

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

At Lexington, Ky., while J. N. Hawkins was on his way home from his store he was shot and his pockets rifled by a foot pad.

Representative Crumpacker of Indiana has introduced a bill for an amendment to the apportionment act so that the membership of the house shall be 372.

Attorney General Comstock said that in his opinion North Dakota can do nothing to prevent the consolidation of the Northern Pacific, Burlington and Great Northern.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Kennedy, rector of the American college in Rome, has just purchased a building near the Pilotta palace, where the American college will be installed.

James Argyll Smith of the supreme court of Mississippi, formerly superintendent of public education, and a brigadier general in the confederate army, died of pneumonia.

Admiral Dewey denies the statements that the Schley court of inquiry has reached a decision in the case and that Admiral Schley has been found guilty on five counts.

A monument to the memory of Robert Fulton, erected in Trinity church yard, New York City, by the American society of mechanical engineers, in session there, was unveiled.

Fire in the storage compartment of Foster & Gassels cotton warehouse at Shreveport, La., destroyed the compartment and 1,500 bales of cotton. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

The Texas Masonic grand lodge invites the members of the Mexican grand lodge to participate in its deliberations, thus giving Mexicans recognition in the United States.

A dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, says: "Maria Louisa, a negress, 160 years old, is dead. She was the last representative of the slaves who were imported directly from Africa."

The Rome Fanulla says the pope will not send a delegation to attend the coronation ceremonies of King Edward VII, as his holiness was not notified of the king's accession to the throne.

At a luncheon given by the Press club of Manila to Acting Civil Governor Wright, General Chaffee and L. R. Wilfey, attorney general to the Philippines, the guests made short addresses.

At Racine, Wis., it was announced that a valuable package of papers, shipped from Mason City, Ia., to the J. I. Case Plow Manufacturing company, had been lost from an American Express wagon.

It has become quite a fad to send miniature Christmas trees as gifts. They are miniature pines or hemlocks, the smaller the better, handsomely trimmed, and they are sent to old as well as young.

Charles D. Ford, chairman of the republican state central committee, announced that he had placed his resignation in the hands of the secretary of the committee to be acted upon at the next meeting of the committee.

Major Henry Fulton, a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado, is dead of heart disease. He was 55 years of age and was a native of Greece, N. Y. He served with distinction in the civil war, enlisting at the age of 15 years, and spent one year in Libby prison.

It is said at Vienna that the man named Halju, who was arrested at Sofia December 7 and alleged to be the assassin of ex-Premier Stambuloff, had a hand in the kidnaping of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary.

The Cramp Shipbuilding company has notified the ports that it is ready to commence building a cruiser for the Turkish government and has asked the government to send officers to supervise the vessel's construction.

London papers announce that when the duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuela Vanderbilt, visits the United States with her children this winter, she will spend Christmas with her father, William K. Vanderbilt, at his country home, Idle Hour, and return to Great Britain in February.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 women pass annually through the prisons of England and Wales.

General Wood, military governor of Cuba, left Washington for New York, where he will take the first steamer sailing for Havana.

The death rate among negroes in our large cities is nearly double that of the whites.

A French engineer named M. Souza, of Vitry-sur-Seine, is reported to have made successful experiments with a motor-car plough.

Senator Depew, who is to sail for Europe soon, gave a farewell dinner to his New York friends.

Lieutenant Hazard of the First cavalry, who assisted in the capture of Aguinaldo, arrived in San Francisco on the Sheridan from Manila.

WORK FOR THIS WEEK

What the Two Houses of Congress Will Busy Themselves at.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE LISTS

They Are Expected to Be Made Tuesday—Canal Treaty Under Consideration—No Doubt of Its Ratification—Miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The disposition of the senate is to do very little business beyond acting upon the Hay-Raunefote treaty before adjournment for the holidays. In accordance with the agreement reached Friday the treaty will be voted on before the senate adjourns tomorrow. Senator Teller will make the first speech of the day tomorrow and he will be followed by other senators with brief speeches. The opponents of the treaty admit there is no doubt of ratification.

