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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Measles are quite prevalent at Ashland.

Mrs. Thad. H. Quinn, a prominent woman of Fremont, died last week.

All nickel-in-the-slot machines at Wymore, it has been decreed, must go.

Central City is agitating the question of constructing an electric light plant and it is said that the poles and material are now ready for the purpose.

So many cattle are being fed near Central City that the local corn is insufficient, and an immense lot of corn is being brought in from adjacent points to supply the demand.

The Board of Regents of the university closed its session last week. While no report is given out, it is understood that besides the regular appropriations a new building at the farm and an annex to one on the campus will be asked for.

Burglars broke into Horn's meat market at Neligh and the drug store of M. C. Remington. From the money drawer of the first they obtained 50 cents, and from the cash register of the latter between \$5 and \$6. Nothing else was disturbed.

John Fertig, a farmer living south of Albion, purchased a rifle for his 8-year-old son. The boy, while handling the rifle in the house, in some manner discharged it, the ball taking effect in Mrs. Fertig's stomach, from the effects of which she died.

At Aurora a fire that is supposed to have originated in the grocery store of D. R. Hughes came very near sweeping everything on the north side of the square. Four business buildings, with their contents, were consumed before the fire could be checked.

A report was submitted to the mayor and Board of Health of Nebraska City by Dr. S. R. Towne, representative of the State Board of Health, who has fully investigated the cases of smallpox in that place. He states that the disease is prevalent in the city in a mild form.

Sutton will soon have as fine a flouring mill as there is in the state. Mr. Webber of Edgar is the builder, Samuel Chandler of Sutton, the foreman of the building, is working all the available men he can get and rushing the work to completion at as early a date as possible.

Mrs. George Buck of Franklin met with a very serious accident which may prove fatal to her age. She was riding in a buggy when the horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing her from the buggy, breaking her shoulder and leg below the knee, also dislocating the knee joint.

Adjutant General Barry has directed William Hayward, recruiting officer, to muster in Company C, Second regiment, which is to be stationed at Nebraska City. Hayward was captain of the Nebraska City company which was mustered out last spring when it went into the government service.

Secretaries G. L. Laws and J. C. Dahlman, of the state board of transportation, met with the business men of Norfolk to examine into the freight discriminations being practiced against that point. A formal complaint was filed against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road regarding the 20 per cent rate and a reduction of 50 per cent therein demanded.

Frank Christian, living three miles southwest of Nebraska City, started for home on horseback and when near the race track, west of the city, his horse threw him. He struck on his head and was unconscious several hours, when he crawled to a house near by and was taken in and made as comfortable as possible. A physician found a bad gash on the back of his head and also that both of his feet were badly bruised.

A distressing accident occurred at the school house in Belgrade, in which a little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Clarke, lost her life. At noontime, when the teachers had gone to dinner, the little girl in some manner set her clothes on fire and she ran out of the house, where the wind fanned the flames. A young man, Clifford Delaney, with rare presence of mind, seized a quilt and smothered the flames, but not before she had been fatally burned.

Isaac Creeven, the old widower who was arrested at Wymore charged with assault with intent to commit an assault upon the person of Rosa Siana, an 8-year-old Bohemian girl was to have had his preliminary hearing but when the time for trial came it was discovered that Creeven had mysteriously disappeared and a further investigation disclosed the fact that he visited Beatrice and had all his property, which amounts to several thousand dollars, transferred to his daughter, who lives in Wymore.

The County Clerks' association held its annual meeting at Lincoln last week, about twenty clerks being present. The following officers were elected for the coming year: C. S. Marville, Dodge county, president; J. R. Wilson, Sarpy, secretary and treasurer. The session adjourned to meet again in January on call of the secretary. The clerks will advocate some special legislation looking to the better collection of delinquent taxes. The county treasurers also had a meeting, the subject for discussion being the revenue laws. In order to better arrive at some conclusion the county clerks were called into the meeting and the discussion lasted to a late hour. The object is to agree upon a bill calling for a complete revision of the state revenue system.

C. E. Brown, a blacksmith who came to Hanover from Craig, some nine months ago, was arrested on a complaint sworn out by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Brown, charging him with incest with his 17-year-old daughter, Dora Brown.

The mayor and council of the city of Beatrice have taken steps to prevent a spread of the smallpox should the city be so unfortunate as to have it break out there. Dr. D. A. Walden, a physician of repute, who has had experience in epidemics of this nature, has been appointed city physician, and he will at once secure the cooperation of physicians and officers.

