for costs against the shipping company.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers are reported from the title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

B. B. Page and wife to C. D. Dillin, lot 7, block 2, Judson's First addition to Neola, q. c. d.	$ 400
J. D. Stevenson, sr., and wife to Z. A. Richardson, lot 6, block 14, Stutsman's Second addition, w. d.	1
Joseph M. Patton and wife, Bertha B., to F. J. Schnorr, lot 7, block 9, Hyatt's addition, w. d.	1
Charles W. F. Durham and wife to Adele Vuagniaux, lot 3, auditor's subdivision sw¼ nw¼ 21-75-43, w. d.	800
Four transfers, total	$1,202

Editors of Northern Iowa.

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The Upper Des Moines Editorial association convention, to be held here February 17 and 18, is going to fulfill the promise of a very interesting meeting. Among the addresses to be given are the following: Address of welcome, Rev. R. L. Marsh; response by Elmer E. Johnston of the Rockwell City Advocate; "The Best Means of Increasing the Circulation of the Country Weekly," W. A. Monroe of the Dows Advocate; "The Subscription List as a Source of Revenue," W. O. Payne of the Nevada Representative; "The Loud Bill—Its Application to and Effect on the Country Press," G. L. Caswell of the Denison Bulletin; "The Utility of a Farm Department on the Home Side of the Country Paper," G. Jaqua of the Humboldt Republican; "Woman in Country Journalism," Miss Jennie G. Keith of the Goldfield Chronicle; "The Business Relation of the Press to the Churches and Societies," Harvey Ingham of the Algona Upper Des Moines; "The Card of Thanks and Obituary Poetry," John F. Dalton of the Manson Democrat; address by Lafayette Young, editor of the Iowa Capital. It will close with a banquet tendered by the people of Humboldt on Friday evening.

Iowa Press Comment.

Keokuk Gate City: Uncle Horace Boies outlined a new currency scheme at Fairfield last evening. But he can never become president on that kind of a platform.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Bryan is soon to visit Dubuque. He has received a hint that something must be done or it, too, will be a part of the "enemy's country."

Lemars Sentinel: The supreme court of Iowa has decided that bees are not wild animals; that seems plausible. Neither are flies; Nor tame animals either, for that matter. The court appears to have left the matter about where it found it.

Sioux City Times: The women who are opposed to having the duties and burdens of voting thrust upon them are beginning to organize. They maintain that the overwhelming majority of women in this country are opposed to the program of the reformers.

Des Moines Leader: During the Transmississippi hearing before the appropriations committee of the senate, Senator Hospers asked ex-Governor Packard of the Iowa commission what the latter would recommend to the commission if the committee should give $25,000, says the Des Moines Leader. Mr. Packard promptly replied he would advise the commission to return to the state treasury the unexpended balance of the preliminary $10,000 appropriation, and give up the effort to make a state exhibit. Mr. Packard is an experienced exposition man, and he knows that it should be either something or nothing at the Transmississippi Exposition. If Iowa cannot make a creditable showing, it had better stay away.

LOOK AFTER PRIVATE BANKS

State Supervision Favored by the Banking Committee.

ALL REPORTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED

Representatives of Clarinda Insane Asylum Carve Down Their Estimates When They Appear Before the Committee.

DES MOINES, Feb. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—State supervision of private banks is favored by the house banking committee, if the discussion at today's meeting is an indication. The Santee bill to require private banks to undergo periodical examination and publication of reports, the same as state institutions, was considered and the large majority of the committee favored reporting it. The private bankers are weaker on the committee than in several sessions. The bill was not reported, but almost certainly will be at the next meeting.

The house normal school committee reported without opposition the measure by Gibson of Plymouth to appropriate $10,000 for the Lemars Normal school on condition that the buildings and plant of the institution be turned over to the state. This would amount to the state accepting it as a state institution. There was not a vote in the committee against the measure and it is in excellent prospect of passage. The Hinkson bill for the appointment of a commission to locate and secure sites for four normal schools in different parts of the state was also reported favorably. It carries a $40,000 appropriation. Both bills will have to go to the appropriations committee before they will come before the house.

The insane asylum at Clarinda was represented before the joint appropriations committee this afternoon. The institution had, in its estimates, asked about $78,000 for various purposes. When its representatives appeared before the committee today they explained that since making their estimates they had come to appreciate the impossibility of the state giving the usual appropriations; therefore they had cut down their items till only about the original estimate was asked.

