

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

Money Nebraska Has Invested in Lincoln Interest Bearing Securities and Which Belongs to the Schools.

School Funds.

LINCOLN—The state of Nebraska has \$7,458,716.57 of trust funds invested in interest bearing securities. The biennial report of Auditor Searle shows the funds to be invested as follows:

Permanent school	\$6,787,242.50
Permanent university	165,069.00
Agricultural college endowment	433,471.51
Normal endowment	71,944.46
Total	\$7,458,716.57

The permanent school fund investment includes \$1,584,835.69 of state general fund warrants. The total amount of these four funds invested in general fund state warrants is \$1,761,317.65. As the total outstanding indebtedness of the state consists of \$1,916,671.31 in the form of state warrants, it is shown that the state is the owner of 92 per cent of its debt. Some of these warrants will soon be purchased by the state and it is estimated that all but 5 per cent of the outstanding warrants are held by the state as an "investment." The state is thus placed in the attitude of paying interest to itself on its own debt. The only advantage gained by owning the outstanding warrants is that the interest goes to the support of the public schools, being apportioned semi-annually to the various counties and then to the school districts.

Bogus Check for Good Lot.

FREMONT — Jens C. Johnson, an old man of Danish extraction, sold a house and lot south of the tracks to a man giving his name as Sam Tommes and received in payment a check on the Fremont National bank, which proved to be worthless. After receiving his deed and on the same day he went to the Security Savings bank, which occupies the same rooms as the Fremont National bank, and borrowed of them \$300, giving a mortgage on the lot as security. Johnson went to the bank to deposit the check and learned he had been swindled. Tommes has not been seen since.

Nebraskan for Richards' Place.

NIOBRARA — Friends of Nelson Sweitzer forwarded strong endorsements to the Nebraska delegation at Washington asking that he be appointed commissioner of the general land office. Mr. Sweitzer has for years been employed by the general land office in adjusting government surveys, and is said to understand thoroughly the many intricate questions in field work. His friends claim that his land office record is the very highest. The endorsements compose leading men in the state, and the entire congressional delegation.

Costs 17 Cents a Day.

LINCOLN—The crippled waifs at the orthopedic hospital have been maintained at a per capita cost of less than 17 cents a day. This is shown by Mrs. Johnson's biennial report. She is superintendent of the home of the friendless, and has supervision over the orthopedic hospital. She expended \$26.50, according to her report, for a brass bedstead for her room, and the table of the superintendent is separate from that of the patients or other employees. There will be a deficiency for the legislature to meet.

Frowns on Tobacco Users.

LINCOLN—The chewing of tobacco must cease at the state university. Dean Pound of the law school posted a letter from Chancellor Andrews ordering the expulsion of students who chew. Dean Pound announced that the rule would be rigidly enforced. More than a year ago smoking was tabooed on the campus. Now the smokers adjourn to a place south of Eleventh street. It is expected that the chewers will join them.

After the Speakership.

LINCOLN—Representative Dodge of Douglas county today engaged quarters at the Lindell hotel for his campaign for speaker of the house of representatives. Representative McMullen of Gage county also engaged quarters for the same purpose at the same hotel.

Gift from Ex-Senator Dietrich.

HASTINGS—Former Senator Dietrich has ordered the apparatus for a gymnasium paraffina for the new Young Men's Christian association building. The gift is much appreciated.

Money for Third Nebraska.

Two drafts aggregating \$28,240.96 have been received by Governor Mickey from the national government. These have been awarded for pay due the members of the Third Nebraska regiment for time which was spent between their enlistments and their mustering into service of the national government.

The Scavenger Act.

The supreme court must decide whether or not the "scavenger act" is unconstitutional. The law is attacked by the attorneys for Mary A. Trainor and her brothers and sisters of Box Butte county, who claim that the state is trying to deprive them of their title and vested right in a certain quarter section of land without due process of law. The plaintiffs, who are heirs of William H. Trainor, are trying to get back a deed to property sold for taxes to the Maverick Loan and Trust company of Alliance.

WASHINGTON — Senator Millard introduced bills, each carrying an appropriation of \$45,000 for the erection of public buildings at Plattsmouth and Columbus, Neb. The omnibus appropriation bill for public buildings passed at the last session of congress appropriated \$7,500 to be expended in the purchase of sites in each of these Nebraska cities. These sites have not yet been selected, in fact, a special agent of the architect's department, will be sent to Nebraska to look over several sites in the two cities within the next thirty days.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

The Fremont poultry show, held last week, was highly successful.

