Time is Short.

Only a few more days left in which to secure one of those great dress goods bargains.

Dress Goods

at Cut Prices We've picked out another line of dress goods odd pieces, and two or three dress lengths of a kind-among this special line

will be found pretty novelties, mixed suiting and coverts, all at temptingly low prices.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SPECIALS— Lot 1—Choice line of odds and ends, two and three pieces of a kind, now 5c a

Lot 2-These are from mills noted for excellent fabrics and wearing quali-ties-50c, 60c and 85c, now 25c a yard. Lot 3—And here are many more offerings much prettiness with saving equally great—85c, 50c and \$1,00, now 25c a yard.

SERGES IN HIGH FAVOR-We are showing this beautifully finished cloth in just the weight and new colorings which will give the most graceful draping and produce the most charming effect, including all the new weaves and colors—85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.

Hosiery-Ladies' black cashmere hose.

50c, now 35c-3 pair, \$1.00.

with high spliced heels and double soles, also spliced ankles, were 65c pair, now 50c. Ladies' black Cashmere Hose, double toe, sale and heel, light weight, were

Children's fine ribbed Black Wool Hose, in odd sizes, were 25c pair, now 15c— 2 pair, 25c. Children's ribbed Wool Hose, seamless, very good quality, only 10c pair,

Men's Furnishings-Men's Oneita combina-

tion suits.

In heavy cotton, color gray, reduced to Men's wool fleeced, fancy striped and plain natural gray shirts and drawers, reduced from 75c to 50c each. Canton Flannel Drawers, only 25c a

The Silk Sale-A bargain means a loss to some-

January 25, 1899.

body.

That is a "bargain"—a real selling un-der value. But loss is often a step to betterment in business. Every odd piece and broken line must be closed out, Only a few days more left to clean up stock. Watch for genuine bargains.

Handsome \$1.00 Noveltles now 29c, 39c and 49c a yard. Novelties in black Silk, regular price \$1.00, now 5614c, 50c, 63c and 69c. REMNANTS-

Waist lengths-odds and ends-must g at once-not a piece reserved.

Notions — Notions of many kinds.

We have only the better sorts-that means cheapest. Hook and Eye Tape, 15c a yard. Hair Nets, 5c and 10c each. Shoe Laces, best tubular, 2 pairs for 5c Initials for marking, 10c a box. Linen Bobbins, 3 skeins for 5c. Tatting Shuttles, 10c each. Crochet Needles, 5c each. Pin Books, 5c and 10c each,

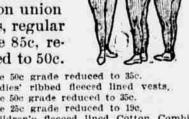
Ball and Socket fasteners, 15c a dozen, Comforters-Silk covered down filled comforters,

The \$8.50 kind reduced to \$6.00 each. The \$9.00 kind reduced to \$6,50 each. The \$10.50 kind reduced to \$7.40 each. The \$14.00 kind reduced to \$10.00 each. The \$17.00 kind reduced to \$12,50 each Our 15c Swansdown now 5c yard. Our 10c fleece lined Flannelette now 5

Some of our 75c French Flannels now

Underwear-Ladies' jersey

ribbed fleeced lined cotton union suits, regular price 85c, reduced to 50c.



The 50c grade reduced to 35c. Ladies' ribbed fleeced lined vests, The 50c grade reduced to 35c. The 25c grade reduced to 19c Children's fleeced lined Cotton Combi-nation Suits, buttoned across the front, drop seat, regular price 50c, now

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caucus last night and are holding another conference tonight to discuss ways and means of promoting their candidate's campaign. A great effort has been made to get all the Hayward followers to sign a caucus call which was started by the Hayward managers on Monday, conditioned on an open ballot and a two-thirds vote. At last accounts, however, the paper had not ye been signed by all the Hayward men and of course without their signatures could not be presented of the supporters of Webster. Thompson and the other remaining candi-The outlook for an immediate caucus

Stand of Fusionists.

