BEE SUGGESTION WELL TAKEN

Attorney General Endorses Plan of Calling District Judges.

COURT IS AWAY BEHIND WITH ITS WORK

At Present Rate of Progress it Will Be Five Years Before the Docket is Cleared—State Capitol News Gossip.

LINCOLN, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The suggestion made by The Bee relative to relieving the supreme court by calling upon district judges for assistance in reviewing cases has caused many inquiries to be made concerning the volume of business now awaiting consideration by that tribunal. At the rate the cases are now being disposed of it would take the supreme court five years to clear the docket of the cases now pending. The court decides on an average of fifteen cases at each of the nineteen sittings held during the year. This would make a total of 285 cases per year, or 1,325 cases in five years. The number of cases filed during a month always exceeds the number disposed of, so that unless the court receives some assistance there is no hope of ever cleaning up the docket. The last printed supreme court calendar showed that there were 1,453 cases on file. Since then the number has been increased and probably will continue to increase so long as the present state of affairs exists, which makes it possible for a litigant to postpone the final settlement of a case for from two to five years by simply appealing to the supreme court.

Receives Smyth's Approval.

Concerning the plan suggested by The Bee Attorney General Smyth today said: "While I have not examined the question with sufficient care to warrant me in expressing an opinion I have a very well defined impression that a commission composed of district judges would have just as much authority as the old supreme court commission had and that, too, without any act of the legislature. A mere rule or order of the supreme court would be sufficient. The old commission had no power whatever to render a decision or make an order. Nothing which it did had any force or effect until approved by the court. The law creating the commission had the effect of authorizing the auditor to approve the vouchers of the commission for their salaries, to issue warrants for those salaries and also of authorizing the treasurer to pay the warrants, and it had no other effect.

"Of course, there is no law making it the duty of the district judges to sit as members of such a commission, and whatever they did in that respect would be entirely voluntary on their part. It is, indeed, questionable whether the legislature could impose such a duty upon the district judges, but however that may be if the district judges would consent to give a certain portion of their time each year to the work of the commission and the supreme court saw fit to avail itself of their services I see at this time no reason why two or three commissions could not be formed out of the district judges having precisely the same power as the old commission and with the ability to give quite as good satisfaction as it gave without waiting for action by the legislature."

Objects to Freight Classification.

The Marble and Granite Dealers' association of Nebraska, which was in session here today, adopted resolutions protesting against the classification of freight rates recently adopted by the railroads, which, it is alleged, increases the cost of transportation of shipments to and from points in Nebraska. A committee, consisting of F. B. Kimball, Lincoln; F. B. Alderman, West Point; Charles Neidhart, Beatrice; A. Neitzell, Falls City, and I. F. Paine of Grand Island, presented their case to the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation and requested them to use all lawful means to prevent the railroads from continuing the existing rates. In their complaint they assert that shipments formerly classified as fourth rate have been changed to third rate and those listed under class D to fifth rate.

In the appended table the increase is shown on shipments from Lincoln to the points named, the first and third columns representing the rates per 100 pounds under the old classification and the second and fourth columns the rates for similar shipments under the new classification:

	Fourth class.	Third class.	D.	Fifth class.
Abbott	$0.29	$0.38	$0.08	$0.25
Alma	0.42	0.49	0.13	0.37
Alliance	0.67	0.79	0.26	0.62
Ansley	0.41	0.51	0.12	0.36
Ashland	0.12	0.15	0.05	0.10
Arapahoe	0.45	0.55	0.13	0.40

Burlington Answers Yeiser.

The Burlington railroad has filed an answer to the complaint of John O. Yeiser asking for an order compelling it to place a gate in the fence between the Burlington and Union depots in Omaha. The Burlington denies that it caused the fence to be constructed and therefore protests against the issuance of the order asked for by Yeiser.

The suit of John O. Yeiser to compel the city clerk of Omaha to submit the initiative and referendum to the vote of the people has been appealed to the supreme court.