A deadlock between the two houses is promised on the Temple amendment. The house passed the Cook version of the measure, the senate substituted the Hobert version, and this afternoon the house committee decided to stand by the Cook measure and recommend that the house decline to accept the senate substitute. This will force the matter to the conference committee, in all probability, and it will be a question which has the best staying powers.

STATE UNIFORMITY.

The house schools committee considered the Ray bill for state uniformity and state publication of textbooks. The committee asked two weeks more time, but Ray wanted early action, and it was discussed at some length. The bill will be reported in a few days, with the chances that the state uniformity features will be accepted, but that state publication will be dropped.

The house changed front this morning and passed an anti-pooling bill resolution, killing the one passed on Saturday. It carried by a vote of 78 to 16. The Prentiss bill to require that the superintendent of the Cherokee Incane asylum must be of the homeopathic medical school was defeated by a close vote, after a long debate and parliamentary skirmish. Farley presented in the house a bill to fix passenger rates of railroads in the state. It proposes that class A roads may not charge in excess of 2¼ cents per mile, class B roads 2½ cents and class C roads 2¾ cents. Thousand mile books shall be sold at $20 flat. The bill went to the railroads committee, where it will die unless a minority report brings it out.

The withdrawal of Homer Miller of Eagle Grove from the race for the republican candidacy for state auditor was announced this evening. Mr. Miller is state bank examiner under McCarthy and is regarded as the McCarthy candidate for the succession. He has been an avowed and active candidate for several months and a good leader in the race. He withdraws because of the illness of his daughter, which will compel him to spend the next few months in California. Mr. Miller is president of two or three banks and a man of considerable wealth.

The democrats of both houses caucused two hours this afternoon, with Senator Evarall presiding, on the general question of democratic policy toward a manufacturing bill. It had been hoped that the caucus would outline a bill and name a subcommittee to draft and present a bill soon. But the situation as it developed was a bitter disappointment to the friends of manufacture. With a large attendance in the caucus there was only a majority of four or five in favor of bringing out a bill. The representatives from the rural districts said they would support a caucus bill if it came before the house, but they did not favor its presentation. They said they owed their elections to strong prohibition constituencies and could not consistently recommend a manufacturing bill. This brought Potter of Bremer, author of a manufacturing bill, to his feet. He proceeded to declare himself in no uncertain terms on the namby-pamby disposition of his rural confreres. He had been elected on the manufacturing issue and had asked no prohibition votes; he wanted none. He added that he had mighty poor opinion of any democrat who would cater to such an element. Owing to the division which was greatly accentuated by the Potter speech it was decided to postpone action a few days. Friends of manufacturing claim the party will soon unite on a measure.

PIONEER LAWMAKERS.

The second day of the Pioneer Lawmakers' association was devoted to reports of committees, papers on topics of pioneer days, and the memorials to members who have passed away since the last meeting. The members received notice from the legislature of an invitation to attend the legislative session of tomorrow. Papers were read by R. A. Smith of Spirit Lake, on "The Iowa Frontier During the War;" by Colonel S. A. Moore of Bloomfield, "Pioneer Days in Iowa;" by Judge C. C. Cole of Des Moines, "An Epitome of the Personnel of the Iowa Supreme Court;" by Hon. T. B. Perry of Albia, on "The Old Board of Education." The officers elected are: President, Major Hoyt Sherman, Des Moines; secretary, B. F. Gue, Des Moines; assistant secretaries, John M. Davis and E. M. Steadman.

Memorial services were held at the Drake university today for Mrs. Mary McCarthy of Jefferson, who had given $11,000 to endow a chair in the institution. In the course of the service it was announced that her will gives $30,000 for the general endowment fund.

Will Build a County Asylum.

BLOOMFIELD, Ia., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors has called for bids for the erection of the new building for the insane, which is to be built at the county farm in the spring. The building is to be three stories in height and a basement, the contemplated cost being about $5,000.

Iowa and the Exposition.

Iowa ought to do the fair thing by the Transmississippi Exposition, and doubtless will, says the Des Moines Capital.

Why not hold the Iowa state fair in Omaha this year? asks the Sioux City Tribune. It would be a matter of economy if not otherwise a success.

