ENGLAND AND FRANCE TO TAKE A PIECE.

The British Will Occupy Wel-Hal-Wel With Japan-Frenchmen Will Take What They Can-London Papers Much Excited—Kaiser and Mikado May Clash

LONDON, Dec. 21. -It is reported that part of the British far Eastern squadron will occupy Wei-Hai-Wei, China, in connection with Japan, and that France will follow the lead of Germany, Russia and Great Britain and seize the most available of the Chinese

seaports left open.
Is all of the continental capitals, Russia's occupation of Port Arthur, China's old naval stronghold, is regarded as tautamount to a permauent seizure and reply to Germany's action, but in opposition to this view, the correspondent of the Times at Pekin "China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interest of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Klao-

According to a dispatch from Shang-hal, the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications, to remove the court to Kanking (the southern capital). The dispatch says that it is reported there that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yang Tse valley and the West river and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in hinese waters.

The Times, commenting editorially on the situation in China, says: "Instead of the Kaiser's mailed fist we have Russia's velvet glove; but the grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought now courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at

A well informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement between Russia and Germany, and that the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao Chau was already decided upon. The Novoe Vremia pretends that Japan has no cause for complaint, "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan had hitherto so kindly afforded."

This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to shake his mailed fist at Japan, which is supposed to be secretly backed up by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao-Chau, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are

acting together. The Paris correspondent of the ologne Gazette telegraphs that paper that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur, China, was connected with the visit there of the Britis warship Daphne a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese. the Daphne entered the inner harbor, nominally to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers at Pekin. LONDON PAPERS STIRRED UP.

The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint, and they all insist upon the necessity for immediate action. The Globe says: "Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with the crumbs from the St Petersburg and Berlin tables."

The Pall Mall Gazette echoes the Standard's inquiry as to America's attitude and says: "Of course the partition of the coast which is bound to come will not be confined to Russia and Germany. Every naval state in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far East, Great Britain, France and Japan especially. But the United States cannot be taken as a quantity to be ignored. The tame acquiescence with which the seizures are made is not worthy our repute and is fatal to our future. We may remark that we shall not be without sympathizers, as the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to redress the bitter humiliation they have suffered at the hands of Russia."

Stone Consures Stephons. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.-Ex-Governor W. J. Stone has written a newspaper letter about fusion in this state next year as advocated by S. C. Cook, chairman of the state committee, and opposed by Governor Stephens Democrats and Populists, said Stone, agreed about silver coinage, but differed on most other questions, and it was not to be supposed that either party would abandon its organization. With all respect to Stephens and Cook he regarded a fusion controversy ill advised at this time. The letter is regarded as a rather open rebuke to both governor and chrirman, particularly the former.

Washington Hesing Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-Washington Hesing, proprietor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, ex-postmaster of Chicago, a leading Democratic politician of Illinois and one of the most prominent tierman Americans of the country, died suddenly of heart trouble at his home, aged 50 years.

Pittsburg & Guif Earnings. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.-The earnings of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway for the second week o

\$35,931 over last year.

December were \$59,768, an increase of

Bussian Squadron Was Granted Permis sion to Winter at Kino-Chau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Wu Ting belief that the occupancy of Port Ar in which he says: thur by a Russian squadron would to Kiso-Chau and made every effort to fifth Congress. make them comfortable. In view of sian ships to return to that port and ceived permission to winter his ships at Port Arthur. It is impossible for Russian vessels to anchor at Vladivo-

The minister also stated that it was eventually withdraw from Kiao-Chau. So as for as known by him there is no intention on the part of the Chinese government to seek the exercise of the good offices of this government with a President to increase their amount. view to securing the withdrawal of Germany.

