Christmas Gifts for the Little Folks

Perhaps you have found it hard deciding what to give the little people. Here is a list of useful articles that will not fail of appreciation.

Enfants' abort dresses, nicely made, to c. 75c, 85c, \$1.00, up to \$4.50 each.

Infants' long dresses, beautiful materials at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, up to \$6.00 each.

Infants' Casimere and Embroidered Flannel Shawls at \$1, \$1.50, \$2 to \$3.50 each.

Infants' flannels and cashmere sacques at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.

Infants' erochet sacques at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 up to \$2.50 each, Infant's French hand-made bibs at 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each. Infants' feeding bibs in pink, blue and white kerry cloth, 15c or 2 for 25c.

Infants' cashmere wrappers, with white, pink and blue, featherstiching, \$1.50 each. Infants' crechet bootees at 15c, 30c, 25c, 30c, up to 50c each. Infants' kid bootees, white and colors, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.

Infants' wool toques at 50 each.

Infants' silk toques at \$1.00 and \$1.25 each. Infants' crochet vells at 25c, 40c and 50c each.

Infants' fine yarn mittens in white, pink and white, blue and white at 25c and

Infants' comb and brush sets in white, pink and blue, 65c each. Infants' comb and brush and rattle set, 75c each. Infants' long coats, cream bedford cloth, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.90 and \$3.50 each.

Infants' cashmere hose in black, white, pink and blue, 25c and 35c per pair. We sell the Rubens' Infant's underwear.

Umbrellas for Christmas special sale of women's 25-inch silk umbrellas, high novelty handles-regular \$4.00 values-special price.

\$2.50 each OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAE, BEGINNING FRIDAY.

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States is at peace." After saying he was satisfied with Com Turner's answer he said, in part: mander Turner's answer he said, in part.

I beg you will leave this port, because the waters surrounding it are part of the Department of Cauca. I permit myself to inform you that the rebel department of Panama borders on Cauca at Tiberon. So long as war is not declared it seems to me only just and natural that American warships should not enter the waters south of Tiburon.

Order of Columbia. Disregard Order of Colombian.

Commander Turner disregarded this. Hav ing accomplished the purpose of his visit to the guif, namely, to find the Colombians, the Atlanta started for Colon the night of December 15. The Colombians carefully and systematically made efforts to avoid furnishing any information as to what purposes had brought them to the gulf or whether they were building a road toward Panama. But it can be said that they are waiting superior orders.

In the meantime there is strong probability that they are building a road toward The distance separating Titutamati and Yaguai is sixty miles. The Colomblans declared they had 2,000 men between the mouth of the Atrato and Tiburon, well supplied with food, clothing and ammunf-They also have several pieces of ar-

unted at coast points. Their demeanor, though polite, clearly showed hostility and deep chagrin at havbeen discovered. Many indications ited to their intention of bringing more en and supplies to the gulf.

The Atlanta is going to the Chiriqui lagoon, where it will coal from a collier. Admiral Coghlan is not sending any

Soutinels All About. During the conference with the Colom ns. sahore, Lieutenant Perrill was surnded by General Ortis's staff, while inland, a few paces, there was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. The beach in both dious was also lined by sentinels. Gen ral Ortiz did not permit Lieutenant Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian project First Lieutenant Edward B. Manwaring, commanding the marine guard of the Atlanta, rowed up in a outter for the purpose of communicating with Lieutenant Perrill and to gain certain military information, Lieutenant Manwaring went ashore and the cutter olned the whaleboat off the beach. Lieu mant Perrill returned to the Atlanta at \$

Lieutenant. Manwaring, before returning, pulled in the cutter along the coast, obrving the Colombians' camp. Later in the day General Ortiz requested the Atpeared to be permanent, was well provi-sioned and probably destined to be used as base of operations, General Ortiz and others focely expressed the untermined in case General Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to