The Catholics of Beatrice have taken initiatory steps for building a church.

Sutherland is doing so much building that the carpenters cannot take care of it all.

The revival meetings in Fremont were so successful that they were extended another week.

Several fatal cases of diphtheria have occurred near Arborville and in the vicinity of Clarks.

The remains of Mrs. Mildred Horne, who died at Kirksville, Mo., were brought to Blue Hill for burial.

Corn stalk disease is again among the cattle of Platte county. John H. Wilke has lost eight head with the disease.

An epidemic of diphtheria has caused the temporary dismissal of the school in district No. 10, Richardson county.

The Beatrice Gas & Power company, with a capital of \$150,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

A horse stolen from the barn of John Hebebrand, near Hooper, returned home after several days' absence, nearly starved.

Three bloodhounds were received by City Marshal Owens of Geneva by express from Texas. They are thoroughbred and carefully trained.

Wilke C. Coble's ranch house, nine miles south of Hyannis, burned to the ground. The building was just completed at a cost of \$1,200.

The Berwyn State bank of Custer county has received a charter from the state banking board. The capital stock of the new bank is \$5,000.

Deputy Sheriff Yates served tax notice on the C. & Q. railway agents at Fairmont and Grafton, and the sheriff served a notice on the agent at Geneva.

A judgment of \$3,000, given in the district court of Platte county in favor of Minnie Edmondson, administratrix, and against the Union Pacific Railroad company, has been affirmed by the supreme court.

Charges of such a serious nature have been made against the management of the Kearney Normal school, implicating some members of the Normal board, that a legislative investigation seems imperative.

Nicholas Gentleman, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in Platte county nearly six years ago, has filed an application for pardon. Governor Mickey will hear the case December 24 at 11 a. m.

A requisition has been issued by Governor Mickey for the return to Nebraska from Delaware county, New York, of Vagas Stenbeck. Rome Miller of Omaha accuses the man of the embezzlement of \$162.50.

County Treasurer Bowlby of Saline county has been notified by telegraph that an order has been issued by Judge Munger in the federal court to restrain him from collecting delinquent taxes for 1906 from the C. B. & Q. railroad.

Charles Scrivener was arrested at Beatrice on a complaint sworn out by Mrs. Maggie Scrivener, charging him with wife desertion. Scrivener has been working for Swift & Co. at Wichita, Kas., and was arrested soon after his arrival in town.

State Deputy Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton and his deputy, J. M. Shively, are the first officials to file their bonds with the governor for the coming two years. Both instruments are signed by the American Surety company of Baltimore, Mr. Eaton's being for \$50,000 and Mr. Shively's for \$10,000.

Adjutant General Cuiver has received official information to the effect that the new cannon demanded for the marksmen of Nebraska cannot be furnished by the war department at this time. The secretary of war stated that the battery at Wymore has not reached a sufficient degree of efficiency to merit new guns.

William Campion of Seward was found guilty of deserting the illegitimate child of Nellie Lattimer, after a trial of three days. Governor Mickey had pardoned Campion out of jail under the charge of being the father of the child, but Judge Good remanded the young man to jail because the \$1,000 judgment had not been paid.

The sum of \$3,000 is asked by Miss Lydia McMahon, superintendent of the Geneva Industrial school, for the maintenance of the school during the coming two years. Her biennial report, which has been filed with Governor Mickey, shows that the cost of maintenance per capita during the last two years has been less than 50 cents per day.

In the potato industry Sheridan county leads the state in acreage and total production, having an acreage of 5,326 and a production of 335,538 bushels. Box Butte county takes second rank, with 4,867 acres and 257,951 bushels produced. Dawes county ranks third in acreage with 2,725, but is passed by Scott's Bluff in production, the latter having produced 243,360 bushels.

At Grand Island, in the case of the state against Snyder for burglary, the defendant was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. The man, while intoxicated some months ago, tried to break into the home of Mr. Garver, an express agent.

Peter Hedman was accidentally killed near Stromsburg. He was hauling manure to the dump at the creek bank and while driving close to the edge to get near enough to unload the wagon wheel dropped into a hole concealed by rubbish and the wagon fell over upon him.

R. H. Goulding of Kearney has announced his candidacy for the secretaryship of the senate. Four years ago he was clerk of the committee of the whole and two years ago he was assistant secretary of the senate. He is a newspaper man.

