CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

LOCK GETS FIVE HUNDRED

Jury Finally Reaches Verdict After Being Out Since Thursday Noon.

MATERIAL SHAVE ON FORMER JUDGMENT

City Saves Fifteen Hundred Dollars by Having the Former Confession of Judgment Set Aside.

A sealed verdict returned yesterday afternoon by the district court jury in the personal injury damage suit of Henry Lock against the City of Council Bluffs is said to be in favor of the plaintiff for $500. The jury went out Thursday noon and the verdict was reached yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after seventy-five hours' deliberation. The verdict is considered to be a compromise one as it was said that when the jury was sent to bed Saturday night it stood 8 to 4 in favor of the city.

This suit has attracted more than ordinary attention, owing to the peculiar circumstances connected with it. Lock originally brought suit for $5,000 damages, alleging permanent injuries as the result of a fall caused by a defective sidewalk on Broadway. In June, 1901, before the case was entered for trial, Lock's attorney succeeded in inducing the city council at a secret session behind closed doors to agree to accept judgment against the city for $2,000. Judgment for this amount was accordingly entered against the city and then it was asserted that Lock had assigned his interest in the judgment for $250 to a member of the family of one of his attorneys. At the same time the attorneys filed a lien on the judgment of $1,000 for their services. Lock, when informed of the fact that the city had consented to accept judgment for $2,000 alleged that he was not aware when he signed a paper presented him by one of his attorneys that he had assigned away his interest in $2,000 for a mere bagatelle. Mayor Jennings, on investigating all the circumstances, refused to attach his signature to the resolution of the city accepting judgment on behalf of the city and a motion to set aside the judgment was filed in the district court. Nothing, however, was done in the case until this term of court, when Judge Thornell sustained the motion of the city to set aside the judgment and the suit went to trial. Lock amended his petition increasing his claim for damages from $5,000 to $10,320.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250. Night, F667.

SELECT NO BUSINESS AGENT

Committee of Trades and Labor Assembly Decides to Leave Selection Open for a Time.

The committee appointed by the Trades and Labor assembly Friday night to take charge of the matter of appointing a business agent and planning the establishment of a free labor bureau in Council Bluffs met yesterday afternoon. While the committee has several men in view for the position, it was decided to leave the field open and applications from those anxious to obtain the office will be received up to Thursday evening, when the committee will hold another meeting in Labor hall.

It is proposed to pay the business agent as a starter not less than $60 a month, but the committee hopes that the remuneration will be increased when the bureau becomes fully established. The man who will have charge of the free labor bureau under the title of business agent will have an office in Labor hall on South Main street and will be required to be there so many hours each day. In addition to these duties the business agent will act practically as walking delegate for all the unions represented in the Trades and Labor assembly. He will be expected to boost the membership of the various unions and look after their interests in general. In case of any controversy arising between members of unions and their employers the business agent will be called upon to act as an arbitrator and to try to adjust any difficulties that may arise.

The committee having in charge the matter of the appointment of the business agent is composed of the following: Harvey DeLong of the Typographical union, W. H. Wallace of the Shoemakers' union, W. Waugh of the Cigar Makers union, J. F. Knuth of the Musicians' union, F. E. Marlowe of the Carpenters' union, David Evans of the federal union, Aaron Papas of the Barbers' union and C. Henry of the Painters' union.

It is not believed that many of the individual labor unions will take advantage of the offer and be represented on the board of directors of the proposed Commercial club. The expense to each union would be $42 per annum and this, it is said, the unions do not feel like standing. It has been suggested by men prominent in labor circles that the unions join together and secure the election of a representative on the executive committee of five. This would entail an expense on the unions of $117 per annum, according to the present plan of organization of the Commercial club. This suggestion, it is said, has met with much favor, members of the labor unions believing that their interests would be better looked after by having a representative on the executive committee than by having several representatives in the board of directors consisting of fifty members. It is understood that this matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Trades and Labor assembly.

Celebrate Church Anniversary.

Rev. George Edward Walk closed his fourth year as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church yesterday. At the morning service in place of the regular sermon he delivered an address upon the origin and history of St. Paul's parish. At the vesper service in the afternoon Rev. T. J. Mackay of Omaha, a former rector of St. Paul's occupied the pulpit and delivered the sermon which he preached in 1886, when the present church building, which was erected mainly through his efforts, was first opened for public worship.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 126 Main St.

