

News in Brief

The latest reports estimate that the cotton crop of China will be 70 per cent of the average. Senator Albert J. Beveridge has been given the degree of doctor of laws by Depauw university. The postoffice at Althamar, Ark., was burglarized and registered packages containing \$2,000 are missing. A dispatch to a London news agency from Monte Carlo announces the death there of Baron Arthur de Rothschild. The town of Abbott, Tex., was almost wiped out by fire. Fifteen buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$75,000. Edward Larkin, who killed Harvey Bardonar at Salina, Kas., on October 29 last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The charter of the Houston, Beaumont & Northern Railroad company has been approved by the attorney general of Texas and recorded in the department of state. Building contractors from nearly every large city in the country met in Chicago to form a national association. The labor unions were the principal topic of discussion. After eighteen months of litigation the case of the National Salt company against the United States Salt company, O. Cleveland, O., has been settled in common pleas court. The Southern Hosiery Manufacturers' association, at Chattanooga, Tenn., decided to advance the prices of cents on January 1, with a contemplated advance of 10 cents shortly. A unknown man hurled a stone through the window of the E. H. Kostkamp Jewelry company at St. Louis, seized a tray of diamond rings valued at \$6,000 and escaped. Hal S. Ray, general agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in Denver, has been appointed general eastern agent of that system, with headquarters in New York City. Rev. E. M. Petat, president of Furman university, Greenville, S. C., has just returned from the north, where he secured a gift of \$100,000 for Furman university from John D. Rockefeller. Notice that the will of the late Gordon McKay of Newport, R. I., who bequeathed several millions to Harvard university, will be contested, was filed in the Suffolk county probate court at Boston. While Fred Olds, a farmer, and his wife, who reside near North Coventry, Conn., were visiting friends, their house caught fire, and four children, who had been left in bed, were burned to death. Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation army has returned to New York. He went abroad soon after the death of his wife to consult with his father-in-law, General Booth, head of the army. An explosion in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at Port Royal, Pa., resulted in the instant death of Milton McMillen and the serious burning of W. A. Williams and Edward Oliver. The state treasury of Pennsylvania has a balance, including the sinking fund, of \$15,800,000. It is believed to be sufficient to carry forward the work of constructing the state capitol building for a few years. Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador, says that the emperor is profoundly touched by the many sincere expressions of sympathy which have come from America to Berlin regarding his majesty's illness. J. O. Rice, formerly manager of the recently suspended International Bank and Trust company of America, has been arrested and is now in prison in Mexico on criminal charges, which were brought against him in connection with his conduct of the bank's affairs. Telegrams from Chief of Detectives Desmond and Sheriff Dickmann, now in the City of Mexico, lead the St. Louis police authorities to believe that Charles Kratz, former member of the city council indicted on the charge of bribery, will be returned to St. Louis within two weeks. Investigation by the government officers shows that a reign of terror exists on forks of the Couer d'Alene river in Idaho. The settlers have been driven from their homes and settlement discouraged, while millions of feet of pine have been stolen from the government and sold to the mills. Governor Heard, in his message to the special session of the legislature, which convened at Baton Rouge to discuss the boll weevil situation and to pass necessary laws to check the evil, urged the appointment of a commission to conduct the war of extermination. The American Anti-Saloon league at Washington re-elected President Luther B. Wilson of Washington. Resolutions were introduced looking to closer organization and centralization of control of the anti-saloon movement. The Fortress Monroe, Va., Young Men's Christian association building, donated to the soldiers of the fort by Miss Helen Gould of New York, was formally dedicated in the presence of a large assemblage, Miss Gould being present. She was given a reception in the new building.

THE CUBAN BILL

SOON TO BE VOTED UPON IN THE SENATE.

MR. BAILEY OF TEXAS OPPOSES

Question of Postal Investigation by Senate and Right of Panama to Make Treaty Will Be Considered—This Week in the Lower House.

WASHINGTON—The senate will vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill on Wednesday in accordance with the unanimous agreement entered into during the special session and until the vote is taken practically the entire time of the senate will be given to the discussion of the bill. Senator Bailey will be the first speaker of the week, and it is understood will consume the greater part of the day. He will oppose the bill and will devote himself particularly to a presentation of the constitutional aspects of the question. He will be followed by Senator Spooner who also will discuss the constitutional questions involved, but from a standpoint favorable to the bill. In addition to these there will be a number of short speeches for and against the measure. There is no doubt that the bill will pass without amendment.

No program has been arranged for the remainder of the week after the disposal of the Cuban bill, but it is understood that the way will be prepared for the taking up of the Panama and Chinese treaties immediately after the Christmas holidays.