The decision of the fusionist caucus last night to stand steadily by Senator Allen has afforded the republican aspirants some relief. After the caucus last night Senator Allen and Congressman-elect Robinson made the rounds of the republican candidates for several headquarters to pay their respects. Considerable surprise was naturally expressed at this performance, but the evidence of good feeling was plainly appreciated. Senator Allen and Judge Robinson ran into G. M. Hitchcock, Bill Gurley and other Herdmanites, along with John L. Webster in the Webster rooms, where they had all retreated to congratulate one another upon the explosion of the Rosewater bugbear which they had conjured up for themselves. Senator Allen is still in the city, but will leave shortly to visit his family at Mad-

The vote today reduces the active competitors in the republican lists to eleven, a considerable reduction from the eighteen disclosed by the first ballot. Some of the candidates are just beginning to understand what a long-drawn senatorial fight means. Judge Hayward, speaking to one of his competitors, remarked:

"I am getting very tired of this. Do you know what this protracted campaign means? It means that we candidates are at an expense of not less than \$1,000 a day and we will soon be spending several times what the senatorship represents."

When it is remembered that the fight has been going on for about twenty days since the legislature opened, to say nothing of the skirmishing before that time, this expression of Judge Hayward's may be taken to be under rather than over the mark.

SMALLPOX ATTACKS A SOLDIER. Member of Second Nebraska Carries

Disease to Weeping Water. WEEPING WATER, Neb., Jan. 24 .- (Spetracted the disease at the latter place. A number of persons have been exposed. School, academy and churches are closed.

Farewell to a Pastor. NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 24.—(Special.)— On Monday morning the children of St. Mary's Parish school assembled in the school hall to take leave of their pastor, Rev. Walter McDonald. An address was delivered by one of the school children, in which was expressed the regard which the children of St. Mary's school feel for Mr. McDonald, who has labored zealously in their behalf during the last two years. At the close several

Home from Manila.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Jan. 24.-(Special.)-Ernest Howland, who saw service in the First Nebraska at Manila and who recently received his discharge, arrived home today and was given a hearty welcome.

Smallpox at Ord.

ORD, Neb., Jan. 24 .- (Special.) - There i considerable excitement in town today over doctors to be a case of genuine smallpox. The school children are being vaccinated.

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TO AMEND THE BALLOT LAW

S nate Puts in Considerable Time Discussing the Prout Bill.

MEASURE IS RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE

New Revenue Bill Comes Back from the Printers and Will Probably

February 1.

LINCOLN, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The legis lative proceedings today were of an unimportant character, with the exception of the prevent the printing of the name of any bill was considered in the committee of the whole and recommended for passage. The vote on the adoption of the report was along party lines.

The senate now has introduced 208 bills and the house has 341. Many of these are of the job-lot produced by Wheeler and Sheldon to cure the statutes. Members are beginning to notice the appearance of bills ures, and the word has gone around that every bill should be closely scrutinized and the motive for the introduction of the suspicious ones should be inquired into.

The new revenue bill is back from the printer and the copy contains about 100 pages. This afterneon a large number of the house members were found perusing the new bill, and it is probable that within a week the measure will be taken up in committee of the whole. The discussion and digestion of the bill will take a number of days and it is probable that from day to day it will be made a special order until the work is done. The intention of the leading members of the house is to get the bill through that body and over to the senate early in February, so that the senate will have plenty of time to take care of it.

The adjournment of the house this afternon allowed the standing committees to meet, and enough reports are expected tomorrow to keep the house busy in committee of the whole all the spare time for several

Skipton on the Rack.

The Skipton habeas corpus case was taken up before Judge Foster in the discial.) - This town has a case of smallpox and trict court today. Skipton was on the witseveral parties who have been exposed are ness stand for a long time and was closely quarantined. Will Gray, who belonged to cross-examined regarding his connection Company C. Second Nebraska, and who, with the Fillmore county ballots. Skipton since he went to Nebraska City and joined was represented by A. S. Tibbetts, while the National Guard, is the victim. He con- the state's interest were looked after by County Attorney Munger and Representatives Fisher and Prince. The evening adjournment came before Tibbetts had finished his opening argument.

