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EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Timely Mention of the Doings of the National Congress, Departmental and Executive Official Actions, and Movements of Army and Navy.

Wednesday, March 29.

An official report of the customs service at Havana shows a gratifying condition of affairs.

General Otis has made no report to the war department of the wounding of General Hale, reported from Denver.

General Otis has purchased all gunboats in the Philippines. There are thirteen of them. They will be used in service against the natives.

The principal result of Alger's visit to Cuba has been the quelling of the Cuban assembly. He absolutely ignored the body and refused to receive its members.

Rear Admiral Howison, on completion of his duties as a member of the examining board in Washington, will proceed to the Chicago at Norfolk and hoist his flag as commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic station.

The vacancy in the colonelcy of the Twenty-second regiment caused by the death of Colonel Egbert, will be filled by the promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel John W. French of the Twenty-third, who is now with his regiment in the Philippines.

Dr. Godfrey Hunter, United States minister to Guatemala, who is in Louisville, is taking steps to save the life of Churchill Guttry, an American under sentence of death in Honduras for filibustering. Guttry was formerly a lawyer at Marshall, Mo.

Indian Agent Mathewson of the Winnebago agency and W. E. Peebles of Pender left Washington last night. They are confident that allotments to Indian children will be made and that this will have the effect of opening up the land to occupancy by gentlemen holding leases.

Captain O'Neill, chief of the ordnance bureau of the navy department, has forwarded to the secretary for his approval a form of circular for bids for armor for the battleship Maine and the four monitors authorized last spring and the three battleships and three armored cruisers authorized by the last naval appropriation bill.

Thursday, March 30.

Ex-Senator George F. Gray of Delaware has been appointed United States circuit judge for the Third district.

Commander J. M. Forsyth has been assigned to the command of the Baltimore at Manila, vice Captain Dyer, who has been invalidated home.

The formal order retiring Rear Admiral Robeson, under the provisions of the personnel act, was issued yesterday. This retirement will promote Capt. Benjamin F. Day to the rank of rear admiral.

The following Nebraskans have been admitted to practice before the interior department: Joseph D. Hamilton, Geneva; Admet H. Bowen, Hastings; A. G. Wolfenbarger and F. A. Williams, Lincoln; Joel Hull, Minden; Francis E. Brown, Syracuse; David P. Henry, Tecumseh.

Captain Peabody, aide to General Ludlow, arrived from Havana yesterday and presented to the president a large silk banner, the gift of General Perfecto Lacoeste, mayor of Havana, and president of the "Junta patriótica." With the banner was presented a letter expressive of the gratitude and good will of the Cuban people to President McKinley and the American people.

Washington officials were yesterday more interested in the fighting at Samoa than they were about affairs at Manila. It is alleged the German consul started the trouble by issuing a pronouncement upholding the provisional government of which the deposed Mataafa is the head, as against the rightful king Malietoa. Mataafa's advance toward the American and British consulates caused the American cruiser Philadelphia and the British cruisers Royalist and Porpoise to bombard the native villages along the coast. While the officials do not fear complications with Germany, the situation is grave enough to cause some uneasiness, and may result in the recall of all three consuls.

Friday, March 31.

Admiral Kautz's bombardment of Apia is upheld by Washington authorities.

Ex-Secretary Sherman is resting comfortably at his residence in Washington.

The secretary of the interior has issued an order postponing for an indefinite time the sale of timber lands on the Chippewa Indian reservation.

The commissions of a large number of postmasters appointed by the president since the adjournment of congress will be signed at once by the president and postmaster-general.

The strained conditions at Samoa are becoming less tense. It is said that Mataafa will be banished, as this will be necessary to preserve the status quo.

Consul-General De Leon at Guayaquil reports to the state department that the general change to a gold basis has finally driven Ecuador to adopt the same course, its congress just having passed a law which within two years will place the monetary system on a gold basis.

Unless the Cuban assembly comes down off its high horse, and agrees to the settlement between the United States and General Gomez, the \$3,000,000 that has been forwarded to Cuba to pay the Cuban troops will be sent back to the State, and the assembly will have to whistle for its pay.