It is probable there will be further discussion bearing on the current questions and an effort will be made to secure the passage of the Penrose resolution looking to an investigation of Postoffice department affairs. The democrats will continue their efforts to have it amended so as to make it mandatory. It is expected Senator Hoar will seek to secure consideration of this resolution relative to the recognition of the government of Panama by the United States. Senator Mitchell has given notice of a speech for Thursday in the interest of the proposed exposition at Portland, Ore. Senators generally hope to secure an adjournment for the Christmas holidays Friday or Saturday.

When the house convenes consideration of the pensions appropriation bill in committee of the whole house will be resumed. During the week a number of the most important committees will take up pending bills for consideration, but beyond the passage of the pensions appropriation bill, it is not believed that much will be accomplished on the floor of the house in the way of general legislation before the Christmas holiday recess, which probably will be taken at the end of the week. It is possible that some minor matters will be disposed of under unanimous consent after the pension bill is out of the way, and opportunity will be given during the week for further debate on such topics as members may desire to bring to the attention of the house.

RESISTS STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Roumania Opposes the Formation of an American Monopoly.

VIENNA—Reports from Bucharest indicate that the Standard Oil company is meeting with much opposition in its efforts to obtain a footing in Roumania. At a private meeting of the supporters of the government, M. Stourdzia, president of the council of ministers, declared that the Americans had come to Roumania for the purpose of monopolizing the national petroleum industry and that they must prevent the country from submitting to such an economy yoke. It is stated that the Standard Oil company has now abandoned its intention of combining any of the existing oil concerns of Roumania, but that believing the country has large and valuable oil fields at present undiscovered, the company will endeavor to obtain them for its European trade.

Russians to Protect Him.

TOKIO—Korea's war minister and M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, have entered into an agreement by the terms of which, in the event of an emergency, Russian officers will be employed to guard the royal palace.

William J. Bryan at Rome.

ROME—William J. Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope Sunday. Mr. Bryan was presented by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke of having great interest in the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly bearing. Before going to the vatican Mr. Bryan visited several of the interesting sights of Rome.

Man Who Ate Matches.

COLUMBUS, O.—A burial permit taken out here disclosed the identity of the man known as "Frank Wilson," said to have committed suicide in the county jail at Chicago and whose body was brought to this city, his real name being W. N. Greenleaf. The cemetery authorities refused to permit the burial of the body under a fictitious name. Greenleaf was 38 years old. He was a son of Albert Greenleaf, a former prominent citizen of Columbus, who moved to Chicago about 10 years ago.

MR. ROOT DID NOT SAY "SOON."

Says War With Foreign Country Will Come Some Time.

WASHINGTON—Considerable comment was occasioned here by reports that Secretary Root, at a dinner held Saturday night by the Carboea society, an organization of army and navy officers who have seen active service in the Philippines, had predicted that a war would soon come between the United States and some foreign power, but the interest displayed in the report and the speculation it aroused as to what the secretary had in mind were dissipated Sunday afternoon when it became known that the word "soon" was a misquotation.

Secretary Root himself said that he had not predicted that a war would come soon, but in his speech of Saturday night merely had stated what he has given utterance publicly on several occasions, namely, that "when the time comes—as we know it will come some time, we do not know when and we do not know whence, but we know it will come some time—when you (referring to both the army and navy) are called upon to defend your country, you will do it with mutual helpfulness and comradeship."

This speech of Saturday night, it was stated, was merely an expression of confidence that in the event of war the army and navy would co-operate and stand shoulder to shoulder, each in support of the other, in the cause of the common country both are charged to support and defend.

AS TO THE NEEDS OF ALASKA.

Wants Pioneers and Home Builders and More Roads.

WASHINGTON—Governor Brady of Alaska in his annual report to the secretary of the interior urges provisions for Alaskan representation by a delegate in congress and says that Alaska's main need is for pioneers and home builders. He urges abolishment of the fee system for United States commissioners and extension of the homestead laws. He says congress can do no better thing for Alaska now than to encourage the construction of roads.

Governor Brady says that those who have traveled throughout the territory this year are certain that Alaska today has a less white population than it had in 1900, and that it is migratory, almost simultaneously with "wild ages." In view of these facts the governor deprecates the agitation for a change of government of Alaska from district to territorial, though aspiring to statehood when Alaska fills with a desirable population. He asks what reason there is for requesting congress to organize an expensive system of government that will plunge the Alaskans into debt and all manner of excesses, involving taxation to its utmost limits.

