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DEMAND WEYLER'S REMOVAL

Madrid's Leading Newspapers Charge the General with Stealing.

CORRUPTNESS CONNECTED WITH THE WAR

Administration of Army Affairs in Cuba Said to Be Scandalous and Drastic Measures for Reform Advocated.

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MADRID, Dec. 31.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The instant recall of Weyler and of the chiefs of hospitals and commissary in Cuba is demanded in sensational articles today in the Imparcial and the Heraldo. Iniquities are exposed and immediate justice is called for. Both papers were seized, the editions were destroyed, and proceedings against them were instituted in both the civil and military courts.

The editor of Imparcial, who signs his denunciation of the powers that he writes about, says in part: "It is painful that events should oblige a patriotic journalist to say that among the general and field officers of the Spanish army in Cuba there are some unworthy of being general officers or Spaniards. In the lovely isle where we are fighting for a glorious past, staking Spain's future, are men who make abundant, scandalous wealth out of the nation's honor by the death of our soldiers."

The article charges Weyler and the heads of the commissary and hospital departments with incapacity in not stopping the abuses and frauds which had been denounced by the Madrid and Havana papers, by letters received from the colony, and by invalided soldiers, arriving by the hundreds every month, with a dismal tale of sufferings, privations and lack of food, both in the field and in the hospitals. The Imparcial calls on the government to act swiftly, instantly and inflexibly, sparing no offenders, even if it has to shoot men of rank, after a thorough, inexorable investigation on the spot, by honest military judges, who ought to be sent out with a new governor in the person of the present war minister, General Azcarraga, if the Spanish nation and government are to clear themselves of all responsibility in directions whose failure to do so has played into the hands of the insurgents and of their sympathizers in the United States.

The articles in the Imparcial and the Heraldo have caused a deep and painful impression, naturally increasing the rumors about the early recall of Weyler.

At today's council at the palace the minister of the colonies, Senor Castellanos, obtained the queen regent's signature to ten decrees, putting into force immediately in Porto Rico the administrative and legal reforms voted by the Cortes, June, 12, 1894. Those reforms contain no political or economical home rule, and no extension of electoral suffrages. These matters the Spanish Parliament will have to discuss and vote upon later. The government wants to show sincerity in its plans for Porto Rico, and thus signify its intention to do as much for Cuba when the military situation improves.

ARTHUR E. HOUGHTON.

COMMODORE CLEARS FOR CUBA.

Papers Issued in Spite of the Protest of the Spanish Consul.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 31.—The steamer Commodore cleared at the custom house at 5 o'clock this afternoon, with a cargo of arms and ammunition, consigned to Salvador Cisnero, president of the Cuban republic, at Cienfugos, Cuba. A crew of twenty-seven men was carried, despite the fact that the Commodore is of only ninety-nine tons' register. Most of these were Cubans. Among the number was Stephen Crane, the novelist, who signed as a seaman for $20 per month. The cargo consist of the following: One thousand pounds of dynamite, two boxes electrical apparatus, 200 rifles, 203,000 cartridges, 300 machetes, fourteen boxes of drugs and three bundles of clothing.

Clearance papers were issued, notwithstanding that a formal protest was made by Senor Solis, Spanish consul for Florida, which was made in writing to the collector. The grounds were that the rules and regulations of the ports of entry in Cuba prohibit the importation of munitions of war except upon the written permission of the governor general of the island, and also upon the ground that it is the belief of the consul that the arms are to be used by the insurgents against the kingdom of Spain and also the port to which they are consigned. The Spanish consul has refused to vise the clearance papers, which is a necessity in going to a foreign port, for the reason that the regulations do not permit the importation of arms upon the island without a permit, and this Captain Murphy did not have. The consul issued a certificate, however, stating his refusal and his reason therefor.

The Commodore went down the river about 8 o'clock, an officer from the revenue cutter Boutwell having been placed on board to see that no one should be taken on board while going down the river. The officer was instructed to leave the boat at the mouth of the river. It is not believed the Commodore will make an attempt to land its cargo at Cienfugos, but will make a landing at some convenient place along the Cuban coast.

The steamer Three Friends arrived in port shortly after noon today from Key West, with Peter O. Knight, deputy collector of customs at Key West, on board. An officer from the cutter Boutwell was placed on board. The boat will be held until it shall be libeled by the district attorney, who was out of the city today.

The cruiser Newark has been ordered from Key West to St. John's bar, and will arrive tomorrow. It will examine the papers of all suspicious steamers that leave this port.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The steamer Bermuda, which cleared yesterday for Bermuda, passed out of quarantine today, while the revenue cutter Manhattan, which had been watching her, passed out ahead of her.

