

THE NEXT GREAT FAIR

Distinguished Men Break Ground for Louisiana Purchase Show.

TURNING THE THAWED OUT SOD

Governors of Four Purchase States Present—Day Too Cold for the Contemplated Street Procession—Thousands Attend the Festivities.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—The governors of four Louisiana purchase states—Minnesota, Nebraska, Arkansas and Missouri—several members of congress and world's fair national commissioners and other invited guests, among them General John C. Bates, commanding the Department of Missouri, and Colonel John D. G. Oglesby, representing Governor Yates of Illinois, were present and participated in the ceremonies attending the breaking of the ground today on the site of the world's fair in Forest park. The exercises at the park, where the thermometer registered around zero, consisted of an invocation by Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, addresses by the chairman of the committee on credentials, Corwin H. Spencer, and President David R. Francis, and the breaking of ground on the site of the educational building by the officials of the exposition company, municipal authorities and invited guests.

Three historic shovels were used in the ground breaking. The first was one of iron and oak, loaned by the Massachusetts state arsenal, Boston, where it had been placed in 1805 as a relic of early American workmanship. An exact reproduction of that shovel, a manufacture of the Louisiana purchase, made of ebony and steel, silver plated, was next put in use. A veritable relic, an old wooden shovel, thought to have been one of the tools employed by the 200 white miners from France and the 500 African slaves from San Domingo, brought over by Francis Renault in 1718 to work in the St. Genevieve (Mo.) mines, was the third used. It was originally found in St. Francis county, this state, by F. J. Monell while sinking a shaft in the famous Flat river lead district and is now the property of the Peacedale museum, Rhode Island, to which it was presented by a Mr. Hazard.

Speaking by Governor Francis, Congressman James A. Tawney of Minnesota and Governor Jefferson Davis of Arkansas, and music by "Seymour's famous sixty" was the program at the Coliseum, where several thousand persons were present. A banquet at the Southern hotel in the evening completed the day's program.

At the appointed time directors and officers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, General John C. Bates, Major Henry K. Hunter, Fifteenth United States cavalry, and other army officers, governors of states and guests assembled at the St. Louis club. Carriages were taken and the party was driven to Forest park, where the ceremony of breaking ground was carried out. A huge fire had been built on the structural site of the educational building to soften the ground.

HAY INTENDS TO HOLD POST

Secretary Makes Refutation of Past and Subsequent Rumors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In view of the repeated publications of late to the general effect that Secretary Hay is about to retire a statement is given with full authority touching this subject, substantially to the effect that Secretary Hay does not now contemplate retirement from the cabinet. This statement applies, not only to the present moment, but to that indefinite period fixed by the conclusion of the negotiations necessary to the construction of an isthmian canal. Also it is stated with equal positiveness that authority that President Roosevelt has in the strongest terms expressed to Secretary Hay his earnest desire that he shall remain in the cabinet, of which he forms one of the principal props. Thus, according to the statement, the secretary's inclination and the president's desire run together, and there is no foundation for the reports to the effect that Secretary Hay is to leave his post.

Traction for Tokio.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A contract amounting to \$750,000 has been placed in this city for the electrical equipment of the first electric traction system in Tokio, Japan. The line will cover the principal streets of Tokio and it is expected will be in operation early in 1903.

Asks for Half a Million.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—The McKinley Memorial association is receiving encouraging reports from all over the country. Half a million dollars is the sum fixed to be raised. An apportionment of the total sum has been made among the states of the union, according to population and location. The largest sum is asked of New York, \$150,000; Ohio's apportionment is \$60,000 and the other states proportionately less.

WILL TELL SCHLEY ABOUT IT

Long Will Inform Admiral When Sampson Files His Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The navy department has not yet prepared its answer to the bill of objections announced yesterday to the bill of exceptions by Admiral Schley, but it is expected it will be delivered tomorrow. Captain Lemly and Solicitor Hanna having given a considerable portion of the day to the matter. The following letter was addressed to Admiral Schley today:

"Dear Sir: The department has received your communication of the 18th inst., wherein you request that if a protest is filed by Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson relative to the question of command of the American naval forces during the battle of Santiago and credit for the victory won in that battle, you be accorded an opportunity to present, through your counsel, oral argument against such protest.

"In reply you are informed that when such protest is received you will be advised of the department's conclusion. Yours respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG.

"Rear Admiral W. S. Schley."

