CONGRESSMAN FINDS A CASE IN POINT

Artesian Wells May Be Used to Irrigate Nebraska-Electors Decide to Accompany Their Messenger on Washington Junket.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-Representative Stark recently received inquiries from a number of his Bo hemian constituents in Butler county asking for their status as citizens of the United States, although born of parents who had never taken out their naturalization papers. Stark, who had in mind the case of Thayer against Boyd, decided to look up the matter, in view of the decision in that case, which is not entirely satisfying to the lawyers, as it adjudicated pleadings, and he sought to find a case that adjudicated the facts. This he says he has now found in the case of the United States against Wong Kim Ark, reported in 169 United States, wherein it is held; "A of Chinese descent who are at the time of his birth subjects of the emperor of China, but have a permanent domicite and restdence in the United States, and are not employed in any diplomatic or official ca- nearer solving the problem of the future of the measure with the exception of the elimipacity under the emperor of China, becomes at the time of his birth a citizen of the United States by virtue of the first clause of the fourteenth amendment of the conetitution that all persons born or natural- of its duty. ized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they

To this opinion Chief Justice Fuller and Harlan dissented Congressman Stark said that this ruling would, when known in his community, raise many interesting questions, as the laws of descent were predicated in this country upon the right of inheritance, and it might make considerable difference to those who had refrained from being naturalized for the reason that they were fearful lest their inheritance might be lest in so doing.

"My impression is," said Congressman Stark, "that the foreign papers have raised the question of citizenship, and to settle the matter I have been appealed to. This decision of the supretae court, which I understand is the last decision made on bearing on our election laws, as well as the postal officials have refused to estabhe was born in Ohio of parents who had

Relief of Genon Bondsmen.

The house committee on claims reported favorably the bill for the relief of the bondsmen of John J. Truman of Genoa, Neb., which was described at length in The Bee some days ago.

In Favor of trrigation Wells.

Congressman Sutherland was before the public lands committee of the house today in behalf of his bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purpose of sinking artesian wells in Nebraska for irrigation purposes. Mr. Sutherland explained that his bill was pending before the committee on arid lands, but as the whole subject of irrigation was pending before the committee on public lands he desired to present his views on this vital question. He was given a short time, and after explaining the merits of his measure he called upon Prof. Darton of the geological survey, who indorsed the bill in strong terms, stating that undoubtedly water would be found in abundance below the surface in Nebraska and Kansas sufficient to irrigate considerable bodies of land. He thought this movement was in the right direction.

Congressman Neville is Better. Congressman Neville is considerably in

proved, having been able to take nourish ment today and to get a measure of rest. Dr. Bayne, the attending physician, said that with anything like fair chances Mr Neville ought to recover.

Eight Efectors to Go

A letter was received from Lincoln today ington January 27 by way of the Baltimore thing that electors should have is to be ment toward Venezuela. provided for them.

Senator Dolliver presented a petition of the faculty of College of Liberal Arts of the University of Iowa, asking for the passage of a bill to estabish a national standardizing bureau.

Estimate for Port of Omaha.

Secretary Gage, in accordance with the law, transmitted an estimate of the exfor the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, tigries had signed and delivered the prototrict. For the port of Omaha, district of for it would not have been accepted by the



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veyor, \$1,279.55; deputy surveyor, \$600. Comment on Army Bill.

onference, as the house, which passed the measure originally, will undoubtedly refuse o concur in the amendments tacked on ! the bill by the upper branch. Speaking o he measure, which has finally been acepted by the senate, a leading officer of taff said: "The house bill was in accordance with the known needs of each stall branch of the army. There is no truth in the assertion that each chief of staff or department wishes to enlarge the personnet f his corps or department. He simply has asked for tools to work with and thus avoid he criticism which obtained at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Then made a good paymaster, quartermaster or communissary, but it did not, as all know too well. The material we had was good, as good as could be had, but lack of experience brought trouble, and this we ought passed by the house provided for a decent administrative branches of the army be- ator Spooner of Wisconsin. cause of its entire inadequacy of the personnel of the work to be accomplished, esadjusted in conference, so that the probelieved by experts in several departments. is a mere makeshift and leaves the army handleapped for the efficient performance amend the bill so as to provide against the

Amendment for Port Smaha.