The modus vivendi to be recognized on the Alaskan boundary as proposed by the United States has been referred to the Canadian authorities as well as to the British foreign office, and until word comes from both quarters it will not be known whether the modus is to be established. The impression prevails, however, that as soon as Canada has expressed approval the British foreign office will speedily give official consent.

Saturday, April 1.

John Sherman is still improving. The war department is hurrying home the volunteer troops now in Cuba.

The president has laid the foundation for a purely Cuban merchant marine.

The revenue cutter McCulloch, now at Mare Island, is likely to be ordered back to Manila.

A cabinet session was held yesterday. The Nicaragua commission and Paris exposition were discussed.

The delegates from Cuban assembly failed to get more than the \$3,000,000 already provided to pay Cuban troops.

It has been decided at Washington that volunteers in the Philippines will not be mustered out until they can be spared.

A joint high commission to settle the entire Samoan trouble has been practically agreed upon by the United States, British and German governments.

Sunday, April 2.

The unclaimed dead from Cuba and Porto Rico will be buried in Arlington cemetery.

Otis has sent word to Washington that the dead cannot now be sent home on account of climatic conditions.

War department officials are very much gratified at the conditions existing in the Philippines. It is deduced from the dispatches received from General Otis that there is little left of the army of Aguinaldo and that his troops do not want to face the American soldiers.

Arrangements have been made for the sailing on May 11 of ex-President Harrison and ex-Secretary Tracey for Paris, where they will act as counsel for Venezuela before the international court of arbitration which meets in Paris on May 25. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer, who are arbitrators, will probably go at the same time.

Monday, April 3.

An extra session of congress is predicted. The torpedo boat Somers, bought in England before the war, will be brought over on the deck of a freighter.

The navy department has issued the circular calling for bids for the armor plate for the new war vessels. Proposals will be opened May 31.

A delegation of Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indians are at Washington to seek to have the allotment of their lands deferred until the next generation.

The glorious old sloop-of-war Hartford, from whose wooden sides thundered the guns of Farragut, is to be made an effective part of our navy. She has lately been overhauled at the Mare Island navy yard, and a modern battery has been placed on board.

Tuesday, April 4.

The blankets issued to the soldiers of our army cost the government \$3.46 each.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a first dividend of 20 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National bank of Nellig, Neb., on claims proved, amounting to \$99,484.

The regular Easter-Monday egg-rolling brought hosts of children to the White house grounds yesterday to enjoy the hospitality of the president. The marine band gave a concert for the little folks, and President and Mrs. McKinley enjoyed the fun from the portico.

There is an impression among military officers here that when Secretary Alger returns from Cuba some important changes will be made among the officials there. Gen. Ludlow has not proved a popular governor of Havana. He is too much of an autocrat and dictator, and although Gen. Brooke has given greater satisfaction he is not entirely satisfactory. There is an expectation that Gen. James H. Wilson and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee will succeed them.

The annexation of Nicaragua to the United States, more or less talked of, is not a new proposition. It has been suggested from time to time for more than half a century, and in his last message to congress President Zelaya took advanced grounds in favor of such an arrangement. An extract from the document was printed in these dispatches at the time. Annexation would, of course, settle the canal problem and would give us a very rich colony with natural resources that are almost incomparable but have lain undeveloped because of the political disturbances that have continued ever since independence was established.

Fox Hunting on Wheels.

Among other uses to which the cycle is put is that of following hounds and the cyclist is by no means a novelty at most of the numerous meets in England. Those who follow hounds in the orthodox way do not welcome him any more than they do the miscellaneous assemblage that, on foot and otherwise, tries to see a little of the sport. With a good knowledge of the country, the roads and the footpaths, however, the cyclist is often far from being "out of the hunt," for though thrown out at times by the fox taking an unfavorable line, he can get well to the front when a stretch of good road falls opportunely in his way.—Chicago News.

False 'Uns.

As a rule the hospital patient looks up to his medical attendant, especially to the visiting surgeon or physician, with implicit confidence and a good deal of wholesome awe and reverence. His anxiety to help the doctor in every way is sometimes unintentionally comic. A senior surgeon says a writer in the Cornhill, was lecturing a class of students on different appearances of the teeth. "Here, gentlemen, in these two teeth we have well-marked symptoms of—" Patient (interrupting in a deprecating manner)—"But please, sir, them two false 'uns."

Fractional Charity of a King.