Marines Find Good Camp. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In a cablegram from Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the naval force in Atlantic-Iathmian waters, which reached the Navy department last sight, the landing of the battalion of marines from the Prairie at Gorgon is re-ported. The battalion will go into camp at that place, the medical officers having re-ported that the health conditions there are fully satisfactory. Gorgon is some distance above the sea level and it is hoped the men will be free from tropical illness. The Dixle's battalies of marines have encamped at Empire. Care will be taken that all the American force on the isthmus shall drink only distilled water, and the Prairie will be at there for the purpose of distilling an

With the view of maintaining good feeling during the elections on the isthmus the provisional junta has just issued an address to the nation signed by Mearrs. Boyd. Arias and Arango, cables the Panama cor-respondent of the Herald.

The junta states that decree No. 35, issued per 12 and published December 14, ing a national convention for January IS in this city, makes it the duty of members thereof to frame a constitu-in accordance with the spirit of evolu-



"would be treated as would the vessels of tion which took place November 3. The any other power with which the United address asks for the telerance and general good feeling which has existed upon the isthmus since the date of the rebellion and cautions the people to hold steadfast to their patriotic principles through the exsting times of the forthcoming election. The Navy department today received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Cognian, dated Colon, saying that the Atlanta had returned from the Gulf of Darien and had found about 500 Colombian troops between

> but it was stated that it contained nothing of an alarming nature, Enthusiastic Over Treaty. PANAMA' Dec. 17.-The junta's decrefixing December 28 as the date for the election of representatives to the national con

Tomete and Terena Island, who had been

anded by the Cartegena and the Kinson,

portion of the cablegram was suppressed

vention has been received with enthusiash in the towns in the interior of the republic. There is no doubt that public opinion favors the canal treaty with the United States and the candidacy of Dr. Amador for the presidency.

Demetrio Castro Has to Go. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 .- The Pacific Rica. His departure was rather sensational. When the new Republic of Panama was roclaimed General Castro was requested to: take the oath of allegiance. He refused and was ordered to leave the country. Falling to do so, a squad of soldiers waited upon him and excerted him aboard the Barracouls then shout to sail. His landing at Punta Arenas was quiet.

After Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil is at piled. Relieves pain instantly and heals at the same time. For man or beast. Price, 25c.

WINDUP OF GRAND

(Continued from First Page.)

saying we are heartily glad that our work

District Clerk Hoyt declined last night to give out any further information relancon. But one of the indicted parties Johnson, indicted for selling liquor to indians, is in the custody of the court, and none of the remaining sixteen have given bonds nor have captages been insued for

In reference to the new venfre for the petit jury for the special term of court beginning December 28, Clerk Hoyt said last night: "The panel will be drawn from the list of 500 names we now have. These names were obtained through letters written to leading bankers in all communities of the state to send in a list of names of reputable citizens for jury service. Fifty names will be selected from this list by the United States jury commissioner and myself at 10 o'clock Saturday morning."

BUSINESS MEN ON BOARD Several Have Accepted Place Chamberlaig's Semi-Official

Turiff Committee. LONDON, Dec: 17 .- It was announced today that the following have already accepted membership in Joseph Chamberlain's commission, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thoroon with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure:

Charles Booth, of the firm of Alfred Booth & Cooof Liverpool; Sir Vincent Calllard, president of the London agency of the National Bank of Egypt; Sir Arthur Keene, vice president of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers; Alfred Moseley, Sir William T. Lewis, president of the South Wales Institute of Engineers; Sir Andrew Noble, vice chairman of W. C. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., limited; Charles A. Parsons, proprietor of large electrical and ungineering works at Newcastle-on-Tibe: Bir Walter Peace, agent general of Natal; C. A. Pearson, newspaper proprietor; nir Charles Tennant, chairman of the Union Bank of Scotland; Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool Chamber of Com-

