NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Budweiser beer, Rosenfeld. Tel. 323.

Smoke "J A B" 5c cigar.

Moore's Stock Food makes fat.

Finest work, Bluff City Laundry.

Smoke Iron Chancellor 5c cigar.

Attorney Frank Shiun of Carson was in the city yesterday.

County Supervisor Ben Auld of Griswold was in the city yesterday.

C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

Wanted—Latest edition of Council Bluffs city directory. Apply at Bee office.

Mrs. H. B. Hayden will arrive home this morning from her vacation visit in Geneseo, Ill.

W. A. Maurer reported to the police yesterday that a $10 kodak had been stolen from his store on Broadway.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. L. Stanton, aged 34, of Niobrara, Neb., and Allie Thrapp, aged 34, of Madrid, Ia.

Harry Davis, formerly with Undertaker Estep, leaves for Anita this morning, where he goes to take charge of a similar establishment.

N. P. Thornby, the blacksmith who assaulted John Hathaway, a painter, was assessed $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning.

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.

Mrs. John Beno and daughters Kitty and Bess leave for Colfax this morning, where they will be established for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leverett of Griesel, Mo., are in the city visiting the families of their son, William J. Leverett, and daughter, Mrs. George P. Sanford.

E. H. Gridley, a prominent republican of Lodi, O., is in the city attending the exposition. He is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. I. N. Flickinger and family.

The children of the Sunday school and members of the congregation of St. John's English Lutheran church will hold their annual picnic tomorrow afternoon at Fairmount park.

D. Anderson, living at Twenty-fourth street and Avenue G, was arrested on complaint of his wife, who charged him with beating her. He will have a hearing this morning before Police Judge Aylesworth.

The case against Will Green, charged with the seduction of a young girl named Kate Castle, was dismissed in Justice Burke's court yesterday. The girl's evidence completely exonerated Green and on motion of Assistant County Attorney Smith the case was promptly dismissed.

County Auditor Matthews yesterday received a supply of the laws passed by the Twenty-third general assembly, copies of which he is prepared to furnish attorneys and others desiring them. Copies will be forwarded by Auditor Matthews to every justice of the peace in the county.

Judge Smith of the district court yesterday appointed George W. Lipe administrator of the estate of Nelson Bebo, the stranger who died at the Women's Christian association hospital here June 13. Bebo was on his way home to Canada from Nevada when he was taken sick on the train and on reaching here was removed to the hospital, where he died the next day.

The remains of Private Dewitt Tucker of Company L are expected to arrive this afternoon from San Francisco. No arrangements have been made as yet for the funeral, but he will be accorded a military funeral and Lieutenant Beardley, commanding the High school cadets, has given instructions for the cadets to hold themselves in readiness to attend the funeral.

Clerk Steadman of the United States court has been notified that suit brought in the federal court here by the American Loan and Trust company against the City of Creston, to enforce the payment of $3,300 hydrant rental due the Creston Water Works company, has been amicably settled. Judgment will be given for the amount asked for and the money will be paid into the clerk of the court.

The annual picnic of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school will be held tomorrow afternoon at Lake Manawa. The cars will start from Broadway and Ninth street at 2 p. m. and the parents and friends of the children are invited to enjoy the festivities with the school. The final arrangements for the picnic were completed last evening at the meeting of the committee at the residence of F. S. Thomas.

Judge Aylesworth yesterday morning found a little 2-year-old child sitting comfortably on the front porch at his residence on Fifth avenue and South Eighth street. The little tot was unable to tell his name or where he lived and was turned over to the police. Shortly after Mrs. W. E. Piper of 37 Scott street, the mother of the little fellow, who had been searching everywhere for the child, called at the station to secure the aid of the police and was overjoyed to find her little one there.

Karl Harbets, the check worker, was turned over to the federal authorities yesterday. Commissioner Wright being absent from the city he was taken to Creston yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Richards, where he will have a preliminary hearing tomorrow before Commissioner Porter on the charges of robbing the mails and breaking and entering the postoffice. The police are still working on the case, but nothing further has developed no has Harbets' accomplice been located.

