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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1900.

JOHN H. GEAR was formally re-elected United States senator from Iowa yesterday. He received 111 votes and White, democrat, received 32.

E. J. BURKETT has introduced a bill in congress for the securing of the north half of the government square at Lincoln, upon which to build the Carnegie library.

COUNTY correspondents are quite regular in sending in items for THE NEWS and thereby give its subscribers an opportunity to know what is going on in various parts of the county.

ROBERTS' doom seems to be sealed. In the committee four republicans and two democrats voted to exclude, while one republican and one democrat voted to seat and then expel the gentleman.

WHEN the money question or the question of expansion comes before congress there seem to be plenty of brainy democrats to take the republican side, so divided are the fusionists on these questions.

DANIEL H. WHEELER of Omaha has been recommended by Senator Thurston for the appointment as census supervisor. Citizens of Plattsmouth will hope that this appointment may be confirmed by the senate.

IF SOME good citizen would exercise his influence with the weather bureau towards having the sun come out from behind the clouds once more, he would have the everlasting gratitude of the entire community.

WALTER J. WHITE is to be commended for his generosity in giving the Boys' History class the use of his hall for the Mason Wheeler lecture. The boys will now be able to contribute \$10 to the public library fund.

THE trial at Louisville Saturday is said to have been one of the most interesting and entertaining they ever had there, and for several hours Attorneys Garing and Polk "played" to a full house. Miss Contryman was acquitted.

THE keynote of the campaign was sounded by Senator Hanna at Philadelphia a few days ago. He said that foremost among the issues would be: 1. Prosperity of the working people of the country. 2. The retention of the Philippines.

THE censorship is too strict to suit London. Its citizens would like to know more of what is taking place in South Africa. Americans can sympathize with them in this respect. It hasn't been long since we were on the anxious seat.

A WASHINGTON report states that Attorney General Crow of Missouri has filed a motion in the United States supreme court for permission to file a bill against the state of Nebraska for settlement of the boundary line between the two states.

IT has been suggested that had we kept to our original thirteen states we would not have gotten into this Philippine mess. This expansion business is awful. The man with a small business should be careful not to branch out lest his responsibility be increased.

IT is possible an effort will be made to make the South African war an issue in the presidential campaign. The fusionists will certainly have to spring something new between now and next fall. They can't get together on any issue suggested thus far.

THE Ft. Crook habeas corpus case is being argued before Judge Munger today. The question is as to whether the two soldiers had a right to fire upon the one trying to escape has been widely discussed and the decision in the case will be awaited with considerable interest.

MR. SIBLEY, democrat from Pennsylvania, stands up for Secretary Gage. He said, "I had rather see the country prosper than to see my party succeed," and expressed regret that the democratic party should thrive on depression and praised Mr. Gage for carefully guarding the business interests of the country. Mr. Sibley no longer believes in free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

MR. BRYAN said recently: "I am a firm believer in the enlargement and extension of the limits of the republic. I don't mean by that the extension by the addition of contiguous territory nor to limit myself to that. Wherever there is a people intelligent enough to form a part of the republic it is my belief that they should be taken in." In another six months he may be ready to support the present administration.

SUNDAY'S Times-Herald stated that the indications were that the best organized Sunday closing movement ever inaugurated in Chicago would

probably culminate today. The effort is being made by the Butchers and retail Grocery Clerk's association. With the clerk's it isn't so much a question of ethics, morals or religion as of need for rest and human right. One business man keeps his store open on Sunday because his competitor does, the competitor opens his place of business because a few customers think it a little more convenient for them to do business Sunday morning than at other times. It seems to be a matter of habit, largely, rather than necessity. Success to the Chicago clerks!

BY A perusal of the following the readers will readily understand why THE NEWS doesn't care to answer too many interrogations. "Editors have their troubles. One of these men who presides over the destinies of a western newspaper is mourning the loss of two subscribers. No. 1 wrote asking how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how to rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answers went forward by mail, but by accident the editor put them in the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received the answer: 'Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and the little pests, after jumping in the flames for a few moments, will be speedily settled.' And the man with grasshoppers was told to 'give castor oil and rub their gums with a bone.'