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, always ready with his purse in the promotion of scientific research, appears to have rendered a great service to mankind by having, at his own expense, caused a deaf and dumb man to be trained under a certain system of massage of throat, ears, etc., advocated by a great Swedish surgeon with the result that the lucky patient has begun to speak and can hear.

WIDE WORLD NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF VITAL INTEREST.

A Brief Summary of Events in Which People are Deeply Interested—Short Sentences Conveying a World of Information to Our Readers.

Tuesday, March 28.

The Fifteenth Minnesota regiment has been mustered out.

Ambassador Choate is suffering from a bad cold at London.

W. J. Bryan addressed the Arkansas legislature at Little Rock.

A heavy snow is falling in Illinois. It is fourteen inches deep at Pana.

The transport Cook, bringing back the dead from Santiago and Porto Rico is due at New York today.

The Armor Curled Hair and Felt works at Chicago burned. Six persons are missing. Loss \$400,000.

The United States Castiron Pipe company has completed its organization with a capital stock of \$30,000,000.

Articles of incorporation of the Compressed Air Traction company have been filed at Trenton, N. J. The capital stock is \$15,000,000.

The Klondike Exposition company has just been organized under Canadian and New York auspices to exploit to the world at the Paris exposition a perfect representation of life and work in the Yukon territory.

Wednesday, March 29.

Missouri and Kansas had a snow storm yesterday.

A mob at Holton, Kansas, lynched Henry Sanderson for murdering Mrs. Fleischer.

General Eagan has been called to Washington to testify before the beef inquiry board.

Members of the Cuban assembly want \$10,000,000 for Cuban soldiers, claiming that \$3,000,000 is not enough.

The cruiser Chicago, with ex-Secretary Sherman on board arrived at Hampton roads. Sherman is better.

Evidence came to light yesterday in the Pennsylvania legislative investigation that Quayites offered members money to vote for Quay.

At Kingston, Jamaica, American sailors of the Texas got into a disturbance over the absence of the New York at the time Cerera's fleet was destroyed, and one or two were dangerously wounded. It required over two hours to quell the trouble.

The United States Philippine commission proposes to issue a proclamation immediately after the rebel government at Malolos is dispersed, believing that the most effective moment to secure the allegiance of the natives will be after they have received an object lesson of the American power.

Officials of the Kansas penitentiary near Leavenworth, working in conjunction with peace officials in other sections of the state, have run down a band of alleged criminals whose operations are said to have extended over a large part of Kansas. Crimes charged include murder, horse stealing, burglary and counterfeiting.

The American troops under General McArthur are pressing the Filipinos under Aguinaldo north to Malolos, although it is pretty hot weather. They are anxious to strike a decisive blow and end the trouble. Aguinaldo will make a stand at Malolos, and is reported as saying if defeated he will quit. The battle is expected to occur Thursday.

Thursday, March 30.

Rudyard Kipling's father arrived from England yesterday and went to see his son. The meeting was affecting.

The supreme court of Indiana holds that if a man marries a woman who is indebted to him the marriage discharges the debt.

The steamer Rowena Lee sank in the Mississippi opposite Tyler, Mo., and the crew and about 35 or 40 passengers were lost. The boat was broken in two by a boiler explosion.

In an engagement yesterday within sight of Malolos, the Filipinos capital, the First Nebraska had one man killed and eleven wounded while performing the remarkable feat of swimming the river and attacking the enemy in force.

Claude Holladay, one of the mail clerks injured in the Santa Fe wreck at Lang, Kas., in 1897, has just settled with the company. He received \$11,500. This is said to be the largest sum paid a mail clerk by a railroad for injuries sustained in a wreck.

The trouble at Apia, Samoa, growing out of the election of a king, has resulted in the bombardment of native villages along the shore by the U. S. cruiser Philadelphia and British ships Royalist and Porpoise. No international complications are likely to ensue.

Timothy Reardon, who served as gunner on the United States ship Kearsarge during its famous battle with the confederate privateer Alabama, outside the harbor of Cherbourg, France, and who later served under Farragut in Mobile bay, is dead in Brooklyn, aged sixty-one.