OPPOSE CHINESE EXCLUSION

Mass Meeting in Boston Addressed by Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—William Lloyd Garrison presided over a meeting in the Bromfield Street Methodist Episcopal church this evening, at which resolution were adopted against the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act. Besides Mr. Garrison, the speakers were Rev. J. M. Foster of Boston, Rev. M. R. Johnson of San Francisco, Yong Hay, a Chinese clergyman of this city; Rev. James A. Earle and Colonel Stephen W. Nickerson. In the course of his address Mr. Garrison said:

"We are here tonight as American citizens to protest against America's injustice in dealing with a sister nation. We cannot forget that our ancestors themselves were immigrants with no prescriptive right to enter this country."

WHAT INDIAN IS MADE FOR

Merely a Joke to Pass Counterfeit on Poor Lo.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 20.—It is not a crime against the United States to pass a confederate bill on an unsuspecting Indian, according to the decision of Judge Amldon in the United States court here, in the Barrett case. Barrett was arrested for giving an Indian a \$5 confederate bill in a horse trade. It is alleged that he had violated section 5430 of the revised United States statutes, which makes it a crime to carry paper bills bearing a similitude to paper bills of legal currency. It was held that the offense is merely a cheat. Barrett was a Billings county cowboy and has been discharged from custody.

A Paper Box Trust.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Representatives of about thirty of the paper box manufacturers of the country met here today for the purpose of forming a combine. It was stated after a secret meeting that satisfactory progress had been made, but no definite statement had been made as regards the capitalization of the concern. If the plan of consolidation is successful one of its features will be that none of its stock will be placed on the market for sale, but each manufacturer will subscribe to the working capital in proportion to the value of his plant.

Will Abide by Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hay and Senator Zaidiver, the Hawaiian minister, today signed the protocol providing for the submission to arbitration of the claim of the Salvador commercial company, otherwise known as El Triunfo, for damages sustained through the alleged appropriation by the government of Salvador of their concession rights. The claim amounts to about half a million dollars.

Mercer Introduces a Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In accordance with authority conferred by congress last year, the secretary of agriculture has had plans prepared for a handsome new building for the Department of Agriculture and today Representative Mercer of Nebraska introduced a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the proposed new structure.

For Mines and Mining.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Representative Wood of California today introduced a bill to establish a department of mines and mining.

Has Confidence in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Wilson today expressed confidence that congress would avert the threatened suspension on March 1 of the microscopical examination of American meats sent abroad by making the appropriation for continuing that work in accordance with estimates he has submitted. Secretary Wilson says that he does not believe congress will permit any lapse in the inspection work for want of money.

IT PASSES THE HOUSE

Philippine Tariff Bill Has Majority of Thirty-Five Votes.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS SUPPORT IT

On Republican Side Five Members Oppose the Measure—Dingley Rates on Goods Entering the United States From Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine islands passed the house today by a vote of 163 to 128. Five republicans—Messrs. Terrell of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Heatwole, Eddy and Stevens of Minnesota—voted with the democrats against the bill and three democrats—Messrs. Robertson, Davey and Broussard of Louisiana—voted with the republicans for it. Mr. Meyer, a democrat of Louisiana, was paired in favor of the bill with Mr. Foster an Illinois democrat. Mr. Warner of Illinois, who voted against the Porto Rican bill last congress, voted for the Philippine measure today. Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, who also voted against the Porto Rican bill, was absent.

The democrats were several times today taunted with their failure to present an alternative proposition for the pending measure, but just before the vote was taken for the passage of the bill the attitude of the minority was defined in a motion to recommit, offered by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader. It instructed the ways and means committee to report the bill back amended so as to reduce the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to a revenue basis and to extend them to the Philippines until the latter, with the aid of the United States, should be able to set up a stable independent government.

This proposition did not command a republican vote and the three democrats above mentioned voted against it. Mr. Meyer was paired against it. The speakers today were: Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa and Dalzell of Pennsylvania for the bill and Messrs. Henry of Texas, Williams of Missouri, McCall, republican of Massachusetts, Green of Pennsylvania and McClellan of New York against.

The bill passed today imposes the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines and the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for the collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines and foreign vessels may ply between these ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected shall go into the Philippine treasury.