The Onawa Democrat quotes Representative Hathaway of Monona county as having been greatly surprised at the work being done on the exposition. "Mr. Hathaway does not belong to that minority class who believe Iowa is to reap no benefit from the exposition—he does not belong to that class who will oppose a liberal appropriation that Iowa may not be crippled in its exhibits at the show. On the other hand, he favors a liberal appropriation and believes that the Iowa legislature will vote an appropriation of about $35,000 to the $10,000 already given."

The Des Moines Leader commends to Iowa people the Missouri spirit toward the exposition and quotes the St. Louis Globe-Democrat as saying that Missouri "is going to be on time at the first general Transmississippi Exposition and will show the world what it is doing in commerce, merchandise, manufactures, mining, agriculture, fruit-growing and art affairs."

In reference to the criticism of the Iowa legislature for having visited Omaha to look into the progress being made by way of preparation for the Transmississippi Exposition the Creston Gazette says it is most unjust and that "the fact must not be overlooked that some of the members of the legislature are from Missouri and that they have to be shown."

The Journal, of Washta, suggests an editorial congress at the Transmississippi Exposition. "Speaking of the coming exposition at Omaha this year," the Journal says, "why wouldn't it be just the thing to hold all editorial meetings there, combining them in a sort of editorial congress, setting apart some one week for it. United action by the editors of this territory could make such a meeting more than national in its scope and of great benefit to members of the profession. What do you think of it, brother editors?"

SAGASTA MUCH SURPRISED

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go before the Madrid authorities, along with the minister's resignation.

When inquiries were made at the Spanish legation as to how the letter reached the hands of the Cuban junta, it was said that the statements made by the junta as to Canalejas' receiving the letter were absolutely false. Private inquiries, it was stated, had been made through a New York man, which had disclosed that Canalejas never saw the letter. This inquiry was sent by cable direct to Canalejas, now at Madrid, and he was asked if he had ever received a letter of the character described. To this Senor Canalejas answered that he never received the letter and knew nothing of its contents; that if he had received it he would have made an answer to the letter. There has never been an acknowledgment or an answer from Canalejas.

After this statement direct from Canalejas the Spanish authorities regard it as plain that the letter was stolen in transit, and the reports of Canalejas receiving it and reading it to Dr. Congosto are fabrications intended to cover up the plan by which the letter was abstracted. The fact that the envelope was not produced is taken as another evidence that the letter was taken in transit, as the envelope would have disclosed the postmarks, with the time of sending and receipt, both in this country and Havana, if it ever reached the latter place.

JAPAN GETTING IN ON THE GRAB.

Notifies China It Will Retain Wei Hai Wei.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Official advices received by the foreign office from Pekin say Japan has notified China that she intends to keep Wei Hai Wei permanently. China, in notifying the Chinese ministers abroad to this effect, directs them to notify the powers also that in view of this no foreign loan is required, as the purpose of the loan was solely to pay the Japanese war indemnity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Neither the Chinese nor the Japanese legation here has received notice of Japan's purpose to hold Wei Hai Wei. It is stated at the latter that Wei Hai Wei is now occupied by the Japanese under the terms of the peace settlement, by which this strong point is to remain in the possession of Japan until the full indemnity is paid. Of this indemnity, a specific payment of 13,000,000 taels has already been paid for Japanese evacuation of Port Arthur. Another 100,000,000 taels has been paid in bulk as part of the indemnity. Still another 100,000,000 taels was included. This last was to be spread over six years, and the first installment of about 14,000,000 taels has been paid. The balance due is five annual installments of about 14,000,000 taels each. Legation officials say that if the reported arrangement is made it will apply to these five installments.

In other quarters the reported action of Japan is considered as most significant, as it accomplishes the purpose Japan had in view when the China war closed, namely, to secure a permanent foothold on the mainland of Asia.

Russia resisted this extension of Japan from its present island condition, and it required the combined protest of Russia, Germany and France to induce Japan to give up Port Arthur and its foothold on the Liao Tung peninsula.

Wei Hai Wei is less important as a strategic position, but it has always been held by China as second only to Port Arthur as a naval station. The defensive works, although badly shattered from the great naval battle at that point, have been kept in a fair state of preservation by the Japanese force now maintained there.

DAVITT'S AMENDMENT REJECTED.

House of Commons Also Turns Down Countervailing Duties.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In the House of Commons today Michael Davitt's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, calling attention to the distress in Ireland and the failure of the potato crop, was rejected by 235 to 153 votes.