RUIS RIVERA IS REPORTED DEAD.

Two Other Cuban Leaders Also Said to Have Been Killed.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—General Ruis Rivera, who succeeded Antonio Macco at the head of the patriot forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, is wounded, according to advices received from Artemisa. It was stated here this evening that General Rivera subsequently died of his wounds.

It is further stated that Brigadier Salvador Rios, who was wounded in an engagement at Peraljo, died some time later.

Private advices received from Colonel Girujeda say that at the fight which took place near Cayo Rosa the insurgent general, Silverio Sanchez, was among the killed.

STEAMER SINKS WITH FIFTEEN MEN

French Vessel, Deux Freres, Goes Down Near Calais.

CALAIS, Dec. 31.—The French steamer Deux Freres, from Fecamp for this port, has foundered and fifteen of her crew were drowned.

Murdered an Insane Patient.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Arthur Platt, alias Taylor, who is charged with the murder of Jesse Tyre, an insane patient at the Eastern Lunatic asylum, Lexington, Ky., in December, 1885, and who admits having committed the crime, was again remanded at the Bowery police court this morning, owing to the non-arrival of the papers necessary to bring about his extradition to the United States. Platt was arrested at Oxford on December 18, as he was leaving the jail there after serving six months' imprisonment for burglary.

HAS HEARD THAT MACEO LIVES.

Although Seriously Wounded, the Noted Cuban Will Recover.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 31.—Senora Dolores Mirabel, the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Mirabel of the insurgent army, who was killed at Tapaste in September last, arrived here last night on the Olivette, en route to Tampa, Fla. It was at first reported she claimed to have come direct from the insurgents' camp in Western Cuba and she had been attending Antonio Maceo. Now, however, it appears that Senora Mirabel did not see Maceo, but says that just before her departure from Cuba she was informed by a gentleman of Maceo's staff who had just arrived from the field that Maceo was still alive but seriously wounded, with four physicians in attendance upon him. Senora Mirabel's informant added that Maceo was recovering slowly, and she further stated that during the engagement between the insurgents and the Spanish troops, under Major Girujeda, Lieutenant Zertucha, unobserved, shot Maceo and afterward hastened to join the Spaniards. For this the doctor is said to have received $50,000. Previous to leaving Cuba Senora Mirabel lived for eight months in a hiding place known as the St. Julia cave, in the province of Havana.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The attention of Dr. T. Estrada Palma was called to the statement of Senora Mirabel. He smiled incredulously and said: "You can say that the Cuban junta believes that Maceo is dead, and that he died in the manner described in the circular recently printed by the junta. We have fully satisfied ourselves of the death—we place no credence in these reports that Maceo is alive."

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Associated press made inquiries this afternoon regarding the statements attributed to Senora Mirabel that she was informed that Maceo was alive. The Spanish officials quietly remarked that December 28, Monday last, was Havana's "Innocents' Union," otherwise "April Fool Day," and they assert that some buffoon must have circulated the report that Maceo was alive. Nobody in official circles here seems to have any doubt but that the great insurgent leader is dead.

O'NEILL SEES VISIONS OF A BOOM.

Donald McLean Announces That He Will Extend the Short Line.

O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—This has been a day of railroad excitement and enthusiasm in O'Neill, owing to the sudden and unexpected visit of Donald McLean, the original promoter of the Pacific Short Line, and who has made O'Neill famous. Only a few hours' notice of his coming was given, but he was greeted by Mayor Murphy and several hundred citizens with the O'Neill band at the depot. He was accompanied by Receiver Hills of the Short line and other railway officials and capitalists from Sioux City. The party was placed in carriages and a procession formed, led by the band, and escorted to the court house, where addresses of welcome were made to the visitors, responses being made by several of their number.

It was an nthusiastic meeting. Adjournment was taken from the court house to an elegant banquet, spread at Hotel Evans, which was enjoyed by the visitors and business men.

Donald McLean comes to fulfill his promise of building the Short Line to the west, he says, backed up by $30,000,000, which he has interested, and it is now certain that O'Neill is destined to see work on the road begun in a short time. Preliminary articles of incorporation were filed, the incorporators being James Booge, S. F. Wakefield, L. A. Seaman, Donald McLean and M. F. Harrington. The amount of capital stock is $5,900,000, divided into 59,000 shares of $100 each. The proposed line will run through the counties of Holt, Rock, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Box Butte, Dawes and Sioux.

