

NEVILLE'S CRITICISM.

Judge Neville criticises the populist legislature because it did not redistrict the state at the last session and thinks that that was one of the prime causes of the falling off in the vote. It would be interesting to know how Judge Neville would get around section 2, of Art. III, of the state constitution which says: "The legislature shall provide by law for the enumeration of the state in the year 1885, and every ten years thereafter, and at its first regular session after each enumeration, and after each enumeration made by the authority of the United States, but at no other time, the legislature shall apportion the senators and representatives according to the number of the inhabitants."

It seems to the writer that the preceding republican legislature having refused to make the enumeration provided by the constitution, thus tramping that instrument under its feet, could be no excuse in law or equity for the populist legislature doing the same thing. If they had tried to do it, the supreme court of the state would have prohibited the execution of any such law.

If any man in Lincoln should force a cow or a horse to stand out in such fierce storms for twelve or fourteen hours at a time as has prevailed here in the last few days, there would be a howl go up from the whole community and every pulpit would ring with declamations against it. But when Brad Slaughter forces a lot of street car employees to do it there is not a peep in the whole city who is brave enough to even mention the fact. The suffering of human beings in this plutocratic age does not excite as much sympathy as the ill of a poodle dog.

Can any one remember ever having heard a chapter read from the epistle of St. James in any of the churches? St. James was pretty hard on the rich plutocrats of his day and he seems to be altogether out of place in modern Christianity. It was he who said: "What doth it profit though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" The following verse if read in some of the plutocratic churches would create a stampede: "Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is by you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them that have reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

Joe Leiter is now engaged in forming a milk trust. He says that he can combine the milk business of Chicago that he can dispense with the services of over 800 small dealers, hundreds of milk wagons and their drivers and furnish milk to the citizens of Chicago just as cheap or cheaper than it is now furnished and at the same time make a great profit for himself. When the matter is sifted down to the bottom it amounts to just this. The heads of a thousand families engaged in the milk business will be thrown out of employment, women and children left to starve, the men driven to tramping, while Leiter will gather into his pocket the money upon which these thousand families lived. One man will net what a thousand got before. That is the result of a trust always. Yet there is an anti-trust law on the statute books and an attorney general at Washington who draws a big salary.

WASHING DISHES.

Dish washing is a very necessary part of the housework, yet it is a task that the girls usually dislike. The dislike may be greatly lessened by furnishing them with plenty of soft water, clean dish towels that will leave no lint, and a shining tin or porcelain dishpan and drainer. Then teach them to do the work properly and take pride in it. So much depends upon starting right in learning to do any kind of housework, and careless habits once formed, are very hard to break. Before the dishes are taken from the table, all the scraps should be scraped from the plates into a bowl ready for the slop pail. The dishes are then piled together, placed on a large tray and taken to the kitchen. Pour the water, which should be as warm as you can bear your hands in comfortably, into the pan, add enough Pearline to make a good suds, wash the glasses first, then the silverware, after that the cups, saucers and plates. Hot water may be added as needed to keep the dishwater warm enough. After washing rinse in clear warm water and dry with a towel, rubbing each piece until it is bright and shining. Special care should be given ivory handled knives; never allow them to remain in the water, but wash and dry quickly. Cheap linen crash makes good towels, as also does flour and sugar socks. The latter may be cut in two lengthwise and hemmed as the whole sack is too large to use at once. E. J. C.

LEEDY STILL HOLDS BACK.

Some of the Kansas Extra Session Letters Not Positive.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 14.—If Governor Leedy does not call an extra session of the legislature he will be blamed by the advocates of railroad legislation generally and all the responsibility will be upon his shoulders. At noon to-day he had not announced his decision, but all of the letters and telegrams from members were in his possession. Leedy sent for John W. Breidenthal and W. T. Tipton and their advice is to issue the call at once. The advocates of an extra session, whom they represent, justify a call now on the grounds that it is never too late to do what is to the interest of the people. They are ready to pledge the legislature that it will enact beneficial laws if the opportunity is given.

A conference of Populist leaders last night was not wholly satisfactory to either side. Governor Leedy went to the theater with Webb McNeil and J. M. Lewis, private secretary. When he reached the hotel about 11 o'clock, Taylor Riddle and W. T. Tipton, who had been collecting pledges, laid the letters they had received before the governor. Out of sixty-eight answers the governor considered only sixty-two sufficiently definite to justify action on his part. Some were written in guarded language and really made no binding promises. It was urged that these letters came from some of the best members of the legislature, men who would support a reasonable measure, but are so careful that they refuse to pledge themselves for anything in advance unless they know exactly what it is.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL A MARCH.

Autonomists Seek to Dispose of Valuable Franchises.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—From information received here, it appears that the autonomist government of Cuba, established about one year ago, is making a strenuous effort to dispose of a number of valuable franchises and concessions before the advent of the military government of the United States. These include the right to construct and operate the Central railroad line of the island, including eleven branches, and also a network of electric tramways for Havana.