Chaplain Mailley, late of the First Nebraska, will go to York tomorrow to conduct funeral services over the remains of Frank S. Glover, a young man who was killed in the Philippines while in the service with the Nebraska regiment.

The George W. Ryon company of Omaha, a jewelry manufacturing establishment, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The incorporators are George W. Ryon, Nellie W. Ryon and Elizabeth Ryon. The company is capitalized for $10,000.

Auditor Cornell has issued a letter to county clerks calling their attention to the necessity of assessing all property belonging to insurance companies that may be found in their jurisdiction.

The annual meeting of the Central Whist association will be held in this city February 9 and 10. Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota are represented in the association. Following is the program arranged for the occasion:

Friday, 11 a. m.—Business meeting.
2:30 p. m.—First play for the Richards challenge trophy for teams of four. Only one team from each club eligible.
2:30 p. m.—First play of the pair contest for the Des Moines trophy, in which any number of pairs from any club may enter.
2:30 p. m.—Women's game.
8 p. m.—Second play for the Richards challenge trophy.
8 p. m.—Second play for the Des Moines trophy.
Saturday, 11 a. m.—Business meeting.
2:30 p. m.—Third and final play for the Richards challenge trophy.
2:30 p. m.—Third and final play for the Des Moines trophy.
2:30 p. m.—Women's game.
8 p. m.—Free-for-all pair contest under the Mitchell progressive system. Pairs may be arranged without regard to club membership.
11 p. m.—Banquet. Presentation of trophies and prizes.

The officers of the association are: J. J. Shea, Council Bluffs, Ia., president; W. C. Harbach, Des Moines, Ia., vice president; W. F. Lohr, Sioux City, Ia., secretary and treasurer.

The executive committee consists of R. L. Richards, Rock Rapids, Ia.; L. A. Garner, Omaha; N. C. Abbott, Lincoln; J. H. Gable, Denison, Ia.; J. Frank Martin, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Edward E. Dorr, Des Moines, Ia.

Work of the Labor Bureau.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Kent this morning filed with Governor Poynter a report of the work done by the labor bureau during the year just closed. It shows that positions were furnished to nearly 50 per cent of all the applicants for work during the year. The report includes the following statements:

Of the applicants for farm work I am satisfied that all applications for help filed have been filled through the department. With female domestics the demand has exceeded the supply. Of agents and clerks we have practically no demand. Although we have found employment for many deserving unemployed, still the office would be far more valuable if located in the center of the business part of the city. As it is, it is out of the way and sadly interferes with our other work.

We are badly in need of a branch employment office in Omaha. An office there could be invaluable in distributing the unemployed all over the state at points where they might be needed.

Quite a number of other states now have employment offices, working under direction of the labor bureaus and everyone of them is a great success. In every instance, however, they are located in the congested districts of the larger towns.

In no other place in the world except Nebraska is an employment office tucked away in a state capitol and expected to meet the needs of an entire state.

By having branch offices in all the principal towns of the state, and these offices constantly reporting to this bureau we could keep the idle labor of the state moving from one point to another where most needed, thus changing the idle person from being a burden to society to an active producer and consumer and affording the employer help to plant and harvest his crop or do labor of any kind where help should be wanted.

Registry offices in connection with systems of public work are common in France, Germany and most European countries, also in Australia and New Zealand, and are doing much in ridding these countries of pauperism and crime.

Smallpox Near Wymore.

The State Board of Health recently received information that two cases of smallpox had been discovered at Liberty, twelve miles from Wymore. Secretary Bailey of the board said tonight that from the investigations that have been made it appears that the cases are smallpox of a most pronounced type, more malignant than those at Nebraska City last winter. Orders have been issued to have the strictest quarantine regulations enforced. As the cases are not in a thickly settled community the danger of an epidemic is not great.

The State Marble Dealers' association tonight elected I. T. Paine of Grand Island and J. N. Keldow of York as Nebraska delegates to the national association, which meets in Chicago during the present month. All officers were re-elected.