TRIED TO LYNCH MARSHAL.

He Had Accidentally Killed a Man in Quelling a Fight.

BRAZIL, Ind.—An unsuccessful effort was made to take Town Marshal Harmon from the jail here last night, it is believed, for the purpose of lynching him. Harmon was trying to quell a fight at Diamond, a mining town Wednesday night and accidentally shot Dennis McCann, a miner, who later died. Harmon surrendered to the authorities here. Last night four Darlington men arrived at the jail and represented themselves as officers to take Harmon to Rockville for trial. Harmon recognized them as friends of McCann, who had sworn to take his life, and the sheriff refused to give him up. The men returned to Darlington, wrecked the home of his son, Shelby Harmon, and drove his family into the street. They have not been arrested. Harmon was taken to Rockville and placed in jail there.

Fuel and Iron Company Sells.

DENVER—President T. J. Hearne of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company has stated in an interview that the recent transfer of all the fuel properties of that company to the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company was made merely as a convenience from a business point of view. The Rocky Mountain is one of the subsidiary companies organized to assist in carrying on the work of the parent organization, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. The transfer of holdings included thirty-five coal mines.

Prepare to Repel Invasion.

PANAMA.—The Panama gunboat Padilla and the United States gunboat Concord left Tuesday morning for Chiriqui. The Boston and the Panama gunboat Chucuito have left for the gulf of Darien and Chepo river, the Chucuito taking detachments of troops. It is announced that the entrance to the Atrato river at the head of the gulf of Darien is being closely guarded so that any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to send troops through this river will be ineffective.

Takes Aim Before a Mirror.

WASHINGTON—Standing before a looking glass to make sure aim, Joseph Harnie Thibadeau, 61 years of age, of Falls Church, Va., shot himself through the forehead in a local hotel some time between 9 o'clock Saturday and 1 o'clock Sunday. He was formerly a clerk in the paymaster general's office. A letter found on the bureau, believed to have been written just before the suicide, shows Thibadeau to have been in financial straits.

HEARD A RUMOR

COLOMBIAN TROOPS EN ROUTE TO PANAMA.

REPORT FROM ADMIRAL GLASS

Minister from Panama Has a Conference with Acting Secretary of State Loomis—Nature of His Talk is Not Disclosed.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass saying a rumor has reached Panama that a small body of Colombian troops has landed on Colombian territory, with a view to marching overland to the isthmus. Rear Admiral Glass has been unable to confirm the rumor.

M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, had a conference with Acting Secretary of State Loomis, the nature of which he would not disclose. When asked regarding the reported attempt to create a division among the members of the Panama canal company and its probable effect on the ratification of the canal treaty by the United States senate, M. Bunau-Varilla said that while the matter is completed so far as Panama is concerned, it is advisable to move quickly, because delays tend to affect the imagination and that so long as a thing is unsettled complications are likely to arise. He declined to enter into a discussion regarding any action which the Panama Canal company may take.

Some of the Colombian contingent in Washington are of the opinion that the agitation in Paris of this question is simply a reopening of the bitter controversy that raged for some time between the conflicting interests in the original Panama Canal company. The officials here, however, do not see how any regular and orderly proceedings in France can materially affect the relations between the canal company and the United States government, nor do they feel that the engagement between the two to sell the canal between the two states is in the nature of a contract which cannot be broken by either party so long as the other insists regarding it as in force.

General Reyes, Dr. Herran and Wayne MacVeaga were in conference for some time at the Colombian legation, preparing a statement setting out the Colombian position. Rumors are afloat that by this means of settlement, the Colombian are trying to secure a submission to The Hague tribunal of the questions growing out of the separation of Panama, and that this will appear in the statement. It is the intention of the navy department to increase its force in isthmian waters by the addition of a torpedo boat destroyer, which will act as a dispatch boat.

Information has reached the navy department to the effect that the Colombian troops which were said to have landed at the mouth of the Atrato river to march on the isthmus, have been withdrawn.

WILLIAM M. SPRINGER'S WILL.

Leaves Bulk of Property to Wife—Son as Executor.

WASHINGTON—The will of the late Representative William M. Springer of Illinois, filed here Monday, directs that his remains be interred in Oak Edge cemetery, near Springfield, Ill., and the grave be marked by a plain stone, bearing this inscription under his name:

"Member of congress from Illinois, 1875 to 1895, and judge of the United States court for Indian Territory, March 30, 1895, to December 11, 1899."

Mr. Springer expressed the wish that the remains of his wife be interred in the same lot when she dies and that on her tombstone beneath his name shall be inscribed the titles of the books she has written. The bulk of his property is left to his wife, his son, Ruter W. Springer, being named as executor.

