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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington
Route

Republican primary on Monday

our friends to vote for Frank.

Robinson has been sick a few

days.

Miss Langford is reported sick at

her home.

Miss Baker is quite sick, the doctor

says she is the consumptive.

Mr. Birney who has been very

improving now.

The primaries will open next Monday

at 8 o'clock and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Let every colored voter go to the pri-

maries early next Monday and do your

duty.

Frank Blagburn is making from two to

three speeches a night at different political

meetings.

The Sherman men are wrestling

hard to nominate him next Monday at

the primaries.

Mr. Hubanks has returned from

Omaha, he reports that his mother

is better.

Mayor MacVicar's friends are working

hard to secure the nomination for him

at the coming primaries for his second term.

Misses Zoe and Della Richardson

is spending a few days this week at

their home in Clive.

Miss Belle Steward has been suffer-

ing with severe cold but is im-

proving now.

Colored voters let us insist on

your attending the caucus early and

work for our candidate, Frank Blag-

burn.

Miss Zoe Richardson our stenog-

rapher is sick this week; unable to

be at our office. She is at her home

in Clive.

Later—Zoe Richardson who is

quite sick, is no better. It is the

hope of her many friends that she

may soon recover.

Mrs. Jome W. Renix of Oskaloosa,

is reported very ill; as yet it

seems as though there is no hope of

recovery.

The East side Baptist church will

hold a dollar rally the first Sunday

in March to pay off the church debt.

We cordially invite the friends of

Rev. Reeves and Clark's churches

to be present.

Rev. Godbow, pastor.

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Messers Robt. Robinson and

Brown formerly of Colfax, but now

of our city, called at the Bystander

office and ordered the paper for one

year.

Mrs. E. T. Banks has been quite

sick this week.

Hair Dressing.

Crimped switches and frizzetts

combed done to order.

Mrs D. C. Basfield, 1514 20th St.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. McAfee of

Atlantic, came to our city last

week, probably of making this

their home again.

Among the many persons who respond

ed to the "Washington" reception in-

itations, at the Webster school last Tuesday,

was Mesdames, Henry, Raika, Davis, Wil-

liamson and Wilburn.

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I hereby correct the statement in the

Bystander. It should have read that I

would see that ALL nationalities should

have a fair representation if I received

the nomination and election.

F. A. FRENCH.

Mrs. John Capart of Minneapo-

lis, Minn., is visiting her parents

and friends in our city. Her

husband is at Hot Springs Ark.,

for his health now.

Miss Della Langford of St.

Louis, who has been visiting her

mother on Eighth street con-

templates returning to St. Louis next

week.

Miss Fannie Harding has been

very sick at her home on Chestnut

street. She is improving a little

at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Wright of

Marshalltown, entertained their

friends: Messrs. John Wallace,

Luke Ragen and Frank Miller at

their residence 302 N. Fourth av-

enue, Tuesday evening. The eve-

ning was passed in singing and

playing games. Refreshments were

served in an elaborate manner.

Mr. Wright returned Wednesday

morning to his work in Des Moines

where he will stay until the adjourn-

ment of the legislature.

The Ladies' Afternoon club met with

Miss Della Comely. A pleasant afternoon

was spent and at four o'clock an elegant

dinner was served, that the club enjoyed

very much. The club then adjourned to

meet with Mrs. W. M. Fletcher, 1012

Crocker street.

Mrs. A. M. Rivers received a dozen

fine glasses from Mrs. Comely

and daughter, Delley, in honor of

her birthday the 15th, which was

kindly received.

DIED.

John W. Strawther died at the

home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

John Strawther on Park street last

Tuesday. He had been sick for

quite a long time. The funeral was

preached by Rev. Reeves. The re-

mains were interred in the Woodlark

cemetery, and was attended by

a good number of his friends.

The H. B. S. R. O. was pleasantly en-

tertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. Cleg-

gett, last Thursday. The afternoon

was spent in social conversation, and with

the needle. Lunch was served by hostess.

Mrs. Denny will be hostess of the club

next week. Program will be as follows:

Current Events—Mrs. J. T. Blagburn;

Historical Paper—Mrs. L. R. Palmer;

Reading from Dumbarton, Mrs. G. Hick-

lin; criticisms by Mrs. Warlick; oricle,

Palmer and Wilburn.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social club gave

a reception to their many friends at the

residence of Mrs. C. B. Woods last Thurs-

day, from 2 p. m. until 7. The rooms

were tastefully decorated with out flowers

and palms. The costumes of those re-

ceiving were Mrs. C. B. Woods, silk and

lace; Mrs. G. Comely, black satin; lace

and pasamentrie trimmings; Mrs. B.

Holmes, silk novelty, chiffon and braid

trimmings; Mrs. Fletcher, white organ-

die, lace and ribbons; Mrs. Jackson, no-

velty and garnet velvet; Mrs. Austin

Brown, novelty with velvet and lace.