Last Sunday a man said to be the engineer in charge of one of the buildings at the exposition, engaged a room and board at a house on Broadway for himself and wife. The woman he said was his wife arrived Monday with a 5-year-old daugater. Yesterday evening it developed that the woman was the wife of another man, who appeared upon the scene and secured the services of the police in locating the couple. After a lengthy conference the woman decided to return to Omaha with her husband and no arrests were made.

C. B. Viavi Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam block.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

FOR SALE—Good second-hand bicycle at a bargain. Call at The Bee office, Council Bluffs.

Injunction Against Paving.

Residents on Third avenue west have organized and will bring action for an injunction restraining the city from assessing their property for paving done this spring. They will claim that the contract has not been fulfilled in any respect, that 2,000,000 of the same kind of brick as went into the Third avenue work and which had been placed on First avenue for paving were rejected, it being found they would not stand the tests.

To the fisherman with poor luck—don't get discouraged. If you fail to catch anything go to Sullivan, the grocer, and he will sell you a mess of fish. The folks at home will never be able to tell the difference as to whether you caught them or not.

Genuine new Columbias, $40.00 while they last. First come first served. We can only get a few at this price. COLE & COLE.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

W. H. Ellis and wife to Christina Peterson, s½ ne¼ ne¼ 23, and part nw¼ nw¼ 24-76-43, w d $1,400

Emmet Tinley to Savings Loan and Building association, lot 8, block 1, Highland Place, q c d 20

J. Moriarty and wife to Frank Shinn, se¼ 31-76-40, w d 4,800

W. Palmer to Emmet Tinley, lot 8, block 1, Highland Place, w d 400

Four transfers, total $6,620

DEMOCRATS ARE BACKWARD

Usual Clamor of the Bourbons for Place Not Heard in the Land.

CHAIRMAN BIXBY FIGURING ON DATES

Calling of Conventions for Several Purposes is Just Now Taking Up His Time—Some of the Possibilities.

F. A. Bixby, chairman of the democratic county central committee, will issue a call in a few days for the county convention of his party to select delegates to attend the democratic state, congressional and judicial conventions. The democratic state convention will be held at Marshalltown Wednesday, September 7, and it is probable that Chairman Bixby will call the county convention for August 15 or some day thereabouts. It will be held in this city.

Chairman Morrisey has called the congressional convention for Monday, August 25, in this city, but in the last few days it has been reported that the committee is considering the advisability of changing the date, although for what reason is not stated. The judicial convention has not been called as yet, but will probably be held at the same time and place as the congressional convention.

At present there does not seem to be any eager rush in the democratic camp for offices and so far the names of very few candidates are mentioned. It is believed, however, that as soon as the county convention is called the prospective candidates will announce themselves and that there will be no lack of material, at least as far as quantity goes. As far as is known at present there are no aspirants in this neck of the woods in the ranks of democracy for any of the state offices to be voted on this fall, but it is said there are one or two democratic attorneys who are figuring on hustling for the nomination for district court judge. This is mere rumor and the reputed candidates have as yet made no such announcement for themselves. For two of the county offices the names of several candidates have recently been mentioned, but as to the balance of the offices to be voted on so far no candidates have declared themselves. There is yet lots of time before the election and as soon as the political pot commences to bubble the would-be candidates will come to the top all right.

For the office of county attorney three candidates are mentioned as desirous of securing the democratic nomination—Roscoe Barton, the well known attorney of Avoca; Thomas J. Casady of this city and W. H. Ware, likewise a member of the Council Bluffs bar. Casady at one time held the position of assistant United States district attorney under J. D. Fullen, during the last Cleveland administration. Those in the party who claim to know say that if Attorney Organ of this city wishes it he can have the nomination, but it is not known yet if Mr. Organ will be a candidate. Tim Healy of Avoca has cast envious eyes on Freeman L. Reed's job of clerk of the district court and is already laying his fences for the nomination from the democrats. His is the only name mentioned so far for this office. The above are about the only candidates who are talked of at present, but then it is more than three months yet to the election.