Discuss Interchangeable Tickets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The mileage bureau of the Western Passenger association met today at the office of Chairman Caldwell to discuss forms of interchangeable mileage tickets. After talking over the various forms of tickets that have been submitted to the bureau an adjournment was taken until Monday.

Promotion for Railroad Men.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—O. B. Grant, formerly with the Great Northern, today succeeded E. S. Hitchins as general superintendent of the Mason City & Fort Dodge railroad. Hitchins goes into President Stickney's office, with the Great Western.

NEW SHERIFF AT LEADVILLE, COLO.

Thomas Mahoney Will Treat the Miners in a Drastic Manner.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Dec. 31.—The county board today elected Thomas Mahoney sheriff to succeed Newman, removed for malfeasance. Mahoney is a populist and is said to be favorably disposed toward the striking miners. It is believed that his election will delay the withdrawal of the militia from the camp.

In an interview Sheriff Mahoney declared that he would enforce the laws to the letter. He discharged the undersheriffs and all the deputies and announced that he would have no members of the miners' union in his office.

COLORADO'S BIG SILVER OUTPUT.

Nearly Half as Large Again as Last Year's—Gold About the Same.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—The mineral output of Colorado for the year closing today is as follows, according to returns from smelters, refineries and mills: Gold, $16,183,479; silver, $18,607,907; lead, $3,967,145; copper, $802,479. Total, $39,560,557. The output for last year amounted in value to $33,344,358. The increase of this year is in silver. The gold output is about the same as last year. The output of Cripple Creek is about $8,-000,000.

Deaths of a Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Information has been received by the Geographical society of this city announcing the death at San Salvador of Dr. Albert Sanchez, director of the meteorological and astronomical observatory of the state observatory of San Salvador, on October 25. He was one of the most distinguished scientists in that part of the world. Don Julian Aparicio was appointed to fill the vacancy.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—S. L. Southard, a prominent citizen and business man of this city, died yesterday morning after having suffered a long and severe illness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A notice of the death of General Peter Claassen on December 29, Brooklyn, published today, is the first that has been printed about him since August 13, 1893, when he was pardoned from state prison, where he had been confined more than a year for his connection with the swindles which brought about the failure of the Fifth National bank in 1891. General Claassen died of Bright's disease. He was distinguished as a soldier, a financier and a criminal.

Cattle Rustler Sent to Prison.

GREELEY, Colo., Dec. 31.—A. L. Cochran, the cattle rustler, who is well known throughout the northwest, has been sentenced to thirty years in prison for cattle stealing. It is said that Cochran is under indictment in Kimball county, Nebraska, for the murder of Paul Rose, the stockman whose cattle were found in his possession when he was arrested and for the theft of which he was found guilty in this state.

Denies That Taylor Will Be Pardoned.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—A rumor has been current over the state that Governor Sheldon had issued a pardon for W. W. Taylor. When asked in regard to such action the governor stated positively that he had not taken any such action, and neither should he do so.

VISITS DELGADO IN PRISON

Dr. Bowen Allowed to See the American Held Incommunicada.

IS TREATED KINDLY BY THE SPANIARDS

Maceo's Chief of Artillery Suffers Dreadfully from Disease, but Gets the Best of Medical Attention.

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HAVANA, Dec. 31.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A World correspondent has penetrated the Spanish official seclusion known as "incommunicado." It is the first time such a thing ever was known here. Through the courtesy of the acting governor general, the marquis of Ahumada, I have seen and conversed with Henry Delgado of Hudson, N. Y., a prisoner here, whose case has attracted much attention in the United States.

Visiting today the ward in San Ambrosio hospital set apart for semi-political prisoners I found Delgado in a large, lofty, airy apartment with an iron-grated door, guarded outside by two soldiers. The ward contained twelve inmates, all sick prisoners. Delgado lay on a wide, comfortable cot, which had clean linen, a white blanket and a pink Chinese counterpane with frilling around the edges. His appearance shocked me. I knew him in health, when he was a large, robust man, with red cheeks and blue eyes. Now he is but the shadow of his former self, almost a skeleton, his skin yellow, his face pinched, his large eyes prominent and physically greatly prostrated. He grasped my hand feebly, said I was the first person to visit him in his captivity and expressed much surprise that I had been able to reach him. He is suffering from an immense abscess in the lower portion of the abdomen on the right side, just below the line of the umbilicus. It fluctuated, thus indicating that the suppuration was confined to the abdominal muscles and not communicating to the abdominal cavity. Besides, he has general malarial poisoning, contracted in Pinar del Rio. He suffers little pain, but says he is so prostrated he cannot eat; can only drink. He had beside him a mug of fresh milk, which he pronounced the richest and best he had ever drank.