SCHLEY FILES BILL

Brooklyn's Commander Submits List of Exceptions to Findings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Late yesterday Admiral Schley, through his counsel, filed with the secretary of the navy his bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry, and also a letter asking to be heard in connection with the objections to be filed by Attorneys for Admiral Sampson to the individual opinion of Admiral Dewey. This action was taken after Mr. Raynor, Mr. Teague and Captain Parker of counsel, had held a consultation throughout the day with their client.

Secretary Long, almost immediately after the receipt of the communication, called Judge Advocate Lemley and the solicitor for the department, Mr. Hanna, into conference. At its conclusion the secretary said that he had no statement to make regarding any action that he might take in the premises. He, however, indicated to Mr. Teague, through the judge advocate that he would not hear an oral argument by Mr. Raynor regarding Admiral Sampson's protest, but would receive a written protest.

Schley Gets More Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Judge Rayner and Mr. Teague have gone to Baltimore and are engaged with the preparation of the statement of objections to the court findings, which Admiral Schley has been granted permission to file. This work is expected to occupy them several days.

Senator McComas of Maryland called at the navy department today and had a long talk with Secretary Long before the latter departed for the cabinet meeting. The senator came to the department to secure an extension of the time allowed for the submission of the statement.

Nominate Judge Baker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Miguel A. Otero, governor of New Mexico; Benjamin S. Baker, Nebraska, associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico; Levi R. Davis, receiver of public moneys at Sunance, Wyo.; Frederick Muller, receiver of public moneys at Santa Fe, N. M. Also the appointments under the Department of Justice announced yesterday.

EARLY ACTION IS EXPECTED

Exchange of Ratification of Treaties May Take Place in a Month.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, called at the state department to confer with Secretary Hay respecting the next step to be taken toward consummating the treaty ratified by the senate to replace the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. It is possible that ratifications will be exchanged in about a month. King Edward first must ratify the treaty and then the exchange copies of the convention having been prepared, the British copy will be sent to Washington, where they probably will be exchanged. The treaty provides that this act may take place either at Washington or in London, but in deference to Lord Pauncefote's wishes it is likely that this, the last act of the treaty, will occur in Washington.

FEAR ACTIVE HOSTILITIES

Open Warfare Soon Between Venezuela and Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Semi-official advices received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms and ammunition by the Colombian government. This is about to be remedied.

The news that came is to the effect that the British steamer, Ban Rich, which recently excited suspicion by loading a large cargo of arms in European waters, supposedly intended for the Boers in South Africa, really was chartered by the Colombian government. It is now near Colon and the advice is to the effect that when its cargo is distributed among the Colombian troops hostilities will begin between Colombia and Venezuela.

Rural Free Delivery Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Rural free delivery service will be established February 1st as follows: Dakota City, Dakota county (additional service), with one carrier, length of route, twenty-three and one-half miles, population served, 475, carrier Edward J. McKeenan; Juniata, Adams county, one carrier, length of route, twenty-five and one-half miles, population served, 500, carrier, Orville Butler; Syracuse, Otoe county, with one carrier, length of route, twenty-five miles, population served, 500, carrier, Oscar H. Van Shentz.

The Nebraska Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Millard is a member of these committees:

Interstate commerce, interoceanic canals, civil service and retrenchment, improvement of Mississippi and its tributaries, revolutionary claims, Potomac river front.

Senator Dietrich is a member of these committees:

Philippines, coast defense, Indian depredations, irrigation, five civilized Indian tribes, Indian lands trespass.

Siam's King Wants to Visit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Frye today introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite the king of Siam to visit the United States. It sets forth in a preamble the fact that the king of Siam has made known to our minister at Bangkok his desire to visit the United States and the resolution provides that he shall be invited to become the guest of the nation while here.

Says It Caused Blindness.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 18.—Dr. W. B. Smith, a dentist of this city, has begun action in the courts of St. Joseph to recover \$20,000 damage from W. F. Goetze, a wholesale druggist of that city. It is claimed that the damage was sustained by reason of the defendant having sold Smith an inferior grade of alcohol, by partaking of which he was made blind.

Horse for Roosevelt.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Dec. 18.—A letter has just been received from Captain John Coffa at Morocco, saying that he expected a fine blooded Arabian saddle horse to reach him from the interior about December 10. The animal will be shipped to Washington for President Roosevelt's use.

To Retire Hawaiian Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Cullom today introduced in the senate a bill providing for the retirement of the Hawaiian coinage and currency.

