IN AMERICAN SAMOA

Something About The People Lately Taken Into Our National Family.

days ago,Uncle Sam annexes 384 square miles of additional Pacific island territory, and makes 5,200 more Malay-Polynesians American subjects. The five islands falling to us are hardly a fourth the area of the entire Samoan group, yet in many respects we get a very generous third. Tutuila, the largest of these five now our territory. contains 240 square miles, and is, therefore, only a seventh the area of Long Island. Savaii and Upolou, which fall to Germany, are each more than double its extent. Nevertheless Tutuila is more suited to our wants than either of these. Although it is barely mentioned in popular literature on Samoa, the state department has stowed away in its files several extensive descriptions from representatives who have explored it. Their accounts attest that it offers better facilities for a naval station than any island in the Pacific ocean. Pago Pago, its magnificent bay ceded to us as far back as 1872. is the most completely landlocked harbor in the world. It is by far the largest and safest in the entire group, while that of Apia, ceded to Germany, is treacherous and ill-protected against storm, as proved by the great disaster of a few years ago. Pago Pago, formed by a submerged volcanic crater, extends two miles inland, and can contain our entire navy, sheltered against hurricane by perpendicular walls of rock, in many places 1,000 feet high. It lies in an almost direct line between San Francisco and Australia, and nearly in the path of vessels plying between the Philippines and the proposed Nicaraguan or Panama canals. Considering this magnificent location and the fact that the navy last year began preparations to utilize this bay for a coaling and supply station, it would have been folly to have ceded it with Tutuila to Germany in exchange for a larger island.

Americans in Tutuila will enjoy the most beautiful scenery of the Samoan islands. Here and there their eyes will feast upon grottoes and natural fountains. At many points liquid lava, irregularly cooled, has formed great caverns opening toward the sea and often communicating inland with the upper levels of the cliffs through hollow shafts of natural formation. Although there is considerable rain during the year to keep the soil moist, there is no dreary rainy season, as in the West Indies or Philippines. The eternal summer keeps vegetable life at

Uncle Sam's 3,700 new subjects in Tutuila are independent of the two goyal houses of Malietoa and Tupea, which have waged the troublesome native wars. This fact alone will be advantageous to us. The Tutuilans are governed by their own hereditary chiefs, Fulmora, Tutele, Statele and Le Tun, each of whom reigns over a district. Above them all is Maunga,the great chief of the whole island. These tribes are descended from one great family, known as Leatou. What has been published in regard to the natives of the larger Samoan islands applies to them generally. They are Malay-Polynesians, like the Tagals in the Philippines, but are a higher type,men-

By the partition of Samoa, a few | still practiced to some extent on the sly, although no man lives with more than one wife at a time. When he tires of one spouse he calmly packs her off to her mother and takes an-

with cocoanuts, while the mountains are prolific in breadfruit trees and bananas. There being no fresh water on the island the people drink cocoanut milk, or from brackish springs. This probably accounts for the drinking restrictions applied to King Tui.

The largest cocoanuts of the world are grown on Manua island, according to A. B. Sternberger, who once visited it as special agent in behalf of the state department. The great shells are used as water vessels. The natives, although Christianized like their ruler, other. Although the Tutuilans can are very primitive and have little in-



MEN HELP TO NURSE AND COOK IN SAMOA.

two hundred men, can throw up earthworks and use firearms, they can be kept in order by a small garrison in time of threatening trouble. The reputed savagery and bloodthirstiness of these people caused their island until late years to be always avoided by ships going to Samoa. Information collected by the missionaries, however, indicates that this reputation was undeserved. In 1787, La Perouse, a French explorer, landed off Tutuila. A boat containing twelve of his crew was attacked in a small bay, off the southwest coast, and all were massacred by a traveling party of natives from Uposacre bay, and the Tutuilans have always received credit for the crime.

The Samoan partition added to our list of potentate subjects a real live king, who will probably be treated with the same policy as applied to the sultan of Sulu. This king, Tui Manua, rules over the island of Manua, or Tau, as it is often called, the largest of a small group of three islands, sixty miles east of Tutuila. Although Manua was classed among the Samoan group, the native subjects of King Tui have always made their own laws and have kept to themselves.