General McArthur's division is pressing northward from Manila. The third day of fighting resulted in nothing of a decisive character. It is learned that the insurgents were led by Aguinaldo in person on Monday. The American forces are proceeding north along the railroad. The western troops are proving to be the sturdiest fighters. Nebraska's First is distinguishing itself. The 22d infantry which was shot to pieces at Santiago is getting the worst of it in the Philippines. It is hoped the worst is over.

France and England have settled their African trouble. The agreement reached disposes of hundreds of thousands of square miles, apportioning it between them on a satisfactory basis.

Bob Burdette, the humorist, and Miss Clara T. Baker of Los Angeles were married yesterday. They will live at Pasadena, where Burdette will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church.

O. E. Westenhaver, a prominent attorney of North Baltimore, O., was murdered at Bowling Green, O., by Paul and John Zeltner, against whom he was trying a case. The Zeltners were arrested. Mob law is not feared.

Friday, March 31.

Kansas and Missouri were swept by a blizzard.

The whisky interests are soon to consolidate.

The administration upholds Admiral Kautz in his action in Samoa.

In a wreck on the Burlington at Parkville, Mo., seven people were injured. Bandits tortured Thomas Crocker and wife, an aged couple near Columbus, O., and secured \$97.

A plot against the life of the czar of Russia has been unearthed. It is said his mother was implicated.

Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy was found guilty of murdering Dollie Reynolds in the Grand hotel at New York.

The American forces under General MacArthur took Malolos, the Filipino capital, yesterday. The American loss was considerable.

The president has not yet selected the persons whom he wants to represent the United States at the international disarmament congress.

The Ohio state archeological and historical society has undertaken to secure the title to and possession of the property known as Spigel Grove at Fremont, O., the home of the late ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, with a view to preserving it as a memorial.

Saturday, April 1.

A Carlist uprising is imminent in Spain and 30,000 Spanish reserves have been called out.

The Pacific Folding Box company at San Francisco burned out, entailing a property loss of \$500,000.

The steamer Stella struck on the Casquet rocks in the English channel and foundered in ten minutes. Sixty persons were drowned.

Papers were filed at Trenton, N. J., increasing the capital stock of the American Tolsoeco company from \$3,500,000 to \$70,000,000.

A wealthy Frenchman named Tourret was shot dead on the Bois du Bologne, Paris by a fellow named Ozouf, whom Tourret greatly resembled.

The Boston commercial Bulletin announces that efforts are making to form a trust of all the leading carpet mills of the county. The combination will be financed from Boston and New York.

A. J. Crawford, president of the Targe Haute Iron and Steel and Wash Iron companies, has had the abstracts of title to his extensive plants examined with the avowed purpose of entering the iron trust.

Old Glory now floats over Malolos. The Twentieth Kansas and First North Dakota had a race to see which would be the first to hoist the flag. Colonel Funston of the Kansas was the first to do so, he claims, but the Dakotans were the first to secure official recognition.

Sunday, April 2.

The spring session of the Mexican congress has convened.

Germans are angry at England because of the Samoan trouble.

Police at San Francisco made a successful raid of gambling houses.

Vice President Hobart is suffering from grip and confined to his home.

Two more bodies have been found in the ruins of the Armour felt works at Chicago.

General Otis will continue an active campaign. The Filipinos are keeping under cover.

Vermonters are to erect a statue of Admiral Dewey. It will be placed at the entrance of the state house.

A letter from Guatemala dated March 18 says the inauguration of Manuel Estrada Cabrera as president was attended with imposing ceremonies.

The telegraphers on the Union Pacific system and the officials of the company have arrived at an understanding and have signed an agreement regulating wages and hours and conditions of labor.

One of the largest transactions in Texas cattle since the first of the year, has just been closed at San Antonio. Charles L. Ware of Fort Worth sold to Humphrey & Zeltz of Nebraska 11,000 head of cattle for \$100,000 or \$18 per head. Delivery will begin May 15 for shipment to Nebraska.

Monday, April 3.

Senators Quay and Penrose held a conference yesterday. They deny it having any special significance.

Miss Marie Wilson of Augusta, Kan., killed herself because her lover was killed in the battle near Malolos.

A messenger boy has left London with a dispatch to a man in California, to rival the trip of the boy Jagers to New York recently.

The flag on the Shamrock, the challenge of the America's cup, will be a green sprig of Shamrock on a gold ground, with a green border.