The official photographs of the United States Navy, containing over 200 pictures of the vessels, with their officers and a number of the views of the ill-fated Maine, can be had at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee for 25 cents and a Bee coupon.

LETTER FROM LIEUTENANT MURPHY

Officer Reported to Have Been Killed Reassures His Parents.

L. F. Murphy yesterday received a letter from his son, Lieutenant Will Murphy of the Twenty-Fourth United States infantry, who was reported to have been killed in the attack on San Juan, one of the outposts of Santiago. Lieutenant Murphy was one of the West Point cadets who at the outset of the war was appointed to a regiment. Several of the eastern papers published his photograph as being one of the West Point cadets killed before Santiago. The letter received by his parents yesterday was written in the trenches before Santiago on July 8, the day following the storming of San Juan, in which his regiment, the Twenty-fourth infantry, composed of colored troops, took such a prominent part. The letter sets at rest any fears that the young man's parents had for his safety. Lieutenant Murphy has the distinction of being the only soldier from this city who went to the front and saw active fighting. The letter, excluding such portions which are of interest alone to the family, follows:

HEIGHTS BEFORE SANTIAGO, July 8, 1898.—Dear Father: I have not been hurt and am fully convinced that providential protection alone took me through it. Contrary to all principles of tactics, but unavoidable, the Twenty-fourth infantry was marched for three miles in a flanking fire from artillery, and when we were within about one and a half miles from the first Spanish position we were hemmed in a narrow road, subjected to a hail of fire from two block houses and intrenchments on the hills on our right. We waded about 400 yards down a stream up to our shoulders under protection of its banks, and charged across a field of bull grass as high as our heads for about 600 yards and then up the hill about 200 feet and drove the Spaniards out of their fort. The one we took is called "San Juan." We lost terribly. Lieutenants Gurney and Augustine are dead, Colonel Liscum, Captains Ducat, Brett and Burton and Lieutenants Lyon and Laws are wounded. We lost about 100 men, but the fight is virtually won. During the engagement I threw away my sword.

I saw Colonel —— fall. I gave him my canteen and he soon revived. We occupied the hill by the blockhouse.

We are within about 400 yards of the city, and they have up a flag of truce. They want until 10 a. m., July 9, to hear from Havana. We have them sewed up tight. I have a piece of an eight-inch shell which tried to get me, but struck the parapet of my trench. Will try to send it home. No one except those thoroughly acquainted with this country will ever know how dreadfully desperate the fight and charge was. It is a mistake to think that the Spaniards wont fight. The Spaniards have their barracks and other buildings covered with the "red cross" and abuse all the established principles of warfare. They put their men in trees, hidden with leaves and bark, and they pick off officers, surgeons and men of the hospital corps. Finally it became necessary to systematically hunt these men down and this has been done with considerable success. The night of the Fourth Sampson began countermining and the dynamite made such a racket that the Spanish officers ran out under a flag of truce about 11:30 p. m., and wanted to know what we meant by firing under a flag of truce. It did not take us long to tell them that our flag of truce did not include the navy. Now, about 9 a. m., I hear the guns of the navy and Morro castle exchanging compliments.

Of all the precautions advised before we started for Cuba I could follow but few. I wear my woolen bandages, but after wading the stream I was unable to put on dry clothes again. In fact for seventy-two hours we were under fire without sleep and thirty-six hours without water or food of any kind. Bacon and hardbread are fine.

I sleep on the side of San Juan hill in a niche so I won't roll out. I have a rain coat, blanket and shelter-half. This is the most beautiful country I have ever seen, and if we should have peace I know of no place I would prefer to live in. I have seen enough of the horrors of war but am proud of the gallant boys of the Twenty-fourth. The fighting is practically over so have no fear. Your son WILL.

For Private Tucker's Funeral.

