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A sale has been made of 20,000 acres of coal lands in Wayne county, W. Va., to a Pittsburg syndicate, which, it is said, will oppose the present coal

By a decision handed down by Justice Mervin, one-half of the estate of Mrs. M. H. Davis, of Rome, N. Y., valued at \$50,000, will go to the Christian Scientists.

An official Servian statement declares there is absolutely no foundation in the reports that Queen Draga has been shot at or that she has committed suicide.

John Morgan, a convict at the federal prison at Leavenworth, made a successful escape while working in the quarry, his absence not being discovered until 5 p. m.

Louis Grannotti, an accomplice of Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, was sentenced to life imprisonment at the assizes. Grannotti has not yet been captured.

Conductor Higgins, the eighth victim of the Santa Fe wreck in Arizona, died. The injured are progressing favorably and no more fatalities among them are probable.

It is stated that Senator Hanna, immediately after the opening of congress, will introduce a bill providing for a \$5,000 annual pension to Mrs. McKinley during her lifetime.

The Southern Athletic club was organized at Charleston, S. C., the object of the association being to hold a series of sparring exhibitions in Charleston during the exposition period.

Mrs. May Agnew, wife of Captain Agnew, formerly of Company M. Twentieth Kansas, died at Manila, where she went recently with her husband, who is an officer in the regular army.

It was learned at Baltimore that Mr. Isidor Rayner., chief counsel for Rear Admiral W. S. Schley in the recent hearing before the court of inquiry, has refused to accept a fee for his services.

There has been an alarming spread of the plague in South Russia, according to dispatches from Lemberg, hundreds of fatal cases being reported in Moscow, Odessa, Kieff, Kherson and other towns.

According to the World, heirs of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt must pay \$361,803.43 into the coffers of Uncle Sam. This is the total of the inheritance tax found by the federal government against the estate.

The Vienna papers assert that Turkey is addressing an arrogant circular note to the powers protesting against their "perpetual interference" in Turkish affairs, and demanding to know their intention regarding Crete.

The municipal council of Guines, forty-five miles southwest of Havana, has voted to award the contract for supplying water and electric light to the town to Hugh J. Reilly of New York. The contracts are for \$250,000.

The secretary of war has directed that the order granting free admission of Christmas presents to the Philippines and Cuba shall extend only to the officers and men and civilian employes of the army and navy, and not to the civilian employes of the civil government.

The governor, secretary of state and attorney general at Alabama opened and counted the vote on the new constitution. The result shows a majority of 28,429 for the constitution. The governor will issue his proclamation within a few days and ten days thereafter the new law will go into effect.

The city of Los Angeles has sold water bonds to the amount of two millions.

The industrial commission has issued a report on railway labor in the United States. It shows that railway employes in this country constitute an army of nearly 1,000,000 people, with probably nearly 5,000,000 dependent upon the wages paid by the railroads. The report says that for years to come the railroads will absorb an increasing number of employes.

C. R. Breckinridge, a member of the Dawes commission, discussed with the interior department officials the proposed supplementary Creek treaty. The secretary decided to take no action in the matter until congress con-

Fire destroyed the Crawfordsville, Ind., wire and nail plant, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

At Kansas City the dead bodies of Inez Gordon and Harry Grisard, colored, were found on the floor of a room at 1412 Grand avenue.

The Pan-American exposition buildings were sold to the Chicago House

Wrecking company for \$92,000. The disorders are increasing in Spain and the government is stopping telegrams and taking military measures to maintain order.

FIRST WORK IN SENATE

Shortly After Convening Senate Will Listen to McKinley Memorial.

THE MESSAGE DELAYED ONE DAY

Senator Foraker or Hanna Will Introduce Resolution in Honor of Late Chief Magistrate in Upper House-Miscellaneous Washington Matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-One of the first measures of natural interest which will be introduced in the senate at the session which begins today will be a resolution looking to public action concerning the death of President McKinley. This will be presented on Tuesday either by Senator Foraker or by Senator Hanna, probably the former, and after its introduction the senate will adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the dead president.

