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General Buller will take a well earned vacation for rest and recreation...

At last reports the British navy was still intact. Whether this is due to the fact that the Transvaal has no navy is not stated.

That sting of ingratitude has not retired from active business, but is simply resting on the shelf preparatory to renewed operations.

The promptness with which Speaker Henderson has promulgated the house committee chairmanships stamps him as a business speaker.

If Mr. Hitchcock does not want to take the whole step of returning to the republican party at once perhaps he might make a start by joining the un-patriotic league.

The Michigan legislature, called in special session, should at once quarantine against the grand jury, which indicted several of its members for crooked work committed at the last session.

When Omaha takes its inventory for the year it will show a record of growth and improvement which will compare favorably with that of any previous year. The year 1899 has been a year of progress in this community.

With the advent of the new year the Omaha Street Railway company ought to turn over a new leaf by instituting a universal transfer system on all its lines. A man ought to be able to ride between any two points in the cities of Omaha or South Omaha for one fare.

Holiday crowds of Christmas shoppers are said this year to exceed anything that has been known in this city. An inspection of the crowd, too, will convince anyone that it represents all classes of the community and that the prevailing prosperity is not confined to a few.

The government of Omaha is blocked out upon a pattern big enough for a city of 200,000 population. If one-half the unnecessary tax-eating machinery of city and county governments could be lopped off it would be of benefit to the people at large and to the taxpayers in particular.

Wireless telegraphy is evidently in working order between Omaha and South Omaha. The gamblers every once in a while receive a message to close up and the promptness with which the message is delivered to all places interested is a testimonial to the accuracy and speed of the system.

Colonel Baden-Powell is developing into one of the greatest humorists of the age. In view of his own and the situation of other British forces in South Africa his proclamation promising the hereafter in case they lay down their arms is a rare bit of humor which the phlegmatic Dutchman ought to appreciate.

The democracy should appoint a commission to inquire "where they are at." On the currency bill eleven members jumped the traces and voted with the republicans. On the question of expansion they are even more hopelessly divided and in fact if there is a single issue, except that they want the office, on which they can agree it has escaped observation up to the present time.

Our amiable popocate contemporary prints a deserved eulogy of a newspaper man in the pulpit, but when this newspaper man was still in the newspaper office you may be sure he kept faith with all classes of people with whom he had dealings. That this is more than is done in the office of our local contemporary is richly attested by the experience of this same newspaper man in the pulpit.

HOUSE CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

By a majority of 40 the vote being 100 to 150—the house of representatives passed the currency bill, fixing the gold standard and declaring that all the obligations of the government are payable in gold and making provision for the maintenance and protection of the gold reserve. The general features of this measure are familiar to the public.

As was said by one of the advocates of the bill, the financial solidity of the United States will soon be the eighth wonder of the world. "Our financial independence is practically achieved. Great and surprising things have come to pass in the last twenty months. We paid a debt of \$20,000,000 to Spain without a wrinkle in the placid face of our finances and without shipping a dollar of gold. The raising of the Bank of England's rate of discount produces no impression here.

The debate and the vote on the currency bill show that the democratic party is as firmly wedded to free silver as it has ever been. It rejects all the evidence which overwhelmingly proves the fallacy of all its financial theories and proclaims that it will go into the next national campaign with free silver still a prominent issue.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES. There is again talk of negotiations between this government and that of Denmark, looking to the purchase by the United States of the Danish West Indies islands—St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix.

Another need of Omaha for the development of its trade and industry is better rates on the railroads. As a distributing center Omaha can sell goods only in competition with other cities and it can compete on equal terms only when it has equal treatment from the railroads.

The most encouraging omen arises out of the fact that our business men are opening their eyes to the need of united action and are willing to discuss the subject in a serious and practical vein.

The mayor of South Omaha has made a fair proposition to the taxpayers of South Omaha, offering to let them name a man for chief of police whom the mayor may appoint with a view to ridding the city of disreputable characters. Nothing more could be asked. The taxpayers should act upon the suggestion without delay.

The Bee is of opinion that the boys of Omaha have vested rights that the park board is bound to respect. These boys are clamoring for better ice in the park lakes, which need to be flooded frequently. We make this suggestion primarily on behalf of the boys, secondarily in the interest of merchants who sell skates for Christmas gifts, and lastly out of a sense of solicitude for the welfare of the street railway company.

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at the figures offered are inclined to hold off. The reason for the anxiety to contract at the figures offered is not apparent on the surface and looks to the belief that annual activity is anticipated in the woolen goods manufacture next year. The growing of wool is becoming a most important industry in the west and anything which increases the demand will bring immense sums into the channels of trade in this section.

There are more ways of skimming a cat than most people are aware of, but the railroad tariff man knows most of them. After January 1 when you pay a freight bill the amount of money required will be greater than now, but the railroad man will show you by the tariff sheet that in most lines of goods there has been no advance in rates.