The Council Bluffs Women's Sanitary Relief commission held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, at which it was decided that the members would attend in a body the funeral of Private D. C. Tucker of company L, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at Camp Merritt, San Francisco. A committee consisting of Mrs. C. D. Walters, Miss Bessie Pryor and Miss Beatrice Tinley was appointed to purchase a suitable floral tribute, and Mrs. A. B. Moore, Mrs. Windle and Mrs. Halliday were designated as a committee to draft resolutions which are to be submitted to the commission at the regular meeting on Thursday, August 4.

The Evans laundry is the leader in fine work both for color and finish. 520 Pearl street. Phone 290.

Map of Cuba, West Indies and the World at The Bee office, 10c each.

Washburn and Maurer mandolins and guitars, Behning and Crown pianos; absolutely high grade instruments of all kinds at Bouricius' Music House, 325 Broadway, where the organ stands upon the building.

Will Enforce Curfew Ordinance.

The merry-go-round at Seventh and Broadway was closed down last evening for the reason that two of the men who have been running it were in hiding from the authorities, who have warrants for their arrest. Yesterday morning about 3 o'clock the police, acting on information received, proceeded to the tent, where they discovered four young girls in company with three men. Two of the men managed to make their escape, but one, who gave the name of Harry Shaw, was placed under arrest. The girls, none of whom are over 16 years of age and the youngest probably not more than 14, were later released on suspended sentences during good behavior. Shaw will have a hearing before the police judge this morning. The result of the arrest of the young girls will be that the city curfew ordinance will in the future be rigidly enforced, and all young girls and boys found at the merry-go-round after 9 o'clock at night unaccompanied by their parents or some responsible person will be arrested.

Gasoline Explosions Prevented.

A very remarkable gasoline stove is on exhibition at Cole & Cole's that burns either coal oil or gasoline. If you mix coal oil and gasoline it makes no difference and is a very wonderful device and practical.

COLE & COLE.

Barns Burned.

Two barns in the rear of No. 497 Park avenue, occupied by the family of E. W. Peterson, local representative of Dun & Co., and No. 499, occupied by E. Howe and family, were totally destroyed by fire yesterday evening about 5 o'clock. The fire started in the barn at the rear of the Peterson home, where a number of children were giving a show. By the time the fire department arrived on the scene the flames had communicated to the adjoining barn. The firemen were handicapped by power water pressure and it took hard work on their part to prevent the residences from burning. As it was both houses were badly scorched in the rear. The property is owned by eastern parties and is thought to be insured.

The Bee's photogravures of the exposition, part one, consisting of sixteen beautiful views, can be had at the Council Bluffs office for 50 cents and a Bee coupon. See advertisement on another page.

Airing of Family Troubles.

The Ackerman family troubles were aired in Justice Burke's court yesterday. J. B. Ackerman, the head of the family, had a hearing on the charge of beating his 15-year-old daughter, and the evidence in the main supported the accusation. The testimony of Ackerman was to the effect that he had refused to permit his younger daughter to visit her sister, who had married one of the Bethers family. The girl disobeyed the injunction and then trouble ensued. Her father admitted beating her, and that perhaps he had been a little bit too severe. The court took its decision under advisement. The court room was crowded during the trial with the neighbors of the Ackerman and Bethers families.

Conundrum—What is the difference between the store of Sullivan, the grocer, and the aquarium at the exposition? That's easy. Sullivan has twice as many fish on display and it doesn't cost anything to see them, either.

Lucy Smith has purchased a League bicycle from Cole & Cole.

Work of Robbers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—An organized band of robbers is at work in this vicinity, evidently making their headquarters in the timber between Otis and Beverly. Saturday night the grocery store of Peter Minick was burglarized. Late Sunday night Joe Stark, who lives on the west side, was aroused by some one who wanted to use his telephone to call physician for a sick woman. As he opened the door two men sprang inside and leveling revolvers at him compelled him to give up $97.40. Last night six men, going from Spring Hill, Ill., to the harvest fields, were held up in a box car near Otis by four men with revolvers, who relieved them of $70, four gold watches and a silver watch.

Iowa Business Notes.

The new Rock Island depot at Atlantic is rapidly approaching completion.

