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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS.

Mr. Ed. Moseley is sick this week.

Mand McCravens is out again.

Miss Della McKnight is on the sick list with laryngitis.

Go and see Mr. W. L. White's special shoe sale before you purchase your shoes.

W. L. White Shoe Co. has one of the largest and best line of shoes in the city.

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Mrs. Wilburn has been called to the bedside of her sick daughter Mrs. Annie Jones of Albia last week.

W. L. White Shoe Co. will continue special sales next week, look for their display and in the Bystander next week.

Attorney A. L. Bell will leave this city for Mexico, Mo., on legal business. He will be absent for three or four weeks.

Elder Bundy leaves today for Newton, where he will assist in conducting the quarterly meetings.

Rev. Thos. Johnson, made the prayer at the opening of the Senate and House last Monday morning.

Miss Annie Yocum, of Leavenworth, Kansas, who has been visiting in the city for the past month, expects to leave for home tomorrow.

The Misses Zella Davis, Clara Sheppard and Minnie Weeks and Clara Smith were among the visitors at the legislature Thursday afternoon.

Our gold watch contest is over and our cheap rates are ended. We received a large number of new subscribers.

Quite a number of Des Moines' leading politicians will leave for Washington, D. C., next week to attend the inauguration.

The First African Christian church is progressing nicely. The outside work is done. It will be a good church edifice when completed.

Mrs. C. W. Henry will soon leave to visit Washington, D. C., and other eastern cities. She will also attend President McKinley's inauguration.

Hon. Geo. D. Perkins R. R. Commissioner, who has been sick for several months, is seen in the capitol this week, the first time since last spring, which is good news to his many friends.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt will leave Monday for St. Louis, Mo., to sing as the star tenor. We wish him success, as we know he is deserving, and will no doubt represent the Hawkeye State as no other tenor can.

Mrs. Thomas Williams arrived home from Omaha last Saturday night, bringing with her Mrs. Dora Snipes, her daughter, who continues very ill. Mrs. George Leland also accompanied her sister, and will remain with her awhile.

A series of meetings are being held at the East Side Baptist church, (colored) where great interest is being taken in the cause of religion. Rev. Gains will be present Friday the 20th inst., and desires to meet the board on the evening of that date, and to meet the entire church on Saturday night following.

Mrs. C. H. Conley of Webster City arrived in our city last week to visit with her relatives and old friends. She was raised in our city and is a sister to Miss Janey Ramey and Mrs. Washington. She is looking well and likes Webster City.

At the Masonic entertainment next Monday evening there will be given to ladies two prizes, one to married ladies and one to single ladies. Come and see what they are for and what they will be. Committee from North Star No. 2 A. F. and A. M.

We have made arrangements whereby we can give our readers THE CHICAGO WEEKLY INTER-OCEAN and IOWA STATE BYSTANDER for one year at only \$1.50. Now is your time to get one of the best Weekly Newspapers in the United States. This special club rates only lasts a short time, so send in your orders at once.

The following stewards were elected at the A. M. church last Thursday night: C. S. Stewart, Geo. T. Haworth, E. T. Banks, G. H. Gains, Geo. Holt, John Hardy, P. H. Holmes, Gus Comily and J. H. Shepard.

Mr. Chas. Robinson, of St. Paul, Minn., stopped a few days in our city while en route for Chicago. He is a prominent politician of St. Paul, but contemplates moving to the White city, soon.

Remember that the Champagne & Son Steam Laundry do first-class work on hot notice and guarantee satisfaction. Give us a call, 816 W. Grand ave. if

Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church was largely attended, the presiding elder was not present. Rev. E. L. Eaton, (white), of the First M. E. church, assisted Rev. Reeves Sunday afternoon, delivering a very fine sermon. Every one was well pleased with it.

Mr. Crenshaw the famous young baritone singer who has been singing with Beach and Bower's minstrel accepted an offer to go with the Wang Comic Opera which was played in our city last Saturday eve. Mr. Crenshaw's father is foreman on the Bystander force. We wish him success.

A large fire destroyed the Rice Building Monday night where Lathrop & Rhoads' wholesale and retail books, stationery and bicycles. The cause was unknown. The damage loss, goods about \$10,000 building about \$18,000 all had a good insurance.

Mrs. Ed. Good, of Grinnell, Iowa, has come to the capitol city to visit with her husband who is a legislative employee. She is stopping with Mrs. Hall on Walnut street.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met with Mrs. Erickson, with President Mrs. William Mash in the chair. The club was opened with prayer. The afternoon was spent with pleasant conversation and embroidery work. The club was visited by Mrs. Erickson at five o'clock and an elegant dinner served, which was enjoyed by all. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Holmes February 25.

Our Gold Watch Winner.
Our prize of a gold watch we offered to anyone who would secure us the most new subscribers was won by Mr. N. D. Valentine, of Phoenix, Arizona, having secured nineteen subscribers, \$18.90. The second in the contest was Miss Eldora Thompson, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Miss Rosa Terry, of Des Moines, taking third place. The latter two did not commence as soon as the contest was open. Mr. Valentine is well known in our city, a hustler at anything he undertakes. We will send the watch to him at once which is very beautiful.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. E. T. Barton. A full membership was present. The following program will be rendered at the next meeting at Mrs. Banks', 1046 E. 10th street: Paper, Mrs. H. H. Lewis; selection, Mrs. Warlick; paper, Mrs. Clegg; lecture by a friend of the Circle; oration, Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Cunly of Webster City was Circle visitor, and gave a fine talk, which was encouraging and highly enjoyed. The ladies of the Circle surprised Mrs. Barton by inviting her into the dining room where a nice lunch was served.

AMERICA'S THREE GREAT MEN—WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS.