The President, however, has put a quietus on the enterprise of the Spaniards, by issuing instructions to General Wade, chairman of the evacuation commission at Havana, immediately to inform the officials of the Spanish autonomist government that the United States strongly disapproves of the proposed disposition of the concessions and franchises, and to ask that all negotiations be discontinued. If this hint is not sufficient, General Wade's instructions will be sufficient to meet every contingency. He is ordered to put a stop to these proceedings without any limitations on his authority in the provinces. If necessary, there is no doubt that the principals in the scheme would be promptly arrested and imprisoned.

BONES IN A FIREPLACE.

A Young Woman Visiting at Hot Springs Believed to Have Been Murdered.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 15.—Gradually the mystery surrounding the disappearance from this city several weeks ago of Mrs. Nellie J. Horne, a young woman visiting this health resort, who, the authorities believe, was murdered by young Hardy Sheffield and robbed of her money, is clearing up. Hardy Sheffield is in jail charged with murder. The sheriff returned to the city to-day from the home of Sheffield's brother in Hot Springs county, where it was reported the body of Mrs. Horne had been found.

The sheriff brought with him a sack containing evidence that a human body had been burned piece by piece in Sheffield's house. The sack contained human bones, ashes and other articles recovered from the fireplace in Sheffield's house. Sheffield's brother, in whose house the crime is supposed to have been committed, was brought to Hot Springs by Sheriff Williams and placed in jail, as were several others who are charged with being accessories to the crime.

Turpie Opposes Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Yesterday's session of the Senate was largely consumed in discussion of the Nicaragua canal bill. Mr. Turpie made the principal speech in opposition to the bill, attacking it on the ground that it is in the interest of the Maritime Canal Company, which he characterized as a fraud and bankrupt. He moved a postponement of the matter until after the holiday recess.

Mr. Morgan defended the bill and the Maritime company, and opposed the motion to postpone. Messrs. Barry and Rawlins both offered amendments materially affecting the bill.

Prior to the proceedings upon the canal bill, Mr. Morrill made an address in support of the bill authorizing the purchase of a site for a supreme court building, and this and several other bills were passed.

LATEST BUYER OF ALTON.

A Private Telegram Says the Missouri Pacific Has Obtained the Chicago Line. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A private telegram from New York says that a deal by which the Missouri Pacific railroad comes into the possession of the Chicago & Alton has just been concluded there.

Will Dissolve the Chamber. MAHARD, Dec. 15.—It is asserted here that the premier, Senor Sagasta, will obtain a royal decree dissolving the chambers before the ratification of the peace treaty.

HARDY'S COLUMN.

Cook, Poynter—Hens and Chintz Bugs—Next Senator—Treaty of Peace—The Philippines and Their Surroundings.

If Tom Cook goes to Porto Rico who will stuff the census in 1900?

We hope Governor Poynter will displace every office holder who has been known to drink too much while in office during the last four years.

The most useful and profitable animal on the farm is the hen. Her eggs and her chickens make good eating, and they live the most of the year upon the pests of the farm—bugs, worms and weed seed. A farmer told me the other day that two or three broods of quails save him forty acres of wheat from the chintz bug last year. Well chickens will do the same thing. Carry your hen and chickens in a brooding box to your wheat field, make an opening in the box that will allow the chicks to forage and they will clean up several acres in a week. Three or four broods will clean a large field by moving them every day or two. The old hen must be watered and fed of course. The brooding box should afford protection from marauders at night. A brood of small chicks are a grand protection to a garden. Chintz bugs and cabbage worms are dainties to them.

It is undoubtedly correctly reported that D. E. Thompson has a mortgage on the vote of fifteen or twenty members of our coming legislature, so far as voting for senator is concerned. In the close districts he said to the republican candidates "if you will give me a mortgage on your vote for senator I will help you to what election funds you need. So the bargain was made and the money was handed over. This comes the starter. The party lash and more money will bring the other republican votes. The price of senatorial votes are bound to be high this winter, five or ten thousand each. The member who sets a high figure is the one who will carry home the most money. The man elected, if he is of the right stamp, can pay a hundred thousand for votes and get it all back the first year he is in Washington. Some of our reform brethren may say that "election funds are necessary and blessed be he who has the money without taxing the party." The election that is carried with money is not the kind we want, our brethren to the contrary notwithstanding. It creates a double temptation to steal to make it up; in fact, stealing is made an imperative necessity.

The treaty of peace has been signed between Samuel and the dons. Just what the text of the treaty is has not been divulged, but it is quite certain that a quit claim deed has been handed over to all of the West India islands, in the Atlantic, including Porto Rico, and also to the Ladrones and Philippine islands in the Pacific. It is going to be no small task to splice our system of government on the old Spanish system, and yet it will be easy if justice and right rules the roost. Penn got along with the Indians and can get along with the islanders if we have a mind.