The annual message of President Roosevelt will not be received until Tuesday and on this account the session today will be exceedingly brief. It is not now expected that anything will be done beyond the announcement of the death of Senator Kyle, following which the senate, in accordance with custom, will adjourn for the day. On Tuesday the president's message will be read and, after its reading, the announcement of the death of President McKinley will follow at once, whereupon under the precedent established when Presidents Lincoln and Garfield died, resolutions providing for the appointment of a committee to act with a similar committee of the house of representatives to take appropriate action relative to the matter and then calling for immediate adjournment for the day will be adopted. Heretofore committees have been appointed to arrange the details of public exercises and it is understood that plan will be pursued in this instance and that later in the session some public man of distinction will be invited to deliver a eulogy in

Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to the introduction of new bills and, as usual, there will be a flood of them. Among the first bills of importance to be presented will be the ship subsidy bill, which will be introduced by Senator Frye, and the Nicaraguan canal bill, which Senator Morgan will present. Senator Frye has not entirely completed his bill, but he said it would be different in many details from the old bill of last session. That measure was framed by former Senator Edmunds. Senator Frye himself is the author of the new bill. Senator Morgan's canal bill will be a duplicate of Representative Hepburn's bill on the canal question.

Other early bills of importance will be one looking to the construction of a sub-marine cable from the western coast to Hawaii and another providing for the establishment of a new executive department to be known as the department of commerce. On Tuesday the senate will adjourn until the following Monday. The general opinion among senators is that very little real work will be done before

the Christmas holidays. The first subject demanding attention is reciprocity. Various treaties are now pending in the senate looking to commercial agreements between the United States and other countries. Senator Aldrich will renew his efforts to have these treaties, which have already been reported from the committee on foreign affairs, committed to the committee on finance, on the ground that they deal with tariff

NO OPINION ON ANNEXATION

Gen. Wood Denies Having Expressed View on the Question.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 .- Among the passengers who arrived from Havana were General Leonard Wood, governor of Cuba; Mrs. Wood, Michael J. Dady, the contractor; Sir William Van Horne, Lieutenant W. Barden and Lieutenant Frank McCoy.

General Wood said that he would proceed directly to report to President Roosevelt and expressed an intention to return by December 7. He said he had expressed no opinion on the question of annexation of Cuba and that to do so would be impolitic. The story, he added, was probably put out to effect the election in Cuba, but nothing would come of it. Matters were quiet in Cuba and preparations were being made for the coming election in February.

Chinese Becoming Good. PEKIN, Dec. 2.—Chinese officials have severely punished all offenses drunked frenzy tonight Joseph Flory, against foreigners. This has had a salutary effect upon the demeanor of the people. The higher Chinese officials now manifest an increased desire to cultivate personal relations with thte diplomatic corps. The settlement of claims between the local officials and the missionaries, not incdluded in the general indemnity, has

been arranged.

PROGRAM IN THE HOUSE

Work of First Day Will Rigidly Follow Precedents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- The program for the opening day in the house, although it will rigidly follow precedents, will be interesting and to a certain extent picturesque. Admission to the galleries will be by card, of which two have been issued to each member, and they will be crowded to their full capacity. The desks of the popular members will be laden with flowers. The clerk of the house will call the members to order at noon and after prayer by the chaplain the roll will be called by states. The speaker will be formally elected and escorted to guard. the chair by a committee.

General Henderson, whose re-election as speaker is assured, will then address the house, after which Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, "The Father of the House," a titular honor bestowed upon the oldest member in point of continuous service, will administer the oath to him. The speaker in turn will administer the oath to the members-elect. The old officers of the house who were re-chosen by the republican caucus then will be reelected and sworn in. Following this resolutions will be adopted to inform the president and the senate that the house has elected General Henderson speaker and Mr. McDowell clerk.

By resolution Speaker Henderson then will appoint a committee of three to join a similar committee from the senate to inform the president that a quorum of the two houses has assembled and that congress is ready to receive any communication he may have to make. Resolutions to adopt temporarily the rules of the last house and to fix the daily hour of meeting also will precede the event of the opening day, the annual seat-drawing.