The Fort Madison School board will refund $35,000 worth of 4½ school bonds.

The Le Mars Gas company has been organized with a paid up capital of $22,000.

The glucose plant at Davenport is in operation again with 250 hands employed.

The Davenport woolen mills have contracts to furnish 16,000 blankets to the government.

A balloon company has been formed in Centerville to make balloons and conduct ascensions.

New banks authorized in Iowa: New Albion Savings bank of Allamakee county; the Cambridge Savings bank, the Union Savings bank of Wilton Junction.

A business lot in Davenport sold at auction a few days ago at $800 a foot and the successful bidder was so excited when he got through that he kept right on bidding, and when he finally realized that the property had been knocked down to him he was led away in tears of joy.

Iowa Press Comment.

Davenport Democrat: If Iowa has an empty treasury, as reported, that condition need not long remain. The people will take all of Iowa's 3 per cent bonds they can get.

Des Moines Leader: If all the complimentary things that have been said about the Iowa troops are true, their retention can be explained only by the survival of the fittest theory.

Traer Star-Clipper: Look over the action of Iowa republican conventions and you will find no backing down on the coinage issue. The republicans believe in sound money—money that will not be at a discount, dollars that go for 100 cents in any market. They demand that no more silver be coined than can be kept abreast of gold in its purchasing and debt-paying power.

ANOTHER TROOP FOR IOWA

Governor Shaw Authorizes Lieutenant Harry Polk to Organize It.

MEMBERS TO FURNISH THEIR OWN HORSES

Minimum Number of Men Placed at Forty and Maximum at Sixty-Four—One Other Troop Allowed.

DES MOINES, July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Shaw through Adjutant General Byers, today authorized Lieutenant Harry Polk to organize a troop to be known as "Troop A, Iowa National Guard." The troop must contain not less than forty and not more than sixty-four mounted men, the members to furnish their own horses. But two such organizations are allowed the state. Troop B has not yet been ordered recruited.

Sues for Heavy Money.

SIOUX CITY, July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The Credits Commutation company of Sioux City today filed a suit in the district court of Woodbury county against the members of the old "Railway Syndicate," D. T. Hedges, A. S. Garretson, Ed Hankinson and John Hornick, in the sum of $2,896,500. The members of this syndicate are the men who controlled the large interests of Sioux City at the time of the crash in 1893 and the property involved consisted of the Sioux City, O'Neill & Western railway, the Sioux City & Northern, Sioux City Dressed Beef and Canning company, the Sioux City stock yards and the union depot property. The suit is to secure a judgment and keep the notes given by these men from running out under the statute of limitations. No defense will likely be made to the suits, but it will protect the collaterals now in the hands of the plaintiff. The Credits Commutation company is made up of bankers from all parts of the country, who held the notes and securities given by these men before the disastrous failure.

Cedar Rapids to Have a Carnival.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—It has been practically decided that Cedar Rapids will have a carnival again this fall. The one held last year was so successful and of so much benefit to the city that it was the general sentiment of the business men that it should be made an annual event. At a recent meeting of the directors of the Commercial club the project was heartily endorsed and resolutions which were passed granted Secretary Ed R. Shaw all the time he could possibly devote in assisting N. F. Franchere in making arrangements for it. The carnival will be held at Athletic park during the last week in September or the first week in October.

Collateral Inheritance in Iowa.

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—Judge O'Donnell this morning appointed appraisers to determine the value of the estate of the late Lydia M. Viber, subject to the inheritance tax. This is the first proceeding under the new law in this county. The collateral inheritance tax law was passed by the general assembly in 1897. Under it collateral inheritances are taxed 10 per cent. In the case of the Viber will there are heirs who are subject to the provisions of the new law, and that a just value of the property may be determined the court appointed the appraisers.

Old Settlers Incorporate.

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—The old residents of this part of Iowa are determined that the grave of the first settler of Iowa shall never again be neglected. A year ago a beautiful monument was erected over the grave of Julien Dubuque, near the city, to take the place of the one placed there at his death, which had crumbled to pieces. Now the Old Settlers' association has been incorporated to care for this monument and grave and to collect data regarding early history of this part of the state. D. J. P. Quigley is president of the association.

