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SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—All night long the rain which commenced falling yesterday at the Presidio awaiting orders to proceed to Manila to relieve Admiral Dewey. The Presidio is a sea of mud, and the troops, most of whom are lacking proper clothing to withstand the cold and damp, are suffering greatly, but the men do not complain. Although their tents are surrounded by miniature lakes and small rivulets course through the camps under neat coats and shakedown beds, not a whimper is heard.

Last night was the most disagreeable yet experienced by the men; fires were not burned, and the troops had to content themselves with cold lunches and an occasional cup of hot coffee which the good people of the Red Cross society prepared for the shivering soldiers. Although blankets in plenty had been distributed during the day, little sleep was obtainable, owing to the inconveniences with which the men had to contend. The sentries suffered most of all. All day yesterday and last night they tramped steadily up and down their beats, wet to the skin. Most of them lacked overcoats, but one by one they were supplied with comfort by their more fortunate comrades who could get under the shelter of tents.

There has been so much to do and so little time in which to do it that it has been impossible for the officers to look after every detail and they were much handicapped owing to their inability to secure the articles necessary for the comfort of the men, the stocks of local merchants being depleted early in the week.

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STEER CLEAR.

Horse and Humber to be Shunned. Steer clear of the fellow who, on a short acquaintance, wants to borrow money of you. The chances are that he does not intend to pay.

Steer clear of the bore who wants to tell how smart he is, and how much he knows. Steer clear of the hypocrite who is forever prating of his heart and his conscience. Such as he are likely to leave land and butter in the lurch.

Steer clear of the humorist who tries to repeat the jokes he heard last night at the theatre. He is likely to miss the point and then he is mad because you do not laugh.

Steer clear of the crack who would advise you about your wall-paper, your clothes, and the way you are bringing up your children. That he happens to be an old friend of your wife's family is no reason why he should torment you.

Steer clear of that other nuisance who would tell you what to do when you feel chilly and weak at times, as if your blood were not circulating properly. You know what to do. You know that Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey will give you the strength and vitality you need.

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MINOR MENTION.

Try Moore's stock food. Dr. Green, 112 Fourth street. Miss Lou McLaughlin of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Tinley.

For rent, a six-roomed modern cottage. Address 804 First ave. Dr. A. O. Mudge, the dentist, removed from 319 to 325 Broadway.

W. W. Wheeler of Panama, Ia., was in the city yesterday visiting friends. J. W. Richardson and wife of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were in the city yesterday.

Miss Janet Stevenson of Omaha was in the city yesterday visiting her brother, Stymest Stevenson. The Evans laundry is the leader in fine work both for color and finish. 520 Pearl street. Phone 296.

John Griffin, the well known horseman of Carson, accompanied by his nephew, H. L. Griffin, and wife, were in the city yesterday. Don't you think it must be a pretty good laundry that can please so many hundreds of customers? Well—that's the Eagle, 724 Broadway.

Guy E. Thode, bookkeeper of the Iowa exposition commission, arrived from Stuart yesterday and will join Secretary Chase's office at headquarters today. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis, a daughter. Mr. Davis has secured a position with the Star Union telephone company and will shortly remove there with his family.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will be held this evening. The session will be held in the room at the Washington avenue school building, the papering and painting having been finished. The Detroit gas machine will light your residence or office. It is a safe, reliable, sixty-four candle power lamp four hours.

Mr. Bixby, heating, plumbing, lighting, 202 Main and 203 Pearl st., Council Bluffs, Ia. The funeral of Andrew, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson of East Broadway, who died Saturday of diphtheria, was held yesterday morning. The funeral was private. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

C. B. Viard Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 10 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 225-227-228 Merriam block. Money to loan on city property. Kinne. N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250. Irving hotel, 2759 B'd'y; rates, \$1.50.

Stone Was Simply Chilled. The young man Fred Stone, who was brought in last Friday from Missouri Valley and sent to St. Bernard's hospital by the county authorities, died yesterday afternoon. He was examined yesterday by County Physician Stephenson and found to be only suffering from a cold and not pneumonia as at first thought. Stone was a lodger at the J. H. Anderson of East Broadway, where he was taken sick. When brought back here on the Northwestern train the police were at first inclined to believe he was suffering from a cold, but his condition, however, was the result of sleeping out of doors in the wet, but there seems little doubt that he was robbed by Missouri Valley in a box car.

Max Hammler has purchased a League bicycle from Cole & Cole. No dead fish were discovered in Manila harbor after Dewey got through with his little settlement. There were plenty of them at Sullivan's, but they were good and fresh and you will find a bigger supply there this week than ever.