A number of members of Parliament also have accepted positions on the commission. The secretary of the commission will be William A. S. Hewins, director of the London School of Economics and Political Science. It is intended that the commis-sion shall meet twice a week, beginning

out the middle of January. LONDON, Dec. 18.-In this morning's issue the Times enters a strong editorial protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission as involving a complete change of constitutional methods and being skin to defiance alike to the authority of the crown, the cabinet and the legislature. It de-clares that the members are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really royal com

Hastings Horse Burn. HASTINGS, Ia., Dec. 17 .- (Special Tele gram.)—The large horse barn of J. D. Rob-bins, five miles north of town, was burned last night. All of the stock, except six mules and five horses, was saved. These burned in the part of the stable that caught first. The fire was not discovered until the building was about to full in. No metrco; amount of loss not known,

FIRE DESTROYS THE PLANT Flames Wipe Out Beebe & Runyan's at Loss of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

TASK OF FIREMEN A MOST DIFFICULT ONE

Flames Spread with Great Hapidity and Burn So Intensely that Approach is Almost

Impossible.

Building Loss, Insurance, \$10,000 \$7,250 \$5000 \$9,150 \$40,000 \$9,150 \$40,000 \$2,500 \$1,500 \$60,500 Totals

Fire which is supposed to have originated in the electrical cotton picking machines of the Beebe & Runvan furniture warehouse and factory, at Thirteenth and Grace streets, at 4 a. m. yesterday, caused the destruction of the big plant. The loss is estimated, in round numbers, at \$52,500, and insurance aggregates \$58,750.

The building was a frame structure 22x113 fest in dimensions and three and a half stories high. It had been used as a warehouse and factory by the Beebe & Runyan company for a number of years. At this place the more expensive, or parlor, furniture was made and housed. In addition to a fine plant of machinery a large stock of hardwood, expensive upholstering cloth and tons of wool and cotton filling were burned. C. B. Tungate, yardmaster of the Omaha road, who resides at Fourteenth and Grace streets, discovered the fire and telephoned anialarm. He first saw a small flame issung from the west side of the building near he center, where was located the electrical otton picking machines on the second floor. In an incredibly short space of time, where had appeared an incipient blaze, huge volumes of flame and smoke arose, and inside of an hour the big plant, with all its ontents, was in ruine.

Blaze is Flerce. Probably the firemen, who were first at the scene, five minutes after the first alarm was sent in, have never encountered a fercer blase. The highly inflammable nature of the contents of the building caused the fire to spread and burn with lightning rapidity. Because of this all lines of hose brought to play on the fire had to be carried across the railroad tracks and from nydrants over two blocks away. This made the firemen's task a most difficult one, But the Bremen stuck to it with great tenacity and finally had the satisfaction of putting out the blaze in the building after the superstructure had been entirely consumed. In the vicinity and to the east of the actory there is quite a pretentious settlement of mostly small houses, and occupants of these worked with might and main to save their property. The home of Elmer Morrow was especially threatened,

goods to a place of safety during the first stages of the fire. On account of the hose lines blocking the tracks, the Omaha stock train, No. Mail Steamer Barracouta just arrived its tracks, the Omaha stock train, No. 17, was held for several minutes near the fire from Panama, transported General Demetrio Castro, of the Colombia forces, away from the seat of trouble to Costa a terrific din. This train was finally terrific din. This train was finally backed away and sent to South Omaha over the Belt Line. Northwestern freight train, No. 82, also was held until the fir

being nearer than the other houses, but

was saved after heroic efforts by the fire-

men. Mr. Morrow moved his household

Second Fire in One Day. Washington Runyan, treasurer of the mpany, when seen at the down town th and Farnam streets, said: of was the second fire which broke out center of the building, in one of the cot-ton picking machines. This was easily managed and the rooms were thoroughly

managed and the rooms were thoroughly saturated with water and then cleaned out. The origin of the fire this morning is something of a mystery to us. We employed about fifty people at this plant and made only our better class of goods here. We ad intended closing this glant in the near future, from the fact that we have bought a site for a more pretentious bought a site for a more pretentious building and one which shall be modernly quipped, on Dodge street, between Eight and Ninth.