AMERICA'S FRIENDSHIP WANTED

Minister Wu is extremely anxious that American interests shall be extended in China. The United States, he says, has no ulterior motives with reference to the empire. It does not want Chinese territory and the development of its interests in the kingdom would naturally increase and strengthen the concern of this government in the welfare of its Asiatic friends. It is understood that the minister is considering the advisability of suggesting to his government that the President be asked to authorize the employment by the Chinese of army and navy officers of the United States to train the army and navy of China. At present English officers are employed for the navy, and German officers for the army, but the governments which these represent are both grasping for Chinese territory.

THE LEITER WHEAT DEAL

The Millionaire Ex-Merchant Is Ready to Back His Son.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-Interest in the big December wheat deal was greatly increased to-day by the arrival from Washington of Levi Z. Leiter, the millionaire ex-merchant of Chicago, and the substantial admission by him that his millions were at his son's command in his struggle with other interests. "My son has plenty of money to pay for what he has purchased," said Mr. Leiter, Sr.

There was another big increase in the amount of contract wheat in store here to-day, over 500,000 bushels being added to the stocks. Friday and Saturday nearly 2,500,000 bushels were delivered here, all of which was taken by the Leiter people. At least 3,000,delivered and in the liquidation of this is expected to come the final test of strength for Leiter.

A THOUGHT PICTURE

A. Edison, Jr., Announces Wonderful Invention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Thomas A. Edison, Jr., has photographed a thought. At least he feels so confident that he has done so that he is going on with his experiments.

By means of the Roentgen rays applied to the back of a man's head he photographed round objects, which Edison believes to be the quarter of a dollar upon which the subject had, according to directions, concentrated his thoughts. This image was secured on an extremely sensative plate, the mak-

ing of which is Mr. Edison's secret. Mr. Edison is not very sanguine that he will be able to photograph a complex thought, such as a landscape, for instance. The most that he now hopes for is that he may be able to photograph a single object on which the subject will concentrate his mind -as in his first experiment-so as to demand some exercise of faith and imagination. Yet it is convincing to him, and also to others who witnessed the experiment.

Mr. Edison declined to tell where his experiment was conducted. He is equally reticent as to who were with him at the time the quarter of a dollar thought was photographed.

No Union Men in Militia.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- At yesterday's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, it was said without contradiction that a union man could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down fellow trades unionists on strike. A resolution was presented and at once adopted and every trades unionist now a memoer of the Illinois National guard will be requested to secure a discharge from military service at once.

Engine Jumps the Treek.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21 -- While piloting a heavy freight train up the Merchants' bridge incline, an engine of the Terminal Railroad Association jumped the track and plunged to the ground below. Fireman Al Pensinger was instantly killed, and two other trainmen badly hurt

Missing Seamen Found. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 21. -The Canadian government steamer Quadra has picked up thirteen of the twentytwo missing men from the wrecked

steamer Cleveland.

The New Hampshire Senator Is Against Secretary Gage's Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. - Senator Fang, the diplomatic representative Chandler of New Hampshire has writof Chins in this country, expressed the ten a letter to the Washington Post,

"If the secretary of the treasury prove to be but a temporary conven- and his single gold standard assoience to the czar's fleet, granted by ciates will cease their demand for im-the Pekin government. He said the possible currency legislation will repossible currency legislation, will pass Russian squadron in Asiatic waters the necessary appropriation bills and was granted permission last winter to take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there winter at Kiao-Chau, and the Russian will not be a serious party division ships remained there during the win- during the session, and there will be ter, but as soon as warm weather set adjournment in May. Business will in they resumed their maneuvers in revive, the balance of trade will conthe Pacific ocean. For the conventinue in our favor and the Republican Chinese government sent interpreters majority of the House in the Fifty-

"On the other hand, if Secretary the German occupancy of Kiao-Chau Cage continues to press upon congress t was impossible to permit the Rusr bill, the object of which he says is, frst, to commit the country more the minister therefore believes that thoroughly to the gold standard, and the Russian admiral asked and rethrow doubts upon the sincerity of the rresident's declarations in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetalstock during the winter, owing to the lism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, ais opinion that the Germans would while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition.