THE annual meeting of the state board of agriculture has been in session at Lincoln for the past two days. The question of holding a state fair was discussed in the open convention yesterday and a proposition by the citizens of Lincoln to furnish the use of the old fair grounds as they now are free of cost and \$3,000 cash as an inducement for holding a fair at Lincoln this year was taken under advisement by the board of managers with power to act.

Edward M. Bartlett and Samuel Chapman last evening filed a suit in the county court against Fred B. Smith, asking for \$1,000 attorney's fees in the case of Fred B. Smith in the federal court wherein he was sued for possession of the Hawke farm, north of this city. It is one of the old things that grew out of the Watson-Hawke controversy.—Nebraska City News.

One of the most remarkable coincidences on record has come to light in Lynchburg, Va., and Augusta, Ga. In each city there is a Walter Clark, whose father was named Samuel and whose mother's maiden name was Walker. Both Walter Clarks have brothers named Samuel and William, and both Walters have a sister named Elizabeth. Yet the men cannot trace any relation between the two families.

Wireless telegraphic communication will be established between five of the Hawaiian islands by an American company. Although many engineers regard the connection of the five islands by cable as impracticable on account of the coral reefs, an American company had, says the Electrician, about decided to attempt it, as the needs of telegraphic communication had grown too urgent. On hearing of the success of the Marconi system, the company investigated it and found that it would cost much less and be more practical in many ways than a cable. A regular telegraph business will be done by the company installing the wireless system. The distance over which communication will be established will vary from eight to sixty-one miles.

An old woman arrested for street begging in Marquette, Mich., had in her dirty ragged clothing \$3,445 in bills and eleven \$100 United States 4 per cent bonds. She was sent to the asylum, the authorities urging that a woman who thus made a savings bank of her clothes must be insane.

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NEBASKA ITEMS.

Mrs. James Looker is quite ill. Mrs. D. C. West was a recent Omaha visitor. F. A. Sheldon was a Lincoln visitor last week. Rev. F. Tornis is holding revivals this week. L. E. Stone and wife went to Omaha one day last week. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Lyle, January 9, a girl. B. W. Bates and H. F. Kropp took a trip to Omaha last week. Miss Jessie F. xwell of Union visited her sister, Gertrude, here last Saturday. A. A. Tucker went to Ulrich, Mo., a few days ago and returned with a Mrs. A. A. Tucker. The bride was Miss Lillian Jordan, a sister to Mrs. Robert Lyle.

The Modern Woodmen of America held their installation of officers last Friday evening. Following are the officers installed: John Murdock, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, clerk; L. E. Stone, banker; M. D. Pollard, escort; John Whitman, sentry; W. C. Tucker, watchman; J. A. Pollard, physician. Worthy Advisor A. A. Tucker will be installed at the next meeting.

CROSS THE TUGELA RIVER

General Buller's Forces Make Successful Forward Movement. From Thursday's Daily. A special from Springfield, Natal, received in Omaha late this afternoon has the following to say of the success of General Buller's forward movement: General Buller and General Warren crossed the Tugela river this afternoon, General Buller, with the main column, fording at Potgieters drift, north of Springfield, and General Warren six miles to westward at the wagon drift.

General Warren's division forded at the wagon drift in gallant fashion, facing a hot fire from the Boer artillery and infantry. The Boers, however, made no determined effort to contest the British crossing, and fell back, firing, on the main position. On the north bank of the river a detachment of General Warren's troops discovered a farm house called 'Rhinofontein,' full of the enemy, who had remained to harass the British.

GREENWOOD ITEMS.

Harry Pierson has sold his farm and will move to Oregon. Dave Craig has sold his place and bought one from Mr. Pierson. The best literary for miles around is being in the Rock Creek school house, west of town. Henry Wright has sold his farm south of town and intends to move to Kansas in the near future.

Ira Griffith, formerly assistant principal of the Greenwood school, is now a full-fledged preacher in Illinois. About 150 young people from here and Waverly enjoyed a skating party on Welton's lake last Saturday night.