"I cannot say when this new, plant will be built. It is quite an undertaking. We own a half block of ground and we want to build the full length of the ground. We will not be stopped for a minute in doing our regular business as heretofore because

During the progress of the Beebe & Runyan fire the department was called to the Wise Memorial hospital, to put out a mall blaze which started in the roof of the big barn from sparks thrown off by the furniture factory fire. At 4:24 there was a call from the coal yard at Seventeenth and Mason, conducted by Coutant & Squires, which was inconsequential.

List of Policies. Following is a list of insurance companies in which the Beebee & Runyan Furniture company carried policies on stock, machin-ery and buildings. An addition of \$750 insurance on stock was made Thursday afternoon, when the policy for that amount recently placed with the Unity Fire assointion of Chicago was received. brings the total insurance on stock up to

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Northwestern Lloyds of	10000	
Metropolitan Lloyds of	1,250	*****
Chleago 1.000	1	1000
National Fire	1,250	*****
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LAWYERS HELP GET JURIES Bar Association Lends a Hand to the Board of County Commissioners.

Continued interest is manifested among the members of the Omaha Bar association and the county commissioners over \$38,750 the selection of the 1904 Jury. The bar association has alleged that the furies of the present year, have not been up to the statutory requirements in that many of them have not an adequate knowledge of the English language and

that many of them are unfit characters to sit upon the trial of any case. Additional interest is manifested at this ime for the reason that the county comnissioners yesterday began the work of checking up the poll books with the end in view of selecting something over 2,200 furors who are to compose the panel for next year. The bar association has asked the commissioners to advise it as to the time when this work would be begun and now that the commissioners have got the work inder way, the bar association is desirous of using its influence and in offering suggestions as to the names which are to be handed in as composing the panel for the next year.

Some of the Difficulties.

The commissioners profess their inability to get together a panel which is, in all instances, satisfactory and acceptable This is held to be due to the fact that in many of the precincts where the registration is heavy, it is impossible for the county commissioners to know every resident of the district. One of provisions of the statute is that no one in excess of th years. Since the commissioners do not know the names of all the men whom they chance upon in looking over the registration books, it is impossible to eliminate this class of jurors altogether. Then too, the commissioners say, there are so many people in this county who have per cent completed. the same name. There are plenty of Andersons, Smiths and Jones. A certain Hans Anderson may have lived in a given precinct a year ago, while now he may be

run across and put in the jury box, the commissioners have no means of knowing that Hans has changed his residence and that the name they have selected is the name of the juror who has just finished In view of these conditions, the har association has tendered its good offices in assisting the commissioners in selecting

living in another and when his name is

MUST PAY FOR OWN GOODS Steiner - Medinger Company Again Loses in Flour Case with

the panel for the year 1904.

Philip Mensinger. The peculiar flour case, in which the con testing parties were the Steiner-Medinger Company against Philip Mensinger, a local caker, reached another stage when the jury eturned a verdict for the defendant of

\$454.55. This is a repetition of the verdicts which have been returned in this case. In 1899 the Steiner-Medinger company sold "It was the second fire which broke out to Philip Mensinger a \$500 order of flour. in our place. In the atturneon, about 1 c'clock, there was a small blaze near the a payment upon the order, the plainting obligatory upon Mensinger to make pay-ments weekly for the amount of flour he and used during that week. When Mensinger was unable soon after that to make a certain weekly payment the Steiner-Medinger company caused its wagons to back up to Mensinger's place of husiness

and carry away the remaining flour . And there is where it made a mistake, seconding to the decision of the supreme ourt, which has held that the title to the flour passed to Mensinger at the time the order was given and the delivery made. The plaintiffs contended, before the supreme court decided the case on the above point, that the paper which Mensinger had signed, wherein he agreed to pay weekly for the amount of the flour he had used in his business that week, vitlated the con tract between the parties and that they could therefore step in and take their

Judge Read Tuesday and a verdict has now been returned in which the contention of the defendant to the value of the which was unused should be paid in other words, the plaintiffs were asked to pay for their own flour. The verdict of the jury sustains this conten tion, and a judgment of \$454.55 has been ren-dered against the plaintiffs.

