ated, to be made one of the standing committees. Upon objection being made by Wheeler of Furnas, Mr. Prince said that there would probably be a greater amount ever before and he believed it desirable to have this matter taken in charge by a special committee and the responsibility be present state administration.

Grosvenor of Hamilton took up the cudget for the minority party. He said the responsibility of the legislation would rest with the republican majority. He did not believe that the deficiency claims would be claims ought to take care of them. The motion of the gentleman from Hall was

Burns of Lancaster spoke in favor of allowing the committee on claims and the matter being near coming to a vote, Gros-

venor demanded a roll call. At this point Haller of Washington raised the point of order that under the rules temporarily adopted no new standing committees could be created.

It is understood that back of this incident is a general sentiment among the republican members that the deficiency appropriations for the state offices and state institutions should be embodied in a special bill, where they will stand out as a plain re- but adjourned at once until 10 o'clock tominder of the boasts of economy recently morrow. made by the fusion administration.

Only a small amount of routine business was transacted in the senate today. The usual time will be required to take care of the preliminaries, and the first of next week will see the upper house fully ready for business. The inauguration of the state officers and the presentation of the last message of Governor Holcomb will be the main features of tomorrow's session.

The services of a timekeeper for senate considering the matter of employes, the form as follows: senators decided the secretary could do that work very easily, and have added that to his duties. The employes will also have the fact impressed upon them from the start that only for time actually employed, and will not therefore draw double pay for half work. The number of pages employed today was four only. If more are actually needed they will be added later.

During the first two days of the session the twelve senators representing the fusionists might well be termed the "silent minority," as they have scracely been heard from during that time. The acts of the republican caucus were endorsed yesterday and today by a "yea" vote, and accepted without comment, aside from the few remarks of Senator Farrell of Merrick yesterday. The 20 cents a day voted for stamps will hardly ments, but the senators are not showing any disposition to dive very deeply into the public pocket for "current expenses." The adjournment till tomorrow morning

was for the purpose of giving the senate the line. committee on committees an opportunity to do some work on the makeup of the committees. Their first session was held this afternoon. There is considerable goodnatured strife among the senators for the chairmanships of the leading committees.

BUSINESS BEGINS IN THE HOUSE

Meets in Joint Session with Senate to Canvass the Vote.

LINCOLN, Jan. 4 .- (Special.) -After the journal had been approved this morning the house was visited by the senate committee which had been appointed to arrange for a joint convention to canvas the election returns. The chair appointed as the house committee for the same purpose Evans of Adams, Lane of Lancaster and Tanner of Nance. A committee consisting of Thompson of Merrick, Haller of Washington and Grosvenor of Hamilton was appointed to the house was in session and ready for com-

munications from him. On motion of Wheeler of Furnas the speaker was voted the privilege of appointing a private secretary and a page to be of his own selection.

At this point in the proceedings the senators appeared and the two houses went into joint session to canvass the returns. Licutenant Governor Harris called the joint session to order and read the provision in the constitution for the canvass of the vote on state officers. Speaker Clark read a communication from Secretary of State Por ter, which was simply a tender of the abstract of the vote cast at the last election. Assistant Clerk Gilmore began the reading of the tabulated vote by countles, but did not proceed far until Representative Prince of Hall moved that the detailed canvass be dispensed with and totals only read. His motion was adopted and much time saved thereby.

Speaker Clark then proclaimed the results of the canvass and declared the officers duly elected. Upon motion of Senator Noyes of Douglas the joint convention adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow to hear the governor's message and inaugurate the new officers. Prince of Hall offered a resolution providing for the creation of a standing committee to take charge of the deficiency appropriations. In support of this he said it was necessary to keep these deficiency claims separate from other claims and place

the responsibility of the deficiencies on the

present state administration.

Wheeler of Furnas and Grosvenor of Hamilton, both fusionists, spoke against the adoption of the resolution. They saw in it an attempt to make campaign thunder and each thought the regular committee on claims ought to do the work. In this latter they were supported by Burns of Lancaster. Pollard of Cass spoke in favor of the resolution, deprecating at the same time the political turn that had been given to the matter. Grosvenor demanded a roll call and the clerk was about to proceed when Haller o. Washington raised the point of order that under the rules now in force no additional standing committees could be created. The chair held the point of order well taken.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the speaker to appoint a committee of seven on rules, after which the house adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE. Each Senator Voted Ten Two-Cent Stamps Per Day.