Adjutant General Barry tonight received a message from Depot Quartermaster Long of San Francisco announcing that the remains of the Nebraska dead that arrived on the Pekin had been shipped to their destinations. They will arrive in Nebraska the first of next week.

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STINGER HITS ANOTHER MAN

Hoxie Steps Out of Industrial School—On the Warpath for Governor Poynter.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—C. W. Hoxie turned over the affairs of the State Industrial school to his successor, J. N. Campbell, this morning. The transaction appeared to be very pleasant to both. There has been but one change so far, that of laundryman, but more will be made in a short time. Mr. Hoxie has rented a home here and will probably engage in business. It is said he will go on the warpath for Governor Poynter's scalp as a balm for the "sting of ingratitude."

WOMAN WHO ELOPED MEETS DEATH

Fate of One of an Iowa Couple Who Ran Away Together.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Coroner Dodge and County Attorney Denney were summoned to Harbine by telephone yesterday to look after the circumstances attending the death of a woman there. Investigation satisfied the officials that the woman died from natural causes. The man who was with her when she came to the village was arrested for unlawful cohabitation. He gave his name as J. Denning and said he was a physician, and had been treating the woman, whose name he gave as Mrs. Branham, for some illness.

He was brought before the county judge this morning and pleaded guilty to the offense charged and was fined $50. The woman's mother was telegraphed for and came on from Jewell Junction, Ia., to which place she took the remains for burial.

The doctor is much older than the woman, who was good looking.

At the inquest it developed that her right name was Mrs. Nettie McConnell. Her mother, Mrs. Branham of Hawarden, Ia., arrived and identified the body as that of her daughter. She swore that her daughter was married several years ago to Charles McConnell, a brakeman on the Northwestern railroad and lived in Hawarden, Ia. She ran away from that place with the doctor about two months ago. The doctor swore his home was in Essex county, New York, and they traveled overland from Iowa here, stopping at various places. He claimed he has large property interests at that place.

Doings at Doane College.

CRETE, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Messrs. Snow and Matson and Misses Battey and Porter of the class of 1900 are planning to teach next year.

Prof. Hamill and his daughter have finished their work in elocution at the college. Saturday evening an entertainment of readings and impersonations was given by them in the Congregational church before a large audience.

Last week was observed by the college and the Congregational church as the week of prayer. Prof. Jillson led the Tuesday evening prayer meeting and Prof. Fairchild that of Wednesday evening. On Thursday general exercises took place, led by Rev. R. S. Osgood, Dr. Bullock and Dr. Bross.

Woman the Cause of It All.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Paul Geyser of West Blue is thankful for the poor marksmanship of Robert Clyde, a neighboring young farmer, who yesterday took several shots at him. Clyde is now in jail here, charged with shooting with intent to kill. He blames Geyser for legal separation from his wife last fall. About once each month since one or the other of the two men has been put under bond to keep the peace.

Still Holds Road Responsible.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Jay R. McDowell was given a verdict against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway for $2,000 damages in a train wreck near Lincoln several years ago. The defense was that as the wreck was caused by the negro, Davis, who was subsequently sent to the penitentiary for the crime, the road was not responsible. This is the second verdict against the company growing out of the same wreck.

Made Insane by Sunstroke.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—F. D. Garnsey was adjudged insane by the authorities and will be sent to the hospital at Lincoln. Garnsey has been a sufferer from the effects of a sunstroke received several years ago and lately his condition has become dangerous.

Mrs. Conrad Huber was brought before the insanity board today and an order was made sending her to the hospital at Lincoln.

Lester Strong's Trial Ends.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—All of today was taken up in court hearing testimony in the Lester Strong criminal assault case. All the testimony is in and the case was argued tonight, each side for forty-five minutes. Tomorrow morning there will be another argument by each side, when the case will be given to the jury. Over 500 people packed the court room the entire day. Those who went to hear unclean testimony were not disappointed.