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BRITAIN'S HOUR OF GLOOM.

St. Louis Republic: The British must change their military tactics in South Africa. They hope to escape final and complete disaster at the hands of the Dutch.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: With its forces in South Africa either checked or routed, with its supply of available regular troops exhausted, with its best fighting elements beaten to a standstill in their first encounter with the Boers, it is easy to imagine the dismay with which Great Britain would hear of such a crowning disaster as last night's dispatch makes it seem probable has overtaken General Buller and his army.

Chicago Chronicle: Every British reverse has been due in great part to the bumpiness of officers who deemed it a matter of course that the Boers would run at the sight of their red coats, despite memories of Maluba and Laing's Nek.

Buffalo Express: It is hard to estimate the staggering effects of this blow to the British nation. Beaten at Stormberg, beaten at Mafeking, and then at Kimberley, the relief of Ladysmith apparently equally hopeless! A month ago Englishmen held it impossible that the strongest military nation in the world would so lose its prestige.

Second Lieutenant Sylvester Bonaffon of the Thirteenth infantry, who has been at Columbus barracks for some time drilling troops, has in obedience to his superior's orders received orders relieving him from his duties at the barracks on January 1, to proceed to Fort Slocum, N. Y., to accompany the troops to be sent from that post about January 15 to the Philippine islands and there join his regiment.

Mabini, a Filipino, now a prisoner in the hands of General Otis, is reported in the official dispatches as having been the head and front of the insurrection. The ascending eulogy rises to prominence among their fellows of all the insurgents now being captured by Otis who have never been heard of before may be accounted for, perhaps, by the fact that the censorship was once so strict that none of the natives were prominent.

Christmas shoppers. The Christmas season is almost upon us and with the gratifying prosperity of the times there will be an exceptionally busy Christmas shopping. Shopping to the average woman is for some inscrutable reason "not given to man to understand."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. A British steamer sailed from Boston for Capetown Friday morning, bearing American passengers for America.

A New Year's day. A rat nibbling at some wires in a Chicago store brought ten policemen and six private watchmen to the scene, all loaded with revolvers and their eyes on the display of force put the rat in a hole.

President McKinley spoke truly when he said in his message that our foreign relations were doing quite well. Two and a half million dollars were sent to them by a large farm in Iowa on which David grew up.

Chief Justice John A. Peters of the Maine supreme court has sent his resignation to Governor Powers, to take effect on January 1. He was appointed to the Maine bench in May, 1875, and to the chief justiceship in September, 1883, so that at the time of his retirement he will have served twenty-six years and eight months on the bench. He is 77 years old and his health at the present time is better than it has been for years.

General Sir Francis Clerly, now serving in South Africa, who is considered by many to be the greatest warrior in the British army, is an Irishman, the son of a Cork wine merchant. His great-grandfather, during the troubles at the close of the last century, fled to France and became a merchant at Marseilles. It was his daughter's desire to whom Napoleon, then a lieutenant of artillery, is said to have proposed marriage, but she rejected him and married Bernadotte, thus becoming queen of Sweden and grandmother of the present king of that country.

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Bluff and scrappy Jim Munro, the hero of Bayou City, Minn. He is a graduate of Minnesota State university at St. Paul.

Captain Lockart of Munro's company was called away to take charge of a regiment. This left Munro, who was first lieutenant, in command of the company. I remember seeing him one day go up to a big sergeant who stood six feet four inches in his boots and do about everything to him but pitch in and fight.

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I know there is a simple way—To keep these hungry ones at bay—And though it stirs my soul with dread—I really think that I will wed—When Christmas comes.

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ave much time, trouble and anxious thought when the actual shipping is to be done. To know just what one wants is a great help toward getting it, and the wise shopper generally starts out with some definite ideas in her head. Another thing is to remember that the gift is to represent the affection of the giver and not the meanness of the recipient; this will stop many pangs and heart-burnings in an effort to compete with costly gifts, perhaps beyond the means of the giver, but bought at a sacrifice and to satisfy her pride far more than her affection.

It is a standing maxim of philosophy that no two things can stand in the same place at once. It would be well for shoppers to bear this in mind and not to attempt the impossible. The well-versed shopper should avoid pushing, pulling and showing—in fact, all rudeness on street and in shop. She should wait patiently her turn and not expect others ahead to give way to her. She should make her purchase with all possible dispatch, so as not to delay others waiting on her. She should be good humored and take little awkward occurrences, such as happen in every crowd, with good grace. She should be careful not to give placebos to a capital chance by the tempting display in careless hands of pocketbook or bag; she should leave her jewelry at home and see that her watch is securely fastened and out of reach of snatch or pull. And, above all, she should remember that salesmen and saleswomen are human beings like herself; they will forgive their small pretences and mistakes and cheer their tired spirits with kindly words. In short, Christmas shopping will give ample opportunity for exercising the great virtues of prudence, fortitude, justice and charity.

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