The senate convened at 10 o'clock. Senato Currie of Custer was absent on account of sickness. The senators took advantage of the reading of the senate journal to look over the morning papers. Senator Noyes of Douglas first caught the

eye of Lieutenant Covernor Harris and offered a resolution naming the following additional employes: Manley Houghton, Chadron; Charles Burcham, Willis Stout, Walter Rogers, Lincoln, pages. Arnold president; E. Tanner, Battle Creek, secre-Skuenning, Osage, messenger; Chester

COULD NOT EAT

The Affliction Which Befell a Fort

Scott Lady. FORT SCOTT, KAN,-"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for dyspepsia and to purify my blood, with excellent results. I was so that I could not eat anything without distress, but since taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla my food does not distress me, and I have felt better in every way. I believe it to be the best of blood medicines and gladly recommend it to others." EVA CRAIG.

Hood's Pills are tasteless, mild, effec-

resolution was adopted. Senator Arends of Otoe offered a resolution that no newspapers be bought at the of deficiencies come before this house than state's expense for distribution among the constituents of the senators; that each senator be allowed ten 2-cent stamps per day for official correspondence. Senator Arends placed where it properly belonged, with the also offered another resolution that the secretary of the senate act as timekeeper for the employes and that each employe be paid only for time actually engaged. Both resolutions were adopted.

Senator Talbot of Lancaster introduced of resolution providing for the appointment of larger than usual and the committee on a committee of three to wait upon a like committee from the house to make arrangements for the canvassing of the vote on amount \$10,987. characterized as an attempt to play to the state officers. Senators Talbot of Lancaster, Steele of Jefferson and Canaday of Kearney were named.

A committee from the house was announced, and it informed the senate that the house is organized and ready for busi-

At 10:45 the committee on joint canvass reported that it had met a like committee from the house and agreed upon January 4, 1899, at 11 o'clock for the joint canvass, the senators to meet with the representatives in their chamber. The senate then adjourned to the house.

The senate reconvened at 11:40 o'clock,

ORDER OF GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

of the Receiving Committee and Stations They Will Occupy. LINCOLN, Jan. 4 .- (Special.) - The state officials have arranged the following program for an inauguration reception to be

given tomorrow evening:
All members below will assemble at the executive office at 7:30 sharp. At 7:50 the employes will not be required this year. In line of march to the senate chamber will

General P. H. Barry and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, governor's staff, volunteer, ex-volunteer and National Guard officers and ladies. Governor and Mrs. Hollomb, Governor and once at least a public place is not to Mrs. Poynter, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and be considered as a private snap, as em-played during this session will receive pay Mrs. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Meserve, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, justices and commissioners of the supreme court and ladies, deputy state officers and ladies, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. ter, Mr. and Miss Poynter, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Maret.

Arriving at the senate chamber the officers of the staff will escort their ladies to the right of rostrum, and the receiving colmn will form as follows:

Governor Holcomb, Governor Poynter, Mrs. Poynter, assisted by Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Bryan, state officers and wives in order named. The deputies and ladies will assis behind the line to the left of rostrum. Mr. and Miss Poynter, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell and be sufficient to meet the "official" require- Mr. and Mrs. Maret will assist back of the line to the right of the rostrum. The officers of the staff will report to the adjutant general at the entrance and introduce the guests to Governor Holcomb at the head of

> PASSENGER TRAIN STRIKES BUGGY Farmer and His Wife Receive Fatal

Injuries at a Crossing. SYRACUSE, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)-George Brechville was instantly killed this morning by a westbound passen ger train at a crossing near this town. His wife was badly hurt and may not live. Mr. and Mrs. Brechville were in a carriage when the collision occurred. Mr. Brechville was 60 years old and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Otto Makes His Defense. MILFORD, Neb., Jan. 4 .- To the Editor f The Bee: In your issue of December 23, 1898, appears a communication derogatory to my personal character and injurious to me as a practical engineer, and attempts to the charge of my "bibulous turn" by saying that I have a brother who is engaged wait upon the governor and notify him that in the saloon business. As well say I have a brother in the milk business; hence, that said brother milked the town pump and controlled the chalk market, and I was re

> sponsible for the whole business. With your permission I desire to make a plain matter of fact statement that I can substantiate if necessary. I am a licensed engineer and understand my business in al

On January 19, 1898, I was appointed and took charge of the engine at the Industrial Home at Milford, Neb. The condition in which I found the engine, boilers, etc., is not a question involved in this controversy, we may dignify an uncalled for attack or private character by such title. I am unjustly assailed and misrepresented in the article referred to above.

