

## HULL TALKS OF RETIRING

Congressman Said to Have Been Tendered Important Appointive Position.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
DES MOINES, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—It is learned here that Congressman Hull of this district is considering the advisability of quitting congress and accepting an important appointment under the administration, and that he has already advised friends here of his plans. It is stated further that in the event of his withdrawal his strength will go to James C. Berryhill, who was one of his strong supporters. Mr. Berryhill is believed to be preparing for an active campaign.

## Enlarging Library Work.

The Iowa Library commission has resolved upon broadening its scope and work so as to include the school libraries of the state. At the last meeting the state superintendent presented the fact that there are now upwards of 600,000 volumes in the school libraries of the state, a majority of them having been placed there in the last three or four years under a new law which makes it possible to establish these libraries from the funds of the district. It was found that there is no system in the selection of books and that there is great need of some definite instruction to the rural teachers as to how to make use of these libraries. The commission will therefore enlarge the work of the summer school for librarians in connection with the state university and include instruction to teachers on library work. In addition there will be employed two or three competent lecturers who will visit the county normal institutes during the institute season and give instruction in the use of school libraries. This is a work that has never been done by any state library commission. State Librarian Brigham and Miss Tyler, secretary of the Library commission were appointed a committee to inaugurate the work in connection with the state university and the department of education.

## Want an Indian Agent.

Residents of Tama county are preparing to make a vigorous protest against the scheme broached in the annual report of Mr. Jones, United States Indian commissioner, to have abolished the agency for the Indians in Iowa. Mr. Jones proposes that the duties of the agent be performed by the superintendent of the school at Toledo. The people of Tama county believe that this would cause friction and make certain a repetition of the troubles experienced some years ago with these Indians when they refused to send their children to school. The superintendent of the school is regarded as an enemy by the Indians and they get along very well with an agent. The Rice and Foxes are resolutely determined to oppose any plan to allow their children to become civilized and would resist the change proposed. The Iowa delegation will take a stand against removal of the agent.

## Inquiry Into Cause of Death.

The coroner's jury is making an investigation into the cause of the death of Mrs. Charles Graves, who was found dead in her home yesterday. There is some little mystery as to how and why she came to her death, as it was apparent she had not been burned to death. It is supposed she was choked by the fumes of gasoline and rendered unconscious first. It was pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the statements made by the husband as to when he returned home and the surrounding of the case, and that there had been trouble in the family. It was discovered that Mrs. Graves had once applied for divorce from her husband on account of cruelty and that the petition was drawn up on account of his agreement to conduct himself better; but that two weeks ago she again filed a petition for divorce in which she made grave accusations against her husband. Among other things she stated that he had threatened to "kill a man for her and a drink of whiskey" to kill her. This was looked upon as a sign indicating a motive for a possible murder, but as yet nothing further has been developed that would connect the husband with the death in any way.

## Meal of Sausage Almost Fatal.

Charles S. Robertson, a traveling man, and his family, came near being badly poisoned with sausage. The family ate of sausage last evening. Mrs. Robertson was at first affected and for a time it was believed she could not recover. In a short time Mr. Robertson and a daughter were made dangerously ill. He has demanded an investigation of the meat.

## Investigating Week.

The coroner of Dallas county was in the city today getting witnesses in regard to the fatal railroad collision near Adel, for the investigation which it is expected will be concluded on Monday. The dispatcher and others interested were taken from here to testify before the jury as to how the accident came about.

The jury returned a verdict placing the blame for the wreck on Operator Sleator at Clive, but on account of his youth and inexperience indicated that he is more deserving of sympathy than condemnation, and severely scolding the officials and especially the chief dispatcher for entrusting the work to an inexperienced person.

## Savings Bank Incorporated.

The articles of incorporation of the German Savings bank of Remsen were filed with the secretary of state. The bank has \$20,000 capital and is one of the branches of the \$1,000,000 company. The company also of Sioux City. Under a ruling of the state auditor all the branch banks will have to incorporate as banks since the trust company has ceased to do business under the banking laws but the banking and loan business has been consolidated in a new \$1,000,000 dollar company. The company also had a clause in its articles authorizing it to do a bonding business but has been notified that this cannot be done except on compliance with the insurance laws of the state.

## Is Not a Candidate.

Denial comes from Dubuque of the story that Colonel D. B. Henderson is likely to again become a candidate for congress in the Third district. The story is regarded as having no foundation whatever. Colonel Henderson, who is in Dubuque, states that there cannot be any occasion for the story, as he is not a candidate and is not interested at all in the disposal of the judgeship in the northern district. It is anticipated, however, that the judgeship matter will be considered by the members of congress at their homes at holiday time. The possibility of an outside candidate coming into the race is regarded as yet remote.

## Not All Jobbers in Movement.

It develops that the movement on the part of jobbers in Keokuk and Dubuque and some other river cities along the Mississippi to secure a change in the Iowa freight rates is not approved by all the jobbers who would be benefited thereby. It is rumored that the jobbers at Des Moines have refused definitely to go into the movement and say that they do not care to enter into a fight with the jobbers in the interior cities of the state. This will probably dispose of the whole matter, as at best the eastern Iowa jobbers had little reason to expect action.

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