Hustling for Commercial Club.

The hustling committee appointed to secure members for the Commercial club will begin an active campaign of the entire city today. The enthusiasm with which the project has been received leads the committee to believe that every business man in the city will join the organization.

Lewis Hammer and Alderman Huber did some hustling Saturday and in a short time succeeded in securing the names of twenty-nine firms and business men on Broadway between First and Bryant streets on the membership roster.

Another meeting will be held Wednesday evening at which time it is expected the committee to which the matter was referred will be ready to present articles of incorporation for adoption by the club.

LEWIS CUTLER
MORTICIAN.
28 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. 'Phone 97.

Giving Away Stoves.

The second heating stove given by William Welch to his coal customers was awarded to Mrs. Henry Becker, 1416 South Eighth street. Another has been put up on the same plan, and during the next thirty days will be given away free to one of his customers. Before ordering your coal call at 16 North Main street or 'phone 128.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

For rent, modern house, 719 Sixth avenue.

Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 409 B'y.

Annual reduction on pictures and picture framing. C. E. Alexander & Co.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harlan of Seventh avenue and Tenth street, a son.

Wanted, at once, boy with pony to carry Bee route. Apply at the office, 10 Pearl street.

We are headquarters for glass of all kinds. See us before you buy. C. B. Paint, Oil and Glass company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cessna of Hastings, Neb., are guests of their son, W. B. Cessna of Third avenue.

The Tuesday Euchre club will be entertained this week by Mrs. Walter Spooner at her home, corner of Mill and Seventh streets.

The Duck Hollow Gun club of this city and the Armour (Ia.) Gun club will contest for honors Sunday, February 8. The shoot will be at 100 live birds.

The series of special week day services at Trinity Methodist church have been discontinued. The regular weekly prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening.

Park City lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will visit State lodge in Omaha this evening. A special car has been arranged for, which will leave Pearl and Broadway at 7:30 p. m.

The Board of Commissioners for the Insane held a partial hearing at Avoca Saturday in the matter of the alleged insanity of William B. Cuppy, and then continued the investigation for one week, in order that further evidence might be procured.

The Council Bluffs Athletic club has secured quarters in the Ogden hotel building. The club has purchased the complete gymnasium outfit of the Woodmen of the World and it will be placed at once in the new club rooms. The club has at present a membership of sixty-five.

Regarding the report that he intended leaving Sidney and making his home in Tabor, where his three children are in school, Judge Thornell of the district court said that while he had given the matter some thought and had looked at some property in Tabor, he believed he would remain in Sidney, where he had property interests and where he had lived for so many years.

Mrs. J. M. Matthews left yesterday for Chicago, where, with Mrs. Ida Van Hon of Mt. Pleasant, the other member of the committee, she will select the furnishings for the Iowa Odd Fellows' orphans' home at Mason City. The committee expects to have the 100 rooms in the home completely furnished for the formal opening of the institution some time during the summer. The construction of the building is under the supervision of a board of trustees, of which J. F. Spare of this city is a member.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Contest of Brain and Brawn.

YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—On May 8 and 9 there will occur at Yankton under the auspices of the college a state athletic high school meet and declamatory contest. Gold and silver medals will be given to each winner and a silk banner to the school winning the most points. This promises to be a meet which will attract considerable attention throughout the state.

Lose Money on Cattle.

TYNDALL, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Nearly every farmer is feeding cattle this winter, but it seems to be the wrong year to be engaging in the business. One man said as he was loading his steers for Chicago markets that he expected to drop $1,000.

Receive Plenty of Coal.

TYNDALL, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A supply of coal was received last week and there is no coal famine here.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Rain Promised to Besprinkle West Today and Tomorrow, and Cold Spell is Likely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Forecast:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Rain and colder Monday. Tuesday, fair.

For Missouri—Fair in east, rain in west portion Monday. Tuesday, fair in west, rain in east portion; colder.

For Illinois—Fair and warmer Monday. Tuesday, rain and colder; fresh to brisk south winds, becoming variable west.

For North Dakota—Snow and much colder Monday, with a cold wave in northwest portion. Tuesday, fair.

For South Dakota—Snow or rain and colder Monday. Tuesday, fair.