> The recount of the ballots in the Fillmore ounty case was begun today and this evening seven precincts have been canvassed. The result is a decided gain for the republican contestants, one of them now having an actual majority and the other getting close to the lowest fusion candidate. If the gain is kept up in the count of the balance of the ballots, the majorities given the fusionists on the face of the returns last fall will be exactly reversed. The count is being closely scrutinized by Ed Smith and the other attorneys for the contestee, but so far nothing has come up to bring on a dispute or to leave grounds for a minority report when the commit-

H. R. 337, a bill introduced by Hardy of Polk today, would if exacted into a law make an important change in the proceedings relating to the filing of transcripts of judgments. The bill proposes to change section the discovery of what is pronounced by the 18 of chapter xx of the Compiled Statutes to read as follows:

Sec. 18.—Any person having a judgment rendered by a probate court or justice of the peace may cause a transcript thereof to be filed in the office of the clerk of the district manded this change but a republican. No said transcript is so filed and entered upon the judgment record such judgment shall be a lien on the real estate in the county where the same is filed. Provided, that before any county is the peace issues. probate judge or justice of the peace issues any transcript to any judgment creditor, it shall be proven to his satisfaction by the affidavits of three disinterested free holders of the county where the judgment debtor has bet thrown any senators over the transoms, laid to rest in a zinc coffin.

his land, that the judgment debtor has other lands than his homestead, that said home-stead exceeds the value of \$2,000, after de-ducting from said value of the homestead all valid mortgages existing against the same. And when the transcript is filed and en-tered upon such judgment book the clerk of such court may issue execution thereon in like manner as execution is issued upon judgments rendered in district court.

The amendment to the existing law is in the addition of the clause commencing with the word "Provided," which is calculated to prevent the filing of transcripts of judgment against exempt property.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.

Hamilton was absent.

Prout of Gage's bill to prevent nominees' names from appearing on the official ballot The judiciary committee reported a sub-

stitute for S. F. 7, introduced by Knepper of Butler. Senator Knepper's bill abolished county aid for fairs. The substitute leaves it optional with county boards whether such societies shall be given county aid or not. The following new bill was introduced:

S. F. 203-By Newell: To amend section of article it of chapter xiv, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska of the year 1897, en-titled "An act to provide for the organiza-tion, government and powers of cities of the second class having more than 5,000 in-

The only change from the present law proposed by this bill is that in cities of the second class the offices of attorney and narshal be elective instead of appointive. Upon motion of Currie of Custer, C. M. Davison was named as senate page, after which the senate took a recess till 11:55 o'clock. At noon the senate took its daily stroll to the joint convention, after which the senate took another recess till 3

The senate reconvened at 3:05 o'clock. letter from John M. Palmer of Chicago, hanking the senate for the resolution passed in his favor a few days ago, was read and placed upon the journal.

The finance and ways and means commitse recommended that S. F. 50 pass. The committee on miscellaneous subjects eported favorably on S. F. 72.

The committee on rules recommended ome slight changes in rules 24 and 25, which were adopted. President Gilbert announced the signing of H. R. 113 and 131-the appropriation

The new bills of the afternoon session were as follows: S. F. 204-By Farrell: To require corpo-

rations doing business for profit within the state of Nebraska to pay an annual license fee on the capital stock of such corporation S. F. 205-By Farrell: To require corpo rations doing business in this state for profit

to file an annual report of their business and organization with the secretary of state. S. F. 206-By Prout: To amend section 18, subdivision 14, chapter ixxix of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, entitled S. F. 207-By Prout: To amend section 546

of the Code of Civil Procedure and to repeal said section 546 as it now exists. S. F. 208-By Prout: To amend section 997 of the Code of Civil Procedure and to repeal said section 997 as it now exists.

S. F. 28, by Fowler of Fillmore, was placed upon its third reading. This is the bill repealing the law providing for arrest before judgment in justice court cases, the law being obsolete. It was reported favorably by the committee of the whole yester-

day. The bill was passed by a vote of 28 to dast provision in the statutes for arrest for debt, if it passes the house.