Met Prouty, of Alvo, is here organizing a society for insurance, called the "Bankers Union," and is having good success.

Charlie Wiederman received a telegram Saturday from his wife, who is visiting in Coburg, Iowa, stating that their little son, Ralph, is sick of diphtheria.

At the last meeting of the Woodmen they took in two members and elected seventeen more. They now have seventy members and expect to have 100 by spring.

Johnson White received a telegram Sunday, announcing the death of his daughter, Mrs. Pater DeVore, in Spokane, Washington. The remains will be brought here for burial.

Mr. Kelly lost a fine gray horse on the street last week. His hired man heaved a heavy load of corn to town, and while weighing it the horse began to act as though sick, and in less than an hour was dead.

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Going After Two Islands.

MANILA, Jan. 17.—7.05 p. m.—Colonel Kobbe, with the Forty-eighth infantry, sailed on board the transport Hancock today with gunboats escorting. The objective of the force is probably the important islands of Samar and Leyte, which the insurgents hold.

The American blockade and the lives of the Tagal army have caused great suffering among the people and hundreds of persons are in an almost starving condition. The Tagal general, Mauciet, recently landed at Negros from the island of Panay and requested a conference with Colonel Brynno. He proposed that the insurgents be let alone and permitted to wear side arms and uniforms in the town until the war in Luzon was ended, when they would surrender. Colonel Brynno refused to agree to this, however, and said they were considered as bandits and shot if they were found armed.

Colonel Brynno surprised the insurgent camp the same night and scattered the Filipinos, killing thirty of them, including a general.

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General Wood Breaks a Record.

HANANA, Jan. 17.—The newspapers comment favorably upon the fact that General Wood has subscribed for each daily paper and given instructions that the bills for the same shall be presented to him each month personally. The Diario de la Mariana says: "It is the first time in the history of the island when a governor general has paid or offered to pay a newspaper subscription."

Today General Wood left for the province of Pinar Del Rio, accompanied by Generals Lee and Chafee, and their aides. His object is to inspect conditions in that part of the island, and he will visit a number of the smaller towns and make a close personal examination so far as the time limit of the journey will permit.

King's Daughters Elect Officers.

The King's Daughters met with their leader, Mrs. C. A. Rawls yesterday, and after transacting other important business, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: President—Miss Ethel Dutton. Vice President—Miss Rosa Wintersteen.

Secretary—Verna Cole.

Treasurer—Carrie Baird. William Gilmour, a new Clever's Model, Woodburn Medium and Wilk's Poland China hogs for sale.

WHEELER TO RETURN HOME

Will Start From Manila This Week for United States. MANILA, Jan. 16.—General Wheeler will start on his return to the United States this week, making a stop at Guam on his way thither.

Three additional cases of the bubonic plague have been reported. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The officials of the war department had very little to say in explanation of the return to the United States of General Wheeler. The correctness of the report was admitted and it was said that the order had been given some time ago, but whether or not it was the result of an application by General Wheeler himself could not be recalled. It was gathered from preceding statements that General Otis had not been able to find a place in the field satisfactory to General Wheeler, and the latter having no mind for service in Manila was willing to return to the United States.

FLORENCE, Ala., Jan. 16.—The first absolute news of the intended course of General Joe Wheeler, representative to congress from this, the Eighth Louisiana district, came today in a letter to W. J. Wood, state tax commissioner and personal friend of the general. The letter follows:

PANQUI, Island of Luzon, P. I., Dec. 2.—Hon. W. J. Wood, Florence, Ala.: I saw in papers from the United States that the commissioner of the land office was against recommending that public lands be sold under the act of March 3, 1893, and I wrote to him, urging that this be not done until we get our school lands out of it. I expect to leave in a few days for the United States and will devote myself to getting the bill through, which I think I can do now. I could not have left here while the campaign was on without being subjected to severe criticism. I have resigned my position in the army. With high regards, truly your friend, JOSEPH WHEELER.