Democrats Want a Republican.

SAC CITY, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—The democratic county convention was held here Saturday. Twelve out of sixteen townships were represented by thirty-five to forty delegates. After selecting delegates to state and district conventions, the convention adjourned to meet September 17 to nominate candidates for county offices. The congressional delegation favors the nomination of Phil Schaller, a republican, who, it says, has given it assurance that he will run if nominated.

Killed by Fright.

SHELDON, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—A sad case of death from fright occurred here Sunday, the victim being the 5-year-old son of Mr. Long, a cigar manufacturer. Some mischievous boys, knowing that he was very much afraid of dogs, set a cur after him to scare him. The little fellow ran toward home as fast as he could, but fell down and the dog ran clear over him. The boy went into spasms which were followed by paralysis, ending in death this afternoon.

District Judge Charges Libel.

SPIRIT LAKE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—J. J. Bruce of Rolfe is under arrest on a charge of libel brought by Frank Helsell of Sioux Rapids, who was appointed district judge recently to succeed Judge Thomas. Bruce has written several sensational articles for the newspapers since Mr. Helsell was appointed charging him with various offenses involving his business integrity.

Souvenirs from Santiago.

AVOCA, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—Dr. W. A. Maxwell today received from his brother-in-law, Seth Chase, who is on the Suwanee, a piece of the Spanish flag from the Maria Teresa and two Spanish coin taken from the Vizcaya. The piece of flag is about eighteen inches long and five or six inches wide. The edges are burned and ragged.

Wreck on the Port Arthur.

MARYVILLE, Mo., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A bad wreck occurred on the Port Arthur Route three miles west of Maryville this morning. A trestle gave way when the morning freight westbound was passing over and thirty cars were plunged into the ditch and completely wrecked. Three tramps who were in a rear box car declare that there were two others in a car near the middle of the train. The cars in that part of the train were loaded with lumber and it is believed they were buried in the debris and killed. They got on board at Stanberry. Brakeman Huston's escape from death looks like a miracle. He was sitting on a brake when the bridge collapsed. The car he was on left the track and he was thrown clear outside the fence that marks the boundary of the right of way. He received only a few scratches. No others were injured. A wrecking crew came up from Stanberry this morning and has been at work all day, but the wreckage is not nearly all cleared up. A representative of the company estimates that the total loss is $20,000.

Prince Henry Goes to Corea.

BERLIN, July 26.—A dispatch from Kiao Chou today announces that the German war ship Deutschland, having Prince Henry of Prussia on board, started for Fusab, Corea, on July 25 (yesterday.)

- MANAWA -

First appearance here of the Drum Major of the Famous 14th Regiment, O. N. G. Band, Columbus, O.,

MAJOR GEORGE L. BEHRENS,

The World's Greatest Lightning Drum Major.

In a whirlwind of Evolutions with the Baton. Mr. Behrens is the winner of the Columbus Evening Dispatch prize for best representation of "Uncle Sam." Begins an engagement at Lake Manawa today.

- MANAWA -

SPANIARDS SCUTTLE A SHIP

Commander at Guantanamo Violates the Terms of Surrender.

HOLGUIN CANNOT HOLD OUT VERY LONG

Is an Important Point for the Control of Eastern Cuba—Fleet Coaling and Cleaning Up in the Harbor.

GUANTANAMO BAY, July 26.—The Prairie arrived here from Nipe bay last evening and reported all quiet. The Spaniards last night sunk the Spanish gunboat Sandoval, which has been lying near Caimanera. This is looked upon as being a gross breach of the terms of the surrender, which the Spaniards had knowledge of, especially considering the fact that food had been sent by the United States navy into Caimanera.

First Sergeant of Marines Kinne of the New York went north yesterday evening on the Texas to get his commission as second lieutenant of marines. This is almost the only case of such promotion on record in this branch of the service.