An attendant brought him a capsule of quinine, which he swallowed with difficulty. He said he could not eat the eggs and beef broth offered to him. He described his capture in Pinar del Rio in a house with other sick persons (really an insurgent hospital). He was suffering from the abscess in his side then, but it was not far advanced, and from malaria.

DELGADO'S STORY.

"Some insurgents who were outside, not sick were fired on," Delgado said, "by an advancing Spanish column. I crawled out of bed, rolled down a side hill and hid in the tall grass, where two hours later I was found by the soldiers. I was at first tied with ropes, but Colonel San Martin, commanding the column, ordered me untied and permitted me to ride one of his pack mules. The troops marched all day and camped at night. Colonel San Martin allowed me to sleep at his headquarters in company with his adjutants, and the medical director fed me from his own table. The next day I rode again, but with great difficulty, being much in pain. Colonel San Martin continued to feed me and displayed kindness I never can forget. Arriving at Damas, on the north coast, I was detained several days and then placed on a small freight steamer. The voyage to Havana took four days, the steamer touching everywhere.

"I was unkindly treated by the seamen and kept on the foredeck. I could eat nothing and the captain and purser would do nothing for me. They were common, ignorant fellows. I was taken to the Cabanas fortress, too weak to walk up the covered way to the interior. While waiting at the wharf a rabble of boatmen and laborers insulted me. After being detained part of one day I was removed to San Ambrosio hospital, where I have been eight days."

Delgado said the Spanish regular officers and men were always kind. A sentry on the steamer shared his food with him when the captain of the boat did nothing. I asked if he was kindly treated in the hospital. He replied that he would recover. He had no special message to send to New York, except love and best wishes to his family and friends. Tears flowed from his eyes when he bade me good bye.

HAS A SPLENDID SURGEON.

Surgeon Major Mendoza of the Spanish army medical corps, Delgado's attendant, gave me full particulars of the case. He said the prostration is so great he feared to open the abscess. If that does not break internally there is a prospect of Delgado's recovery. Delgado cannot take enough food and is given a bitter tonic. The complication of malaria is greatly to his disadvantage. Surgeon Mendoza is highly educated. Men of his profession assure me that he will do all that is possible to do for his patient. He promised that he personally would receive letters and newspapers addressed to Delgado, and give them to him. Friends may address, "Antonio Mendoza, Medico Mayor del Cuerpo de Sanidad Militar Hospital, San Ambrosio, Havana."

I asked Delgado three times if he was writing for an evening newspaper in New York. He replied: "Nothing of the kind, nor for any newspaper." He gave a written statement of his case to the military authorities at Damas before reaching Havana. He had a letter to Maceo and one to his sister in New York when he was captured.

San Ambrosio is full of sick soldiers down with malaria and yellow fever.

WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN.

NOT IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION.

Senator Walthall Opposes the Cameron Cuban Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Walthall of Mississippi in an interview announces that he opposes the Cameron Cuban resolution for the reason that in his opinion there is not any "Republic of Cuba" existing and exercising the functions of any organized government for us to recognize. The senator added:

"I am sorry this is so, for the Cubans from the beginning have had my sympathy in their aspirations and efforts to be free, and I have deplored and condemned the outrageous treatment they have been subjected to. But the fact remains that they have no such government status as would justify the United States in acknowledging the independence of the supposed government, and in this question sentiment must not lead.

"I do not wish by any premature action to incur the responsibility of precipitating an issue with a friendly power, but it seems that we would be in that attitude if we should recognize Cuba and the nature of the probable consequences which would follow."

Generous Will of a Scientist.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 31.—The will of the late Alfred Nobel, the Swedish engineer who was the first to discover the means of exploding nitro-glycerine in a manner enabling it to be used for practical purposes, bequeaths almost his entire fortune to be converted into an international fund for the advancement of scientific research. The interest will be expended in prizes for competition, open to scientists throughout the world.

Turkish Marines Demand Pay.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—Seventeen hundred disbanded Turkish marines made a hostile demonstration at the arsenal on Tuesday, demanding their arrears of pay. They received a portion of the pay due them, and were then separated into small parties and sent to different parts of Anatolia.

TRAIN ROBBER IS UNDER ARREST.