"It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks. There is more probability that a bill will be sent to the It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin, in the discretion of the President, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government and not for the advantage of the creditor.

"With such an uproar in Congress as these proceedings will create, with certain Congressmen engaged therein, with Presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage, under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and bonds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase, and the Republicans will lose the Congressional elections in 1865 as disastrously as they did in 1890, and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan Democratic President and Congress will be

PORK DUTIES INCREASED.

France's Chamber of Deputies Passes the Bill by a Large Majority.

Paris, Dec. 21.-When the debate upon the bill increasing the customs to-day, M. Charles Grust, Republican. opposed the measure. He said he did not think it would fulfill the expectation of the agriculturists and would cost the consumers \$12,000,000 an-

The premier, M. Meline, said the bill was intended to remedy the decline in the price of pork, which was doing considerable harm to French 000 bushels more are expected to be agriculture. The government was preparing another bill dealing with the adulteration of pork products. The government was at one with the United States upon the question of bimetallism.

The bill was eventually adopted by a vote of 415 to 97. It fixes the duty on hogs at \$2.40, on sucking pigs at 60 cents, on hog products at \$10 and on lard at 78 per hundred kilos.

GIRLS WHIP A PREACHER.

Church Strictures on a Dance Resented by Attendants of Both.

the Walnut Grove Presbyterian church yesterday morning the Rev. A. N. Forrest said that the young women who had attended a certain dance the night before could have had little self-respect. The Misses Barstow and Mary Cunningham, who had been at the dance, were in the congregation, but left at once. Procuring whips they returned and waylaid the preacher and, disregarding his exexplanations, beat him so severely that he could not hold services last night.

It is generally thought that there were ruffians at the dance, but that the girls did not know it until afterward, and popular sympathy is with

SUICIDE IN JAIL.

Jack McCune, Who Killed W. E. Albin, Dies From Morphine's Effects.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.-Jack Me une, who killed William E. Albin in a saloon brawl, committed suicide in jail to-day by taking morphine. Doc- office too long. tors were called at once, but their work was vain.

McCune shot Albin, who was the son of an ex-judge, in a saloon on the morning of August 6. They had played eards the night before and had quar reled, when McCune went to a boarding house and got his revolver. He said when he was arrested that he would never be tried.

FITZ WILL FIGHT.

Announces That He Is Ready to Meet Corbett Once More in the Ring. CHICAGO, Dec. 21. - Fitzsimmons and Corbett are to meet again in the prize ring. The date of the battle is indefinite, but the lanky pugilist declared yesterday that he has changed his mind and will give Corbett another chance. Martin Julian, the champion's manager, confirmed the statement

PEPTON, Ala., Dec. 21. - Last night, on the Beer creek logging road, a lo-comotive boiler exploded, killing four

WANTSLICES OF CHINA MINISTER WU IS HOPEFUL LETTER FROM CHANDLER MISS HERBERT DEAD.

SHE HURLS HERSELF FROM A WINDOW.

Daughter of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert-Suicide First Attempted by Cutting an Artery in Her Wrist-Melancholy Due to an Injury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, and the representative of all social functions of the last administration, threw herself from a window of the third story of her home on New Hampshire avenue, in the ience of the Russian officers the party will, in November, 1898, elect a most fashionable part of the city, just off Dupont circle, this morning, and died in less than an hour.

Miss Herbert's suicide was the re-

sult of suffering from acute melancholia which had developed several weeks ago because of injuries received by being thrown from her horse last spring. The melancholia was not in-sanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the time there was profound depression as is always the case in this type of disease and there was danger that suicidal tendencies would develop. For this reason nurses were provided to maintain the closest care. No suicidal tendency developed, however, until vesterday when for the first time Miss Herbert made an attempt to get out of the window, but was restrained by the nurse. This led to additional caution and two nurses alternated in constant watchfulness. She was at all times rational, quiet and genteel and it was supposed the disease would yield to treatment.