For Montana—Fair in west, snow in east portion Monday; colder, with a cold wave at Havre. Tuesday, fair.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Snow and colder Monday. Tuesday, fair, except snow in the mountain district.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Jan. 25.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Maximum temperature....	48	21	34	24
Minimum temperature....	27	6	18	9
Mean temperature.........	38	14	26	16
Precipitation	.00	.28	.02	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1902:

Normal temperature	23
Excess for the day	15
Total excess since March 1	335
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	29.68 inches
Deficiency since March 1, 1902	1.10 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902	6.08 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1901	.23 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.	Temperature at 7 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	43	48	.00
Valentine, cloudy	44	52	.00
North Platte, part cloudy	40	5[illegible]	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	42	54	.00
Salt Lake City, raining	36	52	.04
Rapid City, raining	34	54	.01
Huron, clear	24	24	.00
Williston, clear	22	40	.00
Chicago, cloudy	[illegible]	32	T
St. Louis, clear	44	46	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	30	32	.00
Davenport, cloudy	32	32	.00
Kansas City, clear	45	48	.00
Havre, snowing	[illegible]	58	T
Helena, clear	58	58	T
Bismarck, cloudy	38	46	T
Galveston, clear	56	60	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

PLEASES THE GUARDSMEN

Passage of Dick Bill Will Enable Them to Secure Modern Equipment.

ONE REGIMENT IS TO GO TO FORT RILEY

Part of Buildings of Coal Company Burn—New Engineering Hall at Iowa State College is Now Ready.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The passage of the Dick bill in congress for the reorganization of the State guards and placing the militia organization in closer touch with the regular army, is something which has been long desired by the guardsmen of Iowa. Adjutant General Byers of the Iowa state militia has been in Washington some time working to secure the final passage of the bill. He secured the support of the entire Iowa delegation and was present when the president signed the bill. General Byers wrote back that the ordnance department is ready to fulfill its part of the work under the bill and to supply the regular army guns for the Iowa guard at once. Accordingly Governor Cummins at once issued a requisition on the secretary of war for arms and ammunition for the four regiments of the Iowa National Guard. He ordered 2,200 of the magazine rifles, of the Krag-Jorgensen pattern, with bayonets and other things, and 100,000 cartridges. As soon as these are received the old Springfields in use by the four regiments will be sent back to Washington and every company in Iowa will have the modern guns. Arrangements will soon be made for sending one regiment to camp with the regulars next summer at Fort Riley, Kansas. There will be considerable rivalry among the guardsmen as to who shall go to this camp. It is believed in Iowa that the new law will greatly increase the interest in the guard among the members.

Delegates to Road Convention.

Governor Cummins has named delegates to the international road convention called for Detroit, where there is to be general discussion of plans for the betterment of American highways. The following are the delegates named: Milton Remley, Iowa City; Henry Wallace, Des Moines; Allan Dawson, Des Moines; Herman Granner, Hubbard; W. H. Stafford, Blairsburg; Thomas Adams, Lenox; D. W. Norris, jr., Marshalltown; Al Power, Bloomfield; Ed Kunz, Wesley; Judge E. H. Thayer, Clinton; George W. Ball, Fairfield; E. D. Chassell, LeMars; H. E. Stanberry, Mason City; W. G. Dows, Cedar Rapids; George R. Estabrook, Marshalltown; Harry E. Hull, Williamsburg.

Fire at a Coal Mine.

A part of the building at the Des Moines Coal company's mine at Marquisville, a short distance out of Des Moines, were burned last night. The fire started with an explosion in the weigh house, which immediately threw everyone out and spread to all the buildings. The elevator and blacksmith shop were burned, but the engine house and the valuable machinery were saved. A hundred tons of coal were burned. The loss was about $10,000, fully insured. The entire output of the mine goes regularly to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. The works will be rebuilt in about three weeks and in the meantime 350 miners will be without work.

Engineering Hall is Ready.

The new engineering hall of the Iowa State college, which has been in process of construction for the last two years, has just been completed and will be thrown open for the use of the students in all the engineering departments Monday morning. The cost of the building, including furnishings, is $215,000, the furniture costing $30,000. The value of the engineering equipment is $60,000. The building is 208 feet long and 100 feet wide, four stories and basement.

Trouble Over Land Title.