SEEN IN HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE

Henderson Excited Over What Seems to Have Been an Attempted Theft of a Corpse.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The town of Henderson is excited over what seems to have been an attempted grave robbery this morning at the Russian Mennonite cemetery, two miles from Henderson. John Regier, who was hauling grain to town, passed the graveyard and noticing some one digging went to inquire who was to be buried. He found in a grave Frank Goosen and A. J. Nickel, two well known young men here, standing on the box containing the remains of Frank Goosen's mother, who had been buried nine months ago.

Goosen explained that the corpse was to be examined by doctors at York. On returning from town Regier met another farmer, who said he saw one of the boys leave, riding a bicycle, and the other carrying a large sack on his back, which appeared bulky.

All kinds of reports are in circulation. Goosen now claims that they did not disinter the coffin. The sheriff and others are at Henderson and intend to see if the remains have been taken.

Ten Out of Twelve Wolves Escape.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—About 150 men and boys took part in a wolf hunt across the river from here in Saunders county today. The strip of country covered was about five miles square. Twelve wolves were started, but only two of them were killed, the lines being too thin to hold the other ten. The two killed were coyotes of good size. Prairie wolves are more plentiful this year than usual.

Case Against Blair Dismissed.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Police Judge Archer considered the evidence against Charles E. Blair, the "magnetic healer," on the charge of undue intimacy with Miss Brown, which was filed by George W. Brown, her father, of Red Oak, Ia., and decided it was not sufficient to hold him and he was released. Blair has a wife and three children at Kansas City.

Kearney Hotel Changes Hands.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The Midway hotel will change hands Friday morning, James Casey retiring from the business and the Midway Hotel company taking charge. The officers of the company are A. F. Cole, Lawrence Keck and O. E. Carney. Casey took possession of the hotel one year ago. He will return to Omaha and engage in business.

Woman Sues Her Agents.

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A suit was commenced in the district court today by Mrs. Hannah R. Dillon against John C. Watson and John V. Morgan for an accounting of certain funds aggregating $1,988.38, consisting of rents and profits of buildings which, she says, were collected by the defendants as her agents.

Farmer Bressler is Acquitted.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The trial of Hezekiah Bressler of Wisner, an aged farmer charged with shooting his tenant with intent to kill, resulted in an acquittal after the jury had been out all night. District court adjourned this morning until May 28.

End of Successful Revivals.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The First Methodist Episcopal church here has been holding revival services for the last thirty-one days. The meetings have now concluded and the revival is pronounced a success.

Postal Wires to Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Postal Telegraph-Cable company has opened an office in this city with D. C. Morgan as operator. The line has been completed to Nebraska City.

Creamery at Oakland Sold.

OAKLAND, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—N. Olander & Sons sold their creamery, including five separator stations, to Harding & Co. of Norfolk for $10,000 today.

Judgment Against Ak-Sar-Ben.

In Justice Crawford's court Thursday Mrs. Moran Schutt was given a judgment of $10 and costs against the Ak-Sar-Ben, the Merchants' Express and Transfer company and Walter S. Jardine for damages sustained by a buggy on the night of the Ak-Sar-Ben parade last fall. The vehicle, to which a horse was hitched, was standing on Sixteenth street between Burt and Webster, when a large float, symbolical of the "Barber of Seville," in returning from the parade bumped into it, reducing it to fragments.

Bryan Cannot Use Armory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Governor Voorhees of New Jersey, it is reported from Paterson, N. J., positively refuses to give the use of the armory in that city for the Bryan reception and meeting on the night of February 3. The opera house, the only other available hall, is engaged for that night by a traveling theatrical company, which has a full grasp of the situation and refuses to cancel its date without receiving a sum the democrats look on as exorbitant.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Friday and Probably Saturday, with Variable Winds Over Iowa and Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Friday and probably Saturday; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 1.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature	38	16	43	27
Minimum temperature	7	—	26	8
Average temperature	22	8	34	18
Precipitation	.00	T	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1899:

Normal for the day	19
Excess for the day	3
Accumulated excess since March 1	661
Normal rainfall for the day	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	28.11 inches
Deficiency since March 1	1.81 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	4.30 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1897	10.50 inches