In regard to my "bibulous turn," I am within the bounds of truth when I asser that a half-dozen times during the year will more than represent the number of times have been in my brother's or any saloon and then only on business with my brother. I may have taken during that time an occasional glass of beer, but never to the extent of intoxication. I never indulge in anything that intoxicates during the hours while on duty and never to the extent of in- lows: ebriation. Being without help, alone, in charge of engine, bollers, dynamo, etc., with the lives of all the people of the in-

see the opportunity for such indulgence is meager indeed. In summing up this matter from start to finish one must conclude that prejudice or personal dislike is the foundation and sole reason for my removal. If it were true that had at any time during the time of my employment at the home been intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicants, or had in any manner been derelict in my duties, this defense would never have been

stitution in my hands, you at once readily

I think the prohibition element only injures its cause by making war against those who happen to have relatives engaged in a legal and legitimate business. Our statutes ecognize the business and provide penalties or violations of the law and if my brother has violated the law he, not I, is amenable to the violated law.

Let justice be done. Let the appointing power of Nebraska avoid the appointment f narrow-minded and egotistical people as superintendents of our public institutions, and much cause of complaint will be re-

moved. Yours very truly, M. T. OTTO. Physicians Elect Officers. NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-The Eikhorn Valley Medical society held it third annual meeting in this city last evening. A. B. McMahon of Newman Grove, D. W. Beatty of Neligh and W. F. Kiesan of Norfolk were admitted to membership. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. A.-Long, Madison, president; W. F. Conwell, Neligh, second vice

tary; H. H. Hagey, Norfolk, treasurer. Held for Trial.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) - The preliminary hearing of Calvin Hiscox, who is being held here on the charge of murder. was had in the county court today and he was bound over to the district court, which will convene in February, without bonds. The prisoner had no witnesses and made no defense. The Sizemore brothers, who were to have had a hearing on the charge of murder, waived examination and were bound over to the district court.

Schedule for District Court. COLUMBUS, Ne.b, Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-Judge Hollenbeck has arranged the calendars for this district for the ensuing year according to the following table: Platte county, January 17, May 13 and November 13; Merrick county, February 13, May 22 each tablet.

Franklin, Omaha, night watchman. The and November 27; Colfax county, February 27, May 22 and November 27; Nance county, March 13, June 5 and December 11; Dodge county, March 13, June 5 and November 13, The jury has been drawn for the coming term and there are nearly 100 cases on the civil docket awaiting trial. In addition to this there are several important criminal cases pending.

Gage County Mortgage Record. WYMORE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Following is the record of mortgages filed and released in Gage county for the month of December, 1898: Farm mortgages filed, 68, amount \$92,382; farm mortgages released 72, amount \$72,125. City mortgages filed 10. amount \$3,771; city mortgages released 20,

For the year ending December 31, 1898. there were filed and released the following mortgages and amounts: Farm mortgages filed 469, amount \$628,622; farm mortgages released 577, amount \$776,652; city mortgages filed 130, amount \$96,715; city mortgages released, \$228,846. This makes a reduction of farm mortgage indebtedness for the year of \$148,030 and of city mortgage indebtedness of \$132,131, making a total of \$380,161.

Platte County Mortgage Record. COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-The following is a copy of the record of mortgage indebtedness for the month of December for Platte county: Forty-two farm mortgages filed, amounting to \$47,375.73, released, forty-six, \$32,550.75; twelve town and city mortgages filed, amounting to \$7,260, six released, \$2,575; fifty-five chattel mortgages filed, aggregating \$80,994.75, seventy-four released, worth \$31,647. The totals for the year are farm mortgages filed, \$418,492.79; released, \$414,048.99. Total deeds in foreclosure during the year, nine-

Merchants Enter Protest.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) -A mass meeting of the business men of this city was held at the court room last evening to take action in regard to the Greater America Exposition. Resolutions were adopted to be forwarded to the legislature and to the senate and house of representatives protesting against any state or fed eral aid being given. The attendance was

Cavalry Resume Their Posts. WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-Three freight trains carrying the horses and amunition of the First regular cavalry passed through here this morning. A passenger train carrying one troop of the First cavalry, bound for Fort Sturgis, S. D., passed through here this afternoon. This regiment will be stationed at Fort Robinson, Neb., Forts Meade and Sturgis, S. D.