Leader of the Blue Cut Gang of Bandits Fully Identified.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—James F. Kennedy, the leader of the trio of bold robbers who held up and robbed the Chicago & Alton eastbound passenger train at Blue Cut, near Independence, last week, has been run down and arrested by the local police. He was taken at his home at Crack-er-neck, a small place near the scene of the robbery, yesterday and brought here today, his arrest not being made known till his safe arrival in Kansas City.

It appears that the detectives working on the case have shadowed Kennedy since the day following the robbery and made the arrest on the strength of two $10 notes in his possession and which were identified as those taken from the express company's safe. The corners of the bills had been torn off in removing them from the envelope. In the envelope, which was left behind, were found the corners, which fitted the bills found in his possession.

Kennedy is a locomotive engineer and says he formerly worked on the Southern Pacific at Houston, Tex. He refuses to talk about the robbery or to give any clew to his pals. His arrest is considered very important, as he is believed to have led the gang that held up the same train at the same place two months ago. It will be remembered that the engineer of the train described the leader as "an engineer or some one very familiar with the workings of a train."

At the jail today Kennedy was positively identified by Engineer James Witten and Fireman A. E. Post of the looted train, who recognized in the train robber the leader of both holdups. He is known to have spent money freely since Christmas, paying for many of his purchases with $20 gold pieces, the same double eagles which trickled through his fingers as he taunted the express messenger on the night of the robbery. Kennedy came here from Houston September last, having been discharged at Houston by the Southern Pacific and blacklisted.

SHOOTS WILDLY AT THE BOARDERS.

Theodore Flannagan Kills an Old Man and Woman and a Young Girl.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—A triple murder was committed this evening in a boarding house kept by Mrs. D. W. Allen at Poplar Springs, a suburb of this city. Just as the inmates of the house were sitting down at the supper table Theodore Flannagan, a boarder, entered the dining room smiling and greeted the guests with, "Good evening, my friends." He added: "The old year is going, and I think all of us would be better if we were done with it."

He then whipped out a revolver and shouted: "Prepare to meet your God tonight!" Without further warning he fired into the affrighted people. The first bullet went crashing through the brain of Mrs. Allen, an old lady of 65. She fell to the floor dead without a word.

G. W. Allen, aged 70, was the next to fall a victim to the murderous fellow, falling dead beside his wife. The next bullet which took fatal effect was for its victim Miss Ruth Slack, the 18-year-old daughter of Colonel Slack of Greensboro, Ga., who had arrived at the house during the afternoon on a visit. Other boarders ran out into the street to seek safety, two of them badly wounded by the flying bullets. Having emptied his revolver, Flannagan coolly reloaded it and started toward the city, threatening death to any one who would follow him. Soon a mob was at his heels determined upon lynching him. A police officer met the fugitive just in time to save him. The officer and Flannagan jumped on a passing electric car, and thus eluded the lynchers.

Flannagan is now in jail. He feigns drunkenness, but it is the testimony of all that the man was perfectly sober when the shooting occurred.

APPEAL FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD.

South Dakota Man Compiles an Interesting Table on That Subject.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Captain George B. Ackerman, company K, South Dakota National Guard of this city, has compiled a table giving the population of eleven states, viz.: South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa, Montana and Colorado, together with the indebtedness of each state, the assessed valuation per capita, number of men liable to military duty, number of men in organized militia, and national and state appropriation for such organization. In the table South Dakota is seventh in the number of men liable to military duty and eighth in population and assessed valuation. It receives the same allotment from the government as Colorado, viz.: $3,486.48, which appropriates for the support of her militia $31,345. South Dakota, with a population in 1890 of 328,808, receives an annual national appropriation of $3,486.48, and appropriates from its state treasury $300 for the support of her National Guard. This is the smallest amount paid by any sate in the union for the purpose. Captain Ackerman, aided by officers and members of the National Guard throughout the state, and by Lieutenant Frost, recently commissioned by the War department as military secretary to the governor, are calling the attention of the members of the legislature to the necessity of a more liberal appropriation to enable the militia of South Dakota to be put upon an equality with the organization in other states in equipment and efficiency.

Second Flow of an Artesian Well.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The artesian well at the little town of Tripp has commenced to flow again, after having been obstructed for some time. When last noticed by some men working upon it the well was flowing a very small stream. This has gradually increased, until now the flow is stronger than it was a year ago. Great quantities of quicksand are being washed up. The town has spent over $5,000 on the well, and since last spring has had nothing but a hole in the ground to show for it. More casing has been ordered and the pipe will now be sunk to the second flow.