The senate then went into committee of the whole, with Farrell of Merrick in the in this state, to construct and maintain suitchair. S. F. S. by Farrell of Merrick, was first

considered. It provides for the maintenance of proper sanitary regulations at all school ouses. Upon motion of Prout the committee will report in favor of its passage. S. F. 9, by Canaday of Kearney, changing discussion of the Prout bill to amend the the date when school boards take their seats the Allen successorship by calling at their ballot law. The purpose of this bill is to from the first Monday in July till the first Monday in May of each year was next concandidate on the ballot more than once. The sidered. As another bill covering the same ground has been introduced, this bill was recommended for indefinite postponement. S. F. 19, by Prout of Gage, providing for divorce on the grounds of insanity, was recommitted to the judiciary committee for

> urther consideration. S. F. 29, by Steele of Jefferson, came be fore the committee. It is one of the Wheeler that are believed 'a be "hold-up" meas- defects in the law now existing. No changes bills to make void laws effective, by curing in the present law are made. The bill was recommended for passage.

S. F. 1, by Prout of Gage, gave the first opportunity for debate, as this is the bill to prevent the names of persons nominated by more than one convention or party from appearing more than once on the official ballot. Under its provisions a person nominated by more than one party shall file a certificate with the county clerk electing under which emblem he desires his name to be printed, or, if he neglects to do so, the clerk shall select for him his party, choosing one of the parties nominating him, but not more, and his name can only appear

once on the ballot. Prout of Gage was asked to explain his bill and he did so by calling attention to the proposed change. He said the change was made for the purpose of letting the people know what platform a candidate stands upon and to what party he belongs. Then a free silver republican need not vote for a populist or vice versa. He deemed it a fraud upon the voters, as the law now exists. Under the ballot law a party gets a place upon the official ballot that had two per cent of the vote of the last election, but it is impossible as the matter now stands to tell what per cent of votes the lemocrats get, the populists or silver re-

publicans. He moved that the bill be recommended for passage. Canaday of Kearney objected to the consideration of the bill at this time, as he did not believe it stood next on general file. The minority had an amended report to offer. The clerk of the committee said S. F. 1 stood next on his list.

Noyes of Douglas was opposed to the enfire blanket ballots, and therefore opposed all amendments.

Farrell of Merrick called Canaday of Kearney to the chair, while he spoke on the to the rooms. bill. He characterized the bill as an attempt to break up the reform organization. He did not believe in saying to a democrat he couldn't nominate a populist nor vote for him. He did not believe the "great republican party" would attempt to beat fusion in this way.

Prout said no man can be prevented under the proposed amendment from being nominated, but made him choose his party. Miller of Buffalo said no amount of argument would affect this bill, as it was a partisan bill. The friends of free silver had united and shut the republicans out In 1891 the populists in one of the judicial districts had nominated the republican candidate and it was all right then. He said the intention of this bill is to curb the desires of the people of the state. Perhaps sometime the republicans would want to get on a gold democrat ticket. No one

believed this is a good bill. Allen of Furnas wanted the circle at the op abolished, as he thought it interfered

with a secret ballet. He thought voters should vote for each candidate. Talbot of Lancaster said the bill was not properly drawn and attempted to amend 1895 law instead of the 1897 law, the 1895 law being repealed. He offered some amendments that would cure this defect Miller of Buffalo moved to amend the bill by striking out all of the proposed amendment to the law, which is as fol-

lows:

Prout's Ballot Reform Bill Discussed and Recommended to Pass.

LINCOLN, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Rev. J. A. Barker of Fairbury offered prayer at the opening of the senate today. Howard of Hamilton was absent.

When any person is nominated by more than one party or convention his name chall be placed upon the ticket under the designation of the party which nominated him; or opening of the senate today. or convention at the same time, he shall, within the time fixed by law for filing cer-The committee on privileges and elections recommended that S. F. 1 pass. This is Prout of Gage's bill to prevent nominees' names from appearing on the official ballot more than once.

within the time fixed by law for ming certificates of nomination, file with the officer with whom his certificate of nomination is required to be filed, a written election indicating the party designation under which he desires his name to be printed. on the ballots and it shall be so printed. If he shall refuse or neglect to so file such an election the officer with whom the certifi-cate of nomination is required to be filed the county agricultural society law and shall place his name under the designation of either of the parties by whom he was nominated, but under no other designation

whatever.