Students Take Up Their Books. WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) --The following university students returned to Lincoln to resume their studies on Monday, after spending the holidays at home: Edward Baumann, Kenelem King, Fred Kuegele, James Crawford, Charles Beckenhauer and Misses Lillie Thompson, Grace and Blanche Losch, Ida Schaefer and Alma

Thieves Steal Butter. LYONS, Neb., Jan. 4.- (Special.)-When the Lyons creamery force went to work this morning they found one of the doors to the creamery broken down and several tubs of their best creamery butter missing, valued at \$70. The theft is supposed to be the work of a gang of thieves that live in this neighborhood.

Contest Case Dismissed. AINSWORTH, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)-In the county attorneyship contest, M. D. Davisson against J. C. Toliver, incumbent, on trial before the county court for three days past, Judge Sullivan dis-missed the case, finding no cause for action.

Ships a Record Car.

DUNBAR, Neb., Jan. 4.-(Special.)-John M. Hoagland shipped a car of fat cattle to South Omaha on Monday, arriving for Tuesday's market. They averaged over 1,400 pounds and the car load brought \$1,460, the highest amount ever received by a feeder in this community for a single car of stock.

Delinquent Farmers Catch Up. DUNBAR, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) - The farmers in this vicinity are gathering the last of the corn crop that they were unable to crib because of the snow of November 20. A week of good weather will see all the delinquents in good shape.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS Hog Sales for the Week in the West Show a Commendable

Increase. CINCINNATI. Jan. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)-Price Current says: Western pack-

ers have disposed of 615,000 hogs the last week, compared with 605,000 the preceding week and 435,000 last year. From November 1 the total is 5,710,000, against 4,540,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as fol-

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	Indianapolis 283,000	
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l	St. Joseph 256,000	
	Ottumwa 169.000	
	Cedar Rapids 114,000	
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	St. Paul 66,000	
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EFFECTS OF INVENTOR KEELY

Part of Estate is "Fifteen Pieces of Experimental Apparatus of Unknown Valuation."

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4 .- An inventory of the personal effects of the late John W. Keely, of motor fame, has been filed in the register of wills' office, in which the valuation of the property is placed at \$1,536. One of the items which relates to the motor reads:

"Fifteen pieces of experimental paratus; a certain right of unknown valuation in certain uncompleted and unpatented

ROLAND REED FINED IN COURT Pays \$12.50 for the Joy of Assaulting

Property Man of Nesbitt Theater. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 4.-Roland

Reed, the actor, was arraigned before Justice Donahue today charged with committing an assault upon Roger Howell, property man dent; A. E. Scoffeld, Tilden, first vice presi- at the Nesbitt theater. He was fined \$12.50 and costs, which he paid. SICK SENATORS GROW BETTER

Allen of Nebraska, is Able to Resume

His Seat. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- Both the Illinois senators were prevented from attending the session of the senate today-Senator Cullom on account of a fall and Senator Mason be cause of illness. Mr. Maton has been quite ill from an attack of quinsy and complications, but his condition is improved today. Of the other senators who have been ill all are improving. Senator Allen was able to be in his seat in the senate today. Senator Turple continues to manifest favorable symptoms and Senator Cockrell is now able

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AVOW THEIR RIGHT INTENT

Spaniards Forsake Iloilo in Obedience to Wish s of Americans.

NO DESIRE TO BRING ON A CRISIS

Ex-Prefect Righteously Asserts that Spain Keeps Faith-Adds Criticism on McKinley's Ignorance,

MADRID, Jan. 4 .- The statement that the Spaniards evacuated Hollo in order to render the situation more difficult for the Americans is denied here. It is added that the Spanish government immediately after the signing of the treaty of peace ordered the Philippines to be evacuated as quickly as possible, in order to avoid further bloodshed and conform with the expressed wish of the Americans, who were very exacting, especially in the case of Cuba.