Their potentate, although a Christian, is not permitted to walk, to drink

build barricaded war canoes, holding | tercourse with the outer world. They carry oil and copra in open boats to Apia or Pago Pago for barter.

All of these new possessions are free from dangerous animals. In the mountains exist a few wild dogs, believed to be descendants of domestic species left by visiting sailors. Wild hogs also roam in herds in the forests, and the natives say that they antedate the first white visitors. Other fauna are the vampire bat, the flying fox, sometimes four feet from tip to tip of wings, and the remarkable toothbill pigeon, with three teeth upon each side of its lower mandible. The principal fishes are the dolphin, monito and

The most valuable commercial product of Tutuila, Annu and Manua group is the cocoanut palm, from which copra, used in the manufacture of cocoanut oil, is obtained by drying the kernel of the fruit. While the cocoanut crops of the two large islands ceded to Germany has been greatly reduced during the native wars, that of the islands now belonging to us remains unharmed. The breadfruit tree, grown in great abundance, will always supply the natives with their staple article of diet. The fruit furnishes their staff of life, while the wood furnishes the framework of their dome-shaped huts.

SMOKING BY WOMEN.

It Has Become a Common Practice in

"While I was in London last the great capitals of the continent. The change is particularly noticeable to an infrequent visitor like myself."-

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

FORGETTING NAMES leaves One in a Most Awkward and

Mortifying Situation. Among the minor mental complaints

with which we are sometimes afflicted. especially in society, is what might be called social aberration, the symptoms being a curious stoppage of the current of thought, which causes us suddenly file PAST SEVEN DAYS IN DETAIL. to be completely oblivious of the sub ject of conversation and which leaves us ridiculously at loss for an intelligent rejoinder to the remarks of any one with whom we may be talking. says the New York Tribune. One of the many phases of this peculiarity is the forgetting of names with which we ought to be perfectly familiar, leaving us in a most awkward and mortifying situation. This sudden forgetfulness may affect the young as well as the old, but of course with the latter it is immediately ascribed to mental failure. "You know what gracious manners Mrs. X. has," remarked one of her acquaintances, speaking of a certain, grand dame. "It was too funny, the other day, at one of her receptions, to see her introduce a visitor to a friend of hers who was stopping in the house She began with the friend: 'My dear, I want to present to you Mrs. and then she stopped. I knew in an instant by the expression of her face that she had forgotten the name. Hastily mumbling something she recovered her self-possession and proceeded, 'I know you will be mutually interested,' she continued, with a happy inspiration of memory, 'as you are both so fond of music. My friend, Mrs. ---,' here she stopped again. In her agitation she had forgotten the

other name. Another mumble, and then concluding with the words, 'a rare F. N. Merwin, of Beaver City, secreperformer,' she sailed off with dignified and apparent unconsciousness. The two women looked at each other and laughed, having grasped the situation. I am Mrs. Smith,' said one, and 'I am Mrs. Brown,' replied the guest of the house. 'Poor, dear Mrs. X.! Her memory is not as good as it used to be.' People have even been known to forget their own names on occasions, without any other sign of mental trouble, and a case of a young woman ing it. The officers are all of the who forgot the name of her flancee when asked to introduce him to an and profit any meeting held in years. acquaintance shows that it is not a The sessions will be held this year at acquaintance shows that it is not a failing of old age. It is simply a curi- the Lindell. ous little lapse of memory to which we are all liable.

SLY OLD MULE.

Made the Soldiers Shrick with Laughter -Had His Own Way.

