

support of all free men and particularly of all Americans; Senator Mason and Representative Sulzer and Jett were complimented for their resolution of sympathy for the fighting British; the hope was expressed that the British armies be driven into the sea; that the British empire be annihilated. The Irish National club also met tonight, and a number of speeches were made denouncing England. The Irishmen say they will try to make arrangements for the holding of a general meeting for the purpose of denouncing England.

BIRD WILL APPEAL HIS CASE

Confessed Alaska Murderer Making Every Effort Possible to Prolong His Life—Refused New Trial.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 17.—J. Homer Bird, the confessed Alaska murderer, after being refused a new trial by Judge Johnson, will make an effort to prolong his life by appealing to the United States supreme court, according to reports brought here today by the steamer City of Topeka. Judge Johnson, in imposing the death penalty on Bird, stated that in all the evidence in the case there was not one extenuating circumstance to justify Bird's crime.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING

Arrangements Are All Completed for the Annual Gathering of Nebraska Pedagogues.

LINCOLN, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The final arrangements for the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, to be held at Lincoln, Dec. 20-22, next, will begin to get under way this week. The pedagogues will begin to gather in this city from all over the state. This year, owing to the good times and larger salaries, the generous concessions of the railroads in granting a half-rate, and the excellence of the program, will witness the largest attendance in the history of the organization, which is one of the largest of the kind in the west. The program includes addresses and discussions by men of national reputation. The program will be held at the Lincoln Hotel, which has been reserved for the purpose. The annual meetings of this association are always well attended, but this year the indications point to a larger attendance than ever. Many of the pedagogues are coming from other states, and the program is being advertised in all the newspapers of the state.

MUST PAY HIGH FOR THE NEWS

Porto Rico Newspapers Complain of High Cable Rates—System of Direct Taxation.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PORTO RICO, Dec. 17.—Now that congress is in session Porto Rico feels more than ever the high cable rates it is compelled to pay. The newspapers are able to furnish only meager cablegrams and many persons strongly advocate an appropriation from some source by which the government for a few thousand dollars a year would supply to the newspapers several thousand words of general news each day. Intense interest is felt here in regard to the action of congress with reference to Porto Rico and everybody is looking forward eagerly to the arrival of the New York papers containing the president's message, of which scarcely fifty words have as yet been published here.

PINGREE DISPLEASES SOLONS

Members of the Legislature Do Not Indorse Governor's Action in Calling a Special Session.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 16.—The few legislative members who had arrived tonight for the special session which opens tomorrow do not indorse Governor Pingree's action in calling them together to pass upon a constitutional amendment permitting equal tax legislation. They say they are uniformed of any crying demand for hasty action and believe that the voters want time to think it over. It is not improbable that an adjournment will be taken Tuesday until after New Year's. This would still give five days to consider the proposed plan, and would allow the legislature a week to talk the matter over with their constituents within the twenty days limit allowed for a special session.

ORDAIN LIBERAL PREACHERS

Mrs. Vandella Varnum Thomas and Hadley A. Hall, Late Illinois Chaplain, Ordained at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Vandella Varnum Thomas, wife of the Rev. H. W. Thomas of the People's church, and Hadley A. Hall, the chaplain of the First Illinois Infantry in the Spanish-American war, were ordained ministers of religion at McVicker's theater today by the Rev. A. C. Hirst, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, assisted by members of the liberal congress of religion. The new ministers will assist Dr. Thomas in the People's church and will also preach in the new liberal circuit in the Mississippi valley. They were the first to receive the ceremony of ordination in the church occupied by Dr. Thomas.

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MISS HORLOCKER RETURNS

Young Woman Appears at Hastings to Make Return in Court.

NEW HODD WILL BE SIGNED, AFTER WHICH THE WEDDING WILL BE SPENT THE HOLIDAYS AT HOME.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Viola Horlocker came home tonight from Jacksonville, Ill., where she has been in the sanitarium ever since her preliminary hearing here last summer. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. George H. Hayes of Hastings.

Accidental Death. MADISON, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Jack Adair, aged 35 years, a resident of this city for many years, but for several years living at Cripple Creek, Colo., where he was employed in one of the mines, was a victim of a horrible death while playing a cartridge. The latter exploded, causing instant death. He leaves a wife and four children. His body was brought here for burial last night.

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