Report from stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	34	38	.00
North Platte, partly cloudy	40	52	.00
Salt Lake, clear	42	48	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	38	48	.00
Rapid City, partly cloudy	30	36	.00
Huron, clear	18	30	.00
Williston, clear	8	22	.00
Chicago, cloudy	36	42	.00
St. Louis, partly cloudy	38	58	T
St. Paul, clear	12	14	T
Davenport, snowing	32	34	T
Helena, partly cloudy	40	42	.00
Kansas City, clear	40	52	.00
Havre, partly cloudy	28	34	.00
Bismarck, clear	12	20	T
Galveston, clear	48	50	.00

—Below zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.

LUCIUS A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

At the Theaters Today.

BOYD—"Heart of Maryland." 2:30 and 8:15.

ORPHEUM—Vaudeville, 8:30.

BULLER AT IT AGAIN

(Continued from First Page.)

strongest defense the government has yet put forward as to what has been done and is being done.

PUBLIC RAILS AT MINISTRY

Cabinet Indulges in Bickering When It Should Be United—Globe Voices the Popular Disgust.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—2:30 p. m.—In the absence of exciting war news the nation and the newspapers have had time to discover the utter lack of relation existing between the feeling of the people and the temper of the government as demonstrated in Parliament, where, instead of relieving the grave anxiety of the country by the declaration of measures it is proposed to take in behalf of the national safety, the ministers continue to demonstrate their inability to grasp the situation by beating the air with recriminations, self-accusatory defense and bickerings as to the degree of responsibility attachable to the respective departments of the government. The disgust, almost despair, noticeable on all sides, is voiced by the ultra-ministerial organ, the Globe, which says:

"The heart of the empire seems paralyzed, while its extremities are in full vigor. Thus far only one statesman in the front rank has struck the right note and that is Lord Rosebery."

A letter appears today from a Hanoverian officer, formerly of the Twenty-second German infantry, but now among the military advisers of the Boers, which says that nearly 10,000 trained European soldiers, including quite 200 officers, are among the Boers. Referring to the military situation at Ladysmith the officer says: "Owing to the strength of our position on a circle of heights like Sedan, we cannot be brushed aside except by a relief column outnumbering us two to one."

Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping on the South African plains the government is starting to reclothe the forces in the field with woolen khaki and has ordered 95,000 suits in Glasgow alone.

ALARMED OVER COAL SUPPLY

Heavy Shipments Abroad Attract Attention in Great Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The announcement that a firm of Cardiff coal shippers has contracted to supply foreign agents with 400,000 tons of steam coal for shipment abroad has occasioned genuine uneasiness. The destination of the fuel is not mentioned, but as coal at present is exceptionally scarce in Germany, France and Russia, it is probably going to one of these countries.

France is already replacing its home deficiency by buying in the United States, but the American shipments are intended solely for railroad locomotives and will not be used in the navy. The vital interest which the question has for Great Britain will be understood when it is realized that Natal is depending on Wales for coal for the numerous transports that have gone to Durban, because the colonial coal fields have been closed by the war. It is pointed out that it would be a good move on the part of the Boers to drain the full resources of Great Britain in this manner, and in the event of sudden demands the British navy would be perilously crippled by the loss of so much coal. Some of the newspapers advocate the government placing an embargo on such transactions in time of war.

IRISH MEMBERS CHEER BOERS

Statement that Burghers' Military Ability is Admitted by Lord Wolseley Evokes Applause.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—In the House of Commons today the government parried most of the questions in regard to the war in South Africa. Mr. Wyndham, the parliamentary under secretary of state for war, maintained that the information furnished by the intelligence department was generally accurate and that information in regard to the forces remaining in the United Kingdom would be included in the statement which the government would make shortly. Relative to the speech by General Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, explaining the British reverses in South Africa, Wyndham said General Wolseley merely intends to convey the impression that the military qualities shown by the Boers were of a higher order than had been anticipated. At this remark the Irish members cheered. Asked if he had any war news to communicate to the house, Mr. Balfour, the government leader and first lord of the treasury, replied in the negative.