Senator Thurston said that it was out of old Fort Omaha as a military school. He army, stated cogently his reasons for suphas the matter in hand and had asked the porting the bill. Every effort to prevent the leaders about the advisability of offering as amendment, but they advised against the defeated by a decisive majority. measure as too likely to put the bill in of the committee on military affairs. He ald he saw no way at this session to pass | The army reorganization bill was consid- fifty years at least and congress ought not,

Mail Belivery for Nebraska Farms.

An important ruling with reference to the extension of rural free delivery service has been made which will result in the estabing, and is important as having direct have been denied in the past. Heretofore upon descent of property. Under the lish the service to serve less than 100 opinion of the supreme court J. E. Boyd | families. It has been decided that in states is eligible to the presidency, as I believe like Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, failed to naturalize, and his case is there- service will be established to benefit less to enlist. fore on all fours with the Chinese case than 100 families on presentation of a statement showing the facts. Many petitions from those states named and others in the northwest will accordingly be acted to districts containing farms of large area. in the Philippines.

Additional Delivery at Lincoln.

Additional rural free delivery service will be established at Lincoln, Neb., on February 15. It will embrace an area of fifty-four pointed carriers,

Iowa postmasters appointed: Lee Braucht, at Medford, Warren county; C. M. Me-Dougall, at Melvin, Osceola county. A postoffice has been established at Ware. Pocahentas county, Ia., with Leonard H.

Sonse postmaster. Plainfield to Horton, Ia.

North Atlantic Squadron Could Move Immediately, but Venezuelan Trouble May Not Demand It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-Nothing has been heard over night from Minister Loomis regarding the situation in Venestating that the eight electors of Nebraska zuela. Navy department officials deny that had planned to accompany their messenger any instructions have been given to the on his mission of delivering the electoral North Atlantic squadron to move over from vote, and that they would arrive in Wash- | Florida to Venezuela. The ships, however, are in perfect cruising trim and could sail & Ohio railroad, leaving Chicago on Satur- within a few hours after the receipt of orday, the 26th inst., at 10:30 a. m. They will ders, though it is not believed here that guests of the Raleigh hotel, and every-there will be any necessity for their move-

CHINA CLINCHES AGREEMENT

Plenipotentiaries Sign and Deliver the Protocol, Removing the Last Possible Doubt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 .- A message was received today from Pekin, dated last evenpenses for collecting revenue from customs ing, stating that the Chinese plenipotensalaries required for each collection dis- arisen as to the sealing of the agreement. Spanish minister, who is the dean of the tures necessary to give it full force,

House of Representatives Debates Measure for Relief of Big Shipbuilders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 .- The house spent the entire day today on the bill to refer was not consistant with the importance of to the court of claims the bill of William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia for alleged damages due to the delay of the government in furnishing armor plate and material for the battleships Massachussetts and Indiana and the cruisers New York and Columbia. The claims aggregate \$1,-

Ruling on Hankrupt Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-Argument was gun in the United States supreme court today in the case of Carson, Piric, Scott & Co., appellants, against the Chicago Title and Trust company. The case involves the construction of the bankruptcy law and nuch interest is manifested in the proeeding among business men generally. The ase comes to the supreme court from the treuit court of appeals from the Seventh ircuit of the court, where it is ordered that the claim of Carson, Piric, Scott & Co., creditors of Frank Bros., bankrupts, be isallowed on the ground that moneys paid y an insolvent to a creditor in the usual and ordinary course of business within four months preceding the date of the filing of a petition in bankruptcy by the insolvent onstitutes a preference under sections on and 60a, and 60b of the bankruptcy ereditor receiving such payment is not aware of the fact that his debtor is inlvent, or that a preference is thereby intended. On account of the conflict of decisions construing the mentioned sections of the bankrupt act, great confusion has arisen and is likely to arise in the adninistration of bankrupts' estates until the

pending case is adjudicated. For a Cold in the Bend.