Mrs. W. D. Owen, wife of the secretary of state of Indiana, dropped dead in the cars while enroute home from Mexico. The fatality occurred near Texarkana, Ark.

The American troops under General MacArthur are still resting at Malolos, where everything has been quiet to date. Hostilities elsewhere, so far as officially reported have been limited during the last twenty-four hours to an occasional exchange of shots between the insurgents and the troops.

Tuesday, April 4.

The pottery trust is a failure. Its projectors lost a fortune in trying to organize it.

The pope had a fainting spell yesterday. Great efforts were made to keep the fact quiet.

At Chicago James Brown, a brutal husband was stabbed to death by his wife. He had beaten and kicked her.

McKinley has issued a proclamation relating to the funeral of the soldier dead to be buried in Arlington cemetery.

The town of Bronson, Kan., will hold no election today. No steps were taken to prepare ballots or candidates, and unless present officers hold over, the town will be without government for two years.

A battle has taken place at Holguin, Cuba, between the bandits and men of the Second Immune regiment, two outlaws and one soldier being killed. Further trouble is anticipated at Holguin and Guantanamo.

KING OSCAR AS UMPIRE.

Will Have Deciding Votes in Settling Samoan Question.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A joint high commission to settle the entire Samoan trouble has been practically agreed upon by the United States, British and German governments. Lord Salisbury's absence from London alone delays the formal acceptance by Great Britain, though, in his absence, Sir Thomas Sanderson and Mr. Villiers, who are understood to be specially familiar with the Samoan question, have approved the plan for a commission. The United States has informally expressed its approval, and the formal acceptance, it is learned from the highest quarters, will follow speedily. As the proposition emanates from Germany, her approval, of course, is assured. This high commission, it is felt, affords a pacific solution to the whole trouble at the moment when Samoan affairs began to look the most threatening.

The new plan has been fully gone over by Secretary Hay and the British and German ambassadors here, and its essential details worked out. Each nation is to be represented by one member on the commission. It is to have practically unlimited authority, without the necessity of referring its decisions back to the several governments for approval. It is felt that by conferring such complete and final authority on the high commission, the danger will be obviated of any further deadlocks and delays.

Still another important provision under consideration is that King Oscar of Norway and Sweden shall be the umpire in case the three high commissioners should fail to reach a determination. The plan of inviting King Oscar to referee a disagreement meets the approval of the British and German authorities, and doubtless will be approved also by the United States as a means of insuring finality of decision, though it is not known just how far this has been considered by the Washington authorities.

King Oscar was agreed upon between the United States and Great Britain as a final arbitrator in connection with the proposed Anglo-American arbitration treaty, as well as in the Venezuela matter. He is also mentioned in the treaty of Berlin as the one to name a chief justice of Samoa in case the three signatory powers fail to agree on a chief justice. It was this that led to the suggestion of his name at the present time to act as final arbitrator. The expectation is that the sittings of the commission will be in Samoa, where for the time being they will have complete authority over the whole range of Samoan affairs, so far as the high commission may think fit to act in order to fully restore order and establish affairs on a stable basis. It will require no treaty to bring the commission into existence, as the acceptances of the United States and Great Britain will complete the agreement.

SCIENTIFIC PARTY WRECKED.

Smithsonian Institution Expedition Meets Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—News has been received here of the loss of the schooner Stella Ehrland, which sailed from here on the 20th of last month with a party of scientists sent out by the Smithsonian institute to investigate animal and marine life in the tropics. The little vessel was commanded by Professor A. W. Anthony, and was wrecked off the coast of Lower California. All on board were saved, but the valuable collection of specimens gathered by the party was lost.

PARTY BORN IN PORTO RICO.

Radicals Organize and Call Themselves Republican.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 3.—A new political party has been born—"the Republican party of Porto Rico." Though the party was organized by the radicals, under the leadership of Manuel Kossy, it has for its object the association of all political elements on this island, and they have agreed upon a platform which is pronounced to be faultless in its Americanism. It pledges the support of its members to the American constitution, asks for free trade with the United States, the gold standard of values, and demands teaching of the English language.

VICTIMS OF WINDSOR FIRE.