Go to Treat With Brigands.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Turkish mission in Constantinople, accompanied by Mr. Gargilo, dragonman of the United States legation here, started to meet the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive. In accordance with instructions received from Washington, they will attempt to secure the release of the prisoner in exchange for the ransom money now available. Mme. Tsilka's baby is still alive and well.

STATE SCHOOL MONEY

Apportionment for Various Counties by the Superintendent.

HOW THE APPORTIONMENT IS MADE

Sources From Whence the School Money Is Derived—Table Showing How Much Each County Gets—Miscellaneous Matters Here and There.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—State Superintendent Fowler has completed the state school apportionment and forwarded copies to Auditor Weston, so that the various counties may receive state warrants for their share of the fund. The total subject to apportionment of the temporary school fund, the total subject to apportionment is \$316,813.59, as compared with \$307,830.54 for December of last year.

The apportionment is made on a basis of school population. Last year the number of persons of school age in the state was 377,701. This year the number is 376,059. The rate per scholar last year was a fraction over 81 cents. This year it is 84 cents.

The money to be distributed was derived from the following sources:

State tax, \$83,473.89; interest on U. S. bonds, \$300; interest on county bonds, \$75,149.56; interest on school district bonds, \$1,004.58; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$72,081.71; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$61,356.27; interest on warrants, \$20,953.78; game and fish license fees, \$2,345; peddlers' license, \$148.80; total amount, \$316,813.59.

The following shows the number of scholars in each county and the amount of money due under the apportionment:

County.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Due.
Adams	7,450	\$ 6,276.31
Antelope	4,387	3,696.86
Banner	287	241.79
Blaine	153	133.11
Boone	4,116	3,534.95
Box Butte	1,562	1,315.92
Boyd	2,627	2,213.14
Brown	1,290	1,086.77
Buffalo	7,832	6,588.12
Burt	4,564	3,844.97
Butler	5,945	5,008.41
Cass	7,889	6,646.59
Central	4,826	4,065.70
Chase	940	791.91
Cherry	1,592	1,341.19
Cheyenne	1,554	1,309.15
Clay	5,930	4,995.77
Colfax	4,410	3,715.24
Cuming	5,696	4,801.16
Custer	7,843	6,607.39
Dakota	2,305	1,941.56
Dawes	1,837	1,547.59
Dawson	4,418	3,715.24
DeWitt	794	658.91
Dixon	3,882	3,270.42
Dodge	8,262	6,990.38
Douglas	40,792	34,265.51
Dundy	815	686.69
Fillmore	5,661	4,769.15
Franklin	3,501	2,949.44
Frontier	3,023	2,546.75
Furnas	4,217	3,532.64
Gage	10,596	8,850.35
Gardner	753	634.37
Gosper	1,815	1,529.06
Grant	205	172.70
Greely	2,414	2,032.69
Hall	6,048	5,095.18
Hamilton	5,015	4,234.92
Harlan	3,215	2,708.50
Hayes	898	756.53
Hitchcock	1,629	1,372.36
Holt	4,727	3,982.29
Hooker	78	64.71
Howard	4,304	3,623.84
Jefferson	5,485	4,620.88
Johnson	4,091	3,446.49
Kearney	3,670	3,091.82
Keith	633	532.82
Keya Paha	1,062	894.69
Kimball	254	213.58
Knott	777	649.17
Lancaster	2,206	1,870.00
Lincoln	4,033	3,397.63
Logan	341	287.28
Loup	499	420.39
Madison	6,204	5,226.60
McPherson	139	117.10
Merrick	3,173	2,673.12
Nance	2,859	2,401.00
Nemaha	5,533	4,598.67
Nuckolls	4,542	3,826.44
Otoe	7,240	6,099.39
Pawnee	4,204	3,541.69
Perkins	594	500.42
Phelps	3,655	3,080.02
Pierce	3,385	2,852.56
Platte	6,620	5,597.07
Polk	4,021	3,387.52
Red Willow	3,840	3,218.81
Richardson	6,887	5,886.25
Rock	1,083	912.78
Saline	7,082	5,974.71
Sarpy	3,107	2,617.51
Scotts Bluff	6,903	5,824.44
Scotts Bluff	1,097	918.35
Seward	5,737	4,833.18
Sheridan	1,949	1,641.93
Sherman	2,967	2,492.59
Sioux	536	451.56
Stanton	2,675	2,253.57
Thayer	4,453	3,735.44
Thomas	191	160.91
Thurston	2,105	1,773.37
Valley	2,551	2,161.75
Washington	4,660	3,929.85
Wayne	3,766	3,172.69
Webster	4,212	3,538.43
Wheeler	326	271.56
York	6,132	5,165.95
Total	376,059	\$316,813.59

Hastings Pest House Burns.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Hastings college hospital and pest house was destroyed by fire. There was one smallpox patient in the house at the time the fire broke out, but as he was awake he escaped in good time.

