CURRENT COMMENT.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has denied all incongress in Alabama. He has ten nominations and ten elections to his record.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach took a very to his successor.

Census Director Merriam predicts that the population of the United States time it will bankrupt the country to take the census.

surplus of \$13,000,000.

In Indian territor there are 13,684 have been received. Indian scholars enrolled in the public schools. Of these 5,383 are in the Cherokee nation, 2,754 in the Creek, 4,783 in which atttained a velocity of 90 miles the Choctaw and 939 in the Chickasaw.

A single treasury note measures 31/4 inches in width by 714 inches in length. It will sustain without breaking threatened the destruction of the town. lengthwise, a weight of 41 pounds; Hundreds of citizens aided the firemen crosswise, a weight of 91 pounds. The in fighting the fires and they were notes run four to a sheet-a sheet be- brought under control after several ing 81/2 inches wide by 121/2 long. One houses and barns had been destroyed. of the sheets lengthwise will suspend 108 pounds and crosswise 177 pounds.

all towns along the Illinois and Mising of the St. Louis fair. Landscape gardeners have been engaged and are touring the road in a special train preparing plans for each city. Work will begin as early in the spring as the weather will permit.

The record of disasters for 1903 shows that the year was prolific of death dealing accidents. According to the tables prepared by the Chicago Tribune, 1,937 persons met death in wrecks on lakes and rivers. More than 4,000 perished in railroad disasters, and more than 5,000 were seriously injured in the same way. The victims claimed by railroads far outnumber those of any previous year, though much of the increase is due to the enormous increase of trolley car travel.

The farm value of the crops of corn wheat, rye, oats, hay, barley, potatoes flax seed, buckwheat and tobaccc raised this year is estimated at \$2,500,the department of agriculture. To that \$700,000,000 for the value of the cotton crop. This is an amazing aggregation of "quick assets," which can be turned ney to Washington and resume his duinto money whenever it is needed. It is a gigantic pile of commodities which are needed abroad as well as at home.

An eastern house has recently added two volumes to the published writings and speeches by Daniel Webster. This makes 14 volumes of Webster's works that have been issued by this house. Those 14 volumes constitute one of the noblest monuments over erected to the memory of a great orator. Indeed, it is doubtful if so much and such varied Clifford has issued licenses to all St. wisdom and so much lofty and luminous elequence are to be found in the speeches of any other statesman except Edmund Burke. Like Burke, Web. ster had a wonderful command of the English language.

F. C. Penfield, once a resident of Bogota, gives in the Saturday Post a curious account of Colombia and its make-believe government. In his recent message to congress President Roosevelt gave a list of 40-odd revolutions which have taken place in Colombia during the past 60 years. Mr. ten tons of gunpowder at Port Bha-Penfield says that in Bogota "generals" are so plentiful that the colonels of Kentucky wear an appearance of most desolate loneliness when placed in comparison. When Colombinas have nothing else to do they go out and start a revolution.

WIND PLAYS HAVOC.

In Colorado a Train Was Blown from Track and Many Hurt.

t Fort Collins Fire Started While the Gale Was Blowing 90 Miles an Hour and Citizens Had Fierce Battle with Flames.

Denver, Col., Feb. 2 .-- A special to the News from Idaho Springs, Col., says: A passenger train on the Colorado & Southern railroad, which left Denver yesterday morning for Georgetrain crew and one passenger were in-

The wind in this vicinity and in Georgetown did considerable damage. In the latter place the roof of the Gov. Odell Refuses to Honor Requisition of Catholic church was torn off and nu-England gets about \$5,000,000 worth merous other buildings damaged. of new gold from Africa every month | Traffic on this branch of the Colorado and \$7,000,000 worth out of Australia. & Southern was interrupted for several

tent of becoming again a candidate for slong the eastern slope of the Rocky souri on a charge of bribery in conmountains in Colorado and Wyoming nection with baking powder legislation and considerable damage to property of that state in the session of 1901. their lives as a direct result of the an opinion just submitted to him by opportune time to retire from the con- gale. Charles Ormsby and William Attorney General Cunneen, who holds trol of the British treasury. The Daniels came in contact with a live that there is not sufficient evidence to amount on and was easy to turn over electric wire which had been blown show that Mr. Zeigler was in St. Louis from its fastenings into the street and in April, 1901, when the crime is alwere instantly killed by the shock.