"A pack mule that has seen service gets very cunning," said an ex-soldier in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. 'I remember we had one old fellow who had been in the army for twelve or fifteen years, and he knew as much as most of the men. He was occasionally used as leader, and was very fond of that job, because in that case he had no load to carry. To see him maneuvering to get to the front was very comical. The regulation pack learn to size it up to a nicety, refusing the point of testifying for the defense to carry anything more. For that but the attorneys for the state wanted reason they are blindfolded while being loaded, otherwise they would be developed that Pope was too ill to atcontinually looking around to see whether the pack was inside the limit On one occasion we received a coffin to nervous prostration, have weighed to be sent to Siboney, and the old mule him down until he is nearly a physireferred to was selected to carry it. cal wreck. The coffin weighed only twenty-five pounds, but the mule must have concluded from its size that it weighed a ton,and he immediately began to groan in the most pitiful manner, exactly like a human being. When the coffin was put on his back he pretended to stagger and sagged down as if he were carrying a ten-inch gun. At the same time he turned his head and looked at me with a mournful expression that was as easily read as so much print 'Good heavens,' he seemed to say, 'are you going to allow me to be crushed by this enormous burden?' We were shricking with laughter and tried to make him take his place in line, but not an inch would he budge. Finally he deliberately rolled over and knocked the coffin off. That settled it. We let the old rascal take the bell, and l could almost hear him chuckling as it was looped around his neck. Another mule was then blindfolded and took on the coffin without trouble."

Future of Austria-Hungary. Bitter race quarrels raging in Austria-Hungary have led European polities to predict the ultimate absorption of the two parts of Germany and Russia. There are many people who be lieve that the Kaiser and the Czar have an understanding on the subject. At present the Germans and Slavs hate each other so cordially that they are held together only by their common affection for Emperor Franz Josef. He is old, and when he dies the difference will become more keen. In Aus tria itself the Czechs and Germans are at daggers' point all the time. The Austrians are Germans and in sympathy with the German empire. Or the other hand the Czechs and the Magyars have more in common with the great Slavonic nation to their north and east. At present the situation is not ripe for a dissolution, but when it comes, as is likely after the death of the Emperor, the general belief of European statesmen is that independence of the parts would be short.

Bicycle Riding in China.

Civilization is at length on the march in China. In the advanced town of Soochow it is reported that so many young Chinamen have taken to riding the bicycle that the authorities have forbidden the practice to all except foreigners, missionaries and con-

NEWS OF THE STATE

Ordinary and Extraordinary Happenings.

Orlef Summary of State Doings State. County and Municipal News of Importance to Our Busy Readers -Big Items Boiled Down.

Wednesday, December 13. On the night of December 6 burglars roke into the stores of Sudman & Fish ompany and A. S. Swanson at Chappell, for the third time within seven

weeks, and stole several pairs of shoes, pants and overcoats. Mr. Fish of the Sudman & Fish company got track o the burglar at Julesburg. Colo., next morning and followed him to Cozad where he was caught with the goods, The officers of the board of managers

of the state board of agriculture met recently at Lincoln for the purose of discussing matters relative to holding a street fair in Lincoln in 1900. The board has experienced a complete change of sentimentas regards holding a state street fair in connection with the Lincoln festivities of that nature. The idea was abandoned as impracticable. The board will now make the people of Lincoln a proposition as to what is needed before a street fair can be held.

W. N. Huse of Norfolk, president of the Nebraska state press association: tary of the same organization. and N J. Ludi of Republican City, D. H. Cronin of O'Neill and J. C. Seacrest of Lincoln, members of the executive committee, held a session at the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, to arrange for the annual meeting of the editors of the state, which is to be held at Lincoln on January 23 and 24. The program was put together as far as possible and arrangements were made for completopinion that it will excel in interest

Thursday, December 14.

A rig valued at \$300 was stolen from the farm of Herman Rusmond, two and one-half miles north of Bancroft. The rig consisted of a pair of very large black mules owned by Rusmond, with harness and top carriage, the property of S. A. Hathaway.

Josephus Moore, a farmer and a Nebraska pioneer, living four miles west of Elm Creek, was run over and severely injured by the team of another man. The two were husking corn in the same field. One ear was cut off and he was injured internally and may not

At Fremont, in the case of the state against Ed Jerome, for the attempted Pope present during the testimony It tend and court adjourned. Pope's wounds, together with something akin

Charles A. Tawney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tawney, residing seven miles southwest of Cedar Bluffs, committed suicide by hanging himself to the rafters of the barn. During the early part of the evening he remained with the family, and seemed to be busying himself with his books in which he kept his accounts, but in fact was writing his will and farewell letter. Coroner Hadley held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated.