Mrs. Rachel Wilburn, broadened and silk,

lace and roses; Mrs. Mash Green, novelty

velvet and braid; Miss Della Comely,

pink and Henrietta, cut decollete, with

Swansdown trimming. They were as-

sisted by Mrs. W. L. Jones, of Albion, who

wore blue silk and lace; Mrs. Phillips, of

Marquiesville in Henrietta and lace, and

by Mrs. Luella D. Wilburn. Those who

called were Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Dungle,

Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Götter,

Mrs. S. Davis, Mrs. C. Lewis, Mrs. Rivers,

Mrs. S. Turner, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Fields,

Mrs. Cleggett, Mrs. J. T. Blagburn, Mrs.

Wm. Coalson, Mrs. Eliza Bell, Mrs. Jones,

Mrs. Geo. Lair, Mrs. Jno. Turner, and

Misses Phie Langford, Clara Smith, Zel-

lah Davis, Bessie Stewart, Susie Nash, Eva

Robison, Bereha Curtley and Miss Josie

Rivers. In the evening they gave a re-

ception to their husbands from 8 until 10.



JOHN SHERMAN, Candidate for Mayor.

We this week present the cut of Mr. John Sherman candidate for city Mayor, subject to the republican primaries next Monday. As we have before printed his platform and a brief history of him, it is not necessary to re-produce it again. He is a staunch republican, and has been all his life; was principally raised in this city, and is thoroughly acquainted and interested in the development of Des Moines. He believes in giving all races and classes equal treatment, and chance in city affairs and if he should be elected will make a good officer.

P. M. Peterson will baptize at Youngstown Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m. P. P. Samuel will do the preaching.

Mr. C. Aderson who is employed in the Barton & Wilson tonorial shop, received a message that his house in Fayette, Mo., was destroyed by fire last week; it was insured. We do not know further particulars.

Services at the St. Paul A. M. E. church Sunday Feb. 27th, at 10:30 a. m. Sermon, theme "How to govern your thoughts." At 7:30 p. m. "Sermon to young women." The young women are respectfully requested to take the front seats.

NOTICE—To the members of North Star Lodge, No. 2—Grand Master James Washington will be here on Thursday evening, March 3d, and you are requested to be out on the above date.

B. J. HOLMES, W. M.

E. S. WILLETT, Sec'y.

Silvira for City Judge.

Among the many worthy aspirants for City Police Judge that will be presented to the voters next Monday for consideration is the present incumbent, Judge L. I. Silvira, who is serving out the unexpired term of Judge Phillips. No better man or painstaking and worthy man for Police Judge than Mr. Silvira. He is saving to the city and has reduced the current expenses of the office. His brief period as Judge is characterized by good judgment and discretion. He served two terms as Justice of the Peace of Des Moines township. He is a staunch republican, and solicits your votes Monday at the primaries.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawther and family wishes to thank their neighbors and friends for their kind assistance toward them during the illness and death of their dear beloved son, John Wesley Strawther, 817 Park street.

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly lent their sympathy and assistance in our sad hour of affliction, in the death of my husband.

Mrs. Annie L. Allen and daughters.

We desire to extend our thanks to the many friends, who so kindly assisted in caring for our mother during her last sickness, and death and especially do we wish to express our heart felt thanks, to the many friends of Oskaloosa, for each and all their acts of kindness during the hours of our affliction.

Miss Eldora Thompson.
Mrs. Mary Richardson.
B. J. Shepard.
J. H. Shepard.
John L. Thompson.

MUST TAKE JESUS TO THE MASSES

Go into the Highways and

Hedges and Lift Them Up.

Rev. Timothy Reeves presented

a paper at the meeting of the min-

isterial association Monday 21st

on the subject of "How to reach

the masses."

"The conclusion

was reached that the church must

go to the masses and convince

them of an interest in the salva-

tion of their immortal souls and

that its members are willing to go

down to their level and lift them

up. The paper was an interesting

production and was generally dis-

cussed and favorably commented

upon. The Rev. Reeves is the

pastor of the A. M. E. church and

in one of the leading ministers of

the Iowa conference

Washington's Birthday.

with pleasure the American people lay aside their work on the 22d of Feb. each year and meet at various places to pay homage to the memory of Geo. Washington; as he was born Feb. 22d 1732. It is right that every true American should honor, praise and eulogize the name of her noble sons who have distinguished themselves as heroes, martyrs soldiers, statesman or theologians. It is true February claims the birth-day of the greatest American humanitarian and benefactor. Washington, who was the father of our country and Abraham Lincoln the savior of our country.

When we take a retrospective view of the past and think that our country is only a little more than a 100 year since Washington was struggling with his little band of veterans in Valley Forge, at Yorktown and elsewhere to give the liberty we now enjoy was a great task an almost impossible and gigantic undertaking with so few men and poorly equipped. What great lessons of human possibilities does this teach every American youth. We may truly say that Washington was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

FOR CITY TREASURER.