On Thursday the announcement of the committees will be made and there is a probability that after this announcement the senate will adjourn until Thursday, when the adjournment for the holidays will take place, extending to January 6. If there are business sessions Wednesday and Thursday Senator Morgan will make an effort to secure action on his bill authorizing the acquisition of right of way for the Nicaragua canal, but senators on the republican side of the chamber are inclined to postpone all important legislation until after the holidays.

There probably will be action before the adjournment on Thursday on a number of nominations and the chances are that Attorney General Knox's nomination will be among those to receive attention.

The introduction of resolutions bearing on the case of Admiral Schley is also among the probabilities, but no action in that direction is anticipated for the present.

The house this week will pass the bill to provide temporary revenues for the Philippine islands, which was reported from the ways and means committee last Friday. Under the agreement made general debate will extend throughout Tuesday and until 4 o'clock Wednesday, when a vote will be taken. There will be no opportunity to amend the measure.

There will be a break in the party lines on both sides of the house. Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, the republican member of the ways and means committee who opposed the Porto Rican bill during the last congress, will speak against the measure and will be supported in his dissent from his republican colleagues by Mr. Littlefield of Maine and perhaps several other republicans who oppose the Porto Rican bill and hold that a similar issue is presented at this time.

On the democratic side Representative Robinson will support the bill and the remainder of the Louisiana delegation will do likewise. Representing the cane sugar interests of their state, they are opposed to concessions on sugar duties, either from the Philippines or Cuba.

The general belief is that the bill will secure as many democratic votes as it loses votes on the republican side and that the majority in its favor when placed on its passage will be about the republican majority in the house.

Believed to Have Perished. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 16.—Word from Casper states that a young man named Hemingway, brother of Civil Engineer Hemingway of Casper, probably perished in the storm last Thursday. The young man was a stranger in this country and started to go to a neighboring ranch. He never reached his destination and his friends fear he is dead. A party is now searching the plains for him.

Farmer Dies in Snowdrift. NEW RICHMOND, Wis., Dec. 16.—John McQuaid, a farmer residing at Stanton, died yesterday as a result of exposure to the extremely cold weather. McQuaid was found in a snow drift beside the road, near Houlton, having fallen from his wagon.

Falls to See the Train. WATERLOO, Neb., Dec. 16.—Emil Zable while crossing the Union Pacific track at his place was struck by train No. 101 and instantly killed. He was in a buggy and had the side curtains up and did not notice the train coming.

Stockman Frozen to Death. HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 16.—Word comes from Trumbull, in the northwest corner of this county, that as T. T. Garnett, about 60 years of age, living some three miles northwest of Trumbull, was returning from a sale held by his son a short distance from his home, he left the team and party with whom he was riding, saying he would go and look after his cattle and get them home. This was the last seen of him until found.

CRASH CAME IN A CURVE

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide on the Illinois Central.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 16.—Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the cause of a head-end collision on the Illinois Central between Irene and Perryville early yesterday. The two trains were the eastbound passenger train No. 4 and a through freight from Chicago, going west. As a result, eight people are dead or missing and eleven injured.

The trains met in a slight bend of the track, both running at full speed. The smoker, express and baggage cars were piled on the locomotives, penning in the occupants of the smoker. Only three of the half dozen persons in that car escaped. The others were penned in and if not instantly killed were roasted to death and their bodies, along with those of the engine crew, were entirely consumed.

All efforts of the survivors to rescue the victims was unavailing. The flames drove them back at every point. The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and the icy wind was blowing across the prairie, the point where the wreck occurred being in a shallow cut, affording no protection. The injured were without hats or wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors the waycar was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside. Two hours elapsed before any relief was at hand.

SCHLEY PREPARED FOR ACTION

Rear Admiral Says He is Ready to Continue Prosecution.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley has notified Attorney General Isidor Rayner that he is ready to take any action with reference to his case that Mr. Rayner may advise. Mr. Rayner expects to meet the admiral in Washington today or Tuesday.