While it is true that February is the shortest month in the year, yet it is a noteworthy coincidence that more of America's great men were born beneath this month. George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1732, died Dec. 14, 1799. He is known in history as the "father of our country," a soldier, a statesman, and a patriot. Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, died April 15, 1865. He is known in history as the "savior of our country and great emancipator." He, too, was a statesman, a true patriot and a martyr to the cause of liberty. He, like Elijah of old, from his chariot of fire dropping the holy mantle of Liberty upon the sable shoulders of the enslaved Africans.

Frederick Douglass was born (as near as can be ascertained) Feb. —, 1817, died Feb. 20, 1895. He was a statesman, a patriot and a benefactor. He was one of the world's greatest spirits, the Nestor of our race, who stood for nearly sixty years between his people and the fierce hate of ignorance and fanaticism, never once proven untrue to his unquenchable and intangible mission. Space will not permit us to eulogize those great human characters whose history and lives will always be remembered and honored so long as American history is extant.

Edward Comely, a former Des Moines man has come here very sick, from Saint Louis, Mo. He is at Mr. Comely's at 845 East Fourth st.

Pearson's Studio wish to call your attention to their excellent photographs, taking six out of eight first premiums at the Iowa State Fair in 1896. Your continued patronage is kindly solicited. Studio corner of Sixth and Locust.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the Solicitor's anniversary ball to be given in Oskaloosa, Iowa, Feb. 23d. For four long years the Solicitor has come to the homes of the Iowa people. Of course we know the past four years has been hard for the life of newspaper men—especially during Cleveland's administration!

MISSOURI'S SEPARATE COACH LAW.

A few weeks ago we stated to our readers that some mossback of Missouri had introduced a bill to have separate coaches for white and colored people. It was overwhelmingly defeated two weeks ago. Republicans, and the better class (especially the educated class) of democrats, voted against it. But again last week another anti-dated suffering mortal introduced another bill, providing separate coaches, claiming that it was better for the colored people as it gave special coaches. We now inform you that we don't want any special privileges; we have never asked for them. If you would give us equal privileges and opportunities we will excuse you. All that the colored man has ever asked, even just after he was freed, equal opportunities and special preference to none. Let the 50,000 colored voters of Missouri spot those that voted for this measure, and relegate them to the rear at the next election.

HOW TO REDUCE OUR CITY EXPENSES.

The city council last Monday voted against the plan as suggested a few weeks ago by Mayor McVicar to reduce the city expenses, thereby saving TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS to the city without incurring any embarrassment. The Mayor pointed out the things that might be done away with and some reductions, yet the council voted in contradiction to his desire. When the Mayor was elected he pledged himself to do all in his power to curtail city expenses and run an economical administration, and is now simply trying to carry out his pledge, is handicapped by the city council. Let the tax payers watch the city council and turn them down by electing aldermen that will assist the Mayor in reducing the expenses. Mayor McVicar has proven himself to be honest and sincere and outspoken against unnecessary expenses.

Prof. Booker T. Washington called on William McKinley last week. He was on his way home from Zanesville, Ohio, where he had delivered a speech on Lincoln's birthday. Unlike most of the colored callers, he was not seeking an appointment, but simply called to pay his respects, as also did Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, who was one of the Zanesville speakers. Prof. Scarborough of Wilberforce college.

WANTED—To sell or trade for Iowa property, good lot and house of 5 rooms, 1½ story, situated in Albany, Mo., county, seat of Gentry county, a town of 2500 people, 2 colleges, electric light, etc. For information, address the BYSTANDER, or WATKINS, Albany, Mo.

Have you ever tried Eureka coal? If not, call at 416 W. Seventh street, or 411 East Sixth street. Phone No. 170.

THE BRADLY-MARTIN BALL.

Probably the swellest and most costly ball ever given in America was that given last week by Miss Martin of New York. It cost \$240,000. Two thousand invitations issued; \$40,000 was spent in arranging for it; \$10,000 to the waiters; \$100,000 on dresses. It will long be remembered, but we think she would be longer remembered by the world had she donated \$150,000 to the founding of some college for the uplifting of humanity. It would be lasting.

We extend our thanks to the Attuck Improvement Association of St. Louis, Mo., asking for the Bystander to be placed in the reading rooms of their library. The object of this association is this: "The object of this Association, shall be to exert its influence in behalf of Negro Industry, and to that end strengthen and crystallize negro organization, to create, promote and cultivate by all legitimate agencies, a fraternal feeling toward all negro enterprises, and to provide and maintain such reading rooms for its members as the association finds necessary."

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

We would like to see at least two members of our city school board colored men. We have nearly one thousand children of school age, and it is high time that some of our active citizens begin to work and talk this idea over with your friends. We have several good men. Attorney I. E. Williamson, Prof. Geo. I. Holt, Henry McCravens, C. W. Henry, H. H. Lewis, Dr. Johnson or most any reliable citizen. Let us select some good man and all unite and present his name at the school caucus. We are entitled to a janitor on the east side, and at least two or three colored school teachers in our city schools.

FOUR SAD YEARS.

The American people are financially poorer now than they were four years ago; yet we have gone through the sad school of experience are some wiser. We have borrowed \$178,000,000 to run our government the past four years, while failures in commercial and financial circles has been phenomenal. Below we give you a tabulated table of failures:

No.	Total failures liabilities.	assets to liabilities.	per cent. falling.	
896.....	15,112	247.0	59.9	1.40
895.....	13,013	158.8	58.4	1.23
894.....	12,731	149.5	53.0	1.21
893.....	15,561	402.4	95.0	1.50
892.....	10,270	108.5	50.0	1.00
891.....	15,394	103.1	50.0	1.22
890.....	10,673	175.0	53.0	1.07
889.....	11,719	140.7	50.0	1.20
888.....	10,587	120.2	52.0	1.04
887.....	9,740	130.6	50.0	1.10
886.....	10,568	113.6	49.0	1.15
885.....	11,116	110.1	46.0	1.25
884.....	11,629	218.7	51.0	1.37
883.....	10,290	175.8	52.0	1.20
882.....	7,535	93.2	51.0	.93
881.....	5,929	76.0	47.0	.75

The year 1896 was a disastrous one in commercial circles. Not only were the failures greater in number than in any year, save '93, but the aggregate amount involved was much larger, with the single exception of the year 1884, when the liabilities reached nearly \$249,000,000. The table covers the business of the past sixteen years, and may be relied as being correct as care and conscientiousness in compiling could make it.