This motion was lost by a party vote. The bill was amended to correct the defects suggested by Talbot of Lancaster and the bill reported for passage, after which the com-

The report of the committee in favor of passing S. F. 1 was adopted by a vote of

The senate then adjourned. PROCEEDINGS OF THE Little Business of Importance Come

Up for Consideration. LINCOLN, Jan. 24 .- (Special.) -A petition was presented by Siecke of Cuming this morning, asking that some measure be taken to remove the dam from the Elkhorn river below Wisner, or to compel the construction of a fishway. This petition was followed by another one, numerously signed, asking for a law that would compel the owners or builders of all dams to running streams to construct fishways.

A petition was presented by Young of Cass, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the discharge of firearms along public highways. Mr. Young also presented a petition signed by a number of Cass county people, asking for a law making the minimum sentence for embezzlement at one year in the penitentlary with an additional year for each additional \$1,000 embezzled and providing that the governor should have the pardoning power in such cases.

A motion to reconsider the resolution of yesterday, whereby the bill files had been ordered exchanged for those of another pattern, was adopted. Chairman Evans of the printing committee explained that a change was being made in the files now on hand which would make them all right and the expense of new files would be avoided. The original resolution was then indefinitely postponed.

After the close of the joint session the house took an adjournment to tomorrow morning in order that the committees might get to work and report some bills.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE.

Eleven New Mensures Are Brought Forward by the Representatives. LINCOLN, Jan. 24.- (Special.)-Eleven new bills were introduced in the house on Tuesday, as follows: H. R. 331-By McCarthy: To prevent

combinations, trusts, etc., and fixing a pen-alty of not less than \$200 nor more than H. R. 332-By Slecke: Prohibiting the This repealing act will wipe out the placing or establishing of an obstruction across any stream of water in this state that shall prevent the free passage of fish along said stream and requiring the owner or owners of any mill dam across any stream

> H. R. 333-By Siecke: Prohibiting the catching of fish in any public waters in this state excepting by the use of hook and line and prohibiting the use of selnes, nets and other devices. H. R. 334-By Burns: To provide for com-

iling, illustrating, electrotyping, printing, binding, copyrighting and distributing a state series of school text books under direction of the State Board of Education and appropriat H. R. 335-By Burns: Imposing an excise tax on express companies, defining express companies; providing for the filing of annual statements by such companies and their agents with the auditor, creating a State

Board of Appraisers and Assessors to deter-mine and levy such tax and defining their owers and duties; providing for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books; providing for the collection and disursement of such tax and prescribing penalties for non-compliance with a provision H. R. 336-By Chittenden: To provide for the erection of four new buildings for the

Institute for the Feeble Minded at with necessary equipments and to approriate \$75,000 therefor H. R. 337-By Hardy: To amend section

18 of chapter xx of the Compiled Statutes of 1897, entitled "Courts." H. R. 338-By Olmsted: To prohibit the manufacture, sale or shipping into the state of impure beer; to provide for the enforcement of the provisions and penalties for its violation. Provides for inspection and places enforcement of the law in the hands of the State Board of Health.

H. R. 339-By Grafton: To authorize the payment of a bounty for the destruction of pocket gophers. Authorizing county boards to offer bounty not exceeding 15 cents for H. R. 340-By Tanner: To require corporations doing business in this state for profit

organization with the secretary of state no later than September 1 of each year. H. R. 341-By Tanner: To require cor-porations doing business in the state of Ne braska to pay an annual license fee on the capital stock of such corporations, to fix such fees and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act. Calls for an annual fee of \$1 by corporations having \$50,000 or less of capital stock and \$1 for each additional \$50,000 stock.

to file an annual report of their business and

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

The man who first made steel pens got \$1 apiece for them. It costs over \$100,000 a year to care for the capitol at Washington The United States takes nearly 75 per

cont of Mexico's exported produce. France is burdened with 400,000 officials, costing the state \$3,000,000 a In Mexico chambermaids in hotels are

unknown; men make the beds and attend Great Britain expends \$90,000,000 a year support of the poor and Germany about \$25,000,000.