McCook merchants have been victimized by a stranger who succeeded in passing several counterfeit \$10 bills on them in the course of business. The bills are the issue of a Georgia state bank of ante-bellum days and could only be passed on any business man in the rush and hurry of business.



BANDIT GIVEN 20 YEARS

JESSE C. RUMSEY SENTENCED AT MARSHALL, MO.

Chicago Boy Who Held Up and Robbed Two Trains Pleads Guilty—Gets Minimum Penalty.

Marshall, Mo.—Jesse Clyde Rumsey, the Chicago boy who robbed the Alton-Burlington train on Nov. 25 and the Rock Island limited on Nov. 8, both near Glasgow, Mo., pleaded guilty here Thursday to two charges filed against him. He was given the minimum sentence, 10 years imprisonment on each charge, and was immediately sentenced to 20 years. He was taken to the penitentiary later in the day.

Four informations were filed against Rumsey. At his preliminary hearing he pleaded not guilty. Thursday he offered to plead guilty to two charges connected with the Alton-Burlington hold up if promised the minimum sentence. He refused to plead guilty to the Rock Island robbery, although he had previously confessed to having committed this hold-up also. The maximum penalty for train robbery in Missouri is death.

The robberies were most daring. Single-handed Rumsey forced the trainmen to get ahead of him and help rob the passengers. He was overpowered by Conductor Heywood, of the Alton-Burlington train, and the money and jewelry secured at that time was recovered. He was landed in jail four hours after the second robbery was committed.

GEORGE BURNHAM, JR., GUILTY.

New York Insurance Company Officer Convicted of Larceny.

New York.—George Burnham, Jr., a vice president and general counsel of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, was convicted Tuesday of larceny of \$7,500 of the company's funds. The prosecution and conviction of Burnham was an outgrowth of the investigation of insurance companies in this state by a legislative committee a year ago. Two other officers of the insurance company, Frederick A. Burnham, president, and George D. Eldridge, vice president, were indicted at the same time as the man who was convicted to-day.

The charge against George Burnham, Jr., was that in 1901 he paid J. Douglas Wells with company funds for a loan alleged to have been made to Frederick A. Burnham, the president, and that the payment was concealed by false entries in the books of the insurance company.

KAISER DISSOLVES REICHSTAG.

Resents Defeat of Government Bill for Troops in Africa.

Berlin.—Emperor William dissolved the reichstag Thursday and ordered new elections, in consequence of the government's defeat, by 173 to 168 votes, on the bill authorizing what the ministry contends is an adequate number of troops to end the insurrection in German Southwest Africa and hold the colony against a recurrence of the rebellion.

The clericals, socialists, Poles and one wing of the radicals voted against the government, while the conservatives, national liberals and moderate radicals supported the government.

Gen. Nogi is Badly Injured.

Tokyo.—Gen. Nogi, the Japanese commander who captured Port Arthur, was thrown from his horse while returning home from his palace. He fell on his head and became unconscious, but may recover.

Army Officers to Be Tried.

Washington.—The secretary of war has ordered the trial by court-martial of Maj. Charles W. Penrose and Capt. Edgar A. Macklin. Twenty-fifth infantry for not suppressing the Brownsville riot.

"Sufragettes" Fight Police.

London.—The female suffragettes made another attempt Thursday evening to hold a meeting within the precincts of the house of commons. Five women and one man were arrested after an exciting fight with the police.

Big Brokerage Firm Suspends.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Cummings Commission company, one of the largest and best known brokerage houses in St. Paul and Minneapolis, suspended business Thursday because of falling off in business.

APPEAL TO RAIL PRESIDENTS.

Commerce Commission Acts on the Car Shortage.

Washington.—In view of the complaints of car shortage resulting, it is said, in the failure to transport the necessities of life and coal for household use, the interstate commerce commission has sent the following telegram to the presidents of a number of western and northwestern railroads:

"From many parts of the country, and particularly from your section, the interstate commerce commission is receiving numerous and importunate complaints of car shortage and failure to transport the necessities of life. In various places in the northwest it is represented that people are actually freezing because sufficient coal for household use cannot be procured, owing to extraordinary delays in moving that article. The commission therefore urges you to make every possible effort to meet at once the needs and relieve the sufferings of those dependent upon the facilities of your road.

"MARTIN A. KNAPP, Chairman."

JEREMIAH CURTIN IS DEAD.