The above table was taken from the Weekly Express.

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I was intensely interested in reading an article that appeared in the BYSTANDER, composed by Mr. Thompson, the object of which was to show to the youths generally, and older heads in particular, the benefits derived from a studios application to schools of learning, and also to admonish them of the deleterious effect, subsequent to a new compliance with this advice. Never in the history of our race could such remarks be more opportune or appropriate. I indeed think such warnings should be continually heeded from our press, constantly enunciated in the pulpit, and perpetually wrung from the stump, keeping ever before our people the necessity of educating their children.

The question has been agitated for years. I believe I would be justified in saying almost since the Emancipation Proclamation, as to what should be done to solve the race problem. The press, the pulpit, the lawmakers, all vied with each other in their efforts to propagate some scheme by which its solution would be assured. Some advocated deportation; some favored the plan of colonization; others advanced the idea that the acquisition of wealth was the only method by which they could, as a race, ever hope to attain to any degree of eminence, and yet there were others adhered to the theory that the possession of education was the essential factor in solving the momentous race problem.

I am not writing this article to theorize on any of the above plans, nor do I intend to condemn either. But I only intend to deal with facts, as I understand them, and use common sense as a combatant for theoretical argument. The impracticability of deportation renders that plan virtually obsolete. The futile attempts to colonize any considerable number has been so fraught with disaster, that that idea also is untenable. To admit that the acquisition of wealth would be contiguous to prosperity then the question may arise as to what is the best agent in procuring that boon.

In glancing over the annals of the world's history, I believe research would substantiate the assertion that all Nations, Empires, Kingdoms and Republics, who carried for themselves an epitaph imperishable (and became of moment and world renown, received their envious positions mainly under the instrumentality of knowledge. The idea that their wealth caused their aggrandizement is erroneous. Thus it was a mighty factor in causing results, but in deducting conclusions from a resort to history we should trace events from cause to effect if we expect to be able to gain an intelligent understanding.

While it is undisputed that wealth was a powerful incentive in forwarding the history of nations, yet it was only a creature of a higher or a mightier factor, and its accumulation was entirely due to the amount of knowledge possessed by the nation who owned it. Go back six hundred years and learn the condition of humanity as they wrestled with ignorance, in darkness and superstition previous to the invention of movable types by John Gutenberg, and the diffusion of knowledge, among the masses. Men, women and children paid their lives as a penalty, on the altar of Papal bigotry, and behests of Imperial Rome, because they had the audacity to differ with her in her prescribed rules of faith. But since the invention of printing (which has been of more substantial aid to the human family than all other agents combined knowledge has been disseminated to the remotest corners of the earth; so much so that today we are heirs to its magnificent behests.

A method that will accrue to the benefits of a nation if applied to an individual under like circumstances will also result to his betterment, therefore if knowledge is conducive to the perpetuity of the national honor it is proof positive

that it is also requisite for a competent part of that nation. More especially is this rule applicable to republics, than a monarchical form of government from the fact that the latter is governed by force while the former derives its power by majority of the governed.

J. KEENE.

ALBIA NOTES.

The revival meetings held at the A. M. E. church are a spiritual success.

Elder Jason Bundy returned here from Oskaloosa Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mrs. W. R. Wilburn of Des Moines was called to the sick bed of her daughter Mrs. Anna Jones, this week.

It is rumored that Mrs. Josie Meadows, of Ottumwa, will move to Albia in a few weeks. Meadows is quite a worker in the church and Sunday school, and will be quite a help to our city.

Mrs. Bartlett is another added to our sick list.

Mr. Henry Jones was an Ottumwa caller on business this week.

Mr. S. Snoddy entertained Mesdames Jones and Meadows and Miss Maggie Jones at dinner, Wednesday.

Elder Jason Bundy and Rev. Harris was the invited guests of Mrs. O. Marshall, Friday.

Rev. Williams, of Muchy, will assist Rev. Harris in carrying on the revival meetings this week.

HEDRICK NOTES.

Mrs. S. S. Crump who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Robert Crump is able to be up again after a week's illness.

James and Master Marshall Crump are rapidly improving from their late sickness.

Mrs. A. A. Crayton who has been ill is slowly mending.

Mr. James Stowall is on the sick list.

W. R. Norton has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Maud Mitchell was at Pekin, Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Martin is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McMullin, of Ottumwa, were guests of C. W. Talles, over Sunday.

Miss Alice Basle of Delta is visiting her uncle, W. W. Eashburn.

Miss Lizzie Crump is up again after two weeks' illness.

Samuel Donnell, of Nugent, was in town yesterday, taking a look through the Salsar Seed car.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

[Special Correspondence.]

As your valuable paper has been received in our home for some time, we thought we would let your readers know something of the doings of our Rock Island.

We have had a great deal of sickness recently in our midst.

Mrs. J. W. Washington has been quite sick at her home 833 Sixth Avenue, is now convalescent.

Mrs. Lulu Slaughter who has been sick since New Year's Day, is slowly improving.

Brother Geo. Hubbard is also on the mend.

Graef Burris, our rising little musician, and daughter of our colored mail carrier, was quite ill last week, but is now able to attend school.

Baby Terry who has been quite sick with cold and the chicken pox, is some better.

Mrs. Celia Morrison is quite sick at this writing.

Rev. J. W. Washington, pastor of the Second Baptist Church is making quite a headway toward getting funds for the new church to be erected this spring. It is the first building in the Union to be named after Major McKinley, and will cost \$5000.

The President-elect acknowledged the compliment in a very favorable manner.

The children of the B. B. society of the Second Baptist church gave a literary entertainment and lunch last week. The proceeds are for the benefit of the new church. The society is under the management of Miss Sadie Pearson, who is an efficient worker with children.