In presenting the name of A. B. Elliott before the republican voters, it should be said that he is now serving his first term in this office. He has been an ardent party worker ever since he has been a voter, and during his term, those working for the city have been able to secure full pay for their services, and at the same time the tax-payers interests have been carefully looked after, as is evidenced by the city warrants now being cashed at par after the rate of interest had been reduced one per cent. His friends are working

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A "corn conference" is to be held in Chicago. Agriculturists have been invited, but the chiropodists were overlooked.

The proportion of blind people in the world is 800 to every 1,000,000, but if blind pigs in Hyde Park are counted these figures will not do.

Some Parisians hate the Jews so much that they refuse to pay their debts to them. They seem to think they are ruined by cheap Hebrew labor.

Those Chicago dental students appear to have revived the Cadmean legend. When they threw teeth in the street a host of fully armed policemen suddenly sprang up.

The Jockey Club and other superior society having rebuked the prince of Wales because of his loyalty to Mrs. Langtry, the two ought to go off together and pull the wool of oblivion over their faces, the same to remain there for forty days and nights. We do not say that they will do so, mark you! for they have been hardened against rebuke by years of contempt for it.

It ought to be understood that there is no substitute for the enforcement of the law against murder. As long as the murderous spirit exists and is not adequately restrained weapons will be found with which to commit a crime. Legislation against concealed weapons may or may not be useful, but it is entirely inadequate. We must punish the men who use weapons, of whatever kind, unlawfully.

Mr. Smalley will perhaps have things so arranged presently that every newcomer will be born in England. Not that it is a disgrace to be born in America; but one has to waste so much time growing up and making the money necessary to go to England and die. Meanwhile the evacuation of the country by men who are ashamed of it will proceed as rapidly as possible. Smalley ought to get his passport.

The editor of a Nebraska paper says he has "reached the slope on the other side of life," but never yet has he seen a woman with a frost-bitten ear, and never yet has a bonnet been built so as to keep the head warm. Other men have noticed that women dressed for the party have hidden miles in the coldest night without a particle of the discomfort felt by their warmly-dressed escort. These are curious facts, the scientists apparently do not know how to account for them.

Those who are studying the wheat situation are interested in the fact that the world's available wheat supply on February 1 was 152,000,000 bushels as against 173,000,000 bushels a year ago. Wheat is now commanding the highest prices in years and indications are that it will reach much higher figures before the new crop is harvested. The Chicago wheat syndicate is disposing of its holdings at fancy prices, and when this stock disappears, the resources of the country will be severely taxed to meet the demand. The Chicago market advanced three cents last week, and it is expected that all records for high prices will be broken before the deal is closed.

"This part of the garden is the government tangle." The speaker laughed at the mystified looks of her guests. "Each year my father, a voter, receives from our congressman three puny grape-vines, one or two currant and raspberry bushes, a few packages of aster, marigold and pumpkin seeds, and a pint of wax beans. They are thrown in here and left to live or die, as they please." For like sarcastic recipients this government annually appropriates one hundred and thirty thousand dollars; nevertheless, a careful review of the department reports fails to reveal a single case of benefit to agriculture from the free distribution of plants and seeds.

We are glad to see that the "co-eds" of the University of Michigan have undertaken to reform the male students. It shows that woman is acquiring confidence with our advanced education. It has not been unusual for one young woman to undertake to reform one young man, but until now we have not heard of a case where an attempt was made to reform several hundred young men and make one wholesale reform job of the whole batch. However, we wish the girls success. We sincerely hope that they will be able to banish tobacco from the institution, but we have our doubts. Still, just as a proof of their earnestness, they might intimate that they are willing to have chewing gum and candy go with the tobacco.

No. As director of the mint G. E. Roberts will not pass his time punching out quarters with a hand stamp. He will leave that sort of thing to the hired man while he answers the fool questions about finance which people ask the government.

When Sergeant Koomler, the private soldier, asked for more grub, the proper thing would have been for the cook to get a rope around his ankles in true Fort Sheridan style and haul him over the coals. A court martial is too mild for such a villain.

The Baltimore American should investigate and report upon the person signing herself Rose Kapraun, Howard county, Md., who puts over her signature in the American the poem, "We Are Seven," reduced from seventeen verses to ten, and a little garbled.

Some New Yorkers have organized "The American National Flag association," the object of which is to guard our flag. There is already an organization for the same purpose and it is called the United States of America.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

SAD TRAGEDY AT CLEGHORN.