Friday, December 15.

Wilcox Herald: "Three of our nearest neighbors have new babies this week; so any little discrepancy which may appear in the paper will be over-

Minden Methodists gave a \$300 lift to the Wesleyan university December 3, Minden Methodists have the right sort of religion-it touches pocketbook as well as heart.

But three marriage licenses were granted in Saline county during November. This was the low water mark record in the county's history, remarks the Dorchester Star.

Jones P. Nixon died at the family nome near Fairfield a few days ago. He was an Ohioan, a veteran of the civil war, sheriff of Clay county 1881-85. He came to Nebraska in 1871.

A fifteen-year-old son of John Wadman, who resides ten miles southwest a target rifle while out hunting, the charge entering the lower part of the abdomen. He died later from the wound received.

At Beatrice Sam Roe, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Roe, met with quite a serious accident while playing at school. While running across the playground he collided with a playmate, receiving injuries to his head which rendered him unconscious.

Major General Leonard Wood, the new governor of Cuba, accompanied by his wife, sailed for Cuba Saturday.

A. F. Olmstead, a farmer living near Lushton, York county, Neb., met with painful and serious accident when shelling corn, by a piece of iron hitting him in the eye, completely destroying

E. R. Ward, a Kansas City mule buyer, while driving mules at Red Cloud, was thrown from his horse and sus tained a double fracture of the leg and was otherwise badly bruised about the face and body.

Judge Beall, who has presided in the Centh alatrict for two years, has formed a copartnership with John S. Logan, and will practice law at Hast-

The Methodist parsonage at Hildreth is ready for occupancy, and Rev. Un-capher and family will be given a house-warming as soon as they are settled.

The fire at the Nebraska state penientiary December 15 destroyed the Lee Broom & Duster company, entailing a loss of \$25,000, and otherwise damaging property to some extent.

Saturday, December 16.

Governor Poynter closed up the senatorial matter Thursday so far as he is concerned by appointing Douglas Cones of Pierce to succeed Senator Allen as judge of the Ninth judicial district. The newly appointed judge has announced the reappointment of C. A. Williams as his stenographer. Mr. ones is a democrat.

The preliminary examination of Frank L. Dinsmore was held before E. Frank Brown, county judge, at Kearney. Very few were in attendance, as it was not generaly known that he would be be brought from North Platte so soon for examination.

The complaint was made, charging him with deliberately, premeditatively and feloniously shooting and instantly killing Fred Laue of Odessa on the night of December 4. Dinsmore en tered a plea of "not guilty" and waived further examination.

Mrs. Laue is held under \$10,000 bond for her appearance as a witness for the state in the district court. Dinsmore will remain in the county jail until his trial at the January term of the district court.

Monday, December 18.

At Hartington, Charles Harris, charged with the murder of Hark Blenkiron, at Belden, Sunday, December 10, was bound over to the April term of district court, and bond was fixed at the sum of \$10,000.

Willie, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Verley, residing five miles northwest of Burwell, shot himself while loading a revolver, the bullet, a 22-calibre entering and lodging in the abdomen. The wound ispronounced fatal.

Charles H. Harrison, who fell from he Lincoln auditorium roof in November, died Friday evening. At the time of the accident, Mr. Harrison sustained severe internal injuries and the fracture of four ribs. It was hoped that he would recover in a short time. Blood poisoning set in from which he

Albert G. Keim, the former deputy United States marshal, charged with extortion and bribery was arraigned in Judge Munger's court at Omaha for trial. He pleaded not guilty and gave bonds for \$800 for appearance. Keim's home is in Missouri at present, he having removed to that state from Beatrice some months ago.

The case of the state vs. Edward Jerome, for the attempted murder of Sam Pope at Fremont on August 8 1899, has gone into the hands of the jury. Impassioned pleas were made to the jury by attorneys for both defense and prosecution. Frequent guesses at the verdict that will be returned are being made about town. Jerome confesses that he shot Pope, but says self-defense was his motive.

Tuesday. December 19. Poverty would soon be an unknown

quantity if men could dispose of their experience at cost.