Reports are being received from points in northern Colorado telling of ED BUTLER'S SECOND TRIAL. will be 100,000,000 in 1910. By that the destruction of farm buildings and hay stacks in the country districts and Circuit Attorney Folk Again Faces the St. the falling of trees, small buildings, chimneys, etc., in the towns. In some The annual report of the Western places the force of the wind was so Union Telegraph company shows 80, great that small stones were blown 000,000 messages transmitted, \$29,000, about promiscuously, shattering win-600 earned; net revenue, \$8,000,000, and dows and injuring people. Numerous fires were started, but as yet no reports of serious losses from this source

Wind Blew Ninety Miles an Hour. Fort Collins, Col., Feb. 2.- A gale an hour prevailed here during the forenoon Monday and caused considerable damage by blowing off roofs of houses. Seven fires started and for a time they

A Windstorm at Cheyenne. Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 2.-The worst windstorm in the history of Cheyenne Chicago & Alton officials announced prevailed yesterday. Stones half an that plans are being made for the inch in diameter were sent hurling beautifying of the station grounds at through the air and many windows were broken. The wind attained a vesouri lines of the road before the open- locity of 65 miles an hour and numerous fences, outbuildings and barns were blown down.

FIVE CHILDREN BURNED.

The Residence of Peter Christiansen Gets on Fire and His Children Lose Their Lives and Wife Will Die.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 2.-At one o'clock this morning the residence of Peter Christiansen, Sixteenth avenue and Third street, was destroyed by fire, his five children, ranging in age from a babe in arms to 11 years of age, burned to death and Mrs. Christiansen burned so that she will die. The husband was in the country at the time. No one knows how the fire started.

Burton Will Return to Washington. St. Louis, Feb. 2.-Senator J. R. Burton arrived in St. Louis from his home at Abilene, Kan., Monday, to consult with his attorney and the federal officers concerning his trial on the indictment charging him with accepting 000,000 by the bureau of statistics of money for the use of his influence as said he would soon continue his jour- north. ties in the senate.

Mr. Athaugh Follows Bailey.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 2.-Morton Albaugh will not be a candidate for the chairmanship of the republican state central committee again, even though a majority of the state committee should be for him. A formal statement to this effect was made Monday.

Only One St. Louis Theater Closed. St. Louis, Feb. 2.—License Collector Louis theaters except the Odeon, on certificates from the building commisall sections of the law.

Crow in Race for Governor.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 2.-Attorney General Crow, who is now in California recuperating, will soon return and actively enter the race for the demscratic nomination for governor.

Deadly Explosion in British India. Lahore, British India, Feb. 2.-Forty persons were killed by an explosion of tida, Punjab.

Rockefeller Quits the Steel Trust. New York, Feb. 2.-John D. Rockefeller has tendered his resignation as director of the United States steel cor-

TAFT TAKES THE OATH.

Late Governor of Philippines Succeeds Root as Secretary of War-Gov. Wright Inaugurated.

Waishington, Feb. 2.-At noon Monday William H. Taft, of Ohio, took the oath of office as secretary of war in the presence of several members of the cabinet, the general staff and a number of personal friends. The ceremony occurred at the war department.

Manila, Feb. 2.-Gov. Luke E. Wright and Vice Gov. Henry C. Ide were inaugurated Monday. There was a brilliant military pageant, about town, was wrecked by a gale, two 2,000 troops being in line. After takcoaches and a combination baggage and ing the oath of office, Gov. Wright deexpress car being blown over and badly livered his inaugural address. It was demolished. The engine and tender a straight-forward speech, dealing with remained on the track. Four of the the most important interests of the islands.

ZIEGLER IS SAFE.

Gov. Dockery for Return to Missouri of Baking-Powder Magnate.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.-Gov. Odell. has decided to refuse to issue a warrant for the extradition of William High winds prevailed yesterday Zeigler, of New York, wanted in Miswas wrought. In Denver two men lost The governor bases his refusal upon leged to have been committed.

Louis "Boss," This Time at Fulton on a Change of Venue.

Fulton, Mo., Feb. 2.-The trial of Col. Edward Butler, the millionaire politician of St. Louis, on a charge of having bribed 19 members of the house delegates in connection with a city lighting measure, came to trial Monday before special Judge W. W. Graves, on a change of venue from the St. Louis circuit court. Col. Butler's entire family, including Congressman James Butler, of St. Louis, were present in court, as were also many of his political friends. The court room was crowded.

PYROMANIAC IN A HOTEL.