Alleged Plot to Dynamite Jail.

CHICAGO—Report of an alleged plot to dynamite the county jail and liberate the four notorious bandits, Neidermeier, Van Dine, Marx and Roeski, was given to the police Tuesday evening. According to the story, which came from a friend of Neidermeier, the explosion was to take place at 8:30 o'clock. An extra number of police in plain clothes were placed around the jail, but nothing happened nor were any suspicious characters seen about the building during the evening.

To Print General Wood's Accounts.

WASHINGTON—Senator Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the senate committee on relations with Cuba, introduced a resolution authorizing the printing of all the accounts of the government of Cuba during American occupation. The resolution is in accord with a request of Secretary Root and will cover the accounts of General Wood as governor general of Cuba.

Anarchist Attempts Murder.

PARIS—Following the arrest here of Paul Brissel, an anarchist, charged with an attempt to murder his employers, the police found a large quantity of anarchist literature in the prisoner's room inciting him to plan the crime. Brissel's declaration that his object was to kill his employers has aroused suspicion that this may be the purpose also of other anarchists with whom he was in correspondence, and who have been placed under police surveillance.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DISCUSS COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Convention of Supervisors Puts in a Busy Day at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND—The state convention of county commissioners and supervisors spent a busy day here. The session was opened at 10 o'clock in the morning and the election of officers was first taken up, resulting in a tight little contest for president. On the fourth ballot Thorpe of Custer county was elected over Gallagher of Hall. Gallagher was elected first vice president, Falter of Plattsmouth secretary, Hofeldt of Omaha treasurer.

It was decided after considerable discussion to select a legislative committee consisting of one member from each county represented at this meeting, each county presenting the name of its member to the secretary, and that such general committee select an executive committee of seven. The committee met after the afternoon session and organized by selecting Mr. Welton of Lancaster as chairman and Mr. Falter as secretary. On motion the chairman, Welton, was authorized to select the committee and took the appointment of the same under advisement temporarily.

Lincoln was chosen as the place for holding the next convention.

THE STATE SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount to Be Apportioned Among the Schools.

LINCOLN—State Treasurer Mortensen has certified to State Superintendent Fowler his statement of school moneys to be used for the semi-annual apportionment among the schools. The item "less warrant 5525, C. F. Scharmann," was the result of an act of the last legislature which required the auditor to draw a warrant to refund to county treasurers moneys paid illegally into the school fund. At the time the law was enacted Treasurer Mortensen held that it was not legal for the auditor to draw such warrants and that he would refuse to cash them. This one for \$4.37 in some way was cashed, having been overlooked, hence is taken out of the apportionment. Mr. Mortensen said he would be careful that no more such would be cashed. The statement in detail follows: State school taxes: \$68,771.94; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$42,791.27; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$56,348.48; interest on United States, county and school district bonds, \$67,682.82; interest on warrants, \$18,038.34; game and fish licenses, \$1,847; embalmers' balance, \$8; total, \$255,487.85; less warrant No. 5525, C. F. Scharmann, \$4.37; balance, \$255,483.48.

Strikes it Rich in Oil.

BEATRICE—Cory Farlow, who returned from Iola, Kan., and the oil and gas regions of the state, says that W. H. Hoffstot, a former merchant of this city who was one of the first men to get in on the ground floor in the oil and gas business in Kansas, is rated now as a millionaire. The morning after the first announcement was made that an oil well had been struck near Iola, Hoffstot appeared on the scene from Kansas City and began buying leases right and left, all of which have since greatly increased in value.

Cottages for Norfolk.

LINCOLN—Members of the state board of public lands and buildings will go to Norfolk to select sites for asylum cottages. The asylum will be rebuilt on the cottage plan.

Lost Wife and \$3,000.

LINCOLN—Fred Greedy of Macedonia lost a wife and \$3,000, according to the decree of Judge Holmes entered on the docket in the district court. He was charged by the wife with cruelty and non-support. An effort will be made to satisfy the decree by getting possession of a farm of the defendant in Iowa.

Steals Thirty Head of Cattle.

KEARNEY—Henry Hartman of Scott township is not a petit larceny thief by any means. Hartman, who is a young man, drove thirty head of fat, sleek cattle into Mason City and the animals were in fine marketable condition he had no difficulty in disposing of them, the purchaser being W. M. Purcell. Mr. Purcell was formerly deputy sheriff of Custer county, and it may be that his experience while occupying that office rendered him of a rather suspicious nature. At any rate he thought the matter over after he had paid Hartman for the cattle and going out into the street he got the young man and took him back into his office, where he acknowledged that the cattle had been stolen. He is in jail.