A Six-Year-Old Child Accidentally Killed by His Mother.
CHEBOKER, Feb. 25.—A terrible tragedy occurred in Sheridan township, a mile and a half from the little town of Cleghorn, in which Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wilcox accidentally shot and instantly killed her 6-year-old son Irvin. A few nights previous to the tragedy, Eddie, a 14-year-old brother of Irvin's, loaded an old navy revolver and placed it on a shelf in a closet without placing a cap on the nipple. While playing around the house, Irvin found the revolver, and, going to his brother's room, took a cap. He then took the pistol to his mother, who was in the kitchen, and asked her to put the cap on the gun. "So it would snap." Taking the breech of the pistol in her hand, while the boy, who stood in front of her, held on to the muzzle, which was pointing at his chest, the mother was assisting her son in putting the cap on the gun, when there was a report and her son sank dead at her feet. Mrs. Wilcox was released from the insane asylum at Independence last July, where she had been confined for some time. Her insanity was caused from grief over the loss of her husband, who died two years ago.

GOVERNOR SHAW ISSUES A CALL FOR AID FOR THE SUFFERING.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—Governor Shaw has issued an appeal for aid for the starving Cubans. To facilitate the collection and forwarding of money and supplies, he has invited the following gentlemen to act as a central committee: Capt. V. P. Twombly, Capt. M. T. Russell, Hon. William L. Carpenter, Col. Joseph D. McGarragh, Milo W. Ward, James Watt and George S. Perry. These gentlemen all reside in Des Moines, and will receive and transmit whatever may be contributed and placed in their hands. The governor also invites the mayor of each city and incorporated town in the state to co-operate with and through this committee. Local committees can be organized where deemed necessary, and in the absence thereof contributions made to the mayor of any town will be promptly forwarded to the committee above named.

FOES OF SUFFRAGE ORGANIZE.

Des Moines Women Opposed to Equal Suffrage Form an Association.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—At a meeting here thirty-five prominent women of Des Moines, formed the Iowa Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The association will be state wide and is formed to work against the passage of a woman suffrage amendment in Iowa. Among those present were Mesdames C. G. McCarthy, Simon Cassidy, H. A. Foster, C. D. Duke, Henry Plumb, Dr. Fellows, L. L. Dockstader, A. Sheurman, A. Thomas, Horace S. Price and Martin Flynn. Mrs. Martin Flynn was chosen temporary chairman. The constitution adopted provides that all persons over twenty-one who are opposed to woman suffrage shall be eligible to membership. Permanent officers will be elected at a meeting to be held in two weeks. The work of organizing associations in other towns will then begin.

UNION DEPOT STARTED.

Des Moines' Much Needed Improvement Begun at Last.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—Material is being hauled to the Des Moines Union railway yards to begin the erection of the new union depot. F. C. Hubbell, who has just returned from the east where, it is understood, he examined the large depots and secured new ideas for the Des Moines depot. The temporary building cannot be erected till the company secures a permit from the city council, because the location is within the fire limits, and a frame building is to be put up for a temporary depot. The plans for the depot have been changed so that it may cost considerably more than first planned for.

Dead by the Tracks.

CALENDAR, Feb. 22.—Erick Aaburg, a young man well known about calendar, was found dead by the side of the Rock Island track about a half mile north of town, having undoubtedly been struck by a passenger train while walking north. The terrible storm and wind probably prevented him from hearing the train. He was known to leave Calendar a few moments before the train was due, saying he would go up to visit some friends who live close to the track about one mile north, and that was the last seen of him alive.

Newspaper Wins Its Case.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 23.—The case of Emerson K. Bull against the Record Printing Company and E. A. Sherman, for \$10,000 damages for libel, has been on trial in the district court. The jury returned a verdict for the defendants. Last summer Bull brought injunction suits against the city, seeking to restrain the payment of warrants issued since 1889, on the ground that the constitutional limit had been exceeded. The Record referred to the bringing of the suits as a blackmailing scheme, and hence the suit.

Suicide at Forest City.

FOREST CITY, Feb. 22.—Frank Ave committed suicide. This is the second case of self-destruction in Forest City within a short time, and the occurrence created a sensation. Ave used a revolver. He fired a bullet in the vicinity of the heart and quickly followed it by another in the temple. He was about 50 years old and in good financial circumstances. The cause is said to have been despondency over sickness.

Diphtheria at Independence Hospital.

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 23.—The prevalence of diphtheria at the State hospital for the insane, which was supposed to have been subdued and the quarantine raised, has broken out anew and in a more severe form. Eight new cases among employees are reported within the past few days.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT REINBECK

Unsuccessful Attempt to Murder Followed by Suicide.

REINBECK, Feb. 25.—Minnie Foght was shot by Richard Clausen, a 15-year-old boy. Clausen was in the employ of Mr. Foght, and asked for a shotgun to go hunting. The request was refused, and the girl insisted that he was too young to use firearms, to which he replied that he would show them who could use firearms. When Mr. Foght was in the field, young Clausen shot at Miss Minnie through a window and most seriously wounded her, the bullet of a rifle he had procured lodging in her head. The girl was found lying in a pool of blood, and after a search Clausen's body was found hanging lifeless to a rafter in the barn, where he had ended his own life. Medical assistance was brought to Miss Foght, but her recovery is doubtful. The coroner's inquest developed the fact that Clausen attempted to get poison with the expressed intention of killing himself. Clausen was crazed with a rankling desire for revenge, and many feel that he should be given no sympathy.