MAFEKING IS DOING WELL

Baden-Powell Reports Forcing Out the Trenches Toward Enemy's Big Guns.

BULUWAYO, Saturday, Jan. 20.—A message from Colonel Plumer, who was at Gaberones with the Mafeking relief force, says he has received a message from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, January 17, saying:

"All well during the last fortnight. Have been pushing out the trenches toward the enemy's big guns, and January 16 their ninety-four-pounder and high velocity Krupp evacuated their positions and retired eastward of the town, whence they are capable of little damage. Have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shot. Have opened a new grazing ground for cattle. The enemy still has two strong positions on the east side which we hope to shift with dynamite."

WHY GEN. BUTLER CAME HOME

Resigns Command of British Forces Because He Could Not Agree with Milner.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—In the House of Lords today the secretary of state for war, the marquis of Lansdowne, said he desired to formally announce that Lieutenant General Sir William Francis Butler resigned command of the British forces in South Africa because of a political divergence of opinion with Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner and the governor of Cape Colony, which was so high that he concluded his command of the forces in South Africa would become a source of embarrassment to the high commission.

Wynne Takes Woodgate's Brigade.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's camp, dated January 30: Colonel Wynne has taken command of General Woodgate's brigade. Colonel Miles has been appointed chief of General Buller's staff. The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgietersdrift. A strong cavalry reconnaissance proceeded to the westward in the vicinity of Hongerspruit.

Mrs. Joubert the General's Cook.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing January 29, says: General Joubert's wife accompanies him everywhere and insists on personally providing for his table.

Consul Hay at Lourenzo Marquez.

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 1.—Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, arrived here today on his way to the Transvaal.

Bryan in New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 1.—W. J. Bryan arrived here this evening and received a rousing welcome. It was the third city he had made a stop in since early morning. The first was Portsmouth, where he addressed a large number of people and awakened much enthusiasm. The second was at Manchester, where he spoke a few words to a crowd which greeted him at the station.

NO MILEAGE FOR ROBERTS

House Committee Rejects the Polygamist's Claim—House to Take it Up Next.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The house committee on mileage today rejected the claim of Brigham H. Roberts of Utah for mileage in connection with his contest for a seat in the house. Roberts put in a claim for mileage from Salt Lake City to Washington, 2,507 miles and return, at the usual rate of 20 cents a mile each way, making a total of $1,038.80. Roberts was not present today and it was understood he had gone to Chicago. Cooper of Texas moved that Roberts was entitled to mileage, but on a tie vote, 2 to 2, this motion failed. Chairman Barham will report this action, which, he says, is equivalent to a rejection of the claim by the committee. As a result of suggestions in the committee Barham will confer with the speaker concerning the recognition of any member who may seek to secure for Roberts the $2,000 usually allowed in contested cases. This, however, is not the committee action, but is due to a desire to afford opportunity to bring the matter before the house.

GROSS POPULATION OF CUBA

Details by Provinces Show the Total Number of People is 1,572,845.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The details by provinces of the preliminary count of the gross population of Cuba have been announced by General J. P. Sanger, in charge of the census-taking, as follows:

Pinar del Rio, 173,082; Havana, 424,811; Matanzas, 202,462; Santa Clara, 356,537; Puerto Principe, 88,237; Santiago, 327,716. Total, 1,572,845.

AGREE ON BIG APPROPRIATION BILL

House Committee Favors $1,740,476 for Diplomatic Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was finally agreed on by the house committee on foreign affairs today. It carries a total of $1,740,476, as against $1,711,533 last year and $1,895,848 estimated by the State department.

The $6,000 heretofore required for United States' participation in the tripartite government of Samoa is dropped, owing to the partition of the islands. The $3,000 for reports of the intercontinental railway project also is omitted, as the work has been wound up.