Early this morning the nurse on duty noticed a small spot of blood on the bed coverings and inquired what meant, but the invalid endeavored to pass it by lightly. On making an investigation, however, the nurse found that the underbed clothes were saturated with blood and that Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her wrist with a pair of seissors. Feeling that the emergency was great the nurse hastened to the door and called an aların.

In this momentary withdrawal from the bedside Miss Herbert leaped up and sprang from the window. The plunge was made head foremost, so that she alighted upon the top of her head on the pavement. This alone was sufficient to have caused her death from concussion of the brain and it was doubtless the immediate cause. Aside from this a cursory examination indicated that the skull was fractured. The severing of the artery would also have resulted fatally. When the physician reached her Miss Herbert was still breathing, but died about an hour after the leap.

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. duties on pigs, pig products and lard As the facts in the case were clear he was opened in the chamber of deputies decided that an inquest was unneces-

EVANS ON CIVIL SERVICE.

The Pension Commissioner Wants the

Law Changed-Gives His Reasons. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans appeared before the Senate committee on civil service and retrenchment, which is conducting an investigation into the operation of the civil service system. Mr. Evans was questioned at length by Senators Lodge and Pritchard about the civil service system and its application to the pension office force. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted that it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so-called "spoils system." They did their duty, and expected to hold their positions by so

doing. The pension examining boards, he WEBSTER, CITY, Iowa, Dec. 21 .- At said, ought not to be in the classified service, as it was desirable to secure men as members of such boards who his old home at Rushville, Ind., and had had wide surgical experiencearmy experience, if possible, and such men would not enter into competition for the places with young men just out of college. He thought, however, that the entire system of appointing the boards was wrong, and that all of them ought to be under a uniform

system of appointment. The commissioner believed that the head of a bureau was in the best qualified position to pass upon the efficiency of a clerk, and that he ought not to be hampered for removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force.

He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office. not exceeding ten years, so that every year about 10 per cent of new blood could be infused into the force. This would do away with the abuses resulting from some clerks remaining in

The commissioner thought some reform would have to be enacted, or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list.

Susponds After Fifty Years MONTREAL, Dec. 21. - La Minerve, the only French morning newspaper n Montreat, has suspended publication, after an existence of nearly fifty rears.

He Resisted Arrest.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 22. Thomas Cannon, a deputy marshal. attempted to arrest James Cabbel on the main street of Coffeyville last evening and a fight occurred. Several shots were fired. Cannon drew his knife and cut Cabbel so that he cannot recover. Cannon is out on bail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- The President has definitely determined to carry out his original purpose in nominating Charles Page Bryan of Illinois to be minister to China.

Noted Ex-Kansan Dead From Morphine Died in a Chicago Hotel.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22. - General A. B Campbell, ex-adjutant general and exchaplain of the state's prison of Kansas, for years one of the most noted Republican orators and lawyers of the state, committed suicide in a Clark street hotel last night by taking morphine. He left a letter to the coroner and a will bequeathing his few valuables to relatives. He had been in the hotel over a week, having registered there as from Santa Monica, trans-Mississippi exposition and de-Cal, at which place he formerly lived, creasing the cost of the government and where he recently attempted sui- exhibit. The resolution authorizes the

General Campbell's letter to the cor-

oner is as follows: "I, Alexander B. Campbell, make this statement of the cause of my death to release the coroner of the and reduces the cost of the governnecessity of an inquest, and also to ment exhibit from \$150,000 to \$137,500. let my friends know the motive that

and came to this city.
"The reason I take my life is because I want to go to my wife and Omaha public building to \$2,000,000. boy. My usefulness in this world is one to pay half of the cost of paving at an end. I cannot be satisfied in around the public building in Lincoln. any business and cannot be without \$11,500.30; one for a \$75,000 building their companionship. I have never for Plattsmouth and one for a \$10,000 been able to devote myself to business site for Hastings. since my wife died, and lost all interest in life. In Los Angeles, Cal., I tried to commit suicide, but did not ation in the senate, a lively debate take enough of the drug.