Distinguished as Linguist and Translator of Novels of Sienkiewicz.

Bristol, Vt.—Jeremiah Curtin, a distinguished linguist and philologist and well known also as a translator of Russian and Polish novels, died here Friday of Bright's disease.

Mr. Curtin was 66 years old. He was proficient in 70 languages, excelling as a linguist, it is said, any other man. After his graduation from Harvard, in 1863, he became secretary of the United States legation in Russia and later acting consul there. For many years he was actively engaged in special work for the Smithsonian Institution, visiting many countries and studying the language and folk lore of the people. As an author he was best known as the translator from Polish of the works of Henry Sienkiewicz. During the past four years Mr. Curtin had resided in Washington, D. C., and Bristol.

STARTLING TALE FROM HAWAII.

Two Complete Japanese Regiments Said to Be There.

Honolulu.—It is stated here and has been reported to the United States government at Washington that two regiments of Japanese, completely officered, are in Honolulu disguised as laborers. Whether they are armed is not known.

Washington.—The Honolulu report that it was stated there that Japanese troops, fully officered, were in that city disguised as laborers and that the fact had been reported to this government met with an emphatic denial here Wednesday night. Acting Secretary of State Bacon said he had heard nothing of such a report. Secretary Taft stated that no such report had ever been made to this government, and at the Japanese legation the story was promptly denied.

King Oscar Rests Well.

Stockholm.—King Oscar rested well Friday, sleeping four hours. His temperature and heart action were better. He had a Christmas tree brought into his sick room and distributed the gifts, saying he did not wish to be deprived of his last Christmas pleasure.

Powder Blast Hurts Eleven.

Ekman, W. Va.—Eleven people, nine men and two women, were injured here Friday by an explosion of 10,000 pounds of powder which was being transported in cars to the mine powder house.

Standard Oil Advances Wages.

New York.—The Standard Oil company announced Friday that it would advance the wages of all its employees now receiving less than \$100 a month by ten per cent, beginning January 1.

Ten Years for Counterfeiting.

Denver, Col.—Ten years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,500 was the sentence imposed on Dr. James D. Eggleston, who was convicted of counterfeiting and making photographic negatives of a ten-dollar bill.

Mrs. Birdsong is Convicted.

Hazlehurst, Miss.—Mrs. Angie Birdsong was found guilty Tuesday of manslaughter for killing Dr. Thomas Butler, and was recommended by the jurors to the mercy of the court. The minimum penalty is \$500 fine.

DROPS NEW SPELLING

PRESIDENT YIELDS TO OPPOSITION OF LOWER HOUSE.

PUTS END TO CONFUSION

Representatives to Vote on Increase of Salaries—Senator Dubois Assails Roosevelt in the Smoot Case.

Washington.—President Roosevelt will withdraw his simplified spelling order to the public printer and hereafter all documents will again be printed in the old-fashioned style.

Mr. Landis, of the joint committee on spelling, had a conference Thursday with the president, when the latter said that he did not wish to have spelling overshadow matters of great importance and expressed a willingness to revoke his order for the new spelling in case the house of representatives should go on record as opposed to the system. Accordingly, late Thursday afternoon Mr. Landis introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the house of representatives that hereafter in presenting reports, documents, or other publications authorized by law, ordered by congress or emanating from the executive departments, their bureaus or branches, and independent officers of the government, the government printing office should observe and adhere to the standard of orthography prescribed in generally accepted dictionaries of the English language.

The measure was passed without a dissenting vote.

To Vote on Salary Increase.

The house also reached an agreement under which it looks as though there would be a vote on the much mooted question of an increase in the salaries of members of congress, cabinet officers, etc. Mr. Littauer sought to have the question taken up Thursday, but Mr. Underwood objected at this stage of the proceeding. He said, however, that he would agree to consider the action at the conclusion of the reading of the bill, and when it shall be reported to the house from the committee of the whole.

The senate Thursday listened to the second speech which has been made this session against the continuance of Reed Smoot as senator from Utah. It was delivered by Senator Dubois, of Idaho, who after reviewing in detail the workings of the Mormon church and Mr. Smoot's prominent connection therewith, concluded with the charge that President Roosevelt has used the weight of his administration to assist the Republican Mormon vote in the last election.

To Probe Lumber Trust.

The house, after some discussion, adopted a resolution of Mr. Miller of Kansas, authorizing the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the causes of the high prices of lumber in the various stages of manufacture and sale. This investigation is to be made with the particular object of ascertaining whether or not present high prices are the result of a trust.

