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Weekly News Summary

Senator Foraker was re-elected by the Ohio legislature.

Rev. Dr. George McKendra Steele, a well-known educator, died at Kenilworth, Ill.

Richard Croker has retired from the head of Tammany Hall. He is succeeded by Lewis Nixon.

Admiral Schley is making a tour of the south and everywhere he is received with great enthusiasm.

James H. McCreary has been elected by the Kentucky legislature to succeed United States Senator DeBoe.

Twenty-one Filipino officers and enlisted men surrendered to the American troops in the province of Batangas.

The Omaha branch of the Transvaal league has sent \$700 for the relief of the Boers in the British reconcentrado camps.

Congressman Mann of Illinois declares that he will urge a law providing for a national dairy and food commission.

The legislatures of Mississippi and Kentucky have adopted a resolution recognizing Admiral Schley as the hero of Santiago bay.

The king of England, in his address to parliament, assured that body that the South African war was approaching its conclusion.

Arthur P. Gorman was elected by the Maryland legislature as United States senator to succeed Senator George Wellington.

A Washington rumor suggests that Governor W. M. Crane of Massachusetts will become the successor of Secretary of the Navy Long.

The Chinese authorities threaten to deprive the United States of its favored nation privileges if the Chinese exclusion law is re-enacted.

It is announced that the committee of the house on the election of president, will report favorably on the resolution of electing senators by popular vote.

The town of Chilpancingo, Mex., sustained an earthquake on January 16 in which it is reported several hundred people were killed and a large number injured.

Prince Henry of Germany will visit the United States and extraordinary preparations are being made to give the young man a cordial reception to this country.

Representative Lovering of Massachusetts has introduced a bill providing for the pensioning of ex-presidents at the rate of \$25,000 per year from date of retirement.

A bill has been introduced in the lower house seeking to create the territory of Jefferson out of the Indian territory. The bill was referred to a sub-committee.

The Great Western Glass company was incorporated at Springfield, Ill., with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000. It is promised that this organization will fight the glass trust.

The Chicago board of trade has adopted a resolution asking congress to reopen the Schley case and make its own decision as to who was in command in the battle of Santiago.

Chas. T. Yerkes, the Chicago millionaire, claims to have invented a fire-proof railway car. He says he will equip his underground line in London with this car. The results, he thinks, will lessen the danger of accident.

The postoffice department has abolished the postoffice at Kaskaskia, Ill. This was the first capital of the state of Illinois. The ravages of the Mississippi river has had much to do with the destruction of this ancient town.

The Iowa republican legislative caucus selected Senators Allison and Dooliver to succeed themselves. The democratic caucus chose E. H. Thayer of Clinton county and John J. Seerley of Burlington as the democratic candidates.

It is announced that Col. Arthur Lynch, the Irishman who served in the Boer war and was elected to be a member of parliament, is to be arrested on the charge of high treason if he attempts to take his seat.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune reports that the outlook for legislation on the Nicaraguan canal is discouraging because of the confusion that has been caused by those who are opposed to any legislation whatever on the subject.

The president has appointed White-law Reid to be special ambassador to represent the United States at King Edward's coronation; Gen. James S. Wilson of Delaware to represent the army, while Capt. Charles E. Clark, commander of the Oregon, has been selected to represent the navy.

The United States senate has had under consideration a bill creating a department of commerce. The bill has been referred and the indications are that many amendments will be made to the same, all of which amendments will seek to decrease the enormous authority given to this proposed cabinet office by the original bill.

Representative Babcock, the republican congressman from Wisconsin who has had much to say with respect to the placing of products of trusts on the free list, has introduced a bill which puts a number of trust products on the free list. The bill is a serious disappointment to those who expected much from Congressman Babcock on this line.

With the Paragraphers

Philadelphia Public Ledger: Kipling's poetical scolding may be needed at home, but it is a severe test of his popularity there.

Houston Post: It's a good thing Russell Sage hasn't got to pass on that canal project. Nothing would ever make him favor a dig.

Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat: England is going to supply false teeth to thousands of her soldiers. Yet England has bit off more than her troops can chew.

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