The committee in charge of securing the site for the new Des Moines postoffice is having much grief. The land titles are found to be imperfect and the government will insist on all the titles being in strict accordance with law. In one case an unsatisfied mortgage was found running back to the early days of the state and there is no direct way of having this remedied. It has not been the custom here to record all papers relating to land titles, as contemplated by law, and this deficiency will have to be corrected by getting at the court files and completing the records before the government will accept the land. This will cause some delay in getting the postoffice started.

LEGISLATURE MAKING RECORD

Accomplishes More in Early Part of Session Than Any of Its Predecessors.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The session of two years ago up to the sixteenth day, when the adjournment of this session was taken, had passed but one law. Up to the recess ten senate bills and one senate joint resolution had been passed and filed with the proper senate officers, while three house bills and one house joint resolution had gone through the mill and were completed, making a total of thirteen laws and two joint resolutions for the completed work.

The senate bills passed were No. 2, providing for holding terms of court at other than county seat towns; No. 7, ceding jurisdiction to the United States over certain lands at Hot Springs for the purpose of a national soldiers' home; No. 22, setting aside $3,000 for the expense of litigation of the state land department, and Nos. 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20, the laws putting the revised code into effect. The resolution, being No. 1, providing for resubmission of the question of capital location.

The house bills which have become laws are No. 32, appropriating money for the per diem and mileage of the members and employes of the two houses of the legislature; No. 10, fixing terms of court in the Fourth judicial circuit, and No. 9, carrying out the provisions of the constitutional amendment making 5 per cent the rate of interest on school fund loans. The joint resolution was No. 2, providing for the publication and distribution of legislative manuals and handbooks.

The house has been slower in the introduction of bills than it was two years ago, the total up to date being ninety-three bills and four joint resolutions, while at the same date two years ago 111 bills and three joint resolutions had been presented.

Up to adjournment eighty-seven bills and four joint resolutions had been presented in the senate, while at the same date two years ago seventy-four bills and six resolutions had gone in.

The total of bills for special appropriations so far introduced amounts to $610,309.24, with several of the different institutions of the state not asking for anything and the desires of the state militia yet to be made known.

Many of the appropriation bills are in duplicate, and with these cut out the totals asked for are: House bills, No. 8, $50,000 for a state exhibit at St. Louis; No. 23, $2,500 to purchase the Rigg collection of birds and animals of South Dakota; No. 28, $50,000 for an armory at Huron, No. 43, $15,000 for a building at the blind asylum at Gary; No. 51, $4,490.28 deficiencies at Aberdeen Normal; No. 54, $84,300 for buildings at the Northern hospital for the insane at Redfield; No. 56, $25,000 for building at the School of Mines, Rapid City; No. 58, $30,000 for building at Springfield Normal; No. 59, $815 to reimburse Oliver Gibbs; No. 65, $484.83 deficiency in expense in account of governor's office; No. 67, $96,000 for buildings and land at Agricultural college, Brookings; No. 75, $24,000 for building at Spearfish Normal; No. 82, $55,000 for building at Aberdeen Normal; No. 91, $8,000 for deficiency at State university. To be added to this as special appropriation is $64,000 appropriated for per diem and mileage of members and employes.

Bills in the senate not duplicates are: No. 10, $6,500 for deficiencies in the expenses of the code; No. 22, $3,000 school fund litigation; No. 35, $10,000 state fair deficiency; No. 52, $219.13 deficiency salary of adjutant general; No. 72, $30,000 deficiency in wolf bounty; No. 74, $5,000 for silver service for cruiser South Dakota.

This makes a total of $674,309.24, and as a bill which should properly go into the general appropriations act for $120,000 at Brookings is in, the total at present is $794,309.24.

Indian Attempts to Kill Himself.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—John Greenwood, a full-blooded Indian from the Rosebud reservation, confined in the Deadwood jail, attempted to commit suicide. Rendered despondent at the contemplation of a period of confinement, he leaped from the top of the cage in the jail, striking the floor ten feet below on his head, sustaining painful though not serious injury. The jailer prevented his repeating the jump, and the Indian then began trying to gouge his own eyes out with a button hook, explaining his action by saying that he could not see well. It appears that his eyesight is defective. The county physician attended him, and he has been placed in a closed cell, care being taken to remove all instruments with which he might inflict self punishment.