The Cake Walk which is to be the 18th of this month at Armory Hall, promises to be one of the grandest affairs ever given by the young folks of Rock Island. Hand some prizes have been donated by some of the leading merchants of Rock Island.

Miss Valley Young of Galesburg, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Washington.

A chorus of forty-four voices are preparing to render the beautiful Cantata, Queen Esther, for the benefit of the Second Baptist church.

Rev. Porter, of Saint Louis, is in the city conducting a meeting at Wayman Mission.

BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Johnson has changed his residence.

Mr. Hale has returned after a long absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown are happy over the arrival of a boy. All concerned are doing nicely.

Miss Bertha Terry and brother Simon took a flying trip to Marshalltown.

The Boone aid society held a meeting Tuesday evening.

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In Memory of Aunt Eliza Warren.

[For the BYSTANDER.]

'Thou art gone, lovely Mother,

And never more shall we behold thy smiling face.

Nor clasp glad hands with thee, on this side of Jordan's wave.

'Thou was amiable and influential,

Many, many, were the hearts that 'thou didst cheer,

While 'thou didst remain here.

'Thou art gone, thy work in this sin-doomed world is done;

While in that bright glorious world it has just begun.

'Thou art gone, the Master hath need of thee from our midst,

And planted thee on the other side of Jordan's wave.

There no harsh words can ever pierce thy tender heart;

Sickness can never come to thee;

Sorrow nor sadness, but all is joy and peace and gladness.

And now farewell, Mother Warren, 'thou art weary and worn.

Sweet be thy silent slumber, for there is no death for those that love the Lord.

And to the near and dear ones and loved companions left behind.

She's no more here below, but is numbered among the Heavenly guests where Jesus is the host.

Let us live by faith and labor on, and when our work we shall have finished

We too shall be anchored in the realms of an endless day,

Where all is light and love.

Mrs. J. H. SHEPARD.

PHOENIX ARIZONA.

The legislature of this Territory has followed the example of most legislatures in defining the woman suffrage measure, but it will be heard from again. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely; twenty-six persons were out last Sunday. Teachers elected were Mrs. J. W. Bolton, Mrs. M. N. Bell, Miss M. A. Miller, Mr. Jos. J. Bradburn, Mrs. A. J. Wilburn, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Bolton was elected chorister, and the singing under her leadership promises to be a main feature in the Sunday school work. Mr. A. J. Wilburn, whose arm was broken is out again, and doing well.

Tomorrow, Monday night, a benefit ball will be given for the benefit of the sick. Our townsman, Frank Sherry is the moving spirit, and much good is expected for the unfortunate in our city.

The weather is fine, fruit trees and flowers are in bloom, and the Alpha fleet are growing in their crop.

There has not been a failure of any business house in the city, since our arrival here.

Everybody reads and welcomes the BYSTANDER.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Light House society met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Hawkins, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milligan. There was a large number present and quite an interesting meeting was had. The following papers were read:

Mrs. O. B. Claire..... Widow

Henry Martin..... Sojourner

Thomas Davis..... Abraham Lincoln

Mrs. G. H. Wade..... A Refractory

Mrs. B. Hawkins..... Sunshine in the House

Other papers were read by Mrs. E. J. Milligan, Mrs. Laura Martin, G. H. Wade, O. B. Claire and Master Harry Martin, after which the society adjourned to meet on the 19th with Mrs. Laura Martin of Tenth Avenue.

The Valentine social at the A. M. E. church was not as well attended as should have been.

Mrs. Broadie is in Minneapolis.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying \$1,745,303. In executive session consideration of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty was resumed. The entire time was consumed by Senators Turpie and Morgan, the former in advocacy of, and the opposition to ratification.

HOUSE.
The house passed the fortifications bill, with but a single amendment, and made some headway with the postoffice appropriation bill. But the major portion of the day was consumed in a political debate on the financial question.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A resolution was adopted requesting Secretary Olney to use every effort toward bettering the condition of Sylvester Scovel, the newspaper correspondent imprisoned in Cuba, and organ offered a resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The remainder of the day was spent in executive session in consideration of the arbitration treaty.

HOUSE.
The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$46,438,714, and made good progress in the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 12.—The secretary of the navy was authorized to send a naval vessel or engage another craft to carry supplies to the famine sufferers in India. In executive session the arbitration treaty was taken up and discussed at length.

HOUSE.
The sundry civil appropriation bill was before the house and the democrats took advantage of the occasion to criticize the vast appropriations made by this congress, estimated at \$1,045,000,000. Deamond concluded the day with a plea for Cuba. C.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 13.—Morgan called up his resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Sherman raised several points of order against Morgan and was sustained by the vice-president, but the senate, on a vote, decided to proceed with the resolution. In executive session Morgan made a speech in favor of his resolution. In open session the bankruptcy bill was read, but no action taken.

HOUSE.
The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying \$581,644,743, was passed without amendment. Contested election case of Benoit vs. Boatner, from Louisiana, was decided in favor of Boatner, the sitting member. Bill to exchange rifles of the national guard for Springfield rifles of 45 calibre passed.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 16.—Chandler made a vigorous speech in favor of his resolution urging bimetalism. Hear spoke in favor of the bankruptcy bill.

HOUSE.
The day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills and thirty-nine were passed.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 17.—Allen spoke on his resolution relating to disunity in the navy. He was sustained by the vice-president. A bill to amend the act of 1891 relating to the immigration bill was agreed to.

HOUSE.
A bill passed opening to use and occupation under the right of way act of 1891 all the reservation sites reserved by the geological survey. Hopkins-Kendall election contest was debated, but no action taken.

ARMOR RATES REDUCED.