Four Fires in Succession at the Grand Palace in Chicago and Detectives Could Not Solve the Puzzle.

Chicago, Feb. 2.-Two detectives failed to solve the puzzling circum- Candidates are mere incidents. stances surrounding four fires that have occurred in the building in a fortnight. The latest fire occurred within 12 hours after detectives were taken away for other work. The police have reached the conclusion that a pyromaniae is a guest at the hotel.

WHITNEY UNDER THE KNIFE.

Former Secretary of the Navy Operated on for Appendicitis and Is in Dangerous Condition.

New York, Feb. 2.-W. C. Whitney, former secretary of the navy, who was operated on for appendicitis, passed a very poor night and his surgeon says he is by no means out of danger. Mr. Whitney's two sons and a daughter. dence with Mr. Whitney. His other daughter, Mrs. Paget, is abroad.

Favors Church Unity.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 2.-Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Jackson, Miss., puts himself on record as the distinct friend of the negro, and advocates a closer a senator to prevent the issuance of a federation of the two great branches great sum may properly be added about fraud order against the Rialto Grain & of Methodists, known as the M. E. Securities company. Senator Burton church, south and the M. E. church,

Killed by Ills Own Revolver.

Coyle, Ok., Feb. 2.-Bon J. Highee, city marshal and assistant cashier of the Cimarron Valley bank, was fatally injured by the accidental discharge of his revolver which fell from his trouser pocket while he was engaged in a friendly scuffle in the streets.

Government Receipts and Expenditures. Washington, Feb. 2.-The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of January, 1904, the total receipts were \$41,588,370 and the sioner that they are complying with expenditures \$48,372,553, leaving a deficit for the month of \$6,784,183,

One Chicago Theater Opened.

Chicago, Feb. 2.-McVickers' theater, complete with safeguards against fire and loss of life, reopened last night, being the first of the popular playhouses to do so since all of them theater fire one month ago.

Will Come into a Big Fortune. Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 2.-Mrs Henry Welch, of this city, was notified yesterday that she would come in for a big share of the \$7,000,000 estate of her uncle, Florian Grosjean, a graniteware manufacturer, who died in Brooklyn a few days ago.

BAILEY QUITS RACE.

Governor of Kansas Says There Is Too Much Party Friction.

Says He Is Entitled Under Party Traditions to Renomination, But His Personal Ambition Is Subservient to Party Interest.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 31.-Gov. Bailey withdrew from the gubernatorial race Saturday afternoon, issuing the fol-

lowing personal statement: "To the Republicans of Kansas: It is apparent to all that the bitter factional fight that is now going on in the republican party in Kansas is a menace to republican success. I have believed and now feel that under the traditions of the party I am entitled to a renomination, but there has never been



GOV. W. J. BAILEY.

a day in my political life when the party's welfare was not paramount to my personal ambition. I feel that for me to longer continue the contest will make wider the breach now too great within the party. I therefore by this public statement withdraw from the gubernatorial race.

"To the republicans in the counties that have instructed for me and to the thousands of loyal friends over the state who would go with me to defeat if necessary I take this occasion to thank them from the bottom of my heart for their confidence and support ter?

"I noticed to-day, as we have been driven from front houses are shall be so ordered that they will have no cause to regret that they have been my friends."

Statement by E. W. Hoch.

Marion, Kan. Feb. 1.-The present contest inside the republican party is a contest between methods and not a grow present for a week in the guise of contest between men. It is impersonal, guests at the Grand Palace hotel. It relates to party management and North Clark and Indiana streets, have state policies, and not to individuals. are comparatively unimportant. The withdrawal of Mr. Bailey, therefore, does not settle the issues involved. This movement cannot triumph in the selection of a candidate alone. The promulgation of party principles and the control ofparty machinery by those in sympathy with this movement must be complete to give it fairest and fullest expression. When the victory is thus crystallized the greatest possible kindness and generosity should be shown to those who have opposed the movement, but till then there must be no concession of effort to change the policies complained of. Personally I have everywhere urged my friends to say no unkind thing of Mr. Bailey. and in all my speeches and letters I Miss Dorothy, are at the family resi- have carefully refrained from personal criticism. But his withdrawal leaves the issue as before, and the friends of this movement should not relax vigilance or effort until the state convention has registered their will as to candidates. Let only delegates in real sympathy with the reforms this movement represents be sent from various counties to the state convention.

E. W. HOCH.

WHY ALL THIS BEEF?