New Cabinet Men Confirmed.

Washington.—The senate Wednesday confirmed the nominations of William H. Moody, of Massachusetts, to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; Charles J. Bonaparte, of Maryland, to be attorney general; Victor H. Metcalf, of California, to be secretary of the navy, and Oscar S. Straus, of New York, to be secretary of commerce.

The opposition to Messrs. Moody and Bonaparte which had been raised in the senate by a number of Democratic senators was not strongly pressed at the session Wednesday and no roll call was asked for. On the viva voce vote for Mr. Bonaparte, however, there were a number of negative votes, estimated at about 15.

No Increase for Congressmen.

Washington.—The house of representatives was brought face to face Friday with the proposition to increase the salaries of its own members, senators, the vice president, the speaker of the house and members of the president's cabinet, while the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was under consideration. Though it passed favorably on the proposition as applied to other officials, it refused to make the order for members of either house of congress.

Heavy Snow Blocks Trains.

St. Paul, Minn.—The worst snowstorm in years is reported by the railroad companies which have western extensions. The trains in western North Dakota on every line are snow-bound, and in some cases are lost track of. It is even reported that some of the Great Northern through trains are completely snowed in and cannot be located. The snow in many cases is piled 20 feet high, and traffic is at a standstill.

Rebel Leader Kills Himself.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—When the government troops were entering Cuenca Friday with the rebels taken at the battle of Ayacucho, a mob tried in vain to rescue the prisoners. Col. Vega, the captured rebel leader, then committed suicide.

Wisconsin Capitalist Drops Dead.

La Crosse, Wis.—Fred Ring, aged 71, well known capitalist, retired railway official and grand treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, dropped dead at his home.

Hartje Loses Divorce Suit.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The divorce case brought by Augustus Hartje, millionaire paper manufacturer, was decided Wednesday in favor of Mrs. Hartje. The children remain with their mother. Hartje must pay all court costs.

For Postal Savings Banks.

Washington.—A petition for the establishment of postal savings banks, bearing the names of nearly 20,000 persons residing in 13 states, was presented to congress Wednesday by Mr. Boutwell of Illinois.

58,368 IN REGULAR ARMY

SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT'S REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC.

More Officers Needed—Gives High Praise for Work Done in San Francisco After Earthquake.

WASHINGTON — In his annual report, made public Tuesday night, Secretary of War Taft devotes much space to the work of the army at San Francisco after the earthquake. He accords the highest praise to Gen. Funston, Gen. Greely, the other officers and the enlisted men.

The report shows that the actual strength of the regular army is 3,709 officers and 54,659 enlisted men. During the year there was a total net decrease of 1,446.

These figures do not include 3,177 men of the hospital corps.

There were also in the service 25 officers and 854 enlisted men of the Porto Rico regiment and 116 officers and 5,013 enlisted men of the Philippine scouts. This is a net increase of two in the Porto Rico regiment and a net decrease of 45 in the Philippine scouts.

Including the hospital corps, Porto Rico regiment and Philippine scouts with the regular army, there was a total net decrease from last year of 1,241.

Secretary Taft renews his recommendation of last year that congress provide that the detail to the general staff of line officers below the rank of major should create vacancies in the line.

The total number of enlistments in the army during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906 (exclusive of the hospital corps and Philippine scouts), was 24,083. The percentage of native born among the original enlistments was 89. Of the 24,083 accepted applicants, 21,303 were native born, 2,683 were of foreign birth, 14 were Indians, 13 were born in the Philippine islands (enlisted for band musicians), and 70 were born in Porto Rico.

The relative number of desertions in the army has continued to increase, the number for the past fiscal year being 7.4 per cent of the whole number of enlisted men in service during that period, as against 6.8 per cent during the preceding year.

RICHARD DEVISES PEACE PLAN

Says French Laymen May Make Declarations as to Worship.

Paris.—There has been issued from the office of the archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Richard, an important communication which will facilitate a way out of the present church difficulty. This communication sets forth that declarations made by laymen relative to worship are not in disobedience to the instructions of the pope, provided their purpose is honestly to avoid disturbances, and admits that such declarations do not infringe upon the hierarchy of the church, as the Vatican has only forbidden clergymen to carry out the required legal formalities.