Forty Dead Bodies Have Been Taken From the Ruins.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The total dead of the Windsor hotel fire now number forty-one. Of these thirty are unidentified bodies and portions of bodies at the morgue. Body No. 30 was taken to the morgue yesterday. It consists of seven small bones, entirely denuded of flesh and much charred. The number of missing is forty-three. The funeral of the victims of the fire will take place on Monday or Tuesday next at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

Naval Stores Reach Manila.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A cable message was received from Admiral Dewey to-day announcing the arrival at Manila of the Celtic, a naval store ship.

Making Glove Contests Legal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Governor Gage has signed the Rickard bill, which legalizes prize fighting contests up to twenty rounds. Under this bill duly incorporated clubs can promote contests after paying an annual license, the amount of which is to be fixed by county supervisors.

Colonel Anderson Made Brigadier.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Colonel Thomas M. Anderson has been appointed brigadier general in the regular army to succeed Edwin V. Sumner, retired.

SAM E. LOW DEAD.

Lancaster District Court's Popular Clerk Called Home Early.

Sam E. Low, clerk of the district court for Lancaster county, died at midnight Sunday night, at Las Cruces, New Mexico, of consumption. Mr. Low had been taken from Denver to Las Cruces last week, arriving there on Thursday.

Mr. Low has been away from Lincoln for several months, spending most of his time in the health resorts of Colorado. Recently his health had been failing rapidly, and last week a change of climate was sought in the hope that life might be prolonged. Mr. Low was thirty-three years of age, and was born in Illinois. He was a graduate from the Hayworth, Ill., high school at the age of sixteen years, and later attended college at Hanover, Ind. He came to Lincoln in 1887, and was for a time engaged in newspaper work here for an Omaha paper. Later he accepted a position as clerk in the office of Governor Thayer, where he remained until 1889. In 1895 he was elected clerk of the district court, which office he held at the time of his death. Had he lived his term of office would have expired January 3, 1900. Mr. Low's parents live at Stuttgart, Ark. He has three brothers and one sister living.

Deputy J. H. Mallalieu was appointed by the county commissioner to fill the vacancy. C. O. Boettcher was appointed deputy by Mr. Mallalieu.

JANSEN BADLY SCORCHED.

Half of the Business Part of the Town Is Destroyed.

Fire destroyed about half of the business portion of the town of Jansen on the Rock Island, at an early hour last Saturday morning. Seven stores were entirely destroyed, including Conrad Bruer's big general store, the postoffice, a butcher shop, barbershop, restaurant and other small stocks. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Bears an Old Date.

A patent for land, issued to Charles Callahan, private in Captain Mead's company of Louisiana volunteers, dated May 10, 1864, and signed "Abraham Lincoln, by W. D. Stoddard, secretary," was filed for record with the register of deeds for Lancaster county last Monday. The land is described as the north one-half of the southeast quarter of section seven, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section eight, township eight, range seven, in the district of land to be sold at Nebraska City, and containing 120 acres.

Cracked the Safe.

When postmaster Clark went to the postoffice Wednesday morning he beheld the lower panels pried out of the back door, and the door blown off the iron safe and all his postage stamps and about \$18 in pennies gone. The door of the safe was lying on the opposite side of the room. A lot of tools from Mr. Mitchell's shop were strewn on the postoffice floor, as evidence of how the burglars got in. Mr. Clark says he does not know whether it was done by someone in the neighborhood or by strangers.—Greenwood Gazette.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Clem and Tom Wilson, the two lawyers who left Johnson some weeks ago to locate at Geneva, and who were arrested recently, had their preliminary examination before County Judge Lambert and were bound over in the sum of \$700 each. They are charged with embezzling \$500, the proceeds of a mortgage given them for collection by Mrs. Hickey.

Wheeler Wanted.

Myron E. Wheeler of Lincoln has been offered a position in the war department by Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn. It was said that the offer was in the nature of an order to for duty at once at Havana, and that the salary attaching would be something like \$2,000 per year. It was stated that Mr. Wheeler would probably accept.

Fire at Beemer.

Fire at Beemer destroyed the stores of Decker & Smith and the Woods block adjoining. The loss is large. The building in which Decker & Smith had their general store was owned by F. J. Fitzgerald, real estate agent. Mr. Woods expects to rebuild at once. What the others will do is not known.