When asked whether he favored a congressional investigation, Mr. Rayner said: "I doubt whether a proceeding of this sort is the proper one. It generally assumes a political aspect. At this time I am of the opinion that the matter should be prosecuted by the courts. There are plenty of ways in which this can be done, and this week we will begin to consult and determine upon our course of action."

Among the telegrams Mr. Rayner has received since the publication of the findings of the court of inquiry was one from a gentleman in another state who asked that his identity be kept secret, with an offer of \$10,000 for the necessary expenses attending a further prosecution of the case. The offer was declined.

STORM IN PENNSYLVANIA

Big Rivers Rise and Inlet Enormous Damage.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 16.—A storm for which severity and destructiveness has not been equaled in this section for twenty-five years, visited Eastern and Central Pennsylvania last night, causing almost unprecedented damage, and resulted in the loss of at least four human lives. The havoc in the coal regions is enormous and the loss to railroad and mining companies will amount to millions of dollars. The Schuylkill, Lehigh, Susquehanna and Juniata rivers have risen as high as fifteen feet above their levels and all their tributaries have overflowed, inundating the surrounding country in more than a dozen counties.

Innumerable washouts have occurred on the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading, Northern Central, Lehigh Valley, New Jersey Central and other railroads. Bridges have been carried away and traffic is at a standstill.

Founder of Butte Dead. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—William L. Farland, the founder of Butte, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 67 years. Farland in the '60s located many of the big mines of Butte, built the first silver mill and produced the first bar of bullion. He was associated with United States Senator Clark in many mining deals during the early days of the camp.

Commissioner Declares War. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.—Deputy Food Commissioner Bassett is about to begin war upon the people who make pure cider vinegar and dispose of it to unsuspecting merchants for 3 cents a gallon. The merchants in turn dispose of it to unsuspecting customers for 25 cents a gallon, thus making a very fair margin on the sale.

Chicago's Coldest December. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Yesterday was the coldest day Chicago has experienced in the month of December since the weather bureau was established here thirty years ago. For three hours the mercury stood at 21 degrees below zero. Later, however, the skies cleared and the wind which had been blowing from the northwest, died down, causing a gradual rise of temperature, and at night the thermometer registered but 3 degrees below.

"NEBRASKA CATTLE KING" FREE

Abe Moore Gets Out of Chicago Jail After a Year's Confinement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—After a year in the county jail Abe Moore, "The Nebraska Cattle King," walked out a free man. Moore was released on a writ of habeas corpus by Judge Dunne. He had been held in jail under a fine of \$1,000 and filed a petition as a poor person. It was shown to the court that he could not pay the fine and that nothing remained except to discharge him, as the additional sentence of Judge Waterman for one year in jail expired yesterday.

Though comparatively a young man, Moore was known in the west as a "cattle king." He established a credit among stock yard dealers in Chicago and was enabled to draw upon them to a considerable extent.

In the spring of 1889 Moore drew heavily upon the Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission company. According to the story he represented that he had 900 head of fat cattle in the stock yards at South Omaha. These he was desirous of advancing to the Chicago Union Stock yards. But it was necessary that he have money to secure the release of the stock. He gave a mortgage upon the latter, it is asserted, and the money was sent to him. Later it is said no such cattle could be found.

Moore was convicted of obtaining money by false pretenses.

ENTITLED TO WATER POWER

The State Board of Irrigation Decides a Question.

LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—The state board of irrigation delivered a decision in the case of the Farmers' and Merchants Irrigation company of Lexington against the Gothenburg Power and Irrigation company, holding that the latter is entitled to appropriate water from the Platte river under its original claim for use in an extension of the canal east of Gothenburg. Under the claim the Gothenburg company asked for permission to use 200 cubic feet of water per second for the irrigation of specified lands and for the operation of a power plant at Gothenburg. The application was allowed and since the plant was put into operation the canal was extended fifteen miles eastward, so that instead of returning the water from the power plant to the river it was turned into the extension. The Farmers' and Merchants' company demurred to this action, contending that the water could be used only for the purposes specified in the claim. Former Secretary Wilson upheld this contention and the case was appealed to the irrigation board. Under the decision of the board the Gothenburg company may turn the water into its extension canal.