One of the barriers in the way of elevating the Philippine people is their religious superstition. They have their witches, gosses, evil spirits, incantations and everything foolish of that kind that any people ever had. But let the pope send Arch-Bishop Ireland there, as is now the talk, and things will change for the better very fast. He may not be able to make Yankeys of them in a single year, but he will carry them a long way on the road. The large land grants to the church is another barrier in the way of progress. That can be removed as the Mexican government removed the same barrier, by confiscating all church property except their houses of worship, school houses and grave yards. The church then would depend upon voluntary support of the people, as is the case in this country. We cannot see how this government can give independence to Cubans and imperialists to the Philippines. They must both have the government. There are statesmen, plenty of them in both countries who know better how to manage their own people than President McKinley does. There are college graduates, natives, who have graduated from their own colleges and also from American and European colleges. They know what is right and just and they are going to have to have it if they have to fight for it. They are not as ignorant as we suppose. They have a system of public schools which are supported by public money to the extent of over a half million annually. Our duty does not stop with liberating them from Spanish oppression, but we must also elevate them and help them to govern themselves. They will not come over here. Let them understand that what they earn is theirs and their exports will double shortly. Their hemp and sugar we want. Our navy would need to be strengthened every year had the islanders never fallen into our hands. Fifty thousand soldiers will be enough to run our whole machine as soon as things settle.

Too Long a Story.

Boy—I see you got a sign out, 'Boy Wanted.'

Merchant—Yes; we want a boy to run errands, assist in the packing department, help sweep, conduct customers to the various departments, clean windows, tend door, and—

Boy—Never mind the rest, mister; I'm lookin' for a place, and I ain't got time to wait.

A Slow Appetite.

Father (doing the carning)—Are you hungry to-day?

Little Dick—No, sir; only a small piece, please. I guess I won't be hungry for half an hour.

Father—We'll be about through then.

Little Dick—All 'cept the pudding.

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS.

The Good Things Lincoln Merchants Have Stocked up with for Old Santa.

WHAT TO BUY FOR PRESENTS

Something for Everybody—Appropriate Gifts and What Some of them Cost

At Hodge & Morris Co's.

There is hurrying to and fro at Hodge & Morris', for the holiday trade is now on in full swing. A beautiful panorama of fine furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, glassware, chinaware, lamps, hardware, unfolds to view as one wends his way through the vast house furnishing establishment.

Holiday suggestions are here on every hand. In the furniture department are probably 1,100 fancy rockers, in all sorts of sizes, shapes and designs; plain, hand carved and richly upholstered, ranging in price from \$1.20 to \$150. Onyx parlor tables in brass beautiful designs, some gold plated, at \$3.50 to \$30. Parlor tables in solid oak, birch and mahogany form 75 cents up to \$12. Fancy jardiner stands, richly carved and highly finished, at \$1.25 to \$6. Plain and fancy foot stools at 72 cents up to \$4.

Beautiful odd parlor pieces in chairs and divans, highly ornamental and useful as well, from \$2 up to \$45. Couches in 125 different styles, upholstered in corduroy, velour, leather, from \$6 as high as \$ 70. Leather chairs, roomy, massive, luxurious, costing from \$12 to \$50.

Iron beds in forty styles, plain and brass trimmed, at \$2.75 to \$25.

Something new for the male members of the family—gentlemen's shaving cases at \$7 to 20. Exquisite designs in ladies' dressing tables, that article so dear to the feminine heart, \$11 to \$50. A big line, some thirty different styles—chiffoniers, plain and richly carved with French bevel mirrors, at \$5 to \$50. Combination cases—book case and writing desk—in all sizes and designs, some very handsome effects at \$8 to \$50. Book cases, one of the most useful pieces of furniture that can be bought, \$7 to \$30. China closets for the dining room, nothing more convenient, from \$10 to \$40. Hall racks at \$5 to \$40. Sideboards in plain and very elaborate designs, \$8 to \$75. Dining tables, round and square, hold up any amount of Christmas good things, \$3.50 to \$40.

Chamber suits in oak, in mahogany, in bird's eye maple, in birch, plain de-

signs and marvels of beauty, form \$12 up to \$150.

A large assortment of framed pictures, some very handsome and striking works of art, \$1 to \$15.

Splendid assortment of beautiful parlor banquet lamps form 65 cents up as high as \$15.

In the cut glass and chinaware department is displayed many beautiful and costly pieces. Cut glass berry dishes, \$6 to \$12. Cut glass jelly dishes \$2.50 to \$5. Vinegar cruets, syrup jugs, salt and peppers, in cut glass, from 75 cents to \$3.