An interview with an ex-prefect of a province of the Philippines is published here, in the course of which he is quoted as saying: President McKinley has shown complete ignorance of the situation in the Philippines. When the Americans occupied Manila there were only four insurgent provinces. The Americans encouraged the rebellion and now they themselves are the victims of the support which they gave the insurgents, who have become masters of the entire archipelago, except Mindanao, where Mussulmans have refused to recognize American rule, although they have not revolted.

"Aguinaldo's unpopularity is due to his friendship for the Americans. His treatment of Spanish prisoners has been horrible. Monks have been marched through the streets led by cords attached to rings through their noses and others have been employed literally as beasts of burden. A housand have died of ill-treatment."

BEFORE WAR INQUIRY BOARD

Major Harrison of Ninth Volunteer Infantry Tells His Experience with Refrigerated Ment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Major Harrison Ninth volunteer infantry, whose regiment was raised near New Orleans and is now in service at Santiago, testified before the War Investigating commission today concerning General and Mrs. Richards, Assistant Seccommissary stores, saying those in the retary of the Navy and Mrs. Allen, Assistant United States were the best that could be bought in the open market. The refrigerated beef sent from this country, he said, was excellent. He had had much experience with refrigerated meat, and he said that while there was some disposition on the part of the regimental cooks to cavil at the ap pearance of the meat it was in reality quite

good. He explained that the sudden change of temperature on removing the meat from the refrigerator ships produced what is known as a "beard," a greenish growth that had to be scraped off. When this was done the meat beneath was perfectly good. It was issued to the men with excellent results and benefited the sick materially. The chief trouble came when the change was made to hoof cattle sent from Porto Rico. This beef Major Harrison killed himself and personally superintended its dressing and cooling "But it would not cool in that climate,

he said, very emphatically. "The meat never lost its animal heat, an with its use our sickness increased 10 per cent. In a country where our dead putrified in six hours you will easily understand that meat killed and exposed to the atmospheric changes, with coagulated blood and the atfor three days past, Judge Sullivan dis-missed the case, finding no cause for action, The plaintiff will appear to the district condemning and burning this locally killed

Of the canned beef Major Harrison spoke with equal emphasis, saving it was fully as good as the refrigerator beef and none of it had to be condemned

General Beaver asked if a refrigerating plant was established there whether Cuban beef could be killed on the ground and rendered fit for use by the men. Witness said he thought this would not be desirable, as the Cuban cattle, while fine looking, furnished the coarsest and most stringy beef he had ever seen. Witness said he was thoroughly familiar with the processes of refrigerating and butchering meat and he was willing to state positively that there were no chemicals used in any of the Amer ican beef that passed under his observation On the contrary, he said there was no chemical preparation that could be used on the meat with advantage to the packers and without ruining their product before they could get it to the army. He regarded it as highly improbable that anything of the sort had been attempted. Recurring to the hoof-killed beef at Santiago, witness said the surgeous in charge attributed the 10 per cent increase in intestinal sickness to the use of the fresh-killed beef. There was proportionate decrease in sickness when the regiment returned to refrigerated beef

Major Harrison said he had no complaint to make as to medical supplies or attendance. He considered the whole supply system good.

Ment Survey Board Awaits Papers. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- No progress was made by the beef survey board of the War department today. The papers necessary for the prosecution of the investigation had not arrived at the morning session and adjournment was taken provisionally till Friday morning.

REPORT ON GOLD PRODUCTION. Advices of Director of Mint Show Large Increase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Hon. G. E. Roberts, the director of the mint, has reccived from the officials and agents of the production of gold in the several producing states and territories of the United States for the calendar year 1898. These estimates, although subject to revision, are deemed to be approximately correct. Nearly all of the states show an increased production. Colorado maintains and increases its lead by a larger addition to its product than in any previous year. The production of California was considerably reduced by prevailing drouth, which affected the output of the placers, but the increase from lode mining

has slightly more than offset this reduction. Returns are given below and compared with the final estimates for the production

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Idaho 2,2/3,902	
Michigan 65,000	
Montaha 5.309,305	
Nevada 2,959,731	
New Mexico 360,000	
Oregon 1.313,668	
South Dakota 5.811.400	
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Utah 2,170,543	
wasnington 599,483	
Wyoming 5,168	
South Appalachian states. 33,832	383,000
Total	\$57 369 000