MERRITT TALKS ON MANILA

Denies the Report About Dewey's Health Being Broken.

THE CLIMATE IS MALIGNED.

The Germans Acted Queerly at First and Did Not Call on the American Army Commander Until After Manila Was Taken, and Then Did Not Act Friendly

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Major General Wesley Merritt, the late commander of the United States military forces in the Philippine Islands, who was called to Paris to consult with the American peace commissioners, reached here today on the steamer Lucaña from Queenstown. The general will resume command of the military department of the East, the position he held when he was ordered to the Far East. From the steamship pier the Merritt party went in carriages to the Waldorf-Astoria.

"It is some time since I left the Philippine Islands," said General Merritt, "and all that I can say about the situation there when I left is contained in official reports which I made to the government and peace commission. I can say, however, that there is no foundation for the report that Admiral Dewey's health has broken down as a result of his wonderful work in Manila harbor on May 1, last. He was in fine physical condition when I left him and he was then over the strain of the naval fight. There is another thing that I would like the people to know. It is that the climate of the Philippines is not by any means as it is said to be. I met a number of Europeans there who had been in the country for fourteen years or more and they seemed to thrive and had no serious complaints about the climate. The mortality among our troops sent to preserve order there is not so great as some would have the people believe.

"The Germans acted a little queer when I got there first. They were kind of meddlesome in matters which I think they should have let alone. The German officers there made me no official calls until Manila had fallen, and then their visit was not what might be termed friendly. There was no serious clash, and I am glad of it. The volunteers behaved nobly during the fights we had. They are good soldiers.

"As to General Miles' bill to increase the army to 100,000, at present I cannot discuss the proposed measure for the reason that I have not yet seen a copy of it. I think it will take about 30,000 soldiers to hold the islands in case this country desires to keep them, and I see no reason why it should not.

"I have no comment to make on the so-called expansion which is being discussed pro and con these days. There are many Spaniards upon the islands that want to remain there. With 15,000 United States soldiers and the remaining 15,000 evenly divided between the Filipinos and the Spanish, I feel sure that the islands could be governed properly and with credit to this country.

"I did not meet Aguinaldo, but I am satisfied he is a very shrewd man. I did not recognize the insurgents, fearing complications. Admiral Dewey, after my arrival, pursued the same course. What was said or done before my arrival I cannot state. I did not recognize Aguinaldo, nor his troops, nor use them in any way. I had been there ten days before Aguinaldo asked to see me, and then I was too busy.

"Talking with leading Filipinos, I told them the United States had no promises to make, but they might be assured that the government and the people of this country would treat them fairly.

"Purposely, we did not give the insurgents notice of our attack on Manila because we did not need their co-operation and did not propose to have it. We were moved by fear that they might loot and plunder and possibly murder. Conversing with American officers, Aguinaldo's subordinate leaders frequently said that they intended to cut the throats of all Spaniards in Manila.

"Aguinaldo himself wrote a complaining letter, saying that the insurgents had been denied their share of the booty, whatever he may have meant. I took no notice of this letter nor did I think that the complaints of the Filipinos were a matter for discussion between Aguinaldo and any representative of the American government.

"The American peace commissioners had a hard task to make the Spaniards understand that the colonies were lost forever to Spain. They accomplished the job well and signed a treaty which is a credit to them."

More Americans March Through Havana

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—The One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana battalion and the Second Illinois regiment marched to Quemados camp from here this morning. There were two bands of music and 1,300 men in the detachment. They made a fine display and aroused considerable enthusiasm. The American garrison now amounts to 5,000 men.

School Children Give Maynard a Sword.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Commander Maynard and Constructor Hobson on their arrival here were taken to the Tabernacle where 6,000 school children sang "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner." Commander Maynard was given a sword by the children.

BAD FOR DEFENSE.

Evidence Against Mrs. Botkin Very Convincing—Handkerchief Identified.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The defense in the Botkin murder trial yesterday received the worst setback it has experienced since the case opened. The evidence clearly showed that Mrs. Botkin wrote the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning from this city, apprising Mrs. Dunning of the alleged misconduct of her husband, and informing the dead woman that she had grounds for commencing a suit for divorce. The handkerchief which was inclosed in the box of poisoned candy was proved to have been purchased in this city by Mrs. Botkin, another link in the chain of the prosecution.