Japan Has Purchased About 7,000,000 Pounds in This Country for Immediate Delivery, Russia Nearly as Much.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Railroad treight officials have additional advices relative to the Russian and Japanese mess and canned beef shipments from the east by way of this port to their respective military depots in the orient. Japan is ordering for shipment from Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago, 2,-500,000 pounds of corned beef. She has already contracted in Cincinnati for 17,000 cases of mess beef. The same country is taking from a Chicago firm in 60,000-pound monthly shipmnets ney trouble which had annoyed me for 800,000 pounds of mess beef. By February 15, Japan will have taken from this country as food for her war forces about 7,000,000 pounds of mess and corned beef. Russian shipments of mess beef up to February 15 next, from Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha will were closed following the Iroquois have amounted to an aggregate of about 6,000,000 pounds, inclusive of 3,000,000 pounds now loaded on board hip in this harbor.

> May Stay in Kansas. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 31.-It is said that Senator Burton may not return to Washington to resume his duties in the senate until after his trial at St. Louis on March 7.

BRIDEGROOM WAS NERVOUS.

He Thought the Parson Was in Too Big a Harry for the Wedding Fee.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Leighton Coleman, bishop of Delaware, told the following story, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, to some friends in town whom he was visiting re-

"A young man came up to me one day with the remark: Bishop, I want you to-marry me on next Wednesday."

"'All right; I'll marry you.'
"'Well, I want the church bell to ring."

"Yes, you can have the bell rung,"
"Well, I want the organ to play,
"All right, you can have the organ.
"And I want everything else anybody ever had at a church wedding.'
"You shall have it.'
"Well, the night came, the bell rang,...

the organ played, the church was crowded, and everything went off as the young man wanted it. When the ceremony was over the young couple waited, instead of leaving the chancel. So I held out my hand, shook hands with the bride, and then held out my hand to the bridegroom. He had his hand deep in his trouserspocket, and as I stood with my hand out, he said, somewhat impatiently, and in a tone that could be heard all over the 'I'm getting the money out just as-

'Then everybody in the church giggled."

Best in the World.

Estherville, Ia., Feb. 1st.-Mr. George-J. Barber, of this place, says:—
"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best
medicine in the world. There is nothing as good. I had been sick for over 13 years with Kidney Disease, which finally turned into Bright's Disease. I was treated by Doctors in Chicago, but they didn't do me any good. The best Doctor in Estherville treated me for five years with no better success. I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and made up my mind to give them a trial.

"I am very thankful to be able to say

that they cured me completely, and I think they are the best medicine in the world.

The honest, earnest, straightforward experiences of real living men and women are the only material used in advertising Dodd's Kidney Pills. One such testimony is worth more than a thousand unsupported claims. The people who have used Dodd's Kidney Pills are those whose evidence is worth conare those whose evidence is worth consideration, and surely nothing can be more convincing than a statement like Mr. Barber's. There are thousands of others just as strong.

Bad Sign. Mr. Citydweller (to suburban real estate agent)-I find only one fault with your district, Mr. Boomerup, but that makes me decline to buy a residence

ing about, that all your finest houses are owned by physicians."—Stray Stories.

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to-

1,000 fine, solid Cabbages, 2,000 delicious Carrets, 2,000 blanching, nutty Celery, 2,000 rich, buttery Lettuce, id Onior

1,000 rare, luscious Radishes, 1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers. This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seedsfor when you once plant them you will grow no others, and

ALL FOR BUT 16c POSTAGE. providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 20c in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauliflower. [K. L.]

A man's life is worth what it costs him.-Ram's Horn.

To Care a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

When a man loves his work he needs no time-keeper, Ram's Horn. I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption

saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900. Failure is a spur while success may be a snare. - Chicago Tribune.

Any one can dye with Putnam Fadeless Dye, no experience required.

Mercy to the guilty is malice to the innocent. Chicago Tribune.

CONSTANT ACHING.

Back aches all the time. Spoils your appetite; wearies the body; worries the mind. Kidneys cause it all and Doan's Kidney

cure it. H. B. McCarver, of 201 Cherry St., Portland, Oregon, inspector of freight for the Trans-Continental Co., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills for backache and other symptoms of kid-



months. I think a cold was responsible for the whole trouble. It seemed to settle in my kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills rooted it out. It is several months. since I used them, and up to date therehas been no recurrence of the trouble.

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by al dealers. Price, 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

GOOD, PERMANENT BUSINESS