Colonel Howard Vincent, conservative from the central division of Sheffield, moved an amendment praying the government to turn its attention to the stimulus given foreign competition with British trade by tariffs and bounties, resulting in a great increase of imports and a decrease of exports. He expressed the opinion that the only remedy was the imposition of countervailing duties.

Rt. Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, president of the Board of Trade, replying, announced that the government was engaged in endeavoring to convene a conference of the powers with the view of securing the abolition of sugar bounties. He said the government was also making representations to Germany to secure more favorable rates for British trade over German railways.

Mr. Ritchie declared his belief that British trade was never healthier than now, adding that foreign barriers were less dangerous than the barriers erected among ourselves, as, for instance, the recent engineers' strike.

He concluded by saying he was convinced that they would achieve nothing by abandoning Great Britain's free trade policy.

The amendment was then rejected without a division.

GUARDING WOODFORD'S RESIDENCE.

Extra Precautions Taken to Avoid Any Trouble.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—The news of the de Lome incident was received too late yesterday evening to obtain opinions. The government press naturally ascribed its authorship to the Cuban jingoes, the Washington State department announcement that de Lome had admitted the genuineness of the letter not being received until early this morning. Senor Canalejas was out of town, but his secretary said he had never received any such letter from de Lome.

For some time past the authorities have been taking extra precautions in guarding the residence of United States Minister Woodford, which is on the outskirts of the city. On Sunday the guard was reinforced by twenty-four men, and the Heraldo says that even this was not considered sufficient. Additional precautions were adopted, evidently under the impression that public order might be disturbed, and a number of mounted civil guards were posted in the vicinity. Thereupon the Heraldo asks whence the necessity for these precautions since Madrid has offered absolutely not a single symptom of justifying such measures.

Letter Never Reached Canalejas.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—La Lucha, commenting upon the De Lome affair, says: "At various times during past years we have said that Senor Dupuy de Lome is not the man Spain needs at this moment in Washington. In spite of this, the most prominent Madrid politicians have thought so. We have reliable information," La Lucha adds, "to the effect that the letter attributed to Senor de Lome was intercepted before it was delivered to Senor Canalejas. Other things are said which will be cleared up in time and cause considerable astonishment."

MAIL ADVICES FROM THE ORIENT.

Corea a Pawn in the Big Eastern Game.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10.—Oriental advices brought by the Empress of China state that with the arrival of the reinforcements to the German squadron at Kiao Chau the German force will number about 4,200 men. There is some disturbance at Che Foo. Some disbanded soldiers from Kiao Chau have begun plundering in the surrounding country.

At Port Arthur things are beginning to assume their normal state. The port was for some time almost deserted, as the inhabitants feared a repetition of the massacre that occurred during the war with Japan.

The Yokumin states that when the Japanese steamer Nanyet Sumeru was recently entering the harbor of Chemulpo, a British man-of-war stopped it and made inquiries about the movements of any squadron of a certain country.

The Japanese government has contracted with the shipbuilding yard of Schichau at Elbing for the building of one large and eight small torpedo boats.

While M. Alexeiff seems to have a free hand with the Corean finance minister, Mr. Brown is still chief collector of customs and is found daily at the head office. After all it seems Mr. McCleavy Brown held the trump card in the game Russia has been playing in Seoul, in that he had accumulated funds of the Corean customs in his own name. M. Alexieff has only the current empty treasury to amuse himself with.

The Kokumi Shimbun states that, according to a private letter received from Seoul a rumor is being circulated to the effect that preparations are being made at Vladivostock for sending a force of 3,000 men to the peninsula under pretext of bodyguards for the Corean emperor.

A Tokio paper states that on January 22 a quarrel took place between a member of the staff of the German legation in Tokio and a petty officer on the United States steamship Olympia in Yoshiwara. They came to blows. The German got the worst of the fight.

CUESTAS DISSOLVES ASSEMBLY.

Junta is Formed Which Elects Him Provisional Governor.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 10.—Senor Juan L. Cuestas, the president of Uruguay ad interim, has executed his threatened coup d'etat and has issued a decree dissolving the Assembly.

A junta has been formed of eighty-eight leading politicians. Senor Cuestas has been appointed provisional governor and Senor E. Maceacheu minister of agriculture, industry, public instruction and public works in the cabinet formed by Senor Cuestas August 8 last, has been appointed vice governor.