LIFE ON ISLAND OF ST. HELENA

Inhabitants Happy and Contented and Crime Almost Unknown. From the New York Times: Few people ever think of St. Helena except as a rock in the sea which Napoleon lived a while miserably and then more miserably died. That the greatest of anti-climax was not the end of the little island's history is hard to realize, possibly because a poet or romancer would have made it the end, and a continuation is therefore more or less unnatural and absurd. Be that as it may, St. Helena has remained the abiding place of ordinary human beings who concern themselves very little about the colossal ghost generally supposed to be the island's only inhabitant, and the report to the English government just made by their governor shows that they have joys and sorrows exactly like those of the folks dwelling in places less tragically famous. For instance, the revenues of the island last year were £9,152, a decidedly comfortable sum, but alas! the expenditures amounted to £12,349, and that is an excess of outgo not comfortable at all. The governor says, however, that the bad balance was due to some extraordinary drains upon the island's resources, and that he anticipates a substantial surplus for the current year. A recent increase of the garrison and extensive improvements now making by the colonial and imperial authorities assure the immediate prosperity of the islanders. St. Helena has no public debt, but is paying off by small annual installments a noninterest-bearing grant of £5,000 made by parliament in 1871. The imports, chiefly foodstuffs and building materials, amounted last year to £262,985, and the exports, almost wholly potatoes to £4,291. Laccemaking has been introduced among the girls of the island with great success, and the governor is experimenting with the manufacture of brick and tile. The whalers have now entirely deserted St. Helena, the few ships engaged in that industry keeping far to the north or south. The total population of the island is 4,543. The governor hopes that winter visitors from England may be tempted by the salubrity of the climate. The St. Helena, which is superior, he says, in some respects to that of Madeira and the Canary Islands. He says the people as a whole compare favorably with the English agricultural population; with few exceptions all can read and write, and the language is spoken with greater purity than in many districts at home. As a rule, the people are happy and contented, with little crime among them and much kindness in helping each other. Strangers are greatly impressed with the general civility shown by them to old and young.

Judging Machines.

For registering the results of a foot race the human eye and voice seem sometimes painfully inadequate. Close contests of this kind will doubtless end more pleasantly when the new "judging machine," described by the Golden Penny, comes into general use. The machine, which was invented by an Australian, is designed to be placed at the finish line, and consists of a light metal frame partitioned into two or more divisions, each about four feet wide. On the top of the frame stands a small cabinet containing numbered divisions corresponding to the numbers of the tracks. The instant the first man passes through his division a shutter falls, disclosing his track number. The other numbers are immediately locked, except when the machine is set for final heats. In this case a small cylinder is attached to the machine, and a hammer head strikes a mark on the revolving cylinder as the men finish. Thus the exact positions of all the competitors can be told to a nicety. The same inventor has originated an automatic judging machine for bicycle races. It consists of a light metal strip placed in a small trench about two inches wide, which is sunk across the track at the finish. During the last lap these strips, which are coated with enamel, are placed in position by means of a lever, and the first wheel to cross receives five marks. In crossing, however, it displaces one of the strips, and the next wheel, therefore, only receives four marks, the third three, and so on.

HOUSE WITHIN A HOUSE.