Not the Men Wanted.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The two men known as "Fort Dodge Bob" and "Red Tobin," who were brought to Sioux Falls a few days ago by Deputy United States Marshal Carleton on suspicion of being William Morris and James Riley, who escaped from the Tyndall jail after being arrested for robbing the postoffice at Dalesburg, Clay county, in December, 1899, are probably not the men wanted. This was developed during an examination of the two men before United States Commissioner Conway. The prisoners virtually succeeded in proving that they were not Morris and Riley. They will be held a short time longer for inspection by a postoffice inspector, when, if nothing new develops, they will be given their freedom.

Poultry Show Promises Well.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—F. K. Pruner, secretary of the Queen City Poultry association, whose first annual show will be held in this city January 27 to 31, states that the demand which is being made on him for entry blanks is beyond all expectations. These requests for blanks come from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, and from as far away as Texas. Most of the handsome loving cups which will be awarded as prizes at the coming poultry show have been placed on exhibition in this city and are attracting considerable attention.

PUBLISH BRIGHTON WEIGHTS

Officials Issue Particulars of Race for Famous Handicap.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The following weights for the Brighton handicap were announced today:

Gold Heels, 127; Hermis, 127; Advance Guard, 124; Blues, 122; Hyphen, 120; Colonel Bill, 121; Prince of Melbourne, 117; Herbert, 118; Masterman, 118; Pentecost, 116; Sombrero, 119; Good Morning, 115; Cunard, 114; Articulate, 114; Bonnibert, 113; Waterboy, 112; Francisco, 112; Heno, 112; Desanet, 111; Igniter, 111; Royal, 110; Corrigan, 111; Inventor, 111; Namator, 110; Eagle Plug, 112; Washift, 105; Arsenal, 107; Roehampton, 107; Glen Water, 106; Bessie Spahr, 117; Soroaster, 105; Disadvantage, 105; Onatas, 101; Grey Friar, 102; River Pirate, 101; Fortuna, 105; City Bank, 112; Huntressa, 99; Golden Maxim, 100; Charles Elwood, 100; Africander, 100; Americano, 99; Andy Williams, 100; Northern Star, 98; Red Eagle, 99; Eugenia Burch, 98; April Shower, 96; Sambo, 95; Tom Kinney, 96; Merry Acrobat, 95; Connecticut, 94; Marque, 100; Dauphin, 95; Allan, 91; Wild Pirate, 92; Rigodon, 93; Sadie S., 89; Bon McLean, 90; Flo Carline, 92; Great American, 90; Daly, 85; Rightful, 96; Oom Paul, 105.

HORSES WIN NICE FORTUNE

Jennings Company Nets Over $25,000 on San Francisco Race Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The chief event at Oakland this week is to be the California Oaks, for 3-year-old fillies, at a mile and a furlong. It will be run on Sunday and a fine field is assured. Among the eligibles are Gravina, Gaviota, Dainty Honiton, Sylvia Talbot, Ballroom Belle and Nigrette. The prospects are that the track will be muddy early in the week.

W. B. Jennings & Co. passed the $20,000 mark on Saturday, when Elliott took the Lazzot handicap and Tacolaw annexed the 2-year-old event. The firm has a big lead over the other owners, with $25,215 to their credit. Green B. Morris is now credited with $9,320. Burns & Waterhouse are still third with $7,665, and through the victories of Princess Titania, John Millin has advanced to fourth place, with $5,865.

During sixty-one days the New California Jockey club distributed $180,274 in stakes and purses. Twenty-nine owners have won sums in excess of $2,000, while fifty-five have taken over $1,000.

NEW BALL LEAGUE FORMED

Chicago Joins with Other Wisconsin and Illinois Towns to Help National Game.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—At a meeting here today managers of star semi-professional base ball teams of Chicago and nearby towns organized what will be known as the Interstate base ball league. Towns in Wisconsin and Illinois, with five of the clubs to be located in Chicago, will make up the circuit.

A temporary organization was formed at the meeting and the names of the clubs and towns to comprise the circuit announced. The five clubs to make Chicago their home are the Spaldings, Gunthers, Marquettes, Athletes and the Strangers.

The out of town clubs will be Elgin, Aurora and Sycamore of Illinois and the Kenosha and Recine of Wisconsin.

Ryan to Meet Fitzsimmons.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 25.—Tommy Ryan, the champion middleweight, who arrived here today, received a telegram from Jack Herman, manager of the Fort Erie Athletic club at Buffalo, asking him if he would fight Fitzsimmons there for a purse of $25,000. Ryan replied that he would if Fitzsimmons would train down to the middleweight limit.