PROVES NO GENUINE COMET

Director Campbell of Lick Observatory Explains Phenomenon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Director Campbell of the Lick observatory has made a thorough search of the heavens for the phenomenon witnessed at Chicago a few nights since. Prof. Campbell failed to find the slightest trace of a comet. He explains the phenomenon witnessed in Chicago in two ways, saying:

"What the people saw may have been the bright trail left by a meteor. I myself have watched such trails for as much as twenty minutes before they wholly disappeared. It is more probable, though, that what they saw was the constellation known as the Pleiades. It so happens that the Pleiades are now in exactly the location in the heavens described in the dispatches, and when obscured by a thin mist the constellation looks so much like a comet that it has been mistaken for it before."

DEPARTMENTS MERGED

General Wade Now Commands Northern and Southern Luzon.

MANILA, Dec. 2.-The military departments of northern and southern Luzon have ceased to exist. Major General James F. Wade, formerly in command of the southern department, will leave Manilla tomorrow to assume command of the American forces on Cebu island and Major General Lloyd Wheaton, formerly commander of the northern department, will take command of the North Philippines.

Several small engagements have occurred in Batangas province in the last few days. The forces of the insurgent leader Caballos have become badly demoralized. His followers are broken into several small bands. Caballos holds two American prisoners.

German Pleas for Boers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.-Jacob W. Loeper secretary of the United German societies, announced that the societies, forty in number, and with a membership of over 2,000, will interest themselves in the cause of the Boers.

American Library.

ROME, Dec. 2.-The establishment in Rome of an American library has been ordered by royal decree. The library will contain all publications relating to the new world since its discovery.

Illness of Wilhelmina.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2.-The statement that Queen Wilhelmina's aidede-camp, Major Van Tot, is suffering from peritonitis and not from the effects of a duel fought with the consort, Prince Henry, is confirmed.

Stabs Wife and Himself.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.-While in a a clerk in the employ of the Graubner Ice company stabbed his wife, Lena three times in the breast with a huge hunting knife and then cut his own throat, both dying instantly. Flory and his wife had a quarrel earlier in the day about money matters and this led to the tragedy. Willie, a 10-yearold son of the couple, was a horrified witness of the affair.

STIRS UP NATIONAL GUARD

Adjutant General Authorizes Additional Companies.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2 .- Adjutant General Colby turned loose his order machine and ground out some orders for the Nebraska National guard. He authorized the organization of two new independent companies, one at West Point and the other at Stanton. James C. Elliott was given authority to organize a company at West Point and G. A. Eberly of Stanton was given permission to recruit another at his home town. Both companies will be equipped by the state, and after organization may be admitted to the

Orders were also issued for the formation of a signal corps and engineers' corps at Fremont and two additional sections of artillery, the latter probably at Plattsmouth and Grand Island, though the location is still undetermined.

This activity in the Nebraska National guard has caused many to believe that a third regiment is to be organized, but General Colby says there is no ground for that belief, as the independent companies, do not indicate a new regiment. He says the matter of organizing a third regiment is undetermined.

The formation of two additional sections of artillery will necessitate more guns, as each section is supposed to have two guns. General Colby has taken steps to secure four new model breech-loading cannon, together with harness and equipment.

MANY WANT BOOKS TO READ

Applications Are Received Daily by State Library Commission.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2.-Applications for sets of books are being received by the State Library commission at the state house. Secretary Bullock, who will have immediate charge of the distribution, is making the preliminary arrangements for the circulation and expects to have the system in full operation within the next few weeks. The applications so far received are from Blair, Germantown, Harvard, Talmage, Syracuse, Loup City, Alexandria, Douglas, Pardum, Kenesaw, Fairmont, Oak precinct and Osceola.

The commission has approximately \$1,200 available for the purchase of books. This money, it is estimated, will buy over 1,400 books. About onethird of the books in each set will be of the juvenile class and a majority of the balance will come under the general classification of fiction. It is the desire of the commission to have each large town or city which is a beneficiary of the traveling library system make a small donation for the purchase of new books. It is believed that in this way the purchase fund will be greatly increased.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

The Jury at Fremont Convicts Joseph Dusseldorf.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 2 .- Joseph T. Dusseldorf was convicted of the killing of Arthur C. Payne at North Bend on June 20, 1901. The jury went out at 2:50 and returned at 4:05 with a verdict of manslaughter. This will let Dusseldorf off with a penitentiary sentence of anywhere from one to ten years. It is understood that the defendant's attorneys may move for a new trial. The general opinion here is that Dusseldorf was fortunate in escaping conviction on the charge of murder, though it cannot be denied that the evidence showed some extenuating circumstances. Sentence has not yet been pronounced.