Much Rain in South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Rain has been falling here most of today and indications are that it will continue tonight. All crossing on the river except by footmen has been stopped and the ice has broken loose from the shore. A day or two more of warm weather will break it up and clear the river.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—In this locality the old year is going out with a heavy rain falling. It is remarkably warm for this season of the year. The ground is clear of snow except in sheltered places.

Kyle Forms a Combination.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—It has just been learned here from an authoritative source that a combination has been formed between Freeman Knowles and Senator Kyle, in which Knowles is to throw the strength of the Black Hills legislative vote to Kyle for senator and is to receive the support of Kyle for re-election to congress two years from now. Knowles had agreed to support Plowman and his change of front may work him more injury than benefit in the Hills section in the next campaign.

Pardons Murderer Hurnley.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—On the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, Governor Sheldon today issued a pardon for Fred Hurnley, who killed his father at Huron in 1890 and who was sentenced to fourteen years for manslaughter.

Call a Pastor to Huron.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The First Presbyterian society of this city has extended a call to Rev. J. T. Henderson of Pipestone, Minn., to become pastor of the church here, and it is quite probable he will accept the call.

PARCELING OUT THE PLACES

Popocrats Find the Division of Spoils Full of Perplexities.

SOFT MONEY DEMOCRATS ARE SUSPICIOUS

Fearful to Enter a Caucus in Which They May Be Wholly Swallowed by the Powerful Populists.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The momentous question of to caucus or not to caucus is just now agitating the minds of the various "free silver democrat" candidates for legislative positions. The populists are hot for a caucus, and an early one at that, Saturday night, if possible, but the democrats know they are in the minority and are shy about going into an alleged fusion caucus. The populists promise to tote fair, but there is still a bad taste in the mouth of the average free silver democratic politician left over from the populist state convention, from which he emerged with one lone candidate for a state office endorsed—Attorney General-elect Smyth. However, the populists say there will be a caucus held just as soon as enough candidates are on the ground to warrant. This bids fair to be soon, as they are arriving on every train, and the corridors of the Lincoln hotel are humming like an aeolian harp with the murmurs of political aspirants.

One candidate for chief clerk of the house, Elias Baker, dropped out today, and a new candidate for speaker, Ralph A. Clark of Richardson county, loomed up on the horizon. Mr. Clark was chairman of the free silver democratic convention which nominated Judge Broady for congress last fall. It is understood that he is not anxious to go into a fusion caucus. Neither is Edson Rich of Omaha. The latter is a democrat, but he has, nevertheless, a strong following among the republicans, and after a complimentary vote to their nominee the republicans may cast their solid vote for him for speaker. He is also regarded quite favorably by some of the populists.

The name of W. E. Foster of Plainview, Pierce county, was today launched for first assistant clerk of the house. H. C. Richmond of Red Cloud returned to Lincoln today and is rustling for support among all kinds and conditions of politicians, except republicans. There is bound to be considerable friction between the populists and democrats regarding the distribution of legislative places, and at the present writing a fusion caucus is very improbable. Yet in the event of a failure to fuse the populists have the advantage numerically and will undoubtedly avail themselves of the logic of the situation.

Another unavailing and unprofitable meeting of the state canvassing board was held today in the governor's office. That it was barren of results is attested by the fact that the report of the board still remains unsigned and with small prospect that it ever will be. A majority of the board, including Treasurer Bartley and Secretary of State Piper, desire to sign a report finding that the amendments not having carried, there was no election of supreme judges at the general election held on the 3d of November last. This is opposed by Governor Holcomb. He believes that the board should certify up to the legislature the fact that the first constitutional amendment submitted, the one increasing the membership of the supreme bench, received 84,000 votes for, with 36,000 votes against, and allow the legislature to make such disposition of the matter as the facts so certified by the canvassing board warrant. Under Justice Maxwell's decision that a majority of the votes cast for members of the legislature would carry a constitutional amendment, the populists believe that the first amendment carried, and that Kirkpatrick and Neville are elected. But in order to make this claim good the vote for legislators would have to fall 30,000 short of the total vote cast in the state.

The representatives-elect to the twenty-fifth session who arrived in town today are: Lucien Stebbins, North Platte; O. Hull, Alma; W. H. Taylor, Exeter; E. M. Webb, Callaway; W. G. Eastman, Kingston; E. Soderman, Bertrand; C. S. Zimmerman, York; M. C. Fernon, Roseland; C. C. Marshall, Arlington; William Welch, Osceola; Samuel Bower, St. Paul; O. P. Billings, Norden. State Senator L. M. Graham, Stockville, of the Twenty-ninth district is on the ground.

ASKS M'KINLEY FOR AN OFFICE.