How a Wealthy Woman Will Evade a Witch's Hoodoo. Washington Star: A palace built literally around a superstition is Washington's newest marvel, and one may safely say that nothing to match it has ever been seen anywhere. Baronial castles, as well as edifices of other kinds, often gain resident spooks or acquire curses as incidents of their history, but it has not been the fashion hitherto to provide in the architect's plans against such troubles, and the notion of embodying a hoodoo killer in the very fabric of a mansion is wholly novel. The owner of this remarkable house, which as yet is not quite half finished, is Mrs. R. H. Townsend of Philadelphia. Before her marriage she was Mary Scott, a daughter of the late Col. "Tom" Scott, of Pennsylvania railroad fame. Her wealth runs into the millions, and the mansion aforesaid will cost her about \$400,000. It will be nearly twice the size of the famous Letter house, on Dupont circle, being 125 feet in width and 123 feet in depth. Mrs. Townsend is building it, she says, for her youngest daughter, now 17 years of age, and almost ready to enter society. It will be the scene, doubtless, of some of the most gorgeous entertainments ever given at the national capital. Now, once upon a time—a very proper way to begin such a story as this—Mrs. Townsend interviewed a witch. It was a remarkably clever witch, and, in revealing the future to her lady patron, she predicted a number of events since realized with astonishing accuracy in Mrs. Townsend's life. It was a very bright and cheerful picture she drew, on the whole one may command a good deal of brightness and cheerfulness if one possesses millions of dollars—but there was one unpleasant prognostication. This was that if Mrs. Townsend ever occupied a dwelling which had never been lived in before she would die within six months after moving in. This prophecy struck Mrs. Townsend as grievous, to say the least, and up to now she has carefully avoided all risk of incurring the penalty suggested. Though anxious for some time past to move her residence to Washington and build a home here, she has been restrained from the accomplishment of this desire by the witch's ominous vaticination. She had thought of buying a house, but could find none that was large enough or adequate in other respects for her purposes. At length, however, she hit upon an ingenious method of evading the hoodoo and getting what she wanted at the same time. She decided to purchase the old Hillyer mansion on Massachusetts avenue, and to construct a palace around it. This she is doing in such a manner that while occupying the new mansion, she will actually live in the old Hillyer house, the skeleton of which is retained as a middle portion of the retained structure. Her bedroom, her dressingroom and bathroom and her boudoir will be in the ancient dwelling, the original floor joists and framework, as well as the roof, being kept intact. Thus the hoodoo will be defeated, inasmuch as the construction on which the builders are now engaged comes under the head of "alterations," technically speaking, and Mrs. Townsend may consider herself safe against the fulfillment of the conditional threat recorded against her in the book of fate.

SUBSTITUTES FOR SILK.

Queen of All Fibres Not Secure on Her Throne.

A German doctor, improving on a method patented in France some years ago, has produced from cotton a fiber which in many respects surpasses the material from which it is prepared, and the same may be said of an English process patented in 1897, by which from a mass of cotton dissolved in certain chemicals, continuous threads may be spun and fibers obtained of any desired length, says Chambers' Journal. The fineness and length of the fibers produced by either of these processes are the chief features of improvement, which may possibly induce manufacturers to take them up. The former is already being handled on a large scale on both sides of the channel, and the latter, although as yet scarcely beyond the experimental stage, bids fair to become equally successful. We hear that even silk—the queen of all fibers—is not secure on her throne. She likewise has many competitors and that little lepidopterous laborer, the silk worm, is likely soon to be out of work. Of these, one hails from certain Mediterranean shores, notably Sicily, where at low tide, from myriads of shellfish which attach themselves to the rocks and larger stones upon the beach, a quantity of very fine and glossy fibrous matter not unlike a cobweb and similar in appearance to silk is obtained, and this, when thoroughly washed, dried and combed, is made up into fabrics. Another fiber which threatens to displace the produce of the silkworm is that known as Vandaqua silk, produced in Glasgow by artificial means and at a very small cost. It consists of extremely fine threads obtained by forcing a gelatinous solution through a number of minute apertures, and after undergoing a water-proofing process the fibers become pliable and can be handled on the looms with perfect ease. Spun glass, in fine and glossy fibers capable of conversion into textile fabrics possessing a sheen even surpassing that of silk, has long been known; but unfortunately it has serious disadvantages unfitting it for general use.

A Romance of the Peerage.

The death of Lord Dunboyne recalls one of the romances of the peerage. The twelfth Lord Dunboyne was Roman Catholic bishop of Cork, when the peerage unexpectedly devolved upon him through the death of a nephew. wishing to perpetuate the family and the title, he applied to Pope Pius VI. for a dispensation to retire from the episcopate and to marry. The reply he got from the vatican was couched in the severest terms of censure. He thereupon broke his vow of celibacy and married a Protestant young lady, afterwards publicly seceding from the Roman Catholic church. There was, however, no issue to the marriage, and shortly before his death, he was recalled back into the Roman Catholic church by the Rev. Dr. Gahan. The widow of the ex-bishop survived him for sixty years, dying in August, 1860, at the great age of 96.

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