The Montgomery left yesterday evening. It is difficult to see how the large number of Spanish troops at Holguin can fail to surrender very soon, although reinforced by the Spanish forces from Gibara. Holguin is one of the commanding points in eastern Cuba, and the surrender of its garrison will be an important event in the war. News from there is expected shortly, and upon it will depend some of the plans of our commanders.

The Vixen and Suwanee returned to Santiago yesterday morning conveying the prize ships brought here for disinfection. The main body of the fleet is here coaling and cleaning as well as the facilities of the bay permit. The Texas will leave for New York shortly in order to undergo repairs. The movements of the other ships under Rear Admiral Sampson's command, except those engaged in the Porto Rico expedition, depends upon the decisions of the authorities at Washington, and the impression is growing among the naval officers of high rank in these waters that it is not advisable to send a fleet to Spain without previously enabling the ships to undergo thorough preparation, including going into dry dock in several cases.

Ships Now at Guantanamo.

The list of vessels in Guantanamo bay, includes the flagship New York, Brooklyn, Iowa, Indiana, Oregon, Marblehead, Detroit, Newark, Yankee, Yankton, Hornet, Ericsson, Rogers, Wampatuck, Samoset, Vesuvius, Celtic, Vulcan, Alvarado, five colliers and one transport. A Boston fruit steamer arrived here yesterday morning loaded with fruit, in consequence of a request upon the part of Admiral Sampson, but the steamer refused to sell anything and each ship was given a supply of fruit, which was much appreciated.

No news has been received here from Porto Rico.

Colonel Ewers, who was sent by General Shafter to receive the surrender of the 5,000 Spanish troops at Guantanamo, arrived here on Sunday night with two of General Toral's officers and proceeded to Caimanera and Guantanamo yesterday. The colonel expected to return last night. It is said that 1,700 of the Spanish troops at Guantanamo are on the sick list. After they have surrendered the work of tending the sick, feeding the healthy and maintaining order among the prisoners will probably devolve upon the navy.

The Nipe bay engagement was quite hot, but there were no casualties on the American side. The Spanish gunboat Jorge Juan was riddled by American shells. It is believed that about 200 men deserted from it, after opening the Kingston valves.

A bulletin just issued in regard to the investigation of the navy's shells at the bombardment of Santiago de Cuba says: "Twelve houses were completely wrecked inside and one house was burned. Sixteen 8-inch shells struck within three blocks on the Calle de Marina. These excavated the ground to a depth of about four feet and about ten feet in length. The street was macadamized. It is judged from the fact that many of them struck near the water's edge that a number of shells must have gone into the bay. Army officers have stated that thirty or forty went beyond the northern edge of the bay into the Spanish lines. A dozen or more of the shells have not exploded. In four of them the base had been simply blown out. In one case a 4-inch shell, which was probably a stray shell, fired during the demonstration at Aguadores on July 1, had gone through a tree and had exploded in the ground beyond. When the severe effect of the 8-inch shells is considered, it is a matter of congratulation that it was not necessary to continue the bombardment longer and fire 13-inch shells, as the squadron had prepared to do. The effect of these latter would undoubtedly have been of a most disastrous character to the town."

The board has completed its investigation and will make a detailed report later.

Emperor Sends No Letter.

BERLIN, July 26.—It is semi-officially announced that there is no foundation for the report that Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador at Washington, has presented to President McKinley a personal letter from Emperor William.

FRUIT AND GARDEN FARMING *Around Council Bluffs* **PAYS**

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Not Kelly who played Base Ball, nor Kelly who kept the hotel, but HORACE R. KELLY, that prince of all cigar manufacturers. We have had placed with us, as jobbers, to distribute to the retail trade,

HORACE R. KELLY CO.'S "LA FAVORITA" 5 CENT CIGAR.

When you find this excellent piece of goods in your retailer's case, you take no chance in trying it, as it is made on honor, by people who knew how to make cigars. Retailers will please not wait for our traveling men, but place their orders at once. Every cigar guaranteed.