Tariff Schedule for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President McKinley, before leaving for the south last Tuesday, signed his executive order establishing a customs tariff for the island of Cuba, to go into effect January 1 next. This tariff is based upon the report and recommendations made by Robert P. Porter, special commissioner of the United States, who was sent to Cuba some months ago for the special purpose of making an investigation of the subjects and revenues of the island. The average rate is not over 25 per cent on all articles imported into Cuba and 62 per cent below the rate imposed by Spain on all imports from the United States.

Cruelties to the Carlists.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Count Casa Sola, brother of the Marquis Ceralbo, in an interview has confirmed the reports that savage cruelties similar to those inflicted upon the anarchists confined in the fortress of Montjuich, at Barcelona, have been applied to the Carlists arrested at Bilbao, in order to extract information from them regarding the armament designs of the Carlists. It is apprehended that these tortures will lead to terrible reprisals should the Carlists take the field.

Makes a Large Concession.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—The last act of the Mexican congress to-day was the confirmation of one of the largest concessions for many years. The concession was granted to Captain A. B. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., and his associates for colonizing, steamship and railway enterprises of the first magnitude. The colony lands include many leagues of the Gulf of California.

To Prosecute Virden Rioters.

CARLETONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 19.—State Attorney Vaughn is busy arranging to prosecute all the persons indicted for participating in the Virden riot. The cases will come up at the January term of court. Doubt is expressed as to whether the indictments against Governor Tanner will stand, and the same question applies to Manager Lukens.

Car Famine at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Dec. 16.—The car famine has become so serious that the entire grain trade of St. Louis is crippled, and exporters find it almost impossible to obtain cars to carry their grain to the seaboard. It would take more than a thousand cars to fill the orders which have been received by the railroads.

Loud Bill Is Reintroduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Chairman Loud of the house committee on post-offices and post roads, re-introduced the bill relating to second class matter and known as the Loud bill with an amendment allowing the mailing of sample copies of newspapers at one-half cent for every two ounces, stamps being attached in advance.

Four Killed, Two Fatally Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad last night at the Allenwood crossing, a few miles from Manassas, N. J., and four persons were killed, two fatally injured and two others seriously injured.

Will Use a Thousand Men.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—Captain McCullagh, the former chief of police of New York city, has reported to General Greene a police plan for Havana on the same basis as that of New York, but modified by local conditions. The force will amount to 1,000 men.

Russia to Purchase Guns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Russian government recently contracted a loan of \$55,512,000 in France to be used in replacing her artillery with rapid firing small caliber guns, according to advices sent to the state department by Consul General Holloway at St. Petersburg.

Exempt From the War Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The commissioner of internal revenue has modified his former ruling on the subject and now holds that releases of mortgages and deeds of trust considered as mortgages, are exempt from the stamp tax under the war revenue act.

General Merritt Arrives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Among the passengers who arrived on the Cunard line steamer Lucaña from Europe were General Wesley Merritt and Mrs. Merritt.

Pier to Be Built at Pago Pago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The navy department will shortly send a steamer to Pago Pago with material for the construction of a pier and other improvements for the American coaling station there.

To Stop All Lottery Schemes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House judiciary committee yesterday gave a hearing to the Gillett bill to prohibit the use of the telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of lottery and race horse gambling.

HAVANA A WIDE OPEN TOWN

Cafes Become American Bars With Annexes for Gambling.

GAMES OF ALL KINDS RUNNING

One of the Leading Bankers the Proprietor of a Game Patronized by Wealthy New York Sports—"Arranged" Matters With the American Authorities.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—The effect of the departure of so many officers and army camp followers on the cafes of Havana was the subject of interesting speculation a few weeks ago. It was thought most of them would be compelled to close for lack of patronage. The proprietors have met the new conditions by leasing their places to "enterprising" Americans, who are converting the cafes into barrooms with all the attractions that go with these institutions in the states. The bar rooms have annexes in which gambling of all kinds can be indulged in after the most approved American methods. The annexes are, in fact, the main concern. One of the leading bankers is understood to be the proprietor of the game patronized by wealthy New Yorkers who go to Long Branch or Saratoga in summer.

The Spanish proprietors were at first doubtful about putting their places in the hands of the Americans. They thought trouble might arise with the military authorities after the flag was floating from Morro castle. They were assured that all this had been "arranged." The first business of the American military commander of Havana will be to show that it has not been "arranged."

THINKS US UNFRIENDLY.