THIRTIETH COMES NEXT WEEK

Infantry from Philippines Will Be Banqueted on Arrival at Fort Crook.

The Thirtieth United States infantry, which arrived at San Francisco Wednesday from the Philippines, is expected to arrive at Fort Crook early the coming week. The regiment will first have to be equipped with winter clothing suitable to this climate be fore crossing the continent. The headquarters, field staff and band with the First and Third battalions, comprising Companies A. B, C, D, L K, L and M. will be stationed st Fort Crook; Companies E and F, under command of Lieutenant Colonel T. F. Davis, at Fort Logan H. Roots, and Companies G and H at Fort Reno, Okl. There may, however, be a change in the assignment of these four latter companies because of the contemplated changes in the departmental lines, which throws Arkansas and Oklahoma in the military division of the southwest.

Arrangements are under contemplation for siving the officers of the Thirtieth baliques at Fort Crook on their arrival. A full set of commissary and quartermas-ter supplies has been provided at For Crook for the immediate use of the ment on its arrival.

CAUGHT TAPPING THE TILL Rossue Discovered in Time and Held at Point of Bartender's

Revolver.

Matt Callahan, known to the police as professional vagrant, is in the toils charged with attempting to rob the cash Twelfth and Farnam streets, during the early hours yesterday morning. Callahan entered the saloon about

o'clock, estensibly to get warm, but as soon as Frank Dillon, bartender, went out of the room he slipped behind the bar and opened the register. He was caught in the act of removing a roll of \$30 by Mr. Dilion, who held him at the point of a pistol until the police arrived. A Guaranteed Care for Piles.

Itching, Blind. Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your dhuggist will refund money if PAEO CINTERNY fails to cure you in \$40 16 days. No.

SHIPBUILDERS

Bivalry Between Navy Yard and Private Constructors Producing Results.

GOVERNMENT MAKING GOOD SHOWING

All Records for Speedy Work Being Broken on Battleships Connecticut and Louisiana-How the Score Stands.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A has been proceeding for many months, has now reached a stage of exceeding interest

in naval circles, as well as in all the shipyards of the country. The race in construction is between the Newport News Shipbuilding company and the navy yard at Brooklyn. Newport News is building the battleship Louisiana, while the navy yard is building the battleship Connecticut. At first the private concern took the lead, and still has it, but the Con necticut, at the present rate of building promises to catch the Louisiana in prog

resa toward completion. One of the naval constructors on duty a the Navy department here states that all records for speed in shipbuilding for the United States government have been broken by the mechanics at the Brooklyn navy yard who are at work on the Connecticut The statement is made after examination of the monthly statement of the conditions of the warships under construction at

various places. Naval officers are astonished at the way the Connecticut and the Louisiana are being rushed to their finish. The speed with which the latter is building, they say, is really remarkable, surpassing everything seen by the officers. is just 7 per cent ahead of the Connecticut. A comparison with the battleship Nebrasks, which is building at the yards of Moran Bros., Washington state, shows how the Louisiana and Connecticut are smash shall be selected as a juror whose age is ing the records. The contract for the Ne braska was made in February, 1901, yet it is actually behind the Louisians and only a few points ahead of the Connecticut. The Nebraska is 30 per cent completed and

the Georgia, a sister ship, which is building at the Bath Iron works, Maine, is 40

Navy Yard Caining.

contract for the Louisiana was signed a little over a year ago, the exact date being October 15, 1902. Work on the Connecticut did not begin until some plant at the Brooklyn yard was not quite omplete. The delay accounts for difference in the building progress of the two ships, as they now show. Naval officers believe that the Connecticut will gain on the Louisiana, especially when it omes to putting on the finishing touches the equipment of the government yard being better for that grade of work that that of a the private plant.