This recognition of the layman's right to a declaration will permit of the carrying on of worship in accordance with the law, but in the meantime the church officially maintains its position of not submitting to the state.

Paris.—Thursday was marked by the total absence of any of the sensational or dramatic incidents anticipated in alarmist quarters in connection with the execution of the law of separation.

The parish priests everywhere celebrated mass in the presence of unusually large congregations, but the actions of the authorities were confined to noting infractions of the law and citing the priests and vicars to appear before justices of the peace.

In many parishes, both in Paris and the interior, Catholic laymen came forward Thursday and spontaneously filed declarations for the holding of services in the designated churches during the coming year. If this practice is generally followed it will be a distinct victory for the government.

AGAINST STATE INSURANCE.

Wisconsin Senatorial Committee Finds Plan Not Feasible.

Madison, Wis.—The majority report of the committee appointed by the last state senate to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state life insurance department in Wisconsin, has completed its investigation upon which it has been engaged for two years and has filed its report with Governor Davidson. The committee is not in favor of having the state go into the life insurance business because it does not find it feasible at this time.

The report is signed by Senators Julius E. Roehr and James A. Frear, while Senator Jacob Rummel, socialist, whose party is trying to foster a number of state and municipal ownership projects in the legislature, dissents.

New Swiss President.

Berne.—Edouard Muller, vice president of the federal council, was Thursday elected president of the Swiss confederation, in succession to M. L. Ferrer, whose term has expired.

Actor Commits Hari Kiri.

New York.—An actor named Rankin Duval borrowed a long cheese knife in a saloon here Thursday and committed hari kiri. He died in the hospital without explaining his act.

President Pulliam Re-elected.

New York.—Harry C. Pulliam was re-elected president at Wednesday's session of the annual meeting of the National League of Baseball clubs. John Heydler was chosen secretary and treasurer.

Tries Murder; Kills Himself.

Bristow, Okla.—M. L. Bradford, of Parsons, I. T., was killed or killed himself late Tuesday night at the home of his brother-in-law, S. T. Clemens, in Bristow, after a duel over family affairs.

WORK THIS WEEK

CONGRESS WILL TAKE RECESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MUCH LABOR FOR THE HOUSE

Legislation Pertaining to the District of Columbia and Indian Affairs—Sanction of the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON — Both houses of congress will adjourn on Thursday for the Christmas holidays unless the senate should change the program adopted by the house, which is not probable. The resolution of adjournment, which was sent over by the house, has not been taken up in the senate, but it probably will receive a mention there Monday. A meeting of the senate committee on appropriations has been called for Monday morning and there is little doubt that the resolution will be reported back and acted upon by the senate early in the day. The house resolution calls for the reconvening of the two bodies Thursday, January 3. There is some disposition in the senate to extend the time until the following Monday, but it does not appear probable that this will be done.

The house has laid out a somewhat extended program for the time before the holiday adjournment, but little attention has been given to any arrangement of business for the senate. In the house Monday will be devoted to the consideration of bills under an order providing for the suspension of the rules and the rest of the week will be given to legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia and to the bill making appropriations for the conduct of Indian affairs. There are twenty or thirty bills on the district calendar, which Mr. Babcock, chairman of the district committee is very anxious to have passed, and the committee on rules has promised him sufficient time for their consideration. There will also be a strenuous effort to secure action on the Indian appropriation bill and Chairman Sherman of the Inland committee is hopeful of success. If there be time left the omnibus claims bill will be taken up.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which passed the house Saturday, is expected to receive the sanction of the senate before the holiday adjournment. It will be sent to committee on its receipt by the senate Monday and a prompt report is expected. The provision in the bill looking to the carrying into effect of the pure food law is regarded by both the senate and the house as really urgent and it is not only expected that the senate will pass it, but that it will dispose of it early enough in the week to return it to the house in time to permit that body to take action before the adjournment on Thursday on any amendments which the senate may make.

WOMAN LAYS CLAIM TO THRONE.

Wife of Englishman Asserts She is Entitled to Rule Over Chinese.

VICTORIA, B. C.—A Victoria resident, a Manchu Banner woman, married to an Englishman, who was an officer of Gordon's army which suppressed the Taiping rebellion, has made claim to the throne of China. The woman, unwilling to make public her name, lest relatives be assassinated at Peking, has addressed petitions to the British government asking that her claim be taken up with China. She claims to be a direct lineal descendant of the third duke of Chou, and as such she asserts she has a right to the throne of China prior to that of the em