Expansion and the American-English Good Feeling Disturb the Czar.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—A Russian cabinet minister here says that the policy of expansion of the United States is worrying the czar. "It is impossible," he said, "that the United States should be anything except the rival of Russia in Asia, not only because all the Western powers are competing with one another for superiority, of a political as well as an economic nature, but because it is inevitable that the United States should do otherwise than to fall into line with Great Britain, whose views and aspirations have so much in common with those of America, as far as the Orient is concerned.

"The sympathy which has been created between England and the United States during the year now coming to a close has exercised a most chilling influence upon the time-honored friendship between Russia and the great republic in the new world. The Russian government can make no attempt to conceal that it strongly deplores and disapproves of the change in the ownership of the Philippine islands, and that it considers this action on the part of the Washington administration as not only unjust toward Spain, as contrary to the declarations of President McKinley and of the state department at the beginning of the war, but also as utterly lacking in regard and consideration for the friendship that has hitherto united the American republic with Russia. In fact, the Russian government looks upon the acquisition of the Philippines by the United States as not only unfriendly in the extreme, but as an unfriendly act toward my country."

LEE AT HIS OLD TABLE.

Havana Sees the Ex-Congressman in His Customized Place at the Ingleterra.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—General Lee came to town from camp and for the first time since the war had breakfast at his old hotel, the Ingleterra. He went to his old table and took his accustomed seat near a window. Residents of Havana, recognizing him, cheered lustily as his familiar figure was seen in the street. More people are going out of Havana than will come in for many months. The rottenness of the Spanish military methods during the insurrection can be judged by the great number of officers who were always in Havana on staff duty. The disproportion to those who in any circumstances were seeing active service in the field was marked. They were literally the only class of the population which was too numerous to be counted. The void is one which will not be filled. The American garrison will be kept out of Havana. American officers will not be quartered in the city and spread over it like a cloud of locusts.

A LONDON ROTHSCHILD DEAD.

Baron Ferdinand Was a Grandson of the Founder of the Banking House.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M. P., is dead. The baron was the second son of Anselm Solomon Rothschild of Vienna, the first head of the Vienna house of Rothschild. Baron Ferdinand was a devotee of art. The Vienna branch of the family to which Baron Ferdinand belonged estimates its wealth at about \$70,000,000.

Noted Sedalla Woman Is Dead.

SEDALLA, Mo., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Sarah W. Warren, one of Sedalla's best known Christian women and a noted person, was found dead in her bed yesterday morning. Death was caused by heart failure.

Find His Money in the Ashes.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 19.—John Williams, a merchant of Harlem, had \$1,000 in gold hid in his store when it burned last Saturday night. All of it has been recovered from the ashes but about \$150.

THE PRESIDENT IN ALABAMA.

Enthusiastically Welcomed in the Confederacy's First Capital.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 19.—The President and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the Confederacy's first capital yesterday. The President's train was escorted from Atlanta to Tuskegee, where he visited Booker Washington's colored school, and hence here by the state assembly, Governor Johnston, Chief Justice McClellan and a party of ladies. The assembly's train came in ahead of the President's. At the Union station the Presidential party was met by the governor, committees from the assembly, the mayor and city council, and the Commercial and Industrial association. Mayor Clisby received the President with a well worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old Confederate capital.

The entire route was ablaze with national colors, while tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach. No such gathering has been seen here since Mr. Cleveland's visit during his first term. Capitol hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies, reached it at 3 o'clock. When Governor Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall, there was a tremendous demonstration.

Governor Johnston made a brief speech, in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the Union to stay, and that she welcomed the President of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

He then introduced President McKinley, who spoke as follows: "To be welcomed here in the city of Montgomery, the first capital of the Confederate states—warmly and enthusiastically welcomed as the president of a common country—has filled and thrilled me with emotion. Once the capital of a great and glorious state, one of the indestructible states of an indestructible Union.

"Everybody is talking of Hobson, and justly so, but I want to thank Mother Hobson in this presence. Everybody is talking about General Joseph Wheeler, one of the bravest of the brave, but I want to speak of that sweet little daughter that followed him to Santiago (great applause) and ministered to the sick at Montauk. (Cheers.)

"I like the feeling of the American people that we ought not to have a large standing army; but it has been demonstrated in the last few months that we need the standing army large enough to do all the work required while we are at peace and only rely on the great body of the people in an emergency to help us fight our battles. (Applause.)

GILLETT IN MEXICO CITY.

The Former Cattle King and C. R. Troxel Register Assumed Names.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—Grant Gillett, the erstwhile cattle king of Kansas, and A. R. Troxel were in this city for nearly three days this week. They arrived on the Mexican Central railway on December 13, and left yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Vera Cruz.