Department officers are highly pleased at the showing in the navy yard and say that it fully justifies their contention before congress that the navy yards can compete in speedy dispatch of work. There is no denying that the Newport News builders are doing all they can to keep the Louisiana ahead of the Connecticut, even, it is said, slighting to that end work on other government contracts. It is pointed out that in this connection that the battle ship Virginia, also building at Newport

building than the Louisiana, is only 50 per cent completed. Below is a statement of the percentage of completion of battleships, armoured onstruction for the United States navy. construction for the United States navy.

Battleships—Missouri. 39 per cent; Ohio.

St per cent; Virginia, 50 per cent; Nebraska,

30 per cent; Georgia, 40 per cent; New Jersey. 48 per cent; Rhode Island, 48 per cent; Connecticut, 24 per cent; Louisiana,

31 per cent; Vermont, 12 per cent; Kansas,

3-per cent; Minnesota, 8 per cent.

Armoured Cruisers—Pennsylvania, 43 per cent; West Virginia, 65 per cent; California,

48 per cent; Colorado, 67 per cent; Maryland, 63 per cent; South Dakota, 44 per cent; Tennessee, 12 per cent; Washington,

9 per cent.

9 per cent.
Protected Cruisers—Denver, 98 per cent;
Des Moines, 96 per cent; Chattanooga, 71
per cent; Gaiveston, 69 per cent; Tacoma
96 per cent; St. Louis, 34 per cent; Charles
ton, 55 per cent; Milwaukee, 38 per cent.

MONEY READY FOR WIDOWS Fund for Relief of Firemen's Families to Be Distributed by Mayor

and Salter.

Mayor Moores announces that the dis ribution of the fund raised by the public or the widows and families of the firemer killed Thanksgiving day will be made early next week. The total amount of the fund to date is \$6,332.66, which means that four hecks of nearly \$1,000 each will be made out. The mayor and Fire Chief Salter will make the presentation at the homes of the deceased firemen, without oratory or osten-

St. Peter and the Broker, This is going the rounds: A broker from the financial vortex sought admission at the pearly gates. "Who are you?" said St.

Peter. "I'm a Wall street broker." What do you want?" "I want to get in."

"What have you done that entitles you to Well, I saw a decrepit woman in Broad way the other day and gave her 2 cents."

"Cabriel, is that on the records?" "Yes, St. Peter; it's marked down to his "Well, I crossed the Brooklyn bridge the other night and met a newsboy half frozen

to death and gave him I cent." "Gabriel, is that on the records?" "Yes, St. Peter." "What else have you done?"

"Well, I can't recollect anything else just "Gabriel, what do you think we ought to do with this fellow?"

"Oh, give him back his 3 cents and tell him to go down below."-New York Press. Saints on Earth. "Yes," said Mr. Pecksniff, "tre did have a nice house in the suburbs, but we had to

give it up for this rather uncomfortable "Indeed?" replied Mr. Wise, who knew the other's propensity for jumping his rent. "Really, though, your flat is so small you'll have to wear folding halos, won't you?"-New York Weekly.

When the Wind Slowed Up. No sound of revelry and not a breeze on high to kiss the Stars and Stripes. The minister arrived on time and just as the morning star cast his ray athwart the bitlowed fields of Indian Creek, Lee Hawkin and Ida Eddy were made man and wife. The best wishes of their many friends will follow them down life's rapid stream

-Morganstown (W. Va.) News.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Polly Primrose" at the Boyd. A little love story, with one or two incl dents out of the commonplace, is the thread on which Paul Wilstach has hung five rather talky acts for Miss Thurston and er assistants in "Polly Primrose." isn't sufficient to hold the interest, because the end is so very apparent, and the way thereto so direct that the listener isn't even piqued to the point of curiosity. It deals with the affairs of a family of rebel sympathizers at Georgetown during the war whose son has been rescued by Yankee captain who took him prisoner and then brought him home. The daughter returns home from school and, of course she and the captain fall in love. In the meantime the father and some of his friends are plotting to turn Washington over to General Lee. The Yankee captain learns of the plot, thwarts it, saves the family from exposure and marries the daughter. That's all there is to it.