JOHN G. WOODWARD & CO. COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

HOBSON TO WED KANSAS GIRL

First Met at the Wedding of Her Brother, Who is in the Navy.

KANSAS CITY, July 26.—A special to the Star from Oswego, Kan., says: Miss Lelia Cook, whom a Noblesville, Ind., dispatch credits with being the fiancee of Lieutenant Hobson of Merrimac fame, is from Vinita, I. T., and formerly lived here. She was born in Labette county, Kansas. Her father, Henry C. Cook, whose death occurred last month, was a man of more than passing prominence. He was at one time clerk of the district court of Labette county, later mayor of Oswego, and was for several years grand master of Kansas Masons. After removing to Vinita, I. T., with his family in 1892, he was made grand master of the Masons of the Indian Territory.

Miss Lelia Cook was educated and graduated with honors at Shurtleff college, Alton, Ill. She is a sister of Lieutenant Allen M. Cook, now assistant engineer on the United States flagship New York, who has taken an active part in the recent naval battles. Miss Cook and Lieutenant Hobson first met at the wedding of Lieutenant Cook at Norfolk, Va., several months ago on which occasion she acted as bridesmaid and the Merrimac hero as best man.

KANSAS CITY, July 26.—The story from Noblesville, Ind., reporting the engagement of Miss Lelia Cook to Lieutenant Hobson, U. S. N., received a positive denial this evening from Vinita, I. T., where Miss Cook and her mother are now residing. W. W. Cook, a Kansas City bookkeeper, who is a distant relative of the young woman, received a telegram this evening from Miss Cook's mother, in which Mrs. Cook states the story is absolutely without foundation.

DISCUSS CIVIL ENGINEERING

Many Men Prominent in the Profession Present at the Annual Convention.

DETROIT, July 26.—In the absence of Mayor Maybury, Rev. C. L. Arnold today opened the convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers with a happy welcome address. The sessions are held in the auditorium of the Fellowcraft club. One hundred and eighty members and 125 interested guests are present. The first business was the addresses of the president, Alphonse Eteley. He gave an excellent summary of the progress made in railroad building, bridge building, street railroad progress, the building of tall, fire-proof buildings and many other engineering subjects. Mr. Eteley's address asserted that in many of the large sea-coast cities of the country there is but one system of water supply, which is taking a great risk. He said where the density of population was great there should always be more than one supply and that it is to be wondered at that no harm has resulted as yet from the one-supply system.

A preliminary business meeting was held and temporary committees were appointed. Several prominent army engineering officers are among the members present. Discussions of technical subjects will be varied by excursions and social affairs throughout the four days' meeting.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Lind Hart.

AVOCA, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lind Hart died at 10 a. m. today at the home of her daughter, three miles south of Avoca, of cancer of the stomach, aged 62. She came to Avoca in the early '70s. Two children survive her, Mrs. J. G. Ruckles of Avoca and Will A. Hart of St. Joseph, Mo.

Bourgogne Sailors Released.

HAVRE, July 26.—In accordance with the orders of the public prosecutor, the six Austrian sailors of the wrecked French liner La Bourgogne, who were charged with cruelty and brutality to passengers at the time of the collision between the steamer and the British ship Cromarthyshire, were liberated today and their prosecution was dropped, owing to lack of evidence. Two other sailors of the same steamer were recommended for rewards as a result of their courageous conduct.

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TRANSATLANTIC FLEET TO SAIL.

Statement that Cervera and His Officers Will Not Go with Prisoners.

MADRID, July 26—(Via Paris).—The transatlantic fleet to bring home the Santiago prisoners will sail tomorrow. Captain Aunon, minister of marine, says Admiral Cervera's officers will not return with the Santiago prisoners, but their return will be negotiated with the United States government.

Spanish Put Out Another Light.

GIBRALTAR, July 26.—Alma Point light, near Ceuta, the Spanish penal settlement on the coast of Africa, will be extinguished until further orders.

Prince Bismarck's Illness.

BERLIN, July 26.—The Lokal Anzeiger announces that the condition of Prince Bismarck is worse