Chicago Firm Offers to Make Armor Plate for \$250 Per Ton.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Representative Lorimer has caused uneasiness in armor circles by the introduction of a bill directing the secretary of the navy to close a twenty years' contract with the Illinois Steel company and two other Chicago concerns for all the armor plate that may be used by the government at \$250 a ton. If this proposition is accepted the Illinois Steel company will put up an armor plate to cost \$3,500,000. Armor plate is now being furnished at \$503 a ton, and the senate committee on naval affairs has recommended a new deal on a basis of \$400 a ton. This new offer is stunning in its consequences.

All Lost but One.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Maritime Exchange from London says that the German ship Baltimore, from London, for New York, sprung a leak and foundered at sea. All of her crew, except one man, are supposed to have been lost. Gustave Christiansen, a seaman, was picked up and landed at Cape Verde, where he told the story of the ship's loss.

Welcomed in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—United States Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, who is making a tour of the continent in the interest of bimetalism, has arrived in Berlin. Senator Wolcott was at once called upon at his hotel by Dr. Arendt, Herr von Kardorff and Count von Mirbach, the leading German bimetalists, with whom he held a protracted conference. Mr. Wolcott was entertained at dinner by Charles de Kay, United States consul-general.

British Troops Are Replaced.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The British naval expedition advancing toward Benia City for the purpose of punishing the king of Benia, murderer of Consul Phillips' party, have met with strong opposition. Commander Pritchard was killed in fighting at Sapelo.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Feb. 12.—F. L. Fairbank and T. N. Cantrel, of Des Moines, have been allowed a patent for a blotter bath and absorbent composition therefor, described in one of their claims as follows: A blotter bath comprising a pan having a transverse partition near one end, an absorbent composition having a flat top surface placed in the pan, a metal cover for the pan having a heavy absorbent filling that has a smooth surface and is adapted to overlay the absorbent in the pan and the cover and absorbent therein adapted to stand on end in the vacant water tight compartment in the end of the pan, and for the purpose stated. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

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PALMIST IN TROUBLE.

Widely Advertised Mind Reader and a Traveling Doctor Arrested.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 16.—Paul Alexander Johnstone, heralded as the most eminent mind reader in the world, and Dr. T. M. Walsh have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy. The charge is that Johnstone, while pretending to read the palms of people, has been telling appalling stories to the victims, declaring that they were afflicted with some unseen, but dreadful disease, that sooner or later would cause their death. He would then recommend them to Dr. Walsh, who, as an emin at specialist, might effect a cure. It is alleged that the physician had been doing the rest, securing from the victims sums of money ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Johnstone and Walsh say there has been no thought of defrauding.

GASOLINE ACCIDENT.

Young Woman Saved from Death, Though Badly Burned.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 17.—A special from Eddyville says that Mary Griswell, a domestic in the family of A. M. Lafferty, while building a fire, poured a glass full of gasoline on it, when immediately there was a violent explosion and her clothes were set on fire. She ran out into the yard and a son of Mr. Lafferty caught her and rolled her in a pond of mud and water and threw mud on her face and body. He was frightfully burned about the hands and arms in so doing, but this probably saved her life. She was badly burned about the breast and body, but may recover.

MARTIN IS A MURDERER.

W. L. Schuch Dies from the Effects of an Old Wound.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 17.—W. L. Schuch died at the Soldiers' Home, at Marshalltown, from the effects of the terrible wounds inflicted upon him a year ago last November by Henry Martin, who, since that date, has been a fugitive from justice. The assault was committed at the shop of Schuch, on Mt. Pleasant street. Martin had worked for Schuch and came to demand payment. A quarrel ensued and Martin seized a bottle used in the foundry for pouring molten iron into the moulds and with it struck Schuch a blow that crushed in the top of his head.

LINDLEY'S PUNISHMENT.

Defaulting Treasurer of Humboldt County Gets Four Years.

HUMBOLDT, Feb. 18.—J. W. S. Lindley, late county treasurer, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$19,904 and was sentenced to pay a fine of that amount and to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of four years, the maximum punishment being five years. His time will expire under the good behavior rules in three years and two months. At the same time Tom Fanta was sentenced to three months for forging an order for a \$15 overcoat and John Fox got six months for obtaining \$20 on false pretenses.

"Tall and Short Men" at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 15.—A tall thin man and a short fat one wearing masks were discovered breaking into the confectionary store of H. Hermann, on Elm street, by Clem Neuman, a Hawkeye carrier boy. They captured the boy, bound and gagged him, and bundled him into a dark alley way, where he lay for half an hour while the men finished their job. They then released him and disappeared. The boy at once notified the police, who are now trying to capture the long and short man, who got away with much valuables.

Arrested on the Charge of Fraud.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—E. N. Lee and his wife, and T. A. Sharpnack have been arrested by the government charged with using the mails with intent to defraud. They are alleged to have advertised that they would give prizes aggregating \$500 to persons making the highest number of words out of the letters in the name under which they did business, the Aluminum Specialty Company. The contest was to close February 15, the contestants forwarding 25 cents, with their guesses, on the words. The government claims to have evidence to prove that they never intended to award any of the prizes.

Big Fire at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—The Lathrop-Rhodes-McCain Company's stock of books, stationery and wall paper, at 607 and 609 West Locust street, was destroyed by fire and water. The fire was one of the most thrilling that has visited the city for several years. It was witnessed by thousands of people. The loss, from \$12,000 to \$14,000, is comparatively small, because the company's large stock carried by the company had been reduced to between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The building was badly damaged.

Cash Not at Hand.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Two assignments to R. T. Wellsinger for the benefit of creditors have been made. The first was by Anna S. Redhead, widow of the late Wesley Redhead, who died six years ago, and the second by her son, George S. Redhead. It is estimated that the assets, consisting of land and stocks, are about \$200,000, and the liabilities \$75,000. The cause of the assignment is slow collections.

Barney Breaks a Record.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Charles Lloyd Barney, Iowa's strong man, broke the world's record for a heavy lift straight from the floor. He lifted a piano, several dumb bells and a man, the total weighing 1,250 pounds. The previous record of 1,100 pounds was held by Dove, a Canadian.

Cutting Affray in a Saloon.