Will Conduct Experiments.

LINCOLN—At a meeting of the board of regents of the State university it was decided to conduct cooperative experiments with hogs at North Platte, independent of the new sub-station soon to be erected there. The secretary of the board was authorized to correspond with Attorney Wilcox of North Platte regarding the details of the experiment station project. Regent Kenower has resigned as president of the board and Regent Teeters has been selected to preside.

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

Several telephone lines will be constructed in Banner county in the near future.

The Masonic fraternity at Oakland held an informal dedication of their new hall.

The revival meetings at Pierce have come to a close, encouraging results having been attained.

The Security State bank of Homer, incorporated for \$10,000, has opened its doors for business in Homer.

Skinner & Ashley are feeding 3,000 sheep for the spring market on their ranch one mile west of Beaver City.

The Cass county board of insanity has examined a 17-year-old boy named Joseph Rhoden at Greenwood and pronounced him a fit subject for the asylum for insane, to which place he was taken.

A gang of Union Pacific surveyors have been at work northwest of Papillion making a survey for a cut-off which it is alleged will shorten the road between Omaha and Millard by about eight miles.

The offer of W. A. Wolfe to donate \$7,000 to the Y. M. C. A. of Beatrice with certain conditions attached has been accepted by the executive committee and the organization and building is now assured.

While Mr. Dixon's boy and J. K. Vananstin's boy were scuffling at Bennett, young Vananstin was struck in the eye, completely destroying the sight. There is some fear that the boy may lose both eyes.

County Superintendent Wortman of Cass county has sent out notices to the different school authorities in the county calling attention to the county spelling contest which is to be held at Weeping Water on December 19.

Frank Bly, aged 19, and claiming Kearney as his home, was lodged in the city jail at Beatrice, charged with stealing an overcoat valued at \$40 from J. B. Fulton. The garment was found in the young man's possession.

Guthrie (O. T.) dispatch: Governor Ferguson honored a requisition from Governor Mickey of Nebraska for the return to Fremont, Neb., of William Hart, accused of forgery committed, and who is under arrest at Medford, O. T.

A stranger, supposed to be Henry Pratt, who is wanted at Tekamah for stealing a valuable horse and saddle, was arrested in Plattsmouth on the charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace. A reward of \$75 was offered for his arrest.

Eugene Benton, colored, who has been making his home in Plattsmouth for some time, was arrested at the home of "Uncle" Ned Baker upon information from the authorities at Macon, Mo., where he is wanted on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

Frank Berg of Wymore was in stantly killed at the Burlington roundhouse at Beatrice. He was employed as a laborer on the repair track and was jacking up a car when one of the derricks slipped, striking him on the head, crushing his skull and causing instant death.

Two misguided young men, Harry Walters and John Hawkins of McCook, now repose in the county jail at Indianola for having relieved Thomas Plummer of Perry of \$100. They were apprehended at Culbertson and bound over to the March term of the district court.

State Treasurer Mortensen has issued two calls for general fund warrants for the month of December. One for \$40,000 numbered from 92,860 to 93,198, maturing December 15, and a second for \$50,000 maturing December 21. In all probability another call will be made before the end of the month.

Sheriff Housh arrested a young man named Dennis Walker at Ellsworth. He is charged with killing a companion named Cummins, on the Spade ranch, where they both worked. The killing was done with a club, with which Walker struck Cummins over the head. Cummins was removed to Alliance, where he died.

Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Hookstra of Butler county are about to celebrate their eighty-first birthday. Mr. Hookstra's birthday comes Sunday, December 13, and his wife's Wednesday, December 16. Some time ago they divided up \$45,000 between their three children, so as not to be bothered with the care of it, but retaining plenty for their own use.

Mrs. Daisy Trullinger was fatally burned at Nebraska City, dying from the effects of the injuries received. She was trying to kindle a fire with kerosene and the can exploded, throwing oil all over the room and setting fire to her garments. Her infant child was in the room and the woman was suffocated with fire and smoke in trying to carry it from the house. The child was also probably fatally burned.

A young son of Lewis Thomas, living near Beaver City, was seriously wounded in the arm, thigh and breast by the accidental discharge of a shot which he was carrying in a wagon seat. In going down hill the gun slipped from the seat, struck on the doubletree and both barrels were discharged with the above results. He may possibly recover. Warden Beemer has again been disappointed in regard to the steel cells for the penitentiary and they may not arrive for two months yet. The cells are now six months overdue.