AGREES TO ALL AMENOMENTS

Senate Accepts Army Reorganization Bill as The passage of the army bill this evening the House Returned It. y the senate now sends that measure to i

NO PROHIBITION FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Several Democrats Vote with the Majority in Support of the Measure, the Only Republican Opposing Being Senator Hear.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-Just before 6 clock this afternoon the senate finally disthe idea prevailed that to put on a uniform flual question was not upon its passage, but to it to support this measure." upon agreeing to the house amendments. They were agreed to by a vote of 43 to 23. While party lines were drawn on the measto profit by in the future. The bill as Carolina, Morgan of Alabama and Sullivan befall the administration in the Philipof Mississippi. Senator Hoar of Massachu- pines. administration, but the bill which the senate setts, who was detained at his home by illpassed today will lead to criticism of the ness, was paired against the bill with Sen-

The bill has occupied practically the entire attention of the senate since Janstages was vigorous, it never was bitter. visions of the house bill will be as nearly as Numerous amendments were made to it, but the army than the senate bill, which, it is nation of the canteen clause, is not widely different from that reported to the senate.

sale of liquor in the Philippines and to prohibit the importation of any kind of intexicants into the islands, but it was defeated. A notable speech was delivered during the question to tack on an amendment to the day by Hale of Maine, who, while op- will re-enlist for three years. he army bill providing for the utilization of posing the increase in the strength of the

A determined effort was made today to

copardy, and he, therefore, accepted the will now go directly to the conference com- some hesitation and a good deal of mental

a law erecting a school at Fort Omaha, but | ered by the senate. Mr. Hale of Maine said | therefore, to hesitate to begin legislation thought some future congress might take he would prefer that a temporary increase for them. in the army be provided, rather than a per- The debate upon the bill then closed and this bill because he could not get anything the bill. Mallory of Florida offered an better. He thought that the argument that amendment striking out section 26, empow- of Vermont, and Cockrell, democrat of Misthe army should be enlarged according to the ering the president to maintain the en- souri, being appointed conferees on the part increase of the population was malicious. listed force of the army at the maximum of the senate. the question of citizenship, is far-reach- lishment of the service in localities which Mr. Hale said that aside from the emer- strength during the present exigencies of gency in the Philippines 30,000 men was the service, or until such time as congress at 5:50 p. m., adjourned. sufficient for our needs, 15,000 for coast de- may hereafter direct. The amendment was dense, 5,000 ir Alaska and the balance for rejected, 26 to 42. Porto Rico would be ample. He did not Mr. Money proposed an amendment proknow where the men would come from, viding that the provisions of the pending where there are farms of large area, the With all the war feeling, men did not seem bill should remain in force only until July t.

> that the army should be increased to keep | prior to April 1, 1898. Rejected, 25 to 39, pace with the navy. The fighting of this centry would be on the sea and fot upon upon favorably soon which were rejected the land. He would vote for this bill, how- within ten days after the passage of the The house then went into committee of the under the former procedure of the depart- ever, because he feared its defeat might re- bill disclaiming any intention on the part whole, Mr. Hemenway of Indiana in the

Bills Passed by the Senate.