Mission Services. The services at the Broadway Methodist church yesterday morning were conducted by the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the church. Miss Frank Baker of Detroit, Mich., manager of the Northwestern branch of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary society, comprising the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, delivered a very interesting address descriptive of the mission work in India, Korea, Japan and China. She dwelt especially on the needs of the women of the heathen countries and the "Zenana work" being performed by the missionaries of the order. In the evening Miss Baker spoke at the Trinity Methodist church.

We don't claim to have all the furniture in town, but we do claim to have the finest up-to-date goods in that line ever shown in this city. Our leather bottomed chairs are beautiful and for an entire outfit for furnishing your home we can give you out in fine shape and at moderate cost. Peterson & Schoening, Merriam block.

Porters for the Troops. Eighteen colored porters of the Pullman company are at the Transfer depot awaiting the arrival of the trains from St. Paul conveying the soldiers of the Thirtieth regiment. The porters are from Chicago and were sent Saturday to Columbus, Neb., where they expected to take charge of the tourist cars containing the privates. The original plan, it appears, was to run the trains by Chicago and Omaha, and not through Council Bluffs. This was changed and the porters were ordered back to the transfer yesterday.

Where the organ stands on the building, that's Bourgeois, where they sell good pianos cheap. No. 325 Broadway. FOR SALE—Good second-hand bicycle at a bargain. Call at The Bee office, Council Bluffs.

Iowa Medical Society. The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Iowa State Medical society will be held at Des Moines Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The following physicians of Council Bluffs are on the program for papers: Drs. F. S. Thomas, H. B. Jennings, V. L. Treynor, A. H. Carter, J. C. Robertson, Dr. Macrae, sr. and F. W. Dean. Dr. J. C. Robertson is one of the trustees of the society and Dr. Macrae a member of the committee on expert testimony and publication.

Storage, Winn & Konigsmacher, 326 Bwy. Iron bedsteads are getting to be all the rage. For something nice in that line see Peterson & Schoening, Merriam block.

Long Taken Back to Urbana. A. H. Long, of Urbana, Ill., on the charge of larceny from a hotel in which he was clerk, was taken back there last evening by Sheriff D. D. Cannon, who arrived here yesterday morning with requisition papers without which Long had refused to return. Long has been in the city jail here since May 7.

Will curiosities never cease? One of the latest is the fish scaling machine at Sullivan's, 343 Broadway.

War has been declared against poor paints in Council Bluffs and no quarter will be shown. There has been more of Harrison's paint in this vicinity than all others combined. It is pure and will last when it is put on your building. We buy by the carload and can give you better prices than those who buy in small quantities. Davis, 200 Broadway.

Funds for a Home. DES MOINES, May 15.—(Special.)—The people of Des Moines having failed to raise the \$25,000 required to obtain a similar

BETWEEN PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Rev. B. Venting Talks to His New Congregation Confidentially.

MUTUAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE RELATION

Sermon Delivered in Connection with His Announcement of Acceptance of the Call to the First Baptist Parsonage.

Rev. B. Venting, pastor of the First Baptist church, who, on accepting the call to succeed Rev. C. Kocho, did so conditionally for two months, at the last meeting of the church notified the members of his willingness to continue the pastorate indefinitely. At the morning service yesterday he preached a sermon dealing with the mutual requirements that should exist between church and pastor. He took as his text I Corinthians, xvi, 7: "I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit," and said in part:

"The call to the ministry is not affected by the manner adopted by individual ministers. Each has his own style of working and is never so effective as when natural, in the Christian ministry you will find the accomplished scholar, the eagle-eyed critic, the eloquent orator. It is necessary to remind you that you must not expect a summary of all the qualifications in one man. Do you depreciate the sun because it has no fragrance? Do you undervalue the rose because no light flashes from its leaf of beauty? The minister should not be made the subject of adverse criticism because he does not combine the fire of the orator, the imagination of the poet, the argument of the critic and the grasp of the philosopher.

"The true minister seeks the highest culture of his church. The sanctuary is not an empty shell, where learned orations are delivered and the chief attention is directed to the cultivation of intellectual philosophy. The representatives of the commercial and industrial classes are expected—men who are less anxious to understand a technical theology than to be brought into contact with the life-giving religion of Jesus Christ. I am convinced that your spirits require something more than a profuse array of classic things—you crave the richest viands of heaven. It is my hope to make the Sabbath a delight and lead you to hail the sanctuary as a precinct of heaven.