"I then went home to Rushville, but found no comfort there. My friends sion to "the hooked-nosed Jews of regarded me as a man of unsound London to ascertain whether they are mind because I held the view that my willing that we should do this and so."
wife was with me in spirit always. I He desired an amendment to kill the wife was with me in spirit always. I have lived with her spirit guiding seals off. The amendment failed, and the bill passed by a vote of 37 to 14. every day and she is with me now as I write this letter and helps me to do as I am now doing. I will be with her before another day goes by and I die it compromises the amount of relief at with pleasure. I am glad to go with \$200,000; provides for securing the conmy wife and baby boy. I have not sent of Canada to extending the relief one single doubt or fear about my fu- to the Canadian side, and authorizes ture life with them. I believe in God and immortality.

"Now, if I go among strangers the story of my insanity soon follows and I do not care to live such a life when I can in a few hours go to my wife and boy. I do not want any funeral services over my body, and where I am buried is of no consequence to me.

"I hope and trust the infinite, the eternal, the merciful and loving God. I worship Him and feel no guilt in my heart before Him for what I am going to do. Next to God I worship my wife and boy and will soon be with them and with my father and mother, who are waiting for my coming. In the other life I will be better able to establish my sanity and hope to meet all my friends there when they come. From 1885 until 1889 he was adju-

taut general by appointment of Governor Martin. This office was given to him on account of his work for the of the 112 pages of the bill. Only one Republican party in 1884 as president amendment of importance was adopted. of the State Temperance union. In It reduces the clerical force at the pen-893 and 1894 he was adjutant general of the Kansas department of the G. A. R. The killing of his son, aged 9, by a street car in Topeka caused him intense grief, and soon after his retirement from the position of G. A. R. adjutant general he went to Los

Angeles, Cal., where he undertook to practice law. His wife died there of lingering illness early in 1896. He took her body to Indiana for burial, and on his way back to California stopped at Topeka, apparently in good health. On his return to California General

Campbell was deeply affected by his wife's death, and soon brain fever developed. He broke down completely during a public speech, and soon afterward was found, ragged and disheveled, in a suburb of Los Angeles. He was examined, declared a maniac, and confined for a time in an asylum. On his release, as cured, he went to resumed the practice of law. Last fall he made many speeches in Indiana for Mckinley. He then became an ardent Spiritualist, and had lately neglected his business to devote himself to that belief.

MARYVILLE MAN SHOT.

John F. Joyce, Farmer, Kills R. C.

Montgomery Because of Jealousy. MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 22. - At noon to-day John F. Joyce, a retired farmer, shot twice and almost instantly killed R. C. Montgomery of the real estate, abstract and loan firm of Montgomery, Gilliam and Graves. The affair took piace in the court house square, in the most public part of town, and many persons saw

Rumor has lately coupled the names of Montgomery and Mrs. Joyce, and nobody doubts that Joyce was actuated by suspicions, at least, of the character indicated.

Makers of Hook Paper Combine.

APPLETON, Wis., Drc. 22.-It is reported that the makers of book paper of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio have formed an association to stop the cutting of prices in, this product and to fix a minimum price. It is also said that Eastern manufactures may co-operate in the move-

Jimmy Barry Set Free.

LONDON, Dec. 22.-Jimmy Barry of Chicago, the bantam weight champion, and the others arrested in connection with the fight at the National Sporting Club December 6, which resulted in the death of Croot, was released from custody to-day, the publie prosecutor refusing to take up the

The Afton, I. T., Postoffee Robbed. AFTON, I. T., Dec. 92.-The postoffice here was entered by burglars early this morning, the safe blown open and about \$350 in money and other valuables, taken.

A. B. CAMPBELL A SUICIDE. CONGRESSIONAL CHAT

WEEK'S DOINGS OF NATION-AL LAWMAKERS.

