

CURRENT NEWS OF OMAHA COUNCIL BLIFFS.

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YOUNG MAN TAKES POISON

No One Found Who is Able to Tell Who the Victim Is.

CAUSE OF THE ACT ALSO MYSTERY

Registers at Kiel Hotel as Johnson and Indications Are He Came to Council Bluffs from Montana.

A young man, who gave his name as Willie Johnson but who failed to register where he was from, committed suicide at the Kiel hotel Saturday night by drinking carbolic acid. The boy had evidently been dead several hours when discovered about 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

MINOR MENTION.

Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 23. Wooding Undertaking company. Tel. 23.

The men of the First Congressional club for the regular weekly lunch today fewer missed will meet Saturday afternoon at the hotel on Broadway.

BOY INJURED IN INITIATION

Fatality May Attend Frank of High School Frat.

Tom Harvey, a student in the high school, was severely injured late Saturday night while being initiated into membership in the Omega Ets Tau fraternity.

RUSSIA CUTS EXPENSE BILL

Nine Million Dollars Less Than the Credits of Preceding Year.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—M. Kokovoff, minister of finance, has submitted to the cabinet the provisional budget of expenditures, which amounts to \$421,157,000, from January to April, inclusive, 1909.

JOAN OF ARC APPEARS TO POPE

Italian Paper Publishes Story of Occurrence of the Vision.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The Italia publishes a report, which has caused a sensation in ecclesiastical circles, that Joan of Arc recently appeared in a vision to the pope and addressed to him solemn words of encouragement, exhorting him to continue his present policies, which she promised would shortly be crowned with triumph.

BUTLER MAY GO TO HARVARD

Rumor President of Columbia is to Succeed Dr. Charles W. Eliot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A report was current among prominent Harvard alumni in this city today that James S. Storow was to become the immediate successor to Dr. Charles W. Eliot as president of that university, to be succeeded himself within a few months by Nicholas Murray Butler, now president of Columbia. This report could not be confirmed tonight.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY VICTORY

Centennial to Be Made Occasion for a Peace Jubilee Program.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—In the interest of peace and tranquility between two great world powers, Great Britain and America, plans are being perfected to invite the English government to participate in the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the defeat of the English by Perry on Lake Erie.

TRADE DEPRESSION GENERAL

All Great Commercial Countries Show a Decrease for Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—That the falling off of approximately \$300,000,000 in imports and perhaps \$150,000,000 in exports in the United States in 1908, is merely part of a general condition that has prevailed the world over, is shown by the monthly statement of the Bureau of Statistics.

REVISING ROMAN HISTORY

Deciphering of Inscriptions on Etruscan Monuments Changes Existing Ideas.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 27.—A discovery which will have important results in the world of science has been made public by Prof. George Hempl, Stanford professor of philology.

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SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT IN AIR

Standpatters of Iowa Will Scatter Support Among Progressives.

MATTER TO BE ENDED IN CAUCUS

Effort Being Made to Reduce Legislative Expenses by Reduction in Clerkships—Indeterminate Sentence Law Safe.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DON MOJNER, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—To some extent at least the air is being cleared in regard to the organization of the legislature within two weeks.

But interests that are especially desirous of a change in state affairs as soon as possible are at work and efforts are being made to fix it up so that there will be no serious contest in organization.

Then it seemed for a time almost certain that the matter of the organization of the house would be framed up along lines of old factionalism.

Finally it has come about that there will be no factional lineup, but all will stand on merits. The so-called standpatters will scatter after the first heat and try to pick a winner from the large field of those who have been classed as progressives.

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The Story of Nebraska

The Omaha Bee has planned to publish "The Story of Nebraska," not the story of the prairie schooner, the sod house, the trapper or the fur trader, but of prosperous, progressive, busy, up-to-the-minute Nebraska. Many of the new and some of the older settled counties have been making progress so quietly that the world at large is not aware of their achievements.

Our object is to bring all loyal and progressive citizens into closer touch in the commercial and social relations, and to work for the development of the natural resources of the state, to foster and build up manufacturing industries, and by every consistent effort encourage the employment of skilled labor and improve the conditions of the laboring classes.

There will be a little about the towns and cities, just now somewhat misunderstood and misjudged, and something about the rural districts, the farm and the stock ranch. Here and there will be found a few figures, not many, just a few, as measurements and for the information of those who enjoy such things.

It will tell the achievements of a people, who in less than half a century have wrought out of a boundless prairie a progressive, productive state. It will give in brief the new life in the new country, the swift passing of events, the possibilities of advancement and pleasure.

The Omaha Sunday Bee

TROOPS TO LEAVE CUBA SOON

Movement to Be Started on First Day of the New Year.

LAST ARE TO BE GONE BY APRIL

Both Troops and Cubans Rejoice at the Move and Best of Feeling Prevails Between Soldiers and Population.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification, which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government in October, 1907.

FIGHT FOR RUDOWITZ KEPT UP

State Department Asked to Refuse to Honor Request from Russia.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—William J. Calhoun, who some years ago acted as special investigator for President Roosevelt in Panama and Venezuela, was the chief speaker at a mass meeting held here today in the interest of Christian Rudowitz, the Russian refugee, who in response to the demand of the Russian government, charging him with arson and murder, has been recommended by United States Commissioner Foose for extradition.

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