In Chinaware, 100 piece dinner set, semi-porcelain, from \$7 to \$15. American china dinner sets, very pretty effects, \$12.50 to \$23. Haviland & Co. dinner sets in plain and rich designs—the standard of fine chinaware the country over, \$30 to \$60. Fancy fruit, nut and salad dishes at 35 cents to \$1.50.

Glass water sets, 90 cents to \$2.50. A large assortment of fancy imported vases, 40 cents to \$5.00. Jardiners, plain and fancy, 60 cents to \$4.00. Cuspidors, fancy decorated, 35 cents to \$1.00.

In the hardware department is seen some very fine silverware. Rogers Bros., triple plated knives and forks at \$3.50 set. Wm. Rogers triple plated knives and forks for \$3 per set. Rogers' triple plated teaspoons, \$1.25 per set; dessert spoons \$2.25 per set; table spoons \$2.50 per set. Nut picks and cracker 30 cents to \$1.50. An exceptionally fine display of chafing dishes and five o'clock teas, very swell things, from \$3 to \$10.

Pocket knives in 500 different styles from 25 cents to \$2. Thirty styles of carvers from \$1.25 to \$15 per set. A great variety of scissors, shears, razors, boys' and girls' skates, boys' sleds and wagons. Fancy tea and coffee pots.

There Must Be Something Wrong.

When earth produces free and fair The golden waving corn, When fragrant fruits perfume the air And sunny dews are born, While thousands move with abiding land And chant this solemn song: We starve, we die, oh, give us bread! There must be something wrong.

When wealth is wrought while seasons roll Across the fruitful soil, When luxury from pole to pole Hoops fruits from human toil, When from a thousand one alone In plenty rolls along, And others scarce a joy have known, There must be something wrong.

When poor men's tables waste away To bareness and drought, There must be something wrong to pay That's worth the finding out. With surfeit one great table heeds The while a famished throng Fight for the crust the board attends— There must be something wrong.

Then let the law give equal right To wealth and to the poor; Let freedom crush the hand of might— We ask for nothing more, Until this system is begun: The burden of our song: It shall and can be only one: There must be something wrong. H. V. ETHAN HAY CLARKE.

Read the INDEPENDENT 1 year, \$1.00.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

This entire stock of High Grade Clothing has been thrown on the market to be closed out at ruinously low prices. The cost has not been counted in this great sacrifice. High grade, good wearlug, honest, dependable Suits and Overcoats are being sold here at a fraction of their worth.

Don't be Deceived

BY THE FLAMING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF JOB LOT DEALERS. YOU DON'T BUY CLOTHES TO LOOK AT. YOU WANT SOMETHING THAT WILL WEAR AND GIVE YOU SERVICE. YOU WANT VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO SPEND MONEY FOR CHEAP, TRASHY STUFF WHEN THE CHOICE OF THIS HIGH GRADE STOCK AWAITS YOU AT THESE

CLOSING OUT PRICES:

- \$8 Men's Suits 4.75
6.50 Men's O'coat 3.90
Young Men's Suits.
Good heavy Wool Suits, in black and fancy Cheviot, all late patterns, the kind that sells at \$7.00, closing out price.....\$4.50
Fine Worsted Cassimeres and Scotch Cheviot Suits, handsomely made and trimmed, regular \$10.00, closing out price.....\$6.50
Our very best Young Men's Suits, single or double breasted, in fine Worsted, regular price \$12, closing out price.....\$8.75
Boys' Knee Pants.
Ages 9 to 15 years.
In blue, black, brown and fancy Cheviot, worth \$2.50, closing out price.....\$1.50
Boy's fine all-wool suit in plain and fancy weaves, choice style, double seat and knees, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00, closing out price.....\$2.50
Extra fine Worsted and Cassimeres Suits, nobby patterns, latest styles, worth \$3.00 and \$4.00, closing out price.....\$3.50

TWENTY PER CENT OFF ON ALL FURNISHING GOODS, including entire stock of Hats, Caps, Shirts, Underwear, Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Mitts, etc. Remember, these good things won't last long. Shrewd buyers are taking advantage of this opportunity. You can't miss it on anything you get in this Great Closing Out Sale.

CLOTHIERS, HATTERS, FURNISHERS THE GLOBE 10 AND 10 1/2 STS

WOMEN STONED COLUMBUS. A Spanish Mob Got Revenge for the Discovery of America. GRANADA, Spain, Dec. 15.—A mob of women, considering that the discovery of America was the principal cause of Spain's misfortunes, stoned the statue of Columbus to-day. DR. LEONHARD'S ANTI-PILL CURES NERVOUS ILLS. Constipation, Dyspepsia, Biliousness and the Pitts. Sold by Dr. J. H. Bennett, 111 Broadway, New York, N.Y. Price 25 cents.