Warsaw has a goose market in which every year from September to November about 3,000,000 geese are manipulated by Dr. Johann Aztalos, a noted physician o

suicide on their golden wedding anniversary

a few days ago because a favorite nephew on whom they had lavished affection and wealth proved an ingrate and brought the aged couple to the verge of financial ruin. Captain Wellby, a young cavalry officer, recently spent a furlough in trudging 2,000 miles through Thibet, from Leb to Pekin. For fourteen weeks he and his party did not meet a single human being and rarely saw any vegetation higher than a wild onion. They crossed one pass which was 19,000 feet in height, and for a long time their food

"A City of Zinc" is the name which may appropriately be given to the mushroom city of Portuguese East Africa, Beira. All the houses, all the hotels and public buildings, says a Natal contemporary, barracks and warehouses, are built of zinc. Even when a person falls ill he is carried on a zinc stretcher to a hospital, which is also, of course, made of zinc. And if he dies he is

as did the last legislature. The party always stood for good government and he FACTOR IN TRADE EXTENSION and a fair degree of presperity at the pres-

National Association of Manufacturers Broadens Its Scope.

PRESIDENT SEARCH DELIVERS AN ADDRESS

Notes with Satisfaction the Expansion of American Foreign Trade -Prospect for Still Greater Things in the Future.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24 .- There were over 000 prominent manufacturers of the country present at the fourth annual convention here today. Many additional arrivals were While the morning and afternoon sesthe annual reports of officers and commiteverything that was done, including a future olicy of increasing the membership of the National Manufacturing association during the closing year of the century to at least ,000 and providing such a fund in its treasury as to make it a most potential factor in the extension of foreign trade, as well as in American interests, including the new possessions of this country.

President Search used a gavel that had, in its construction, samples of wood from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and the addresses in the presentation of this gavel and in its acceptance were really the keynotes of the occasion. The manufacturers publish a daily bulletin of their own, giving a verbatim report of all their proceedings and this bulletin is distributed every morning when they assemble, the same as the Congressional Globe at Washington.

To Represent All Interests.

The national association held its first meeting in Cincinnati four years ago and it is evidently the intention at this meeting o reorganize it by expansion into an assoclation that will really represent every lining a plan of organization to secure the manufacturing interest in the United States, Canada and in fact a comprehensive Panamerican organization. After the national convention in Chicago that nominated Lincoln in 1850, a Cincinnati decorator secured the shields bearing the coat of arms of each state and other designs. These same decorations are now displayed in the decorations of Odd Fellows' auditorium, where the convention is hold.

For an hour or more before the convention assembled this morning the members were engaged in registering and receiving their badges, the attendance being larger on the first day than of any annual convention in the history of the association.

The session was devoted mostly to routine ousiness, after the welcoming addresses of Governor Bushnell and Mayor Tafel and the response by Pesident Theodore C. Search of Philadelphia. In addition to the appointment of a committee on credentials, resolutions and nominations, there were special committees appointed to which were referred the different parts of the annual report of President Search and other officers. These committees are expected to report at the session tomorrow on the different questions of the annual report of President Search. The committee on resolutions and nomina-

ions will not report until Thursday. Welcoming Address Delivered.

Thomas P. Egan, as chairman of the ommittee on arrangements, presided durng the address of welcome. In introducing lovernor Bushnell, he referred to having a similar honor four years ago in introducing President McKinley who was then governor of Ohio and who delivered the first address at the time of the organization of this association. Mayor Tafel also referred to the organization of the association | Her Grand. and its first annual convention here four years ago. President Search was very the Her Grand for the balance of the week happy in his responses to both, referring to the birth of the association here and

its wonderful expansion since that time. Thomas McDougall, on behalf of the memfacturers of the country as well as a statesman and this remark was greeted with a loud demonstration. After the preliminary speeches President Search read his annual address and it was referred to the appro-

priate committee. President's Annual Report.

President Search read his annual report, which was in part: Our war with Spain is at an end, the wrongs of an oppressed people have been righted, but our task, instead of being com-

pleted, is only just begun.