New Road Toward Omaha.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 2.-McArthur Bros., contractors on the Great Western, road, have started a large force of men and teams on the Omaha main line of their new road from this city to Omaha. Work on the Clarion-Hampton branch of the Great Western line will not be completed as expected this year. Work on the Omaha main line will be pushed with all speed, as there is much heavy work to be done.

Paper Mill to Be Operated.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2 .- A- new company has been organized in Linccln, capitalized at \$50,000, which proposes to operate the old paper mil! plant south of town. The president of the company is S. H. Burnham The proposition of the new enterprise is to undertake the manufacture of the heavier grades of wrapping paper from straw and corn husks.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 2.-Or. complaint of C. F. Reavis, Mrs. Geo E. Dorrington has been adjudged in

treatment soon.

Woman Adjudged Insane.

Strychnine Kills Landlord. Simon, who conducts a hotel at this place, took an overdose of strychnine and died a few minutes later.

spondency was the cause.

NEBRASKA'S NEW MILITIA

Authority is Given for Two Companies of Infantry.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 30 .- The first formal steps in the reorganization of the Nebraska National guard were taken by Adjutant General Colby. Authority was given for the organization of two independent companies of infantry, a company of signal and engineer corps and two additional sections for the battery of artillery, and requisition was made on the War department at Washington for enough of the latest pattern Krag-Jorgenson rifles to equip one regiment, also enough artillery equipment for one complete battery.

The company of engineer and signal corps will be organized as infantry by Lieutenant Hull, captain of the Pershing Rifles, University battalion, and formerly of the First Nebraska volunteers, and W. R. Brooks, who was also a member of the First regiment of volunteers. It will be stationed at Fremont and after the preliminary organization is completed will be divided into two sections, one to be known as the signal corps and the other as the engineer corps. Each section will be under command of a lieutenant and both will be subordinate to the captain, there being only three commissioned officers.

The independent companies of infantry will be stationed at West Point and Stanton and will be organized by James C. Elliott and G. A. Eberly respectively.

WRECKED CATTLE ARE WILD

Attack the Men Who Rescue Them From Overturned Cars.

M'COOK, Neb., Nov. 30 .- As B. & M. special stock train No. 76 was pulling into the yards here from the west it ran into a broken switch, which caused two cars to leave the track, turning one car completely over and leaving the other on its side. The cattle in one car were able to get out, but the roof of the other had to be removed before they could be liberated. Three of them were killed and a number crippled. After being liberated the cattle were crazed for the time and attempted to attack the persons present. The slow speed at which the train was going was all that saved a serious wreck. The stock was being shipped from Denver to South Omaha.

Officials Inspect Sidney.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 30 .- A special train passed through here over the Burlington railway, carrying a party consisting of President George B. Harris, Director B. F. Perkins, Gen eral Manager G. W. Holdrege, Gener al Charles F. Manderson, Superintend ent J. R. P. Sellan and a number of clerks and employes of the Burlington system. The train remained here half an hour to permit the party to inspect the site for a roundhouse and machine shops.

Returns to Winter Quarters. FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 30 .- Campbell Bros.' shows, which has made its season a month later this year than usual, traveling in the south, arrived in winter quarters here. They

report an unusually successful business this season and next year they will materially increase their attractions. Campbell Bros.' show is a Fairbury enterprise that has grown from a school house medicine show to a railroad circus and menagerie in seven years.

Death of Judge Selah.

O'NEILL, Neb., Nov. 30.-Judge Clarence Selah died at his home in O'Neill of typhoid fever, after an illness of six weeks. Judge Selah was a well known editor and publisher in the early days in northern Nebraska, having published papers in both O'Neill and Ewing. He was elected county judge of Holt county in 1897 and has a record of a model officer.

John G. Gloaskel Found Dead.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 30 .-John G. Gloaskel, a well-to-do farmer, reiding near here, went into his kitchen about midnight to shake up the fire and failing to return when it was thought that he should his son went in quest of his and found him lying on the noor cold in death. He was 60 years of age and leaves a large family of grown children.