ROBBERS MAKE A BIG HAUL.

Blow Open a Bank at Thor and Obtain \$2,700.

FORT DODGE, Feb. 24.—The savings bank at Thor was entered by burglars, the safe dynamited and \$2,732.20 in cash taken. The bank offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the robbers and the return of the money. Experts did the work, it is thought, as they used just enough dynamite to crack the safe without damaging the building, which is a small structure. There is no trace of the robbers. Two hundred dollars reward is offered for the detection of the robbers and \$300 additional for the return of the money.

THE STATE DEBT.

Exact Statement as to the Condition of the Treasury.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—According to the figures which Senator Funk has obtained for the benefit of the senate ways and means committee the state of Iowa is in debt, above all cash on hand and cash in the treasury, to \$1,134,348.88. The total amount of warrants outstanding is \$813,867.22. But there is cash in the treasury to offset this of \$161,134.34, leaving the state actually in debt over \$650,000. The debt is subject to such frequent changes that it may vary \$100,000 in the course of a week owing to the warrants which may have to be issued and the funds which are received.

Rammed a Hot Poker Down His Throat.

INDIANOLA, Feb. 24.—A most revolting suicide was committed by W. S. King, who resided in Squaw township, Warren county. He was a man some 60 years of age. It appears that he took a red hot stove poker and rammed it eight inches down his throat, choking and burning him to death. The flesh of the throat was still sticking to the poker after it came from the mouth. No motive for the rash act has yet been discovered.

Judge Thomas Will Run.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—It is said that Judge L. O. Thomas, of Storm Lake, will run for congress in the Eleventh district against Geo. D. Perkins, who is likewise declared to be in the race for another term. Among the other prospective candidates are Senator Hobart, of Cherokee, and Isaac Struble, of Le Mars, while Frank Hellsell, of Sioux Rapids, is said to be out of the race and in league with Thomas.

Crushed by the Cars.

CEDAR FALLS, Feb. 23.—Harvey McKee, an employee of the street car line, was terribly crushed between the cars while making a coupling. His collar bone was fractured and driven through the flesh tissues. The muscles of the left arm were completely severed at the elbow. He will recover.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

It is announced that ex-Governor Boies will make the race for congress in the Third congressional district this fall against D. B. Henderson. Mr. Boies has consented to allow the use of his name by the democrats for the nomination.

At Charles City recently Fred Wilsie was sentenced by Judge Clyde to six months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500. He was convicted of manslaughter for the killing of his sister, Mrs. Dows. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

Near Hubbard recently Engineer Louis Hollinger was killed and Fireman Osborne was fatally hurt in a head-end collision between double-headed freight trains on the North-western road. Four engines were piled up in a heap.

The wife of Henry Grohman, a farmer living a mile east of Elvira, recently aroused her neighbors, calling for help. Several men responded and found Grohman lying dead in the farmhouse covered with blood, two grown sons saying the first they knew of his injuries was when he opened the door and said to one: "Henry, come and help your father," falling and immediately expiring. The theory advanced was that he had been kicked by a horse at the barn and had reached the house as death came to him. During the excitement no other idea was advanced. The body was prepared for burial. Later it was found that no horse on the farm was shot, and other suspicious circumstances led to the belief in foul play. The man's head was badly cut, as is one leg and his left hand.

Judge Giberson, of the Cedar Rapids superior court, recently handed down an important decision, after having the matter under advisement for ninety days. In 1886 N. B. Brown deeded to the Chicago & Northwestern railway a tract of land for a money and certain other considerations, one of which was that they should forever maintain a passenger and freight depot upon the site. Two years ago this company, together with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, left this depot and occupied a new union depot two blocks south. Harry T. Brown, one of the heirs of N. B. Brown, brought suit against the railway companies for possession of the land on the ground that they had forfeited title to it because of abandoning it as a passenger station site. Judge Giberson finds for the defendants. The property in question is very valuable.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

THE MAINE DISASTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The navy department has compiled the following summary showing the fatal results of the Maine disaster, from all available official information: Total officers and men on board the Maine, 355; officers, 26; total men, 329; total officers saved, 24; total men saved, 76; total officers lost, 2; total men lost, 246; total officers injured, none; total men injured, 67; doubtful seven.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—The bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster were interred yesterday. The entire ceremony was a most impressive demonstration of sympathy.