CLINTON, Feb. 16.—At Wm. Crooks' saloon in the south part of town, four men, named Delaney, Rush, Lawler and Foley, were playing cards. They became intoxicated and began to fight, and as a result Foley had his jugular vein cut and may die.

IGNORANCE OF LAW.

Gets a Lawyer and His Client Into Serious Trouble.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 18.—A peculiar instance of the severity of federal law came up here. Thos. J. Stafford, a farmer, and W. H. Morrison, an attorney, of Leando, were bound over to the federal grand jury by the United States commissioner for making illegal returns on a pension voucher. The law specifies that vouchers shall be sent in quarterly and no case signed up before the fifth day of the month. Stafford went before Attorney Morrison, who is a notary public, and signed the voucher on the first of the month. There seems to have been no criminal intent, merely an ignorance of the law, but both parties were arrested by a deputy United States marshal on orders direct from Washington. The punishment is severe, the maximum being \$500 fine and three years in prison. Both men are prominent.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

OELEWINE, Feb. 18.—Three farmers residing near Fairbanks were thrown from a bobbed in a runaway at Oelewine. Ferdinand Frink was thrown against a culvert and instantly killed. The men were drunk.

IOWA CONDENSED.

A man answering the description of Frank Novak, the Walford murderer, purchased a ticket at Iowa City for Council Bluffs the next day after the fire.

The McIntyre Bros., and Wilson Dry Goods company, of Oskaloosa, has assigned. Liabilities are \$30,000, assets, \$40,000. The failure was caused by the assignment of the McIntyre-Peck Dry Goods company, of Rock Island, Ill.

Herbert Chapter, who lived near Ft. Dodge, was struck and instantly killed by a falling tree. He was engaged in chopping timber south of town when the accident occurred. The tree, which was a large one, fell with sufficient force to crush his skull, striking it on the back. Deceased was about 25 years old and leaves a wife and child.

Governor Drake has conditionally pardoned F. J. Peffers, who was sent to the penitentiary from Marshalltown in 1889 to serve a 15 year sentence for the murder of Jack Cather. The petition for his pardon was signed by Judge Weaver, who presided at the trial, and Attorney Miller, who prosecuted. The pardon is conditional on good behavior.

The annual convention of county treasurers of the state at Des Moines recently elected officers as follows: President, W. R. Warren, Wapello county; vice-president, A. C. Cherry, Johnson county; secretary, H. C. Murphy, Polk county; treasurer, Roll Aye, Grundy county. The convention appointed a legislative committee consisting of Paul Lubbers, of Clinton county; M. W. Moir, of Hardin county, and W. R. Warren, of Wapello county.

Albert Epperson, aged 18 years, and Abe Lafferty, same age, have been arrested at Eddyville, says a dispatch, for an assault on the 16-year-old daughter of A. H. Brubaker, a farmer, who owns a thousand acres of land in Mahaska county. It is charged that the crime was committed at a party at Brubaker's. The young men at the party pursued the two accused boys, but they escaped in a sleigh. Epperson is a son of F. M. Epperson, partner of Edwin Manning, the wealthiest man in Iowa, and Lafferty's father is A. M. Lafferty, another very prominent citizen of Eddyville.

Sioux City dispatch: W. L. Frost has been appointed receiver of the Commercial Savings Bank at Leeds. The application was made by the Corn Exchange National Bank, and the receiver took possession at once. The plaintiff claims to hold 120 shares of the capital stock of the bank, and also to be a joint owner of the Hinton Milling Company, valued at \$10,000. It claims further to have about \$750 of trust funds on deposit in the bank. It is stated that the bank has done little or no business since December 24, and that in order to preserve the assets it is best to have a receiver appointed. The liabilities of the bank are given at \$11,500 and the assets at \$37,500.

A sad suicide occurred a few mornings since at Foster, eight miles northeast of Guthrie Center. Charley Wins, 20 years old, and single, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wins, and family were eating breakfast, went into a bedroom, placed the muzzle of a shotgun under his chin, and with his foot discharged the gun, blowing his head to pieces. He fell back on the bed dead. Recently a young man named Comstock was being tried in a justice court for the crime of stealing a wolf scalp and collecting a bounty from the county for it. On the trial Comstock swore he shot and killed the wolf and Wins swore he came up when Comstock was skinning the wolf. The grand jury, now in session, was investigating a charge of perjury against both Comstock and Wins, and Wins was cited to appear before the grand jury.

Hampton dispatch: Mr. and Mrs. Long, parents of the young lady who died a year ago last summer of strychnine poisoning under suspicious circumstances, have been indicted for murder in the first degree. Judge Hindman fixed the bail at \$1,500 for Mrs. Long and \$3,500 for Mr. Long. They asked for an immediate trial, but will have to wait till the next term of court. They will make an effort to get bonds and will probably be able to do so. The case is an important one and it has been a matter of conjecture whether the parents would ever be tried for the alleged crime. Miss Long died very suddenly and the parents are said to have hushed up the matter. Neighbors demanded an investigation. The body was exhumed and an inquest held. The stomachs were sent to a Des Moines chemist who found strychnine in it, which he declared had been administered in a single strawberry. The coroner's jury's investigation lasted a week, when they returned a verdict of poison by strychnine, but whether administered by unknown parties or taken with suicidal intent they were unable to determine. It is thought it will be difficult to secure a conviction.