Duel in the Asylum. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Nov. 20.-News arrived here of the death of William Brown at the asylum at Hastings. His age was 86 years.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 30.-Papers

Contest Papers Filed.

in contest proceedings were filed by W. S. Tilton, chairman of the county sane and will be taken to Lincoln for republican central committee, against the giving of a certificate of election to W. A. Waddington to the office of sheriff. The petition relates, among GRETNA, Neb., Dec. 2 .- Alexander other things, that J. T. Moore, republican candidate for sheriff, by reason of irregularities in a half dozen or more election precincts, is entitled to a certificate of election.

WHAT A LEADING AGRICULTURIST SAYS OF WESTERN CANADA.

Prof. Thomas Shaw of Minnesota Uni-

versity Gives an Unbiased Opinion. In a letter to "The Farmer," St. Paul, dated Sept. 1st, 1901, Prof. Thomas Shaw of the Minnesota State University has the following to say, after having made a trip through Western Canada:

"The capabilities of the immense area known as Western Canada are but little understood on this side of the line. Our people are apt to look upon it as a region of frost and snow, a country in which but a small portion of the land relatively will ever be tillable, because of the rigors of the climate. True, the climate is cold in winter, but Western Canada has, nevertheless, just that sort of climate which makes it the most reliable wheat producing country in all the continent.

An Immense Area.

Western Canada is not only an immense area, but the same description will apply to those portions of the country that are capable of being successfully tilled or grazed. Nearly all of the prairie Province of Manitoba can be brought under cultivation, although probably not one-third of its surface has been laid open by the plow. Assiniboia to the west is a grain and stock country. Saskatchewan to the north of Assiniboia has high adaptation for the same. This also may be said of Alberta to the west. Here lies what may be termed a grain-growing and stock producing empire, the resources of which have been but little drawn upon comparatively, viewed from the standpoint of the agriculturalist. When it is called to mind that even in the Peace River country in Athabasca, and several hundreds of miles north of the Canadian boundary, wheat was grown which won a preminm at the World's Fair in 1893, the capabilities of this country in wheat production loom up more brightly than even the brilliant northern lights of the land that lies toward the pole.

Adapted to Stock and Grain Production.

The region under consideration is, however, mainly adapted to growing grain and grazing stock. Much of it is adapted to growing both grain and stock, but certain areas, especially towards the mountains, are only adapted to ranching, except where irrigation will yet be introduced. This, of course, can be done successfully along the many streams that flow down from the Rockles and water the country towards the east and north. The adaptation of the country for wheat production is of a high character. The cool nights that usually characterize the ripening season are eminently favorable to the filling of the grain, and to the securing of a plump berry, and consequently large yields. The crop this year is a magnificent one. In Manitoba and the territories it should certainly give an average of more than 20 bushels per acre. But should the yield be not more than 20 bushels, the crop will be a most handsome one, owing to the large area sown to wheat. Many farmers only grow grain. But those who do succeed as well in growing oats and barley as in growing wheat, hence these foods for stock should always be abundant. Some grow cattle mainly, and others combine the two. The last named, of course, is doubtless the safest of the three during a long course of years, that is to say, where much farming is practicable.

Quality of the Live Stock. It was a pleasurable surprise to

note the high quality of the stock. The average of quality in cattle is higher than the average of cattle in our state, unless in the dairy classes. This opinion is not reached rashly or without ample opportunity for investigation. I spent three long days in the show ring at Winnipeg making the awards in the beef classes. I question if any of our states, single handed, could make such a showing in cattle. It was my privilege to make the awards at several shows and at all of their fairs were evidences that much attention is given to the improvement of the stock. I noted carefully the character of the herds that grazed along the railroad and everywhere the high average of the quality of the stock was in evidence.

Reasons for Quality in Stock.

The quality of the grass is good. Many of the settlers came from Ontario and had been schooled as to the value of good stock before going west. The railroads and the government have taken a deep interest in making it less difficult and costly to the farmers to secure good males.

Those who are anxious of changing their residence should bear in mind that the lands in Western Canada are many of them free and others reasonably cheap.

Information will gladly be given by any agent of the Canadian government. whose advertisement appears else-

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