MADRID, Feb. 19.—A Havana dispatch says the explosion on the Maine was due to the carelessness of its officers, who at the time of the explosion were on board the City of Washington. These officers, says the dispatch, tried to make out that they returned before the explosion and escaped in a boat, but no boat was lowered from the Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The government has decided to allow concurrent investigations of the cause of the Maine disaster, for its own part making an independent inquiry through the naval court of inquiry already appointed, while permitting the Spanish authorities to make such investigation as they desire. This arrangement commends itself to naval men alike fair to all and at the same time as calculated to develop the exact facts in a manner that could not be questioned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Great military preparations are being made. The forts are being reinforced. Three hundred artillerymen have been sent to Sandy Hook and the naval reserves have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness. The gun cotton and smokeless powder factories are working night and day, and it is generally believed that a great crisis in the relations between the United States and Spain is imminent.

MADRID, Feb. 23.—The Spanish government has ordered a cruiser of moderate size and power to be laid down at once in the dockyard at Cadiz. Admiral Bernejo admits that Spain is looking for three warships.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Madrid says: The admiral commanding at Havana telegraphs that Spanish official investigations of the catastrophe of the Maine terminated, and that the first exploration made by official divers has shown that the disaster was quite accidental, and not caused by any exterior cause. Premier Sagasta in person conveyed the official telegram to the palace, where the queen regent expressed satisfaction on hearing the result of the investigation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Merritt & Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company has signed a contract with the government to raise the battleship Maine. Work begins as soon as possible.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Advices from Havana state that the wrecking tug Right Arm is at work on the wreck of the Maine.

SPAIN WILL NOT SELL CUBA.

Negotiations to That End Will Be Fruitless With Any Madrid Government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Madrid correspondent to the Herald says: As the question of the purchase of Cuba is again being pushed in Washington, it may be of use to state—and I have it on the highest authority—that Spain will never, no matter what government is in power, consider any such suggestion or any compromise in Cuba, beyond the broad measure of autonomy drafted by the liberal government. This is an absolute, irrevocable decision. People who suggest anything else are wasting time and arousing unfounded hopes in the minds of the rebels.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONFLICT.

Much Concern Over Warlike News from West Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Great activity is manifested by the colonial office officials of the West African department and among the higher military officers who are going out to Lagos, Hinterland. The latter are inclined to discredit the news to the effect that two French expeditions are advancing within the sphere of British influence, but add that if the news is confirmed it must be followed by a declaration of war. The stock market opened much depressed, but with no sign of panic.

CRASH OF TRAINS.

Fatal Collision on the Burlington Road Near Rockford.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 21.—In a blinding snowstorm a north-bound Burlington train and a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, south-bound, collided six miles southeast of this city. Both trains were going at full speed when they came together. Engineer R. C. Tilden, of the Milwaukee train, was killed and over a score of trainmen and passengers were injured, some of the former fatally, while the passengers escaped with a few bruises.

FATAL BREAD RIOT IN SICILY.

Two Peasants Killed and Four Are Wounded by the Troops.

PALERMO, Sicily, Feb. 21.—Three hundred villagers made a demonstration in the village of Strofina, demanding succor. Several were armed. They refused to disperse and the soldiers who intervened were greeted with a shower of stones and pistol shots. The troops returned the fire, killing two peasants and wounding four. A lieutenant and a police officer were injured.

Sentenced to Joliet.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21.—Adolph L. Luetger was sentenced by Judge Gary to be imprisoned in the Joliet penitentiary for the period of his natural life, for the murder of his wife, Louise Luetger, May 1, 1897. The judge refused to make any stay of execution, and his prisoner will be taken to Joliet at once.

WAR IN CUBA MUST CEASE.

President McKinley Preparing an Ultimatum for Transmission to Spain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President McKinley is preparing to move upon Spain. Within sixty days he will present to the Madrid government a demand that the war in Cuba be stopped. This demand has been already decided upon, but the terms in which it is to be expressed will not be arranged till after the Maine incident is cleared up and the Spanish note now in transit to this country has been received. The demand which the president has resolved to make of Spain does not mean war, necessarily, but it does mean peace in Cuba and a cessation of the horrors of the situation now existing in that island. It may bring on a critical situation, but probably no hostilities. The president will point out to Spain that the situation in Cuba is intolerable to the United States; that there are no signs of a settlement by Spain alone; that as matters now look the war is likely to go on indefinitely; that this government has waited patiently for the experiment of a new administration and a new policy in Cuba, but that no good appears to have come from them; that autonomy is a failure, and that neither from the civil nor military point of view has General Blanco achieved a success; that many thousands of people are starving, with no prospect of an amelioration of their condition.

DUE TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCES.

The Magazine of the Maine Found to be Undisturbed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Advices from Key West state that semi-official information has been received that the magazine of the Maine, which was supposed to have blown up, is intact, and that it is conclusive that the explosion was due to outside influences. It is said that the bottom of the vessel is little more than ribbons of steel, but enough remains to prove whether the cause of the explosion came from within or without. The court of inquiry has begun its session at Havana. More divers have been set at work. It is said the harbor at Havana is and has been for a long time filled with submarine mines and torpedoes, and no surprise will be felt if it develops that one of these was the cause of the disaster.

MUST PAY DAMAGES.