With the exception of Cuba, with whose conditions we are measurably familiar, the commercial value of our newly acquired col-onies is largely conjectural. Viewing the onics is largely conjectural. Viewing the matter from a purely commercial standpoint our business interests have been enormously gainers by the American administration of affairs in the islands, whatever may be the future disposition of these people and their land. In a lesser degree the statement applies equally well to the island of Porto

In the far Pacific, however, there is a serious problem which successful conquest has threat upon us. From all accounts the Philippines are as rich in resources as the West Indies, but lacking in development and deficient in purchasing and consuming capacities. So vast an area, however, and so great a population offer possibilities of which great a population offer possibilities of which, the present conditions afford no indication. A Luikart, Nor(elk; J. L. Claffin, Mamie M. Claffin, Ord; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bradley and there are those familiar with both sides of this problem who do not here to declare that from a purely commercial stand-clare that from a purely commercial standclare that from a purely commercial stand-point the Philippines are bound to become not far hence of more consequence than the West Indies. Without attempting to express an onlyion on the wisdom or excediency clare that from a purely commercial standopinion on the wisdom or expediency Mrs. W. J. Ranker, Gretna; E. Whitco

It seems highly proper for us as business men to give clear expression for our belief in the commercial necessity of a canal across Nicaragua, and to our conviction that whether constructed by a private corporation or funds supplied by our government, the canal should be first, last and always an American enterprise, and under the cou-

trol of the United States. In addition to the programs for each of the hree days, entertainments have been provided for the evening and a train has been chartered for an excursion on Friday from Cincinnati up through the manufacturing districts of the Miami valley as far as Day-

Treasurer's Report.

At the afternoon session Treasurer Charles A. Schieren of New York reported the gross receipts for the year to be \$51,692. After all disbursements there is now a balance registered tonight, so that the attendance hand of \$2,638. The disbursements included, will be still larger for the next two days. \$20.487 for the general office in Philadelphia executive committee, \$929; treasurer, \$600 sions today were devoted mostly to hearing | Cincinnati office, where the secretary is logated, \$3,412; Caracas warehouse in Veneices, yet the spirit of expansion pervaded zuela, \$70,321; other foreign warehouses \$592. There were 834 members who paid the dues of \$50 per year, Pennsylvania being the batiner state. The increase was 194 members during the year, who paid the dues, many biving net yet paid the dues. New York ranks second and Ohio third in the

list of paid up members. The committee on patents and patent leg islation reported the length of their labors at Washington and on the present status of bills pending in congress on patent mais ters and especially the bill for a patent com mission to codify patent laws.

The committee on interactional freight and transportation made an elaborate report on modifications of certain bills of lading and rates. An elaborate paper on the extension of American trade by Milton Jackson of Phil-

adelphia, in absence of the author, was read y the secretary, E. P. Wilson, and referred o the committees. The committee on commerce and industry made an claborate report in favor of an additional cabinet officer and a department for home industries and foreign trade, out-

same. The committee on transportation reported its investigations for better facilities and

A letter was read from Ferd, W. Peck. ommissioner of the Paris exposition, asking that the discussion of that part of the president's report relating to the Paris exposition be postponed until Thursday, so he may be able to be present and present his

views. A resolution was presented and referred to the committee on resolutions opposing the recent order changing the minimum carload from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds, on the ground that insufficient notice of the change had been given, thus causing serious embarrassment to merchants who had made con tracts in advance.

The association then adjourned until 10:30 m. Wednesday.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

S. P. Ward of New York is at the Her John F. Sidey of Black Hills is at the Her Grand. J. F. Hartsough of Kansas City is at the

Her Grand. M. C. Keith, the cattle king of the Platte is a guest of the Millard. W. H. Meyer of the Tower Manufacturing company, New York, is in the city on bus iness.

R. T. Campbell of Kansas City, with the

Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, is at the George A. McNutt of Kansas City, pas senger and ticket agent of the Kansas & Texas railroad, is at the He

Grand. bers of the association, presented President Search with a fine gavel made of different woods from the the West Indies. Governor Bushnell at this juncture was called away and was given a great ovation as he left the hall. He had also been given an ovation on his entrance. President Search referred to him as one of the leading manuferred to him as one of the leadin ney, Chicago; F. Edward Dahn, Dayton; N. A. Pasewalk, Norfolk; W. H. Haskell, Chi cago; C. F. McLaughlin, Greeley; N. Chap man, Chicago; R. E. Bowker, Chicago.

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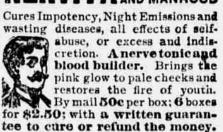
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