Sioux Falls to Have Ball Team.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—It is probable that local base ball enthusiasts will hold a meeting during the coming week for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps toward the organization of a strong base ball club for the coming season. Applications are being received daily from players who desire positions on the Sioux Falls team this season.

JOY IS FOR A STRONG NAVY

Introduces Bill Authorizing the Construction of Twenty-Five Battleships.

OFFICERS DOUBT WISDOM OF THE PLAN

While They Favor a Strong Navy, Progress in Ship Building Makes it Inexpedient to Build So Many Now.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Few legislative measures relating to the navy have attracted so much attention or caused so much comment among officers of the service as Representative Joy's resolution for the construction of twenty-five battleships.

As with all matters of intense importance to the navy, there is a healthy difference of opinion as to the merits of Mr. Joy's proposition. Not that any naval officer is opposed to a large augmentation of the fleet; on the contrary, there is a cordial unanimity of feeling in that connection. The difference applies only to the methods of increase. The best minds of the service have been studying this question of advancement for many years and much sound knowledge has been gained and with it, naturally, various views have been formed which are not identical in some important particulars. Some of the most thoughtful and accomplished navy men, who have studied the matter from a patriotic and utilitarian standpoint as well as that of physical ability to produce, are of the opinion that the adoption of a comprehensive naval building program extending over a long period of years, would be a mistake. They hold that impovements are being constantly made in war vessels on account of experience with those already constructed and that it would be a grave error to undertake to build a great number of ships on plans prepared now, when the probability is that before they are completed naval architecture would progress to such an extent that new types for naval craft would be required to keep pace with fleets of other powers.

There are seven private ship-building plants now able to build armor-clads; six of them have such vessels on the stocks under contract for the Navy department. Then there are four government navy yards which can build ships, one of them being already fully equipped for the construction of the giant Connecticut and the other three need only some extra apparatus to enable them to do the work. This makes a total of eleven plants and while some of them would be pushed to their utmost capacity to construct two battleships each, and others are overcrowded with government work, there is a feeling among a number of naval officers that they would rise to the occasion and if the building program suggested by Mr. Joy were spread over eight or even six years it would be completed to the satisfaction of the naval authorities.

Believe We Must Fight.

There is a strong feeling among naval men, and it is very general, that the time is approaching when the United States must be prepared to fight for its trade rights and the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine. Certainly all the preparations for war that is being made by the army and navy has that expectation in view, although the more conservative officers of the government refuse to tolerate the idea that there is danger of a hostile conflict with any European power. Mr. Joy, in explaining the reason for his radical measure, said that its only purpose was to provide a fleet sufficient to insure respect for the consistent American policy of preventing the acquisition of territory in this hemisphere by non-American nations. If Mr. Joy would talk, as he has presumably done, with army and navy officers, he would find there is a growing opinion throughout both services rapidly crystallizing into conviction that something must be done by this government to keep pace with the wonderful strides toward the perfection of a powerful fleet that are being made by European states, whose every move is watched by military experts in America with eyes of suspicion. Curiously enough, it is almost generally believed in military and naval circles that this augmentation is directed mainly toward the United States. Whether there is just cause for this feeling is a matter of opinion, but some of the foremost authorities on sea power maintain that the only safe policy to pursue is to begin now to make rapid advances toward the formation of a powerful fleet. In that, it is held, lies the best assurance of peace.

Spoils a Tragic Scene.

Judge Daniel H. McMillan of the supreme court of New Mexico has been in the city for several days. Judge McMillan, before he went to the southwest, was for many years a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He sat in the lobby of the New Willard among a number of old friends, when reminiscences of Buffalo came up. "I noticed recently," he said, "that John H. Meech of the old Buffalo Academy of Music passed over. His death recalled to my mind a very funny incident which occurred in the old theater which he managed away back in the '70s.

"In those days it was the custom for the students of the medical department of the University of Buffalo to go to the theater in a body every Friday night. They always bought admissions for the gallery and it was very unhealthy for one of their colleagues to be seen in the body of the house. One of the students at the college, on the occasion to which I refer, was a little wry-necked fellow named Pomeroy, from the territory of Dakota. He had never attended a theatrical performance before, but he demonstrated very dearly that night that he had a keen sense of the dramatic possibilities of a Shakespearean play.