Spain Held Responsible for the Destruction of a Vessel in Her Harbor.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23.—The Journal's Washington special says on the authority of an officer of the navy that it was decided at a conference of several members of the cabinet that Spain was bound to protect the vessels of a friendly nation in its harbors and if the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo whether with or without the knowledge of Spanish officials she must pay damages for the vessel and to the relatives of officers and men killed, amounting in all to from \$13,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

YET IN THE DARK.

Secretary Long Says His Department is Devoid of New Information.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine are less frequent, but there are enough of them still afloat to warrant Secretary Long in making this statement to the newspapers: "Summing up the situation, I should say that the navy department knows to-day nothing more about the cause of the disaster than it did five minutes after the receipt of the first dispatch from Captain Sigbee."

McKinley Prepares for Emergency.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The Tribune's Washington special says: To a senator who called upon him to ask some serious questions as to the policy of the administration, President McKinley said: "I do not propose to do anything at all to precipitate war with Spain. Up to the present I do not think that war is either necessary or inevitable. I would be lax in my duty, however, if I did not prepare for the future. The situation is grave, and the policy of the administration will be determined almost entirely by the course of events from time to time. There is no necessity of alarming the people, but congress must be ready to assist the administration without making too many inquiries as to the course of current events."

Warships for Foreign Countries.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Six armored vessels, six protected cruisers, thirteen torpedo boat destroyers and five torpedo boats are now building in Great Britain for foreign governments, of which a number are purchaseable, although Japan is supposed to have an option on several of them. Thomson Bros. informed the Associated Press that Spain had arranged to man the two remaining destroyers of the four completed some time ago at the Clyde bank yards but not delivered, presumably owing to lack of payments.

BREVITIES.

It is announced that the Spanish war-ship Viscaya, which was sent to New York as a reply to the sending of the Maine to Havana, has arrived. Rear Admiral Bunce has given orders for a strict patrol in order that no one can approach the vessel to do it damage.

A recent cable dispatch from Havana says: "The consensus of opinion of those who have studied the wreck closest to that the explosion was caused by a sub-marine mine. The forward magazine, it is now generally supposed, is intact, also the forward six-inch magazine. This leaves only a few saluting charges and a few small caliber shells in the pilot house which could possibly have exploded aboard the ship. At the same time the fearful damage is too big for any but an extremely large torpedo. The Spanish dailies are loudly clamoring. 'Accident,' when even now the fact is known that the whole middle deck, which was blown straight up, never had an ounce of ship's powder under it, and that was where the first flame was seen."

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—The senate upon receiving the board of control bill reported by the special committee, appointed to consider the recommendations of the committee to investigate state institutions, made the bill a special order for Thursday, March 8. A bill passed already in force providing that when judgment is secured against the borrower of any building and loan association no recovery can be made to exceed the net principal borrowed and 12 per cent interest on it. Titus's biennial election resolution was made a special order for next Thursday. Harbison introduced a bill for the creation of a state department of agriculture.

HOUSE.

Van Houten's pure food bill was recommended after the author had expressed a willingness to strike out that part of the bill compelling the printing of the formula of "patent medicines" on the label and after a motion to strike out the enacting clause had been put and lost. The special committee to investigate state institutions introduced a bill providing for a board of control. The board is to consist of three members, two of whom are to draw \$3,500 and the others \$3,000 per year. They are to hold office for six years. A bill was introduced to appropriate \$100 for the support of James H. Haggwood, a blind girl who has been a ward of the state for several years.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—Garst filed a motion to reconsider the vote by which the board of control bill was passed. The board of control bill, in relation to the fee for defending criminals charged with murder was recommitted to the judiciary committee. Pusey's bill providing that in cities of the first class a 2-mill water tax shall not be levied, unless such proposition has been voted on by the people, was passed. The bill permitting the owner of a pharmacy to refuse to dispense of his store on order of the district court, was passed.

HOUSE.

The house transacted no business, but twenty-seven members were present.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—A large portion of the session was devoted to the discussion of Gorrell's bill which seeks to tax mortgages to the owner of the same, the owner of the land only being required to pay taxes on his equity in the property. The measure was engendered by the Gorrell, Everett and Bolter spoke for the bill and Titus and Berry opposed it. No vote was reached. Everett presented a petition signed by 1,385 citizens of Clayton county protesting against the pardon of J. Wesley Elkins, the boy murderer.

HOUSE.

The house held a short session, but did nothing important.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—By a vote of 42 to 3 the senate adopted the substitute for the joint resolution by Titus providing for biennial elections after 1902. The senate took up the Gorrell bill for the taxation of mortgages on real estate. Following an extended discussion, the bill was recommitted to the ways and means committee. The committee on public health recommended for passage Hurd's bill prohibiting first cousins from marrying. Kilburn introduced a committee bill in relation to the care of country roads, which abolishes the district system, and puts the roads under the charge of the township trustees. Under it roads may be kept up either by contract or by work under supervision of appointed superintendents.