Thomas O'Connor Wants to Be Collector of San Francisco Port.

CANTON, Dec. 31.—The usual number of callers were greeted by Major McKinley in his library this morning. From 9 a. m. a great many people crowded into the library and shook hands with the major, and he retired to his room tired and pleased.

Thomas O'Connor of San Francisco was a caller during the morning. Mr. O'Connor was a close friend of Judge Waymiere, who is prominently mentioned for a cabinet position. He says the judge has the following of nine-tenths of the people of that section of that country, is an able man, an old soldier, and the people out there believe he has good prospects of receiving an appointment. He said he would certainly say a good word for the Californian if an opportunity presented itself.

Mr. O'Connor's name has been mentioned in connection with the collectorship of the port of San Francisco, and he did not deny that he had hopes of favorable consideration when the time came for the appointment to be made. Mr. O'Connor was a member of the Thirty-third regiment, Ohio Volunteers infantry, during the war, and is therefore a comrade of Major McKinley. He is on his way to Cleveland, where he formerly lived, to visit relatives.

NEW STORY ABOUT PEARL BRYAN.

Woman Declares Jackson and Walling Not Primarily Responsible.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Mrs. James Hackney of 32 Senate avenue, north, this city, does not believe that Jackson and Walling are primarily responsible for the murder of Pearl Bryan. She said today that Pearl Bryan came to her last September and engaged a room, for which she paid one week's rent. While there, Mrs. Hackney says, she told who was responsible for her delicate condition, and that it was neither Jackson nor Walling. Mrs. Hackney said that if she thought it would do any good she would write a letter to the governor of Kentucky asking that the sentences of Jackson and Walling be commuted.

Biggest Wine Vat in the World.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The largest stock wine vat in the world is being set up by the California Wine association at the Lachmann cellar on Brannan stret in this city. The famous Heidelberg is a baby by the side of the newcomer, which has the proportions of a two-story cottage and on the bottom of which four quadrille sets could dance with ease. The Heidelberg wonder has a capacity of 50,000 gallons, while this San Francisco wonder is to hold 80,000 gallons.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 31.

At Queenstown—Sailed—Majestic, from Liverpool for New York.

At Bremerhaven—Sailed—Dresden, for New York.

At Genoa—Sailed—Werra, for New York.

At New York—Arrived—Westernland, from Antwerp.

At Glasgow—Arrived—Circassia, from New York.

At London—Arrived—Mohawk, from New York.

At Rotterdam—Arrived—Spaarndam, from New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Germania, from New York.

JUDGE WESTOVER [illegible]S COURT.

Several Criminal C[illegible] Disposed of Before the N[illegible] Year.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—In the district court today, Judge Westover presiding, the trial of the case wherein Anna Risaway charged John O'Hanlin with being the father of her child and asked that the defendant be made to aid in its maintenance, was concluded, the jury finding for the plaintiff, and judgment being entered for $325.

In a similar case against David Kosht, tried by Judge Kinkaid yesterday, Kosht pleaded guilty and judgment was entered for $700. The latter defendant is a prominent resident of this place and the former of Chadron.

Edwin S. Ostran, sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years for cattle stealing; Plenty Bird, to five years for manslaughter, and Herman Granger, to three years for cattle stealing, will be started for Lincoln tonight.

River Breaks Up at Decatur.

DECATUR, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The ice on the river broke up this morning and the pontoon bridge was washed out from bank to bank. Captain King, the proprietor, and his tollkeeper, Nick Matney, were on it when it went. Later reports confirm the fact, however, that the barge they were on has lodged down the river about a mile, and the captain and his man got off all right. The atmosphere is very heavy here and the fog is very thick. This is the first time the Missouri river has broke at this point at this time of the year since along in the 60s.

FREMONT, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The weather has been very damp and wet for the past few days and it rained quite hard this afternoon. The roads have been in good shape, but the rain is taking the frost out of them rapidly.

DUNCAN, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The year is closing here with a slow, drizzling rain today. The past warm weather has taken the frost out of the ground, and plowing is first-class. Most of the corn is in the cribs, and hay baling is the order of the day.

WAYNE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Rain has been falling all afternoon and will cause considerable damage to corn that is not cribbed.

Corn Fills Every Space.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—There has never been a time since this country was taken from the Indian and buffalo when there has been so much corn in the county as there is this year. There are farmers in the valley who have stacked up 30,000 bushels, and here in town the merchants and people can hardly get lumber enough or land on which to build cribs. The merchants are taking it as fast as they can get it, and paying 2 cents more than market price to get it, and corn shellers are running right in the middle of the streets.