"The play was 'Romeo and Juliet' and the star part was assigned to that great actress, Modjeska, whose portrayal of Juliet has seldom been excelled. In the potion scene Juliet appears with a small phial containing a deadly poison in her hands. After reciting her lines the actress draws the cork from the phial and swallows the contents. On the occasion, just as Modjeska seized the cork with her thumb and forefinger, Pomeroy stuck the forefinger of his right hand in his cheek. As the cork left the phial he let that forefinger slip out. It made a sound like a pistol shot. The audience, dazed for a second, 'caught on' almost instantly, and forgetting the actress and the play, they turned—every one of them—and looking up into the gallery, let off a storm of applause.

"The Countess Bozenta was furious. She threw the phial across the stage and stalked off. The curtain was instantly dropped and inside five minutes the Meech brothers, three or four detectives and all the ushers were frantically rushing upstairs. Approaching the doorkeeper of the gallery Mr. Meech shouted, 'Where is he? Where is he?' 'Where's who?' asked the doorkeeper. 'Where's the fellow who popped the cork?' angrily asked Meech.

"'Oh, him!' said the ungrammatical doorkeeper, stolidly, pointing down to the front rows. 'There he is. There's sixty of him!'

"It was ten minutes before Madame Modjeska could be induced to reappear. She began the scene all over again, and you could hear the heartbeats of your next neighbor, so still and silent was the audience. But I fear that at least half of them failed to appreciate the beauties of the scene and the rendition of Juliet's part by that magnificent actress because they were momentarily expecting to hear that cork fly out again. At least I know that I expected to hear it every moment."

Lacey is Observant.

Congressman Lacey of Iowa during the Christmas holidays paid a visit to Florida and as he is one of the most observant men in congress, seeing things that other people would not see, he had occasion the other day to tell some interesting reminiscences of his recent visit to the Peninsula state. When the army appropriation bill was under consideration Major Lacey inquired of the chairman of the committee on military affairs what arrangements there were in the bill for the supplying of flagstaffs for the various fortifications of the army where the same had been accidentally destroyed, and in connection with his inquiry he said what was news to nine-tenths of the members of the house of representatives, that the American flag was not flying from Fort Sumter. All the people in that vicinity would rejoice to see that flag there now, and they ought to have an opportunity of seeing it, and visitors to the fort ought to have the same opportunity. Incidental to this statement he said that the flagstaff had been destroyed by a cyclone, and had never been replaced. He said it might be regarded as a sentimental matter, but there should be some provision to supply deficiencies of that kind. Chairman Hull in reply to Major Lacey stated that the destruction of the flagstaff was purely accidental and that the flagstaff upon Fort Sumter could be immediately replaced if the commandant at the fort would call the attention of the department to its absence and the reasons for the same.

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Iowa: Original—Addison Jefferson, Olwein, $8; Edward Daley, Dubuque, $8. Increase, Reissue, Etc.—David S. Bedel, Sioux City, $10; Edwin W. Heald (war with Spain), Hawarden, $17. Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Caroline L. Grinnell, Grinnell, $8; Elizabeth Bottom, Dubuque, $12; Emma U. Littler, Griswold, $8.

South Dakota: Increase, Reissue, Etc.—Jacob Schutz, Vale, $10.

Issue of January 8:

Nebraska: Original—Abishia Sanders, Kearney, $6; John Weightman, Lincoln, $12. Increase, Reissue, Etc.—Edward M. Wilcox, Omaha, $12. Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Ella C. Weythman, Lincoln, $8.

Iowa: Original—Jonathan L. Moss, Keokuk, $6; Sumner E. Micham, Cherokee, $6. Increase, Reissue, Etc.—Horace A. Hudson, Des Moines, $12; Gilbert W. Jenree, Leon, $12; Robert M. Black, Adel, $6. Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Elizabeth Moon, Columbia, $12; Adelia Chenevert, Clinton, $8.

Issue of January 9:

Nebraska: Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Matilda Gardamier, Scribner, $8; Elvira F. Flock, York, $8.

Iowa: Original—John M. Stephens, Boone, $6. Increase, Reissue, Etc.—George W. Sackrider, Maquoketa, $8. Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Sarah Ireland, Albia, $12.

South Dakota: Increase, Reissue, Etc.—John W. Hurry, Madison, $30; Peter J. Saxer, Cavour, $6. Widows, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Mary Norgard, Canton, $12; Margaret A. Brockway, Mitchell, $12.

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