Nathial Johnson, a colored man, who for many years has been a Pullman porter between Chicago and the coast, died at Sidney, Neb., of heart failure as the car upon which he was employed reached the yards.

The state board of public lands and buildings is considering the question of rebuilding the old stone shop at the penitentiary that was destroyed by fire last Friday. The board will look over the ground before taking action.

At Fremont the jury in the case of the State vs. Edward Jerome reached a verdict. Jerome was declared guilty of shooting Sam Pope with intent to do great bodily injury. It took five ballots before the decision was reached and the jury was out just eight hours.

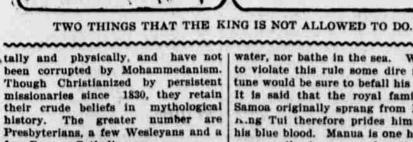
Miss Viola Horlocker, charged with the attempted murder of Mrs. Anna Morey in Hastings on the 10th of last April, by means of poisoned bonbons, appeared before Judge Beall in district court long enough Monday morning last to have her case again continued and give a renewal of bond for future appearance for trial.

At Nebraska City, as Miss Nellie Curtis, a dining room girl at the Watson hotel, was coming down stairs in response to a call to met her sister coming from Tecumseh, she was met at the of Friend, was accidentally shot with diningroom door by William Battles, a negro porter about the house, who grabbed her and attempted to force her into a room, but she fought him, when he drew a revolver and tried to intimidate her. The night clerk came and the negro escaped. The negro drew his wages that morning and attempted to leave town, but was exptured at the Burlington depot by Chief Winton, on whom Battles drew a gun, and was placed in jail.

State School Apportionment.

State Superintendent Jackson has completed the semi-annual school apportionment. The total amount available is \$292,883,59. The money was derived from the following source

State tax	4.02.000
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Interest on U. S. bonds	MINISTER OF SHAPE
Interest on state bonds	4.520
Interest on county bonds	72,600
Interest on school district bonds	913
Interest on school lands sold	68,017
Interest on saline lands sold	1.465
Interest on saline lands leased	1,530
Interest on state warrants	12,5605
Pedder's license	81
Buffalo Co. National bank	501
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few Roman Catholics. Women are equal to men, except in The father aids the mother in the care of children and the preparation of food. We may have a

tally and physically, and have not water, nor bathe in the sea. Were he to violate this rule some dire misfortune would be sure to befall his people. It is said that the royal families of Samoa originally sprang from Manua. A.ng Tui therefore prides himself on his blue blood. Manua is one hundred square miles in area, or less than half the size of Tutuila. Tau, the residence of his majesty, is situated on the west coast. Manua rises like a great dome to an elevation of 2,000 feet, but is little trouble stamping out polygamy, skirted by a belt of flat land covered

Aristocratic London Cafes. month," said a New Orleans broker who has just returned from a trip across the big pond, "I was greatly surprised at the number of women I saw smoking in public. Of course, one can always see that sort of thing in the bohemian resorts and the cafes patronized chiefly by folks from The continent, but it was something of a shock to bump into it at such establishments as the Savoy and the Hotel Cecil. In both places, and three or four other equally aristocratic, I saw society women puffing cigarettes as coolly as chappies at a roof garden. The spectacle is so common that it has ceased to attract any attention, and it was tolerably evident that the ladies who were indulging did so because they liked it, and not merely to be eccentric. I dropped into the Cafe Royal one evening with a London friend and we were shown to seats in the large public dining room not far from what was evidently a theater party of eight or nine people. They were just concluding a late supper, and one of the ladies, who was the picture of elegant refinement, and by no means in her first youth, produced a jeweled eigarette case and passed it around. In a moment everybody was smoking. The lady was the American wife of a somewhat noted London club man, and was formerly a conspicuous figure in Philadelphia society. I mention the incident merely to illustrate the prevalence of the habit, which reminds me, by the way, that the London of to-day is very different from the London of eight or ten years ago. There is everywhere a marked accession of gayety and sprightliness; one notices it in the shop displays, the theaters, the restaurants, and the aspects of the crowds at night, and the city in general has much more the air and manner of