At the meeting of the committee today William Alden Smith of Michigan brought forward a proposition to provide for a diplomatic representative to the Transvaal in place of the limited consular representation now provided. The suggestion was discussed, but Mr. Smith did not submit a formal motion and the proposition did not take form in the bill as reported.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 1900, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $1,125,636,227, a decrease as compared with last month of $8,663,780. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the amount of cash on hand.

Philippine Commission Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The members of the Philippine commission, Messrs. Schurman, Worcester, Denby and Admiral Dewey, with Secretary MacArthur, called at the White House late this afternoon and handed their report to the president. It is expected the report will be sent to congress within a day or two.

Bishop Hurst Receives Gifts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Bishop John F. Hurst, the chancellor of the American university, today was the recipient of three gifts from philanthropic citizens of Illinois, aggregating $31,000, to be devoted to the Illinois College of Languages on the plan of the American university.

Objects to Cut in Salary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A letter from Governor Murphy of Arizona urging that congress should not cut the governor's salary from $3,500 to $2,600, as has been done, has been forwarded to the house by Secretary Hitchcock.

Confirm Gunsaulus as Consul.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The senate today confirmed Edwin N. Gunsaulus of Ohio to be consul of the United States at Pernambuco, Brazil.

ASK SAFETY FOR MISSIONS

Foreign Powers in China, Including the American, Send Note to Foreign Office.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Pekin says:

The report of the death of Emperor Kwang Su is not confirmed. The dispatch adds that the safety of foreigners is not threatened, but that an English missionary having been murdered in the province of Shan Tung the British, American, French, Italian and German ministers have addressed a note to the foreign office asking that measures be taken by the Chinese authorities for the safety of missionaries.

NATIVES IN SAMOA QUIET

Chiefs Advise Their Followers to Be Peaceable and Obey the Law.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Advices from Apia, Samoa, under date of January 24, say that all is quiet in Samoa and the natives are more settled than at any time since the disturbance between the native factions. At a recent meeting of the Mataafans, at which Malietoa was present, Mataafa made an address, in which he counseled implicit obedience to the law.

Porter Arrives in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Mr. Porter of Indianapolis, law partner of General Benjamin Harrison, recently arrived here with his family and will spend the remainder of the winter in Berlin.

Isthmian Commission at Managua.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 1.—(Via Galveston.)—The Isthmian Canal commission has arrived. All the members are in good health.

HYMENEAL.

Gaines-Metcalf.

At the South Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal church, on Wednesday evening, Cyrus F. Gaines and Miss Grace M. Metcalf were married, the pastor, Rev. C. Owen Lurrison, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines will make their home at Elkhorn, Neb.

Ballot for White's Successor.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 1.—At the republican senatorial caucus tonight the first ballot resulted: Barnes 9, Burns, 5; Grant, 2; Bard 13; Scott, 5; Bulla 3; Barnham, 2; Patterson, 2. The caucus adjourned at 9:30, after taking six ballots. There was no choice, the last ballot standing: Burns, 31; Bard, 13; Scott, 7; Grant, 15; scattering, 15.

Phelps' Condition Critical.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 1.—The condition of Hon. Edward J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, was unchanged this morning. The attending physician says the pneumonia has disappeared entirely and that no danger is anticipated from that source. The severe illness has left Mr. Phelps very weak and his condition is considered most critical.

DEATH RECORD.

Pioneer at Corning, Ia.

CORNING, Ia., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—S. E. Norton, a pioneer, died at the age of 83 yesterday. A son is Charles C. Norton, cashier of the First National bank. The funeral will occur Friday. Rev. T. D. Ewing will officiate.

Ex-Congressman R. G. Frost.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—Former Congressman R. Graham Frost died this afternoon at the residence of his father, General D. M. Frost. He had been ill more than a year with Bright's disease.

Cardinal-Vicar Jacobini.

ROME, Feb. 1.—Cardinal-Vicar D. M. Jacobini, formerly papal nuncio at Lisbon, is dead. He was 63 years of age and received the red hat in 1896.

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