LOOKS BRIGHT FOR IRRIGATION.

George H. Maxwell Discusses Probable Action of Congress.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—The presence of George H. Maxwell at the meeting of the Commercial club's executive committee naturally turned the subject of discussion to irrigation. The secretary of the National Irrigation association made a short address, in which he congratulated the members of the committee on the fact that the message of President Roosevelt and the report of Secretary Hitchcock were practical and full endorsements of the ideas advanced by the association and endorsed by the Omaha Commercial club. He advised the members to stand firm to the plan of the association, and said that the fight upon the measure will come from the western representatives, the majority of the representatives from the east who have expressed opinions being in favor of the association's plan. Referring to an article from the Brooklyn Eagle, he said that it represented the sentiment of the eastern representatives and that they would stand for no plan contemplating state ownership and control. A general discussion followed, in which each speaker pledged himself to spread the sentiment in favor of the plan endorsed by the national administration.

Normal Will Not Accept. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.—Judge Norval has given his friends a positive statement that he will under no consideration accept the commissionership which will be vacant upon Judge Seigwick taking his seat on the supreme bench. Judge Norval says that he intends joining with his two brothers in the practice of law in his home town of Seward.

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Wreck on the Burlington. M'COOK, Neb., Dec. 16.—Accommodation train No. 175 on the Imperial branch was wrecked near Palisade. Eight cars were ditched, but no one was hurt.

STATE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

First Shipment of Books Under the System Goes to Utah.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—The first shipment of books under the Nebraska traveling library system will be sent to Blair. It will be one of the twenty-five or more independent traveling libraries that will soon be started on their way around the reading circle, which extends over practically the entire state and includes about thirty towns or villages. Books are now being purchased by the commission and it is likely that the system will be in good working order within the next few weeks. As Blair was the first town to apply for the reading service it will be the first accommodated.

"We want the people of the state to understand the work and the object of the library commission," said Miss Edna Bullock, secretary, today. "The intention of the framers of the law which created the commission was to encourage the founding of libraries and to improve the administration of those already established and to aid in every way possible the educational development of the state by helping the people to the desire for more and better books. The law was passed at the solicitation of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, the Nebraska Library association, the Nebraska Teachers' association and friends of library extension and education throughout the state."

AUTHORITY OF TEACHERS.

Reasonable Control Over Pupils Out of School.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—As the cold winter days approach and the school children are inclined to caper a trifle more than usual on the way to school and after school hours, State Superintendent Fowler is called upon to define the authority of teachers over the youngsters outside of school hours. After searching the law Mr. Fowler does not find any specific statute, but judging from decisions of courts, he believes that in the absence of statutory authority the teacher may exercise reasonable control over pupils on the way to and from school. He warns the teachers, however, that this authority must be exercised with discretion if trouble is avoided, that parents have rights that ought to be respected, as they are guardians of their children and responsible for their acts in school and out. Yet he believes that it would be disastrous to school discipline to deprive teachers of reasonable control over pupils on the way to and from the school house.

All Want Nebraska Land.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—Many letters of inquiry are arriving daily at Elkhorn headquarters from farmers in Iowa, Illinois and other states further east. They all want to know about the prices of Nebraska lands along the Elkhorn and other information about crops and locations, such as farmers like to know. The information is being promptly furnished, both by printed material and personal letters, and the outlook is encouraging for a big winter movement to the northern part of this state.

Committee on Land Transfers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—The committee appointed to investigate the Torrens system of land transfers will be ready to file its report with the judges of the supreme court by January 1. The members have visited Chicago, Toronto, Can., and Boston, inspecting the workings of the system with its modifications. The committee was appointed in response to a bill passed by the last legislature, introduced by Representative Hanks of Otoe county.

Fight Duel With Knives.

PETERSBURG, Neb., Dec. 14.—J. A. Weigand, a prominent stock buyer and farmer of this place, and J. W. McPherson, a farmer residing four miles from town, became involved in a dispute over a business transaction, and Weigand struck McPherson, who immediately drew a knife and before bystanders could prevent, had slashed Weigand in three places, the most serious cut being in the groin.

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