A General Resume of the Most Important Labors of the House and Senate-Executive and Departmental Actions

Noted Briefly.

The senate has passed the joint resolution coming over from the house increasing the limit of cost for the government building or buildings at the secretary of the treasury to erect a building for an exhibit of the United States life-saving service at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, an increase of from \$50,000 to \$62,500 in the appropriation for a government building or buildings

Chairman Mercer of the house comled me to take my life. My death mittee on public buildings and grounds will be caused by morphine, which I has announced his sub-committee have deliberately taken with suicidal appointments. Mr. Mercer is chairintent. This purpose was fully man sf the sub-committee for the states of Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Alsformed when I left Rushville, Ind., of Nebraska, Pennsylvania and formed when I left Rushville, Ind., bama. For Nebraska there are four bills pending before his committee; one

When the bill for prohibition of Pelagic sealing was up for considerensued in the course of which Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota made a few remarks relative to continued submis-

The conference report on the emergency relief measure for the Klondike the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supply must be purchased, instead of being donated.

Senator Allen introduced a resolution, which was passed, directing the postmaster-general to inform the senate of all railway and steamship mail contracts made by the United States now in force, the names of persons or companies with whom they are made, the service to be performed and the sum to be paid by the United States.

Senator Teller will oppose the nomi-nation of Charles Page Bryan as minis-ter to China. His opposition, he says, is based solely upon the ground that the complications arising out of the attempt to dismember China and divide her territory will need a stronger man than Mr. Bryan, one more able and of wider experience in diplomacy,

In its consideration of the legislative and judicial appropriation bill the house so far has disposed of eighty-nine duction in salaries of \$115,000.

The names of Attorney-General Mc-Kenna and Charles G. Dawes have been sent to the senate, the former for as; sociate justice of the supreme court to succeed Justice Field, the latter for comptroller of the currency to succeed James H. Eckles.

Congressman Maxwell has introduced a bill appropriat \$15,000 for the purpose of retaining and increasing the height of the riprap work on the right bank of the Missouri river at a point immediately above Sioux City, in Dakota county, Neb.

Senator Allen of Nebraska has adlressed a letter to the secretary of the interior, suggesting the advisability of making an Indian exhibit at the coming Omaha exposition. Secretary Bliss has the matter under consideration.

The names of Wm. R. Akers of Alliance, Neb., and Harlan C. Baird of Coleridge, have been sent to the senate, the former to be receiver of public money, the latter as Indian agent at the Santee Indian agency.

Senator Allen has prepared an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill conferring on the secretary of the interior the right to establish cattle trails and wagon roads across the Indian possessions. Senator and Mrs. Thurston have

cards out for a reception at 8 o'clock on the evening of Saturday the 25th, Christmas day, the occasion being the twenty-fifth or silver anniversary of their marriage. Senator Allen's resolution, calling

for information from the bimetallic commission, went over till the middle of January on request of Senator Wolcott, who asked for time to prepare a statement. Senator Allen's bill granting the

right to the Omaha Northern Railway company to construct a railway across the Omaha and Winnebago reservations in Nebraska has been passed by the Secretary Bliss has approved for pat-ent for the Union Pacific Railroad com-

pany a list of lands selected under its grant embracing 1,000 acres along the line of the road in Nebraska Representative Green has introduced

a bill to provide for the purchase of a site for the erection of a public building at Kearney, Neb., the site to cost not more than \$10,000.

Congress has adjourned for the holidays to meet January 5.

Most of the Nebraska delegation will stay in Washington during the holiday recess attending to department duties.

There is scarcely a member of the Nebraska delegation who does not favor some modification of the civil service law. The senate bill to prohibit pelagic

sealing has been passed by the house. One of its provisions prohibits the importation of sealskins into the United

Representative Greene of Nebraska has introduced a bill to penaion Emily M. Gillespie, widow of Captain Gillespie at \$20 a month.