WANTS INJUSTICE PROBED BY JURY

Lewis of Washington Calls it Obtaining Money by False Pretenses. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative Lewis of Washington, today introduced a resolution providing for an inquiry by an house committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the war into the beef contracts made by the government, whether the beet was in all cases wholesome, "and whether the facts disclosed should or should not demand the submission of the subject matter and persons connected therewith to an appropriate grand jury of the United States ment are already in Cuba.

to inquire into and present such indictment or presentment for obtaining money by false pretenses or for the cheat and swindling of the United States or of any of its depart-

FIRST STATE DINNER OF SEASON. President and Mrs. McKinley Enter-

ments."

tain Cabluet and Friends. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-The first formal state dinner of the season at the White House took place tonight when the president and Mrs. McKinley entertained the cabinet. The public portions of the mansion had been decorated in the elaborate manner usual on such occasions and every available space was made fragrant and beautiful by the use of flowers from the White House conservatory.

Owing to the large number of guests the table was set in the main corridor and with its lighted candelabra and floral decorations presented a handsome appearance. There were three center pieces of bride's roses. with a groundwork of maidenhair fern partly concealed in which were colored in-candescent lights. Lady slipper orchids were also in abundance, while at the plate of each guest was a boutonniere. Graceful palms were set in appropriate places around the room, while the celling and the walls were hung with southern smilax.

In the east room there was a profusion of cut flowers, potted plants and trailing ferns. Contrary to the custom heretofore observed, the Marine band occupied a place in the conservatory, where the musical effects were better than from the position in the vestibule, which it has occupied at all previous state functions. The guests and those invited to meet them were: The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay, the

Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Gage, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Alger, the Attorney General and Mrs. Griggs, the Posttary of the Navy and Miss Long, the Secre tary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agri-culture and Miss Wilson, Secretary and Mrs. Porter; Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Harris, Senator and Mrs. McMillan, Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks, Senator and Mrs. Mason, Senator and Mrs. Welcott, Senator Bacon, Senator Clay, Senator and Mrs. Gor-Representative Pitney, Representative Burton of Ohto, Representative Cousins, Representative Ray, Representative Sherman, Representative Richardson, General and Mrs. Miles, Adjutant General Corbin, General and Mrs. John M. Wilson, General and Mrs. Greeley, Admiral and Mrs. Sicard, Hon. James A. Gary and Mrs. Gary of Baltimore. Mrs. Shelden, Mrs. Bailey of Philadelphia, Miss Mabel McKinley, Miss Mary McWil-liams of Ohio, Mrs. Mary Barber, Solicitor Secretary of State and Mrs. Hill, Hon. Charles G. Dawes and Mrs. Dawes, Assistant Postmaster General and Mrs. Heath, Assistant Secretary Pruden, Mrs. James McKinley, Mr. James Barber.

COST OF PROPOSED LARGER ARMY. Expenditures to Be Borne Under Hull

Military Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The cost of the proposed military establishment under the Hull bill reported to the house, as compared with the present regular military establishment, not counting the volunteer forces incident to the war, is shown in letters sent by Adjutant General Corbin to Chairman Hull of the military committee. It gives the present cost of the regular army at \$24,-443,480; cost under the proposed bill, \$82,-053.865; increase of cost. \$57.710.231. The cost as applied to the three main departments of the army is as follows: Present

Proposed. General Corbin encloses letters from Quartermaster General Ludington, Commissioner Egan and Paymaster General Stanton, showing the details of the comparison. The main items of increase in the quartermaster's department are: Transportation, rom \$2,300,000 to \$17,500,000; clothing and equipment, from \$975,000 to \$5,952,246; regular supplies, from \$1,800,000 to \$7,200,000; parracks, quarters and military posts, from \$1.170,000 to \$4,000,000; hospitals, from \$90,-000 to \$360,000; incident of expenditures, from \$500,000 to \$2,400,000.

General Stanton says the pay estimate loes not cover the per cent to enlisted men during the time of war or the proposed 25 per cent to those serving in distant lands.

PENSION GRANTED MRS. HASKELL.

Widow of the Well-Known General Generously Remembered. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- A pension of 30 a month was today granted to Mrs. Riga B. Haskell, widow of General Joseph T. Haskell, who was wounded at the battle of El Caney in July and died therefrom in this country on September 16. General Haskell vas lieutenant colonel of the Nineteenth United States Infantry and September 7 last was commissioned a brigadier general. The pension is the highest allowed a widow under the existing law, but Mrs. Haskell expects special action in her case.