While here the men were guests at the Hotel Coliseo, where they registered as "Willis F. Wilder" and "George E. Fisher," of Fruita, Col. Gillett spent the entire time in his room.

The ultimate destination of Gillett and Troxel is the Argentine republic, where Gillett says, he will go into the cattle business.

HAWAII QUICK TO CATCH ON.

Three Candidates Are Mentioned for Governorship of Island.

HONOLULU, Dec. 9.—Three candidates are being persistently mentioned for the governorship of the islands. They are S. M. Damon, Harold M. Sewall and President Dole. Each candidate has a host of supporters. A petition is being circulated among the natives praying President McKinley not to appoint to the position of governor any person connected with the recent revolution. Another petition of startling nature is about to be circulated asking France to interfere with the present government and to restore the monarchy.

Catholics in the Colonies.

ROME, Dec. 19.—In response to the Vatican's inquiry on the subject, President McKinley has sent the assurance that the Catholics in Cuba and the Philippines will enjoy the same ample liberty as the Catholics in America. The Washington government has also promised the pope that measures will be taken to prevent provisional governments despoiling convents or seizing ecclesiastical property. The pope has sent his warmest thanks to President McKinley.

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REED AND DE ARMOND.

The Speaker and the Missouri Member Have a Tilt in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House yesterday, for the second time during this Congress, refused to consider the Lodge immigration bill. At the last session an attempt was made to take it from the speaker's table, but it was defeated by a large majority. Mr. Danforth of Ohio, chairman of the immigration committee, thought the bill would be stronger after the elections were over, but yesterday when he tried again to secure consideration, the House declined, 100 to 103, to take it up.

An interesting but brief debate on the rules was precipitated during the session by Mr. Grow of Pennsylvania, during which Mr. DeArmond made a speech on the decadence of the privilege of debate in the House and held Speaker Reed responsible for the fact that the House had had no opportunity to adopt a new system of rules at this session. The speaker replied with a sarcastic speech, in which he referred to the complaints of John Randolph in the early days of the country, to show that the same remonstrances were made then that were being heard today.

The pension appropriation bill was reported to the House and Mr. Barney, Republican, of Wisconsin, gave notice that he would call it up to-day.

The consideration of the bill to incorporate the International American bank, which was a special order, was postponed until to-day.

SAILS FOR HAVANA.

First Class Cruiser Brooklyn Is Already En Route—Sigsbee Returns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Within four hours from the moment the order was received by Captain Cook, who commanded the Brooklyn, to proceed to Havana, the ship was speeding away on the high seas. The Texas was telegraphed to leave for Cuba at 4 o'clock yesterday and got away soon after midnight from Hampton Roads under command of Captain Sigsbee. Probably the Brooklyn will overhaul her before she makes port. On the Brooklyn, as a passenger, is Commodore Cromwell, who goes to take command of the Havana naval station.

All of the ships carry marine guards and it is expected they will be able to maintain the best of order in Havana should the local authorities prove unable to do so.

To Warn the Natives.

AFIA, Samoa, Nov. 26, via San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Considerable excitement was created here November 10 by the landing of a party of bluejackets from the British and German warships. While no serious trouble is anticipated at present, the representatives of the powers thought it wise to make a demonstration, owing to the number of natives who have congregated at Auliunua, so as to show that the powers had determined to protect the white residents.

To Give \$1,000,000 to a College.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—At the last meeting of the board of governors of McGill university, Lord Strathorn announced his intention of endowing the new Victoria college for women, which he built, at a cost of \$250,000, to the amount of \$1,000,000.

Hawaiian Admitted to Practice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Paul Neuman, of Honolulu, was admitted to practice in the Supreme court yesterday. Mr. Neuman is the first of our annexed citizens to be admitted to practice before the highest tribunal of the land.

Ainslee's Magazine for December is a Christmas number at once seasonable and refreshing. Anthony Hope contributes the first dialogue he has written since he finished his famous Dolly Dialogues. Hon. Calvin S. Brice furnishes a most instructive and interesting article under the title "An American Conquest in China." J. Lincoln Stevens writes with force and insight on "The Real Roosevelt." George R. Sims is represented by a beautiful Christmas story in really Dickensian mood, "God Bless the Master of This House." Robert Barr continues his fascinating serial, "Tales of the Rhine."

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE

Omaha, Chicago and New York Market Quotations.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities like Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, etc. in Omaha, Chicago, and New York.