Bank Will Voluntarily Liquidate.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The Crete National bank will tomorrow publish notice of going into voluntary liquidation. The bank has four times the amount of its deposits in cash on hand and on deposit with reserve agents. The deposits amount to $12,000 and cash and exchange $75,000. The bank will liquidate by arrangement through the First National bank of this city. The reason for winding up business as given by the bank officers is that there is no profit in banking in this section of the state.

Church Social at Bellevue.

BELLEVUE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church gave a church social and oyster supper at the home of D. R. Kerr last evening. The attendance was good and the affair was a very enjoyable one.

A number of the resident Bellevue teachers are at Lincoln this week in attendance at the State Teachers' association. The delegation consists of Misses Nellie McDonald, Helen Longsdorf and Laura Kast.

Narrow Escape of a Whole Family.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The family of Mrs. Anna Feltheiser narrowly escaped poisoning this afternoon. A quantity of head cheese had been prepared in a copper kettle. Immediately upon partaking of it several children were taken violently ill. A physician was called, and after difficulty their sufferings were relieved without serious results. The contact of the food with the copper kettle is thought to have caused the trouble.

Collecting Personal Taxes.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The city treasurer is taking summary measures to collect delinquent personal taxes by issuing distress warrants against the property of those in arrears. There is a large amount of unpaid personal taxes on the books of the county and city treasurers and the above method has been adopted as the best means of collection.

Company C Gives Its Annual Dinner.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Company C of the Nebraska National Guard held its annual dinner this evening at the armory. The officers and members of the company, together with their guests, were present. Judge Broady of Lincoln, Judge Hayward, Frank E. Helvey, Harry Boydston, Captain Mapes and others responded to toasts.

Bond-Ramsey.

ORD, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Miss Angeline Ramsey and Rollin W. Bond were united in marriage yesterday evening at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. Leeson of the Christian church officiating. The bride is one of Ord's most beautiful young women and the groom is the accomplished leader of the Ord band.

Wants to Be Indian Agent.

WAUSA, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—J. C. Hass of this city has announced himself as a candidate for Indian agent at the Santee agency. The announcement has created a stir in political circles, making, as it does, two candidates from this county, and a dozen or so in other portions of the state willing to accept the position.

Good Templars' Entertainment.

WAUSA, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Independent Order of Good Templars lodges at Bloomfield and this place united in giving a literary entertainment at School hall in this city Wednesday evening. A large audience was in attendance and much praise manifested.

Ord Woman Entertains.

ORD, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—This afternoon Mrs. P. Mortensen entertained a select party of her friends at a 5 o'clock tea in honor of her friend, Mrs. H. A. Babcock of Lincoln.

Caught in a Corn Sheller.

WAYNE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Jake Wellbaum caught his hand in a corn sheller Tuesday afternoon and the middle finger was crushed, necessitating amputation.

Boys Use a Head for a Target.

OAKLAND, Cal. Dec. 31.—When the remains of John Conlon were found strewn along the railroad tracks in Oakland bullet holes in the face led to the belief that the man had been murdered and that his body had been placed on the track to conceal the crime. Detectives have now learned that no crime was committed. Some small boys who were practicing with an air gun hung Conlon's face on a post and used it as a target.

Officers Held Responsible.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Captain Smith, who commanded the wrecked collier San Benito, and Chief Officer Zolling, who was on the bridge when she struck, have been deprived of their license by the United States inspector of hulls and boilers. It was decided that the loss of the San Benito was due to carelessness.

DEATH OF EDITOR M'CULLAGH

Tragic Ending to the Noted Journalist's Tedious Illness.

DEAD BODY FOUND ON THE SIDEWALK

Supposed to Have Fallen from His Bed Room Window During an Attack of Asthma—A Tireless Newspaper Worker.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Mr. Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and one of the best known newspaper men in the country, is dead as the result of a fall of twenty-five feet from a second-story window of his apartments at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, at 3837 West Pine boulevard. The body, which was cold in death and clad only in a night gown, was discovered by Mrs. Manion's colored man servant about 7 o'clock this morning. Waters, the colored servant, without touching the body, ran frightened into the house, where he told the cook of the discovery. She immediately called Mrs. Manion, who had not yet arisen, and told her that Mr. McCullagh had fallen out of his window and killed himself. Immediately on being notified by the servant, Mrs. Manion dispatched her coachman to summon Dr. C. B. Hughes, who resides in the neighborhood and was Mr. McCullagh's physician during his last illness. He hastened to the house, and after examining the