"It is not my intention to trifle with you. The truth must be told, even if it elevates to heaven or plunges into hell. God is my witness that I would rather eat the bread of poverty and at the last have my body rest in a pauper's grave than keep any part of my message. The power of the church consists in its piety. Profoundly convinced of this truth I should be treacherous to my convictions were I not to labor to promote the highest ideal of spiritual excellence. If holy in our life, peaceful character we must secure no sympathy in a holy church; every ear is close to his slander and every tongue ready to rebuke his impiety. May this church be a center of power and joy.

"I expect your punctual and regular attendance. The devotional part of the service is of the highest importance. There is something radically wrong in the moral institution of any one who depreciates the sacredness of prayer. There is something opposite to public decency and rectitude in habitual late attendance. I shall expect the exercise of a charitable judgment, but no pretensions to infallibility. My conduct will be exposed to public criticism, but I consider that from the church the most tender consideration. If two constructions can be put on any deed, I shall expect you to adopt the more charitable. I expect your earnest cooperation. When the minister knows his appeals will elicit a practical response he feels himself in possession of a gigantic power. It is a joy to labor with a people who are ready to aid in every step of the advancement of the world and the glory of God."

Hoffman's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it. Bartel & Miller have best home-made bread.

The fish season is upon us and Sullivan's tends to let no one go hungry. His orders keep increasing with each week, but he lets no order go unfilled.

Wards in Virginia. Frederick Ward, the well known exponent of the legitimate drama, will appear at the Bohemian theater Tuesday night in "Virginia," the story of which has been made familiar to every scholar or student of literature by Macaulay. It was adapted to the stage by James Sheridan Knowles and ever since has been recognized as one of the leading plays of modern times. Mr. Ward is supported by an excellent company and his interpretation of the title role is said to be ideal.

War is not the only interesting topic in Council Bluffs during these exciting times. At least you would hardly think so to see the big rush for fish at Sullivan's, the grocer, 343 Broadway.

Peterson & Schoening, in the Merriam block, have a complete line of hardware, garden tools, building supplies, etc. All their goods, both in the hardware and furniture line, are sold on close margins and you will always find their prices right.

Plans for Opening Club House. The Council Bluffs Bowling association expects to open its club house at Lake Manawa for the season on June 1. It was decided to place a bowling alley in the "white house" as one of the club's buildings is known. The beach in front of the big club house has been sanded and will afford a desirable bathing place for the members and their friends. There is some talk of the association having a regatta some time this summer.

People buying furniture this spring should see the fine display now at the big store of Peterson & Schoening in the Merriam block.

Largest in Western Iowa. The C. B. Paint, Oil and Glass company, Masonic temple, is the largest paint house in western Iowa. Only first class paints are handled. It is fully to use a house with a solid reputation to buy of some small concern. We carry a complete line of the best paints and oils and those intending to paint their houses will consult their own interests to visit our store. It simply means money in your pocket to buy of us.

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Iowa Debaters Win Out.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 15.—(Special.)—The annual debate between the universities of Iowa and Minnesota was held Friday evening in the university chapel. Considerable interest is always taken in this event and the audience of several hundred listened to the college disputants. The question under discussion was: "Resolved, That the United States should regularly raise a part of her revenue by a graduated income tax, the constitutionality of which shall not enter into the discussion." The affirmative was supported by the Iowa men, W. W. Still, Fred M. Blume and C. O. Giese. Minnesota upheld the negative through her representatives, S. C. Scott, W. B. Stewart and H. M. Hodgson. The judges of the debate were Judge J. C. Bonney, Governor Fairbank, Edward F. Waite of Minneapolis and Judge R. A. Mott of Fairbury. They consumed no time in deliberating, but at once handed in a decision of two to one in favor of the affirmative. As on the occasion of previous debates between the same contestants, the Iowa boys were clearly more than a match for the Minnesotans. They had their audience well in hand and fairly deluged the audience with facts and figures.

Lernaebe May Resign.

DES MOINES, May 15.—(Special.)—Rumors have been rife for a week to the effect that ex-Governor Lernaebe, one of the members of the State Board of Control, would resign in the course of the next few months and give Governor Shaw an opportunity to appoint his successor. During the absence of the board neither confirmation nor denial of the story could be obtained, but now it seems to be pretty well founded.

Accident to Judge Stevens.

AMES, Ia., May 15.—(Special.)—While Judge Stevens was driving in his buggy on the highway near the Iowa state fairgrounds, the horse ran away, throwing Judge Stevens on the curb, wrenching his back and cutting the back of his head quite severely. Mr. McCarthy was caught in the wheel and dragged some distance, but aside from a few bruises was unhurt.

Secretary of Board of Control.