One Fare for Inauguration.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—All Iowa roads agree to make a rate of one fare for the round trip for the inauguration ceremonies at Washington.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

WAR IN CRETE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Pall Mall Gazette says there is reason to believe that the government of Great Britain regards the dispatch of the Greek fleet to Crete as a very serious matter and as likely to involve the gravest consequences. It adds: "No intimation of the intentions of Greece was conveyed to any of the powers, and the preparations to carry them into effect were carefully kept secret. It may be confidently expected that a very firm attitude, and that immediate and vigorous steps will be taken to neutralize the effect of Greece's action." A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the central Cretan committee is preparing to support the Cretans with arms, ammunition and supplies on a great scale.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The government has formulated a notification to the powers setting forth that Greece cannot remain a mere spectator of the events which are taking place in Crete and that the ties of race and religion compel her to intervene in behalf of the oppressed and outraged Christians in that island.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The warlike excitement here increased with the departure of troops for the frontier and the equipping of additional war vessels for service in Cretan waters. Nobody seems to doubt that a clash of arms will occur between Greece and Turkey unless the powers intervene; but it is believed here that Greece will be given a free hand in Crete, and that if she succeeds in annexing that island, her right to do so will not be questioned by the rest of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—There is hot fighting in Crete. More Greek troops have embarked at Pyraeus for the rebellious island. Greek forces, under the command of Prince Nicholas, have started for Thessaly, and a Greek warship has fired on a Turkish transport conveying soldiers of the sultan to the Canadian shores. Moreover, the foreign consuls have been compelled to abandon Canes and take refuge on the cruisers in the harbor.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Advices from Athens state that when the Greek cruiser fired on the Turkish transport at Canes the commander of a British ironclad called on Prince George, in command of the Greek fleet, and told him he would be compelled to sink his vessel if the action was repeated. Prince George replied that he would carry out his orders, which were to prevent the landing of Turkish troops at all hazards. The Englishman then stated that he had orders to prevent any such action. All England is indignant at the action of the government.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—The representatives of the powers informed the Greek premier that the powers had decided to even resort to arms to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete. Later the premier informed the representatives that it is the purpose of Greece to occupy Crete. CANEA, Feb. 16.—The powers now occupy Canea. In accordance with a decision arrived at by the representatives, troops from the Austrian, British, Russian and Italian ironclads were landed and marched to quarters prepared for them. The action will tend to restore peace.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—A Greek army corps has been landed at Platanoas, a town near Crete. The commander of the invaders, Col. Vassos, upon planting the Greek colors on the Turkish soil of Crete at once issued a flamboyant proclamation, praising the patriotism of the Cretans and sternly demanding the immediate surrender of the Turks in the neighborhood.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The commanders of the foreign war ships in Cretan waters have been ordered to prevent landings of troops at Canea, Heraklion and Retimo. Meanwhile Greece continues to land troops, ammunition and supplies at these points.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The Greek troops have attacked and occupied Fort Agia, capturing 400 Turks. Included among their number are 100 soldiers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The council of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers and to adopt military measures on the Greek frontier. The latter, however, is purely for defensive purposes to enable Turkey to be prepared for all eventualities.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Vienna says that all of the powers have acceded to Germany's proposal to blockade Piraeus, the port of Athens, in order to curb the war-like impulse of Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—Pacardis are posted in the mosques demanding the sultan's death.

WEYLER'S CAMPAIGN A FARCE.

Movement of Spanish Troops in Cuba Harshly Criticized.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—General Weyler's forward movement continues, but every day it becomes more apparent that there will be no engagement with Gomez, except at a time and in a place of his own choosing. The forward movement of the Spanish promises to degenerate into a farce, owing to the complete breakdown of the commissariat trains, which were improvised to follow the far columns. However boldly the columns venture away into the mountains, they are always compelled to return to dinner. Ten thousand able-bodied, well-fed men, with mule trains and mountain artillery, could probably find Gomez, and give a good account of him, but the resources of Spain have been squandered without bringing together these absolute essentials of successful guerrilla warfare. Arrangements have been made for General Weyler's return to Havana in a cruiser but the day of his arrival is uncertain.

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MADE A CONFESSION.

Millionaire Duestrow Admitted That He Killed His Wife and Child.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 17.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who, February 10, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in that city, was hanged in the courtyard of the county jail. Not until he arose after a broken night's rest and saw through the window of the jail for the first time the gallows on which he was to die, did he show any sign of realization of his fate. Turning from the window he sobbed like a child. He put away all semblance of insanity, which he carried out so long, and groaned: "I know I've got to die; I killed my wife and child, but it was not my fault. Something within me made me do it. I was not myself."

GEN. GOMEZ WOUNDED.

Insurgent Leader, Despite His Injuries, Continues Riding All of the Day.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Private advices contain assurances that an engagement occurred between the Spanish troops commanded by Colonel Arjona, on route from Arroyo Blanco to Ciego Avila, and General Gomez. It is reported that General Gomez was wounded in the same leg and nearly the same place where he was wounded last year. Leader roses took command of the insurgent forces, so the claim is made, until the arrival of General Carrillo. According to the reports the horse upon which General Gomez was mounted was killed, but he continued riding all day.

More Than a Mile a Minute.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—The special train from Chicago over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, chartered by a Denver mining broker, to go to the bedside of his dying son, reached Denver, having run 1,026 miles in 18 hours and 25 minutes. This is the greatest railroad feat ever accomplished. The son died before the arrival of the special.

Jackson and Walling Hang in March.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—The governor has fixed Saturday, March 20, for the execution of both Jackson and Walling. An effort was made to have separate days for the executions, Walling to follow Jackson, so the latter could confess if he wanted to save Walling, but the governor declined to put the state to the extra expense.

Silver Champion Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—William P. St. John, the former president of the Mercantile National bank and one of the principal champions in the east of the cause of silver, died at his residence here of a complication of kidney and stomach troubles.

BREVITIES.

Gen. Joseph Shelby died at his home near Kansas City on the 13th.

Fitzsimmons' side bet of \$7,500 is now in the hands of Stakeholder Smith.

The president has renominated Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts commissioner of labor.

The Kentucky court of appeals overruled the petition for a rehearing in the case of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

The senate of the state of Kansas, by a strict party vote of silver men and republicans, again passed the initiative and referendum resolution, submitting the question to a vote of the people.

Senator-elect Wm. E. Mason was attacked by a fainting spell at his home in Chicago recently. At first it was believed to be apoplexy, but he soon recovered. Later, upon advice of doctors, he left for New Orleans to get rest.