President Issues Pardons. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The president has pardoned twelve Leech lake Indians sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and fined at the late term of the United States district court of Minnesota, for resisting the United States marshal in making an arrest. The president has also pardone William G. Sorter, who is now undergoing life sentence for the murder of Albert Lang in the Indian territory in 1888, and Nathan Johns, convicted in the Indian territory of

horse stealing. Report on Second Class Mail. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Chairman Loud of the house postoffice committee today submitted a favorable report by his committee respectively. The last named married "Old to amend the postal laws relating to secondclass mail matter. A similar bill passed the house in 1897, but failed in the senate. It provides that books or reprints of books in serial form shall pay 1 cent for two ounces. bureau the preliminary estimates upon the instead of 1 cent per pound. Publications of institutions of learning are placed on the same footing as other periodicals, instead of being privileged. The report submitted with

the former bill is made to apply to this one. Estimates by Bureau Chiefs. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The secretary of the navy has transmitted to congress an estimate of \$145,500 for the improvement of the navy yards at Boston, Key West and Mare Island. The secretary of the treasury also presented an additional estimate of \$350,000 for maintenance of of printing and engraving and the secretary of war an estimate of \$15,000 for a new hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Increased Tax on Beer. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Attorney General Briggs in a recent opinion holds that the tax to be assessed upon beer in case of attempted evasion and willful failure to affix the stamps should be at \$2 a barrel and not \$1.85, and further that the add! tional tax to be assessed upon beer stored in warehouses on June 14, 1898, should be \$1 a barrel and not 9214 cents.

Representative Dingley Wenker. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Representative Dingley was not quite so well this morning. The weather is muggy and atmosphere heavy, which affected him unfavorably and caused renewed fears that in his weakened state the best efforts of the physicians might not avail to save him. Mr. Dingley spent a very restless night and this morning he had a

high fever and was quite a little weaker. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- Orders were issued today for Troops D. E. F. H. K and I of the Eighth cavalry, now at Huntsville, Ala., to proceed at once to Savannah, Ga., for embarkation on the transport Michigan to Neuvitas. The other troops of the regi-

WATER WORKS CASE DECIDED

Farme Loan and Trust Company Now Own Omaha Plant.

SALE SAID TO HAVE BEEN REGULAR

Property Sold to Satisfy Mortgage and Court of Appeals Decides that Bids Have Been Lived Up To.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.-The United States court of appeals in the case of the American Water Works Company of Illinois against the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, the former being the appellants, affirmed the finding of the lower courts. The defendants brought suit to foreclose a mortgage on a water works plant at Omaha, and a decree was given in the district court of Nebraska ordering the foreclosure and sale of the mortgaged property and the distribution of the proceeds among the mortgage bondholders. An appeal was taken March 16,

1896, and the decree was affirmed. After the return of the case to the lower court a sale was made of the mortgaged property May 20, 1896. The property was sold to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company as trustee for certain mortgage bondholders who held bonds to the amount of \$3,554,000. The property was sold for \$4,009,-500, \$140,555 less than the total mortgage indebtedness. The appellants filed exceptions and made three motions to vacate the sale and the order for the execution of the deed, alleging that the purchasers' bid had not been duly performed.

This case was taken to the court of appeals by the American Water Works company, which had taken exceptions to the master's report in the lower court, and had also alleged that the Farmers' Loan and Trust company had not made its bid good. On both of these points the United States circuit court decided favorably to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, and the court of appeals has affirmed those decisions, and confirms the sale of the property to that company.

ARE OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION

Senator Perkins and Congressman De Armond Talk to Boston Merchants.

BOSTON, Jan. 4 .- At the yearly banquet of the Merchants' association of Boston at the Vendome last night a number of interesting addresses on the future policy of the country were made by men of prominence in national affairs. The guests of the association from outside of the state were Senator Perkins of California, Congressmen De Armond of Missouri and Boutelle of Maine. Senator Perkins in the course of his remarks said: "We have acquired Porto Rico, the Ladrones and a thousand more of the Philippine Islands. I do not think it is a very good business investment. I think I would have been in favor of the annexation of Louisiana if I had lived at the time, but is there any analogy in taking in these isolated groups of islands with 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 Asiatics? I believe in building up American trade and extending our commerce but in doing it through those channels that will best elevate and promote the dignity and honor of our American people."