McKinley's Birth Anniversary.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Grand Army of the Republic of this city has decided to make President McKinley's birthday, January 29, the occasion of a grand patriotic meeting of soldiers and citizens.

Planning Public Library.

MINDEN, Neb., Dec. 18.—The ministers of Minden are perfecting a plan by which they hope to start a self-supporting public library and reading room in Minden.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

CATTLE—There were a good many cattle for this time of the week and all points were quoted lower the feeling at this point was also weak. Buyers did not start out until late, so the morning was well advanced before much of anything had changed hands. Receipts did not include very many corn-fed steers, but still practically all kinds were a little lower and the market was very slow. Some of the more desirable grades were perhaps not very much lower, but aside from those it was a dull, weak market. The cow market was also slow and lower. Buyers did not seem to be particularly anxious for supplies today, and as the receipts were liberal they took their time about filling their orders. The market on bulls, veal calves and stags was also slow and weak, particularly on the less desirable grades. There was a better demand for desirable grades of stockers and feeders than usual and prices were fully steady. A big string of Colorado cattle sold as high as \$4.10, which was considered a good, steady price. Common cattle, however, were neglected and in most cases sold a little lower than yesterday.

HOGS—The hog market was very slow and lower. The general market could safely be quoted a dime lower than yesterday. Choice heavy hogs weighing over 300 pounds sold at right around steady prices with yesterday, but there were only a few of them on sale. They were picked up first and sold largely from \$6.50 to \$6.75. Good mixed hogs were fully 50¢ lower and sold from \$6.20 to \$6.40. Light mixed and butcher weights were fully a dime lower and went mostly from \$6.00 to \$6.20. Light hogs sold from \$6.00 down and were very hard to dispose of at a decline of 10¢.

SHEEP—Quotations: Choice lightweight yearlings, \$4.00@4.25; good to choice medium weight yearlings, \$3.75@4.00; fair to good yearlings, \$3.50@3.75; choice wethers, \$3.00@3.40; fair to good wethers, \$2.50@3.00; common ewes, \$1.00@2.00; choice lambs, \$5.00@5.40; fair to good lambs, \$4.00@5.00; feeder wethers, \$2.00@3.15; feeder lambs, \$3.00@3.50.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Market steady to 10¢ lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.00@5.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25; western fed steers, \$4.75@5.75; western range steers, \$3.50@4.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00@4.50; Texas cows, \$2.25@3.50; native cows, \$2.50@4.25; heifers, \$3.25@5.00; canners, \$1.50@2.40; bulls, \$2.25@4.00; calves, \$3.25@5.25.

HOGS—Market heavy and 10¢ lower; light and pigs, 10¢@20¢ lower; top, \$6.67½; bulk of sales, \$5.70@6.35; heavy, \$6.00@6.67½; mixed packers, \$5.10@6.50; light, \$5.25@6.25; pigs, \$4.25@5.15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady to 10¢ lower; native lambs, \$4.75@5.25; western lambs, \$4.50@5.00; native wethers, \$3.75@4.25; western wethers, \$3.50@4.00; ewes, \$2.75@3.75; culls and feeders \$2.00@3.50.

REPORT UPON SCHLEY

Judge Advocate Lemley and Solicitor Hanna File Reply to Objections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Judge Advocate Lemley and Solicitor Hanna submitted to Secretary Long their report upon the bill of objections filed by Admiral Schley, through his counsel, to the findings of the Schley court of inquiry.

In substance the report is an argument supplementary to the argument made by the writers before the court of inquiry. The principal points are an instance upon their contention that the first report is the unanimous report of the court of inquiry; that the court was justified in rejecting Admiral Schley's evidence by the number of witnesses who took issue with him, and that there is no sufficient reason for a reopening of the case as requested by Admiral Schley.

Secretary Long has not yet acted upon the report, but is expected to do so today. If adopted, the report will be forwarded to Admiral Schley.</