The following bills were passed: Authorizing the postmaster general to lease premises for the use of the rural free square miles, with a population of 1,665. E. delivery division of the Postoffice depart-B. Rucker and L. E. Esken have been ap ment; extending the time for the commercement to January 28, 1902, and the

United States army. When the consideration of the army reorganization was resumed Gallinger of New Hampshire addressed the senate in support of his amendments providing for a proper and adequate rank for the veternarians of the army and for a chief veter-A. B. Sutherland of Plainfield has been inarian, who should have the rank of awarded a contract for carrying mail from major. He also vigorously advocated his

amendment providing for the revocation of all licenses granted to American saloons in SHIPS READY, BUT NOT CALLED the Philippines and providing against the panufacture, sale or importation of beer, wines or distilled liquors in the Philippines. He said the record showed there had been a stendy increase in the export of liquors from the United States to the Philippines.

since the American occupation. What is the necessity for this legislaion," inquired Cockrell of Missouri, "when the whole thing is in the power of the pres-

Mr. Gallinger replied there was really no necessity, as the power under which the saloons were established in the islands could destroy them. He felt it was time

for congress to assert its authority. Platt of Connecticut thought the question of liquor in the Philippines should be left to the Taft commission.

"I am not ready," he concluded, "to believe that the commission is not giving all the time to this matter of liquor selling, to which all honorable, temperate men could give.

Mr. Lodge, chairman of the Philippines emmittee, said that with American occupation of the Philippines 400 or 500 American bar rooms had been established and licensed in Manila. They had done and were doing infinite harm-more barm, la showing the number of employes and the col. This removes the last doubt that had his opinion, to the army than to the native inhabitants. Mr. Lodge directed the attention of the senate to the good results of General Ludlow's liquor regulations in corps, unless it bore all the seals and signa- Havana and said he did not know why a similar course had not been taken in Manila. He said the proposed amendment would DEVOTES DAY TO CRAMP BILL not be objectionable to the Taft commis-

Perkins of California urged that the whole matter be left to the Taft commission and Carter of Montana said the proposition presented was one simply to interfere with a town council in Manila and

the great Philippine problem. It was unwise, inopportune and imprudent, in his opinion, since it was evident that congress had not reached a conclusion as to the extent it would exercise legislative authority over the Philippines.

Mr. Towne of Minnesota interrupted to say that Mr. Carter "with his customary cogency." had "demonstrated the capacity inaptitude and unreadiness" of the American congress to deal with the Philippines problem.

Mr. Carter replied that the best possible evidence of the capacity of congress to legislate wisely for the Philippines was the fact that it refused to legislate at all in the absence of full and complete information after order and peace had been restored in the islands.

Eikins of West Virginia opposed the proosed amendment, believing congress ought not to undertake to dictate what the residents of the Philippines ought to drink under the guise of protecting the American

Hale Gives His Reason. Hale of Maine then, in a brief but forceful

and carnest speech, enumerated some of the reasons why he should vote for the pendng mill. There ought to be no doubt, he act, irrespective of the fact that the said, as to the objects for which the proposed large army was to be used. well known," said he, "that the army raised under this bill is to be a fighting army; one to fight in the Philippine

islands. Were it not for the fact that this army is to conduct this war in the Philippines no committee of this body would prepermanent standing army of 100,000 men." Mr. Hale thought the only question in-

the advocates of the bill had been as frank in their utterances as Sewell of New Jer sey, who had admitted that probably 75,000 men would be needed in the Philippines for

Mr. Hule said he would be glad if the form of negotiation with the Filipinos could have been adopted as a means of settling the pending conflict, but senators did not approve of it. He believed, too, it would be better to attach a temporary force to the present standing army, but the senate would not hear of that. He pointed out that unless this bill was passed there would be in the Philippines after July 1 next only about 20,000 American soldiers. Pressed by the Filipino forces they would be "hemmed in Mantla" and would be Flucky if they were

not driven into the sea. He added: "No man-no party could posed of the army reorganization bill. The stand upon such a condition. Therefore, I measure having originated in the senate, the am constrained as much as I am opposed

Mr. Hale declared that a standing army of 30,000 provided every soldier needed by this country in time of peace, but he would ure, four democrats voted for it, Senators vote on the pending bill "because with-Lindsay of Kentucky, McLaurin of South out it almost immeasurable tragedy might

Mr. Spooner declared the prohibition amendment offered by Mr. Gallinger was essentially mischievous and he also objected to that paragraph in the bill which provided that the pay of native soldiers in the child born in the United States of parents pecially in the Philippines. It is hoped the uary 3, when it was made the unfinished United States army in the Philippines differences between the two houses will be business. While the opposition to it at all should be only one-half that of the American soldiers. He thought they ought to have the same pay. He expressed the essible adopted, for the house bill comes in general the committee was sustained and opinion that congress should send a comto legislation for the islands.