Congressman De Armond of Missouri said 'I cannot see how any good is to come to us or to the people of the country if it is to carry the policy of expansion to the islands of far distant lands."

FIRE RECORD.

Village Suffers from Fire. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)-Early this morning fire destroyed three of the principal business places and one residence at Quarry, a village seven miles east of here. The origin of the fire is not known, and the loss and insurance are not at hand. As the buildings were mostly of stone, the loss will probably not exceed \$1,000.

Montrose Flouring Mill. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 4 .- (Special Telegram.)—A telephone message Montrose, McCook county, says that the Montrose Flouring mill was entirely destroved by fire this afternoon, together with 125 barrels of flour and 100 bushels wheat. The building was insured for full value.

Blaze at Troy. TROY, N. Y., Jan. 4 .- Fire broke out to lay in the furniture house of J. R. and E. I. Myers and spread to the adjoining building, occupied by Cluett, Peabody & Co. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

Granaries at Genesee. BUFFALO, Jan. 4 .- A special to the News says the large granaries of Balden & Co and Ferrin Bros. at Genesee were burned early today. Loss between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

DEATH RECORD.

Minnie Alice Evans. NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- Minnie Alice Evans one of the sisters known as the "French Twins," and the wife of Charles E. Evans proprietor of the Herald Square theater, lied suddenly at her home in this city today. Mrs. Evans and her sister were stars on the vaudeville stage twelve years ago or more, being known as Minnie and Lena French Hoss" Hoey, who was Mr. Evans' partner in several plays that were given all over the country, notably "A Parlor Match."

Noted Parisian Editor. PARIS, Jan. 4 .- Aime Eduard Herve, editor of the Soliel, died today in his 64th He was a member of the French academy, for many years the most brilliant political writer in France. His career as a tournalist is considered to have made a mark in history.

John C. Ferguson. SUPERIOR, Neb., Jan. 4 .- (Special.) John C. Ferguson of this city died at his house this morning at the age of 92 years. Mr. Ferguson was well known in this part of the state.

Founder of Chicago Herald. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Hamilton S. Wicks organizer of the Denver and Kansas City spositions in the '80s, and one of the founders of the Chicago Herald, is dead in Brook lyn, aged 51 years.

DOES NOT AFFECT SHORT LINE Transfer of the Alton Will Not Inter fere with Operations. NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- Edward D. Adams

president of the Chicago Terminal Transfer

company and one of the promoters of the St. Louis Short Line, said today: "The transfer of the Alton will not affect the proposed St. Louis Short Line. All the stock was subscribed last October. The St. Louis, Peoria & Northern, known as the Peoria Short Line, has already paid the Terminal and Transfer company \$390,000 in

advance for trackage privileges in Chicago

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As for the report that Mr. Rockefeller is to withdraw his support I can only say that he has already paid in 30 per cent of the amount he subscribed to the new concern."

BREVET RANK FOR ROOSEVELT

Official Board Recommends that His Conduct at San Juan Be Recognized.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Governor Roosevelt of New York is to receive the brevet rank of brigadier general for gallant and meritorious service during the battle of San Juan. A board of officers which has been considering the question of officers entitled to brevets for heroism has recommended that Colonel Roosevelt be breveted. Secretary Alger has brought the recommendation to the attention of the president, who has decided on the nomination

Act of a Lunatic. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—An unidentified man came up to Mrs. Fred Smith as she was standing in front of 189 Wells street tonight and attempted to make her acquaintance. She gave him a very discouraging reception, whereupon he drew a revolver and attempted to shoot her. Her cries brought her hus-band to her side and while he was asking the cause of the trouble the man shot him in the forehead. He then turned his revolver upon himself, sending a bullet through his lungs. Smith will probably recover. issailant, who is without question a lunatic,

Proves Ungrateful.

DENVER, Jan. 4.—A. K. Willis, a farmer iving near Brighton, Col., has been robbed if \$7,000, which he had in a bureau drawer. Herman Matson, a tramp to whom Willis had given shelter, has disappeared are suspected of having taken the money, shelter, has disappeared and is

Mauser Rifles Sold.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 4.—The Mauser rifles stored in the United States armory in this city were sold today. The price ranged from \$2.30 for guns beyond repair to \$17 for those in first-class repair.

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