DES MOINES, May 15.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control has elected Grant Jordan of this city secretary of the board. The appointment had not been sought by Mr. Jordan, but the board, after looking over the entire field of available men, finally singled out Mr. Jordan, who had tendered the position of secretary, and he accepted it. He is serving his second term as county clerk.

Taxable Property Turned Up.

DAVENPORT, Ia., May 15.—(Special.)—The work just completed by the city assessor brings to light nearly \$8,000,000 worth of property not before on the books of the city for taxation. The assessor says that the new law making the method of assessment more rigid. This represents about \$12,000,000 of actual property that has heretofore escaped taxation.

Candidate for Congress.

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 15.—(Special.)—Mayor H. G. Curtis has announced that he will be a candidate for congress in the Ninth district and that he expects to receive the support of the Cass county republicans. This makes two candidates in the county.

Iowa Press Comment.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Even the loaf of bread has its ups and downs. It will shrink from war or rise to the situation. Marshalltown Times Republican: Since the War department has issued 10,000 pamphlets for the anti-war campaign a great many will be sorry they didn't order especially the tired brigade. Keokuk Gate City: In the order of the departure of our Iowa regiments from the state the Second Iowa is the first. First is to be last. Thus are the scriptures to be last partially fulfilled.

Des Moines Leader: Much has been said about the material that the present war will furnish to the Fourth of July orators, but from present indications the stock should be exhausted before the sweet girl graduates get through with the war.

Ottumwa Courier: Another of the compensations of this war is the fact that an American can't be fooled any longer on the location of Sullivan's. San Francisco Chronicle: Marie and a lot of other places that two months ago could not have been pointed out on the map after a half hour's search.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR APRIL.

In Domestic Merchandise There is an Increase in Exports. WASHINGTON, May 15.—The monthly statement of the exports and imports of the United States during the month of April, 1898, shows as follows: Domestic merchandise exported, \$98,125,253; imports, \$55,923,658, of which \$24,416,753 was free of duty. As compared with April, 1897, the gain in exports was about \$22,600,000 and a loss of imports of about \$45,000,000.

The exports of gold during April last amounted to \$1,319,384 and the imports to \$32,778,674.

The exports of silver during April aggregated \$1,640,031 and the imports amounted to \$44,692.

For the ten months ending with April there was an increase of \$124,920,202 in the exports of domestic merchandise, as compared with April, 1897, and a loss of \$89,608,058 in the imports free and dutiable. In the exports of gold there was a loss of \$4,125,530 and a gain of \$19,115,977 in the imports.

In the movement of silver there was a decrease of \$5,005,311 in the exportation of silver and an increase of \$612,519 in the importations.

SERVITORS OF LATE WAR REMEMBERED BY GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(Special.)—Pensions have been granted as follows: In the rank of Major—Peter B. Burge, Omaha, 8; Increase—John Young, Lincoln, \$8 to \$10; Milburn Chapman, Nelson, \$6 to \$8; George W. McFarland, Cambridge, \$6 to \$12. Original widows, etc.—Mary Dunlap, Ponca, \$8.

Iowa: Original—David Bunch, Cedar Rapids, \$6; Sauer, Truman, \$6; Restoration—Albert Little, Strawberry Point, \$6; George Helt, Sibley, \$17 to \$30; William W. Bruner, Cole, \$6 to \$8; John D. Richards, South Bend, \$6 to \$8. Re-issue—William M. Leslie, Avoca, \$12; George M. D. Arch, Scranton, \$8. Original widows, etc.—James Saunders, former, \$5; Lewisville, \$12; Susan, Monroe, \$5; Mary F. Wright, Dexter, \$15.

Colorado: Original—Charles M. Reynolds, \$8; John L. Bell, Denver, \$5; Increase—William T. Wallace, Rocky Ford, \$8 to \$10. Original widows, etc.—Anna Biggs, Medden, \$8.

Original—David C. Spencer, Great Falls, \$12.

Nebraska—Ell L. Shotwell and J. Brims, David City, wire reel.

Iowa—Phillip W. Cassell, Garner, screw; Fred L. Fairbank and T. W. Caspell, Des Moines, blotter blank and absorbent composition; Ira B. Frazee, Blairtown.

Half of Kingman, Ariz. KINGMAN, Ariz., May 15.—Half the business portion of this place was destroyed by fire tonight. A few stores are safe. The loss cannot be estimated at this hour nor the amount of insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

TAKE UP THE REVENUE BILL.