The population is quiet.

General Blanco in Mourning.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—Captain General Blanco is mourning the loss of his niece, who has just died in Spain. Tonight he received visits of condolence from United States Consul General Lee, Captain Sigsbee of the cruiser Maine, many officers of the army, and of the volunteers, and other persons prominent in political and social circles.

Mme. Dreyfus Too Ill to Appear.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—According to a special dispatch from Paris Mme. Dreyfus is so seriously ill, owing to worry, that she is unable to appear on the witness stand in the Zola trial, and in any case she refuses to furnish any further testimony.

Transfers His Command.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10.—Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief of the China station of the British fleet, has sailed on board the cruiser Pique for the island of Chu San, where he will transfer his command to Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour.

Join the English Squadron.

MALTA, Island of Malta, Feb. 11.—The British battleship Victorious will start for China today, and the cruiser Gibraltar will follow. When they arrive in China seas the British squadron will be larger than ever before in these waters, even in time of war.

England Buys Up the Coal.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore says: England has bought all the Welch coal available here and at Chinese and Japanese ports for the British fleet. There is much excitement in the foreign community over the fact.

Carries Relief Supplies.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10.—The steamer Tess left for the north last night. She carried 100 passengers and 877 sacks of bacon, being part of the provisions sent by the United States, and which was allowed to go through Canadian territory free.

German Officers Fight a Duel.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A special dispatch from Berlin says a duel has taken place between Frederick Hohenlohe-Waldenburg and Lieutenant Schoitz, officers of the hussars. Both were wounded.

Reduced Tariff is Extended.

ROME, Feb. 10.—The senate today approved the proposal of the government prolonging the reduction of the corn duties from 7½ lire to 5 lire, from April 4 to May 31 next.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Kate O'Neil.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Kate O'Neil, wife of ex-Congressman O'Neil of this city, is dead and her husband is dangerously ill at the Mullanphy hospital. Several weeks ago Mr. O'Neil was taken sick and his wife's illness resulted from overwork and worry on account of his condition. Owing to his weakness Mr. O'Neil has not been notified of his wife's death.

Anna Laux.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Miss Anna Laux, who left this place Monday morning for Kansas City to be treated in one of the hospitals, died this morning. She has been sick for some time and was too weak to stand the treatment that she had to undergo. Relatives have gone for her remains, which will be brought here for burial.

Rev. Dr. Cattel.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Rev. Dr. William C. Cattel, former president of Lafayette college, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning after a long illness of a complication of diseases. He was 71 years of age.

Peter Inglis.

PAWNEE, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Mr. Peter Inglis, sr., an old and highly esteemed citizen of this county, died at his home on West Branch Tuesday and was buried Thursday.

STORM PROSTRATES THE WIRES.

Communication with the Southwest Cut Off.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 10.—An exceptionally heavy rain and wind storm prevailed in western and southern Kansas and southern Missouri and the territories last night. Telegraph wires were prostrated in many instances, but up to 1 o'clock today no reports indicating what other damage, if any, was wrought had be received.

Business Troubles of a Day.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 10.—An application for a receiver for the Rocky Mountain Oil company was made in the federal court this morning through a complaint filed by the Central National bank of Cleveland, O. The company is incorporated for $1,000,000, and has, according to the complaint, bonds outstanding to the amount of $600,000. The bank's claim is $13,000. The property of the company consists of oil lands in this state, pipe lands and franchises. These, the complaint says, are not worth more than $150,000.

BARON HICKEY TAKES HIS LIFE.

His Wife is a Daughter of Colonel Flagler.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 10.—Baron Harden Hickey, better known as the prince of Trinidad, committed suicide at the Pierson hotel in this city. Servants in the hotel discovered that the baron was dead at noon today and the indications were that he died during the night from drugs taken with suicidal intent. He left a letter addressed to his wife at Corona, Cal., in which he stated that he was going to die.

Deceased was married to a daughter of John H. Flagler of New York, the Standard oil magnate, in 1891. Baron Hickey attained notoriety some time ago when he took possession of Trinidad island and proclaimed himself military dictator.

SWIFTWATER BILL'S REVENGE

How He Punished His Loathsome Rival in Dawson.

A characteristic of the antics of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates, late of Dawson City, was told by F. H. Piel, who arrived on the Al-Ki, says the San Francisco Chronicle