Chicago dispatch: All the mills of the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago, have started at full blast for the first time in many months. Nearly three thousand men returned to work. Wages all along the line were cut from 10 to 15 per cent.

Dan Stuart has arrived at Carson, Nev., and has announced that the big fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons will occur in Carson March 17. He gives as a reason for the selection of Carson in preference to Reno that the Carson people had worked hard for the passage of the bill, while the Reno citizens were opposed to it.

News from the Philippine islands to January 6 is to the effect that on January 2 the Spanish troops, in a series of engagements with the rebels, killed 1,100, including the greater part of the native soldiers who deserted the Spanish cause. The Spanish loss was twenty-four killed and sixty-eight wounded. On January 4, in another engagement, thirty-two dead rebels were counted. The Spanish loss was ten killed and eight wounded.

Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-third ward, of Chicago, and John Santry, who have been on trial for the murder of Gus Collander, an election judge, in 1891, were acquitted. The trial lasted a month and was bitterly contested. The jury was out several hours, and although a unit as to the innocence of O'Malley on the first ballot, some of the jurors were in favor of convicting Santry. They finally agreed to his acquittal, however. Gus Collander was a judge of election, who in a local election in 1891 was shot by one of a gang of toughs which raided the polling place over which he presided.

London dispatch: Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger Company's expedition against the emir of Nupé, called from the palace of the emir at Bida under date of January 29, saying the palace is captured. The capture of the Bida probably completes the destruction of the Fulah power, and will most likely add to the British-African territory. The dispute between the emir and the Niger company is of long standing, growing out of the emir's practice of executing slaves by wholesale after raiding the territory under protection of the company, to obtain victims. He was frequently warned to stop the practice, but failed to do so the punitive expedition was sent against him, with the result above given. The emir was a most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 11.—Hotchkiss' concurrent resolution asking congress to protest against the removal of the pension office from Iowa passed. Special committee to which was referred Carney's resolution asking for an investigation of state institutions reported it back and it was laid over further consideration, but was not laid. House bill to amend mult law so as to include cities working under special charters was received. Benson opposed consideration, saying it was against the rules, which provided for no new legislation. A motion to suspend rules resulted 29 to 12 and Benson made point of order that two-thirds vote of all members was necessary. Adjourned.

SENATE.
Brant introduced a bill looking to a repair of the hole knocked in the mult law by the supreme court in so far as it pertains to cities acting under special charter and the bill passed. Bill relating to corporations was taken up and finally passed. The law is changed to make private property of members of corporations liable for all debts in excess of two-thirds of the capital stock. Workingmen's cooperative associations, farmer's mutual insurance companies and farmer's cooperative creamery associations were exempted from the provisions of the act. Senate resolution against the removal of the pension office from Des Moines was concurred in.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 12.—Carney's resolution for a joint committee to investigate state institutions was adopted. Chairman Parrott ruled against Benson's point of order in amendment to mult law, holding that two-thirds of members present was sufficient to suspend rules. The bill was referred to committee on suppression of intemperance. Election laws was taken up and an amendment preventing names of candidates from appearing more than once on ballot was adopted. An amendment was also adopted doing away with the publication of the sample ballot in newspapers. A motion to reconsider was filed.

HOUSE.
House resumed consideration of the evidence bill. An amendment was adopted in the shape of a change in the section relating to the testimony of witnesses in gambling, liquor, etc., cases to prevent witnesses from escaping by saying that they cannot testify without criminalizing themselves. The testimony given, however, cannot be used in convicting the witnesses. An amendment excluding confidential clerks from giving information acquired in their clerical capacity was adopted. The bill then passed.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Committee on suppression of intemperance reported favorably on the bill amending the mult law. Consideration of election laws was resumed. A motion was filed to reconsider vote by which law was amended so that in cases when women vote no registration shall be required of them. Bonds of secretary of state were raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and a bond required of the superintendent of public instruction.

HOUSE.
Bills in relation to boards of health, procedure in particular cases and the school fund were passed as fast as the same could be read by the clerk. No argument arose, as no material departures were made from the old law. The pharmacy bill was taken up. It was amended so as to require the payment of the pharmacy tax by itinerant vendors of medicines, and to require signatures of purchasers of poisons.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Ellis introduced a bill providing that all special charter cities and their officers be relieved of any responsibility whatever for the enforcement of mult law in those cities. Consideration of election bill was resumed, but no important change in old law was made.

HOUSE.
Bill in relation to jails and penitentiaries passed after being amended so as to require adult and juvenile prisoners to be kept apart. The salary of the prison physician was cut from \$100 to \$75 per month, and that of the clerk was raised from \$75 to \$100. The bill in relation to the common schools was taken up. An amendment providing for free text books upon a vote of the electors of a district was adopted. The bill passed.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The election law was again under consideration. Amendment was adopted providing that polls shall open at 8 o'clock in all cases except in cities where registration is required. Amendment doing away with publication of ballot in newspapers was reconsidered and lost. Pay for printing ballot was made 40 cents per square. Printing of sample ballots was done away with. The legal rates for printing were reduced from \$1 per square for first insertion and 60 cents per square for subsequent insertions to 25 cents and 35 cents. The senate refused to rescind the vote taken last week by which the present law to permit women to vote on the issuance of school and municipal bonds was re-enacted. The Australian ballot law was immaterially simplified by the law being amended so there are but two ways of voting.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 17.—The bill amending mult law to make it applicable to cities under special charters was taken up. Hipwell moved to amend by making the liquor traffic legal, but this was voted down, 10 to 30. The bill then passed. Election law came up and an amendment to cover cities under special charters was adopted. The senate refused to reconsider the amendment prohibiting the placing of a candidate's name on more than one ticket. Bills relating to practice of dentistry and submission of constitutional amendments passed.

HOUSE.

Consideration of bill relating to crimes and punishments was resumed. Abandonment of wife and neglect to support her, and abandonment of a child under 12 years