Senate Committee on Finance Reports the Measure Today.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The war revenue bill will occupy the attention of the senate this week almost to the exclusion of everything else, and there is no probability that the bill can be disposed of during the week. The indications are now for a two weeks' debate, and there is no assurance that it will be concluded in that period of time.

The opponents of the bill disavow any intention to unnecessarily delay the passage of this legislation, but they do not conceal their purpose of taking time to put forth their views on the questions involved, and it looks as if it will be impossible for them to do this within less time than two weeks.

The principal portion of the debate will be on the report of the republican members of the committee in favor of restoring the bond provision. The probabilities are that the bill will be passed if the war continues, but before a vote can be reached upon it there will be a great deal of talk for and against it.

The entire financial question will be involved to an extent and probably most of the members of the senate will be heard before the conclusion of the discussion.

The republican senators generally are averse to a prolonged discussion, but the democrats and silver republicans say it is necessary for them to explain and defend their position.

Senator Allison will open the debate on Monday with a statement on behalf of the republican members of the committee on finance, and he will be followed by a democratic member, probably Senator Jones. Beyond this there is no word upon which to base a statement of the probabilities. It is quite certain, however, that there will be no dearth of speech making.

Speech Forecast.

The most notable event in the house proceedings of the present week will be the introduction of the resolutions providing for the annexation of Hawaii. The committee on foreign affairs has decided to favorably report the resolution and will do so probably on Tuesday.

A large majority of the republicans and it is claimed, fifteen democratic members favor the proposition and would like to take immediate action, but consideration will be postponed likely until after this week.

Mr. Jones, of the house, who has immediately consideration that the passage of the resolution now would complete the situation as respects the revenue bill and would delay greatly the passage of the latter.

Speaker Reed and Representative Dingley have prepared a general banking and currency bill, and the latter is especially opposed to passing the measure before action upon the revenue bill is taken.

On Wednesday the banking and currency committee will present, pursuant to the vote of the previous day, a general banking and currency bill, but it was understood that it would not be considered this week. Final action on any currency measure at this session seems improbable.

Some of the appropriation bills in conference with the senate are the general banking and dry and postoffice measures, and one or both may be reported, though there is a disposition to delay them in conference until the revenue bill is well under way in the house.

The house committee is practically ready to report the general deficiency bill and may bring it in this week.

A bill to establish a nonpartisan committee to study problems with a view of suggesting proper legislation affecting local government has been introduced. The prospect for local bills is good.

Pertaining to Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—George Kuntzman was today appointed postmaster at Encampment, Carbon county, Wyo.

Contracts for carrying mail in South Dakota were awarded as follows: Bettendorf, Iowa, to J. D. Franklin, \$199; S. D. Loveland, at \$44 a year; Saint Herbert and Spinach, S. D., to J. D. Franklin, \$173; and between Wales and Hawthorn, Iowa, to J. D. Franklin, \$199.

Contract for supplying fuel for the Fremont, Neb., postoffice for the next fiscal year was today awarded to Fred DeLamar at \$452, also for the Council Bluffs, Iowa, public building to the Carbon Coal company at \$1,990.

FIRE RECORD.

Litching Plant Destroyed. MITCHELL, S. D., May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—At 6:45 this evening the Mitchell electric light plant, owned by M. B. Cleming, was completely destroyed by fire. Hay and straw was used for fuel, as a matter of economy. The engineer was getting up steam to start the plant and had turned the damper in the smokestack and in a few moments the engine room, which immediately ignited the hay. In short time the whole building was ablaze and the building and most of the machinery was destroyed. Mr. Cleming places his loss at about \$7,000, with no insurance. The building are the Mitchell's streets will be in darkness for some time unless the council make some provision for lighting.

Big Fruit Jar Warehouse.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 15.—The warehouse of Ball Bros., big fruit jar glass works, was destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock this morning. The loss will amount to about \$285,000. The warehouse was 400 feet long, twenty feet wide and thirty feet high and contained fully one-half the year's product. The insurance has recently run out on a number of the buildings, and the estimate given out is that only about \$20,000 insurance will be available to cover the loss.

Oakland, Searched.

OAKLAND, Neb., May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—About 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the building occupied by Lindquist Brothers, butchers. The building and stock is nearly a total loss. The postoffice building on the south was badly damaged. All mail matter was taken out safely before the water began to pour in. Lovander's drug store was slightly damaged. Incendiaries are suspected.

Town of Chippley, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 15.—News has been received of the almost total destruction of the town of Chippley, on the Pensacola & Atlantic railroad, about 120 miles inland of here. Nearly every business building in the place was burned, also the railroad depot and many private residences. The loss is large and a number of the families were made homeless.

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