Messrs. Stewart and Foraker opposed the prohibition amendment. Perkins of California offered amendment, which was agreed to, providing

for the payment of \$200 to every soldier now in the Philippines whose term of service will expire before July 1 next and who Gallinger Advises Great Care.

Mr. Gallinger said he thought nothing ought to be tolerated in the Philippines increase in the strength of the army was which was shocking to the moral sense of the people of this country. He said he As the bill originated in the senate, it would vote for the pending measure with adgment of Chairman Hawley and members mittees appointed by the two branches of reservation. He believed that the islands would remain under military control for

anent one. He would, he said, vote for the voting began upon the amendments to

1903, after which time the army should be Mr. Hale declared that it was not true reduced to the number provided by law Mr. Berry proposed an amendment directing the president to issue a proclamation ness was transacted by unanimous consent suit in disastrous consequences to cur arms of the United States to exercise sovereignty chair, for the consideration of private bills over the Philippine islands except for the purpose of pacification and thereafter to leave the government of the islands to the

people. Rejected, 22 to 43. voted with the republicans against the

A comptroller's certificate authorizing the completion to January 28, 1904, of a bridge listment of Filipinos, was rejected, 24 to for lost originals should take precedence. First National bank of Burt, Ia., to begin across the Missouri river at Oacoma, S. 41, as was an amentment by Mr. Daniel to These were ordered favorably reported. business, was issued. The capital is \$25,D.; authorizing the appointment of J. A. fix the pay of native efficers and men at the game rate paid to Americans.

These were ordered tavorably reported. These were ordered tavorably reported. They were as follows: For the relief of Abbie N. Waterman, C. C. Sniffen, E. B.

leaving the fixing of the pay of native troops to the discretion of the secretary of war. It ens agreed to. Mr. McComas suggested several amend-

ments, which were agreed to. They strike out the age limit for volunteer officers to aggregate \$1,367,244. be examined for the grades of captains and first or second lieutenants and to include in the cligibles for such examination volunteer officers who served prior to 1898.

of cavalry or any battery of artillery to the maximum. Rejected, 22 to 43. Many amendments changing the bill in minor particulars were offered, but as a rule

they were rejected without division. Senate Passes Bill as Amended. The measure having criginated in the

senate the question was then upon agreeing to the bill, as amended. The motion to agree was adopted, 23 to 53, the detailed vote being as follows:

Yens-		
Foraker,	Hanna, Hamsbrough, Hawley, Kesin, Kyle, Lindsay, Lodge, McComas, McCumber, McLauvin, McMillan, Mason, Morgan, Penrose, Perkins,	Platt (Conn.) Pritchard, Pritchard, Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Sewell, Shoup, Simon, Stewart, Sullivan, Thurston, Watren, Wetmore—43.
Allen. Bacon, Bate, Berry, Caffery.	Culberson, Daniel, Harris, Jones (Ark.), Kenney,	Taliaferro, Tellor, Tillman, Towne, Turley,

Mr. Gallinger offered his amendment providing that the veterinarians authorized by the bill shall have the rank and allowances of a second licutement. It was rejected. Mr. Gallinger withdrew his amendment providing for a chief veterinarian with the

rank of major Prohibition Amendment Lost.

o the bill providing that all licenses for the gin to receive visitors until next week. sale of liquor in the Philippines heretofore granted be revoked, and that none hereafter be granted, and that the importation of beer and distilled spirits into the islands be prohibited. The amendment was rejected 23 to 43. The detailed vote follows:

Yens-Gallioger, Sullivan,
Hale,
Hansbrough, Teller,
Harris,
Jones (Ark.), Towne,
Turley—23. Mallory, Sullivan, Taliaferro, Teller, Tillman, Hawley. Kean, Kenney, Kyle, Lindsny, McLaurin, McMillan, Scott. Sewell, Shoup, Simon, Spooner, Stewart, Thurston, Mason. Morgan. Penrose, Perkins, Turner, Warren Pettus, Wellington, Platt (Conn.), Wetmore-43.

Proctor. The amendment of Mr. Lodge probibiting the importation into the Philippines of distilled liquors except for medicinal purposes was rejected, 23 to 41. Mr. Gallinger then offered his amendment

modified form, providing that the lique censes heretofore granted in the Philip ines be revoked and that none be granted hersafter. Rejected, 20 to 41. An amendment offered by Mr. Lodge fixng the allowences for clothing and rations of the native Porto Rican soldiers was

adopted. Mr. Bacon proposed an amendment striksent here a proposition for the creation of ing out of the bill the paragraphs authorizlug the president to increase the number of The measure was sent to conference be volved in the discussion was whether the tween the two houses, Senators Hawley, re LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE TABLETS. proposed army was needed. He wished all publican of Connecticut, Proctor, republican

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Mrs. Marion St. Claire, of Ash Ridge, Wisconsin, writes as follows: "Mr. St. Claire and myself had a very bad attack of la grippe last January and we both agree that had it not been for your Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and Dr. Kay's Renovator, we would not have lived."

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On motion of Mr. Hawley, the senate then

CONSIDERS PRIVATE BILLS House Devotes the Day to Personal Claims of Companies and In-

dividunts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-This was prirate bill day in the house. Before the regular order was demanded some minor busi-

on the calendar. The first bill on the calendar was the bill to refer to the court of claims the claims of the William Cramp & Son Ship and En-Senators Lindsay, McLaurin and Sullivan gine company, arising from the delay of the government in furnishing armor for the New York, Culumbia, Massachusetts and In-A motion by Mr. Pettigrew to strike out diana. It was agreed, however, that other section 32 of the bill, providing for the en- bills to issue duplicate checks and bonds

Spooner, suggested an amendment Atwood and William H. Comegye. The Cramp bill was then taken up. Mr. Thropp of Pennsylvania then explained its provision and said it had been before several congresses and from time to time had passed one or the other houses. The claims

Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania and Mr Robb of Missouri, who is a member of the committee on claims, opposed the bill. Mr. Robb said the contract with the Cramps men in any company of infantry, any troop specified that no changes should be made on account of plans and that the contractors had further expressly released the government from every claim for loss or damage ustained by them by reason of the government's failure to furnish armor and mavial. The government had the contractors

ceipt in full. Mr. Steele of Indiana interposed to ask

whether the receipt was not made under duress "I have heard an intimation," replied Mr Robb, "that the great shipbuilding firm of Cramp & Sons had been coerced into surrendering a claim for over \$1,090,000 is order to secure an advance of \$150,000. But I do not believe it and I cannot understand how any gentleman on this floor can believe

it. It is ridiculous. Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania made an extended argument in support of the measure, which he said would only submit the claim to the court of claims to determine its

There was quite an extended debate on the bill and when Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, in be half of its friends, endeavored to limit debate and bring it to a vote the opposition adonted dilatory tactics and prolonged the fight by points of no quorum and other expedients. Finally the previous question was ordered on this bill and on four minor bills, these latter four being passed. The house then, at 6:15, adjourned, leaving final action on the Cramp bill for another day.

President Goes Driving. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-The president was feeling so much better this afternoon that he took a drive behind his new team Before doing so he went to his office and Mr. Gallinger then offered a new section signed some mail matter. He will not be

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