Miss Thurston is advertised as "dainty" and all that sort of thing, and really tries to be. In a measure she succeeds, but it is only in the last scene of the fourth act that she shows any particular ability. Fo a few moments she exhibits the natural interest one would expect of a girl whose lover was in imminent peril. Just for s noment at the close of the piece she regreater part of the play she is acting in a desperate attempt to live up to the name her press agent has made for her. She undoubtedly has ability, but she is at present concealing it in an unsuccessful effort

In the company supporting Miss Thurston are several capable people. Mr. Brinsley Shaw acts the role of a "man's man" with much taste and effect. Mr. Kerby mars his part of the villain by a too obvious effort to make the audiense understand that he is the "bad" man of the piece. The engagement was but for one night.

The Gamekeeper" at the Krug.

Mr. Thomas J. Smith sang his wa through the four acts of the Irish play at the Krug last night to the apparent satisfaction of an audience that didn't test the capacity of the theater. This piece tells the old familiar story of an estate and a missing heir, the imposter who not only seeks to get away with the property, but tries to ensuare the affections of another man's wife as well, only to be baffled by the lowly but faithful servants of the missing "master." It moves along well worn grooves from a conventional beginning to months later, owing to the fact that the a certain ending. Mr. Smith has a good singing voice and renders several songs with good effect. The acting sequired by the piece is done tastily and with sufficient yim to bring out the points of the story. "The Gamekeeper" will be the bill the rest of the week.

FRENCH LABORERS EXHIBIT

Government Appropriates Funds for Societies at St. Louis Exposition.

PARIS, Dec. 17 .- There was only one vote cast in opposition today when the Senate passed a bill appropriating \$40,000 for the use of the labor societies in connection with their preparations for the St. Louis exposition. Minister Trouillot said that the aid was altogether justifiable.

Italians Consider Exposition. ROME, Dec. 17 .- In the Chamber of Depu les today there was a debate on the meas ure appropriating \$130,000 for Italian participation in the St. Louis exposition. Deputy Maggiorino Ferraris spoke in favor appropriation, saying that while he did not insist on the amount proposed by the measure he thought it was most necessary that Italy should be well represente at St. Louis. Signor Lussatti, minister of the treasury, promised that the government would do everything possible toward a

proper and adequate representation. Signor Rava said he was asked to demor strate that the people of Italy had become an industrial and manufacturing people He believed that the people of Italy fully approved the bill and desired to be well represented at St. Louis. A secret ballot on the bill will soon be taken, and it is generally believed that the appropriation will be increased to \$100,000.

Colorado Will Have Building. DENVER, Dec. 17 .- The Colorado World's fair board today accepted plans for a \$5,000 state building to be erected at the St. Louis exposition, and work on the structure will

he begun at once. New Yorkers on the Grounds. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17 .- Members of the World's fair commission of New York visited the World's fair grounds today, the party being headed by E. H. Harriman of

Te department of education will establish a model household nursery. Mrs. Ruth appointed to preside over the nursery. June 29 was today designated as "Wisco sin day" at the request of the Wisc

NEGRO WAS NOT MURDERER Body Found Near that of Dead White Man Where Robbers Killed

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 17.-The body of J. H. Manuel, a neggo, who was thought to have killed his employer, J. B. Walker of Bayou Pierre, in Red River parish, yesterday, was found near the scene of the killing. His head had been almost shot

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