HOUSE.

The house defeated the bill by Smith, of Harrison which provided for the repeal of the law which prevents the name of a candidate from appearing in more than one place on the official ballot known as the anti-fusion law. Ray's school book bill, which provides for uniformity and state publication, was recommended to the committee on schools and text books to be reported not later than next Tuesday. Eaton's bill to establish libraries in school districts was short of a majority and the measure was still under discussion at time of adjournment.

Negro Postmaster Mobbed.

LAKE CITY, S. C., Feb. 25.—About 1 o'clock a. m. Postmaster Baker, a negro, and his child, were shot to death and their bodies cremated. It is said that a mob numbering several hundred surrounded Baker's house, where the postoffice is kept, set fire to the building and opened fire with guns upon it. Baker was killed and his wife, his two daughters and one son were seriously wounded. The woman had a baby in her arms, and she says that the ball that went through her hand passed through the baby, killing it. All the wounded are maimed for life. The two girls may lose their arms. All of the mail matter was totally destroyed. There is no clue to the composition of the mob.

Troops Ready to Move.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 25.—A state of tension exists at Fort Leavenworth caused by the receipt of telegraphic orders to have the entire command ready to move at twenty hours' notice. Preparations have been completed for any emergency, and it is stated that the infantry and cavalry can be moved on six hours' notice.

Swiss Will Buy Their Roads.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 23.—The referendum has approved the proposal for the redemption of the Swiss railways by the state. The vote was 300,000 against 175,000.

Practice in United States Patent Office.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—There are 35 principal examiners, an examiner of interferences, and an examiner of appeals, and each is practically a court. There is also a board of examiners-in-chief composed of three men. The commissioner is also clothed with judicial power.

From the adverse decision of an examiner appeal may be made to the examining-in-chief upon the payment of \$10. From the decision of the examining-in-chief to the commissioner upon payment of \$20, and from his decision to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

Some of the most valuable patents granted are obtained by contests therefor in this series of courts. It is the duty of examiners in the United States patent office to make objections and refuse claims for patents as often as they can find good reason for doing so, and the duty of an attorney to overcome all objections raised if it is possible to do so. An attorney who does not know his rights and inventors' rights and lacks the patience, ability and courage to prosecute claims, in other words maintains his rights, regardless of the time and labor required to do so, is not such an attorney as an inventor should employ to secure a patent. By the joint efforts of an examiner and an attorney in a contest for a patent all the objections are made that probably can be made before a patent is allowed, so that when it is issued it will stand trial for validity in the courts. Hence the attorney can be no objection on account of the refusal of claims if such action is not unreasonable and delays incident to a contest are really in the interest of the inventor.

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Pushed for Time.
Englishman—"I say, ye know, what's the bookage to Boston?"
Railroad ticket clerk—"The what-ago?"
Englishman—"The bookage, ye know—the tariff. What's the tariff?"
Ticket clerk—"I haven't time to talk politics."

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There's a land not far away
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What the smallest children say—
Or go straight to bed instead.

Ah, my children, come away
To this land that I will show,
Where the only duty's play,
And you never hear a Nay
From the dawn to sunset glow.
Come away! Come away!
Learn to play!

—New York Weekly.

Custom Cases Decided.
The general appraisers of goods passing through the Custom House have made several decisions lately which, until passed upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, will hold good. But while there is stability in that quarter, no system failing in strength could be properly sustained without the aid of Hon. John S. Starnes, a leading lawyer and remedy for malaria, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

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PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 24.—The tug Mercury arrived here, bringing the news that three men of the crew of the British ship Asia were rescued by the crew of the Handkerchief Lightship. The Asia struck on Great Round Shoals off Nantucket during a gale and went to pieces. Eighteen sailors lost their lives.

General Merritt to Inspect Forts.
New York, Feb. 25.—Major General Merritt left for an inspection of the defenses on the Atlantic coast south of New York. His route is understood to include Atlanta, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola and Savannah, those cities being visited in the order named. Through one of his aides the general announced that his trip was his regular annual inspection.

Orders to National Guard.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Major General Snowden, commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law, and to have their men ready to march, fully armed and equipped, at twenty-four hours' notice.

Where is She Going?
NONFOLK, Va., Feb. 25.—The monitor Terror left here on the way to the sea under sealed orders, but will cruise in Hampton Roads at least a short time. Her departure created considerable excitement. Thousands witnessed it. There was no cheering, either from shore or on the vessel.

On the Eve of February 24th, Honorable C. H. Duell, of Rochester, N. Y., entered upon his duties as commissioner of patents. The new commissioner will find an able assistant in Acting Commissioner A. P. Greely, but there will probably be no important changes at least for the present. Amongst the peculiar patents issued last week is one for a speed wagon, the box of which is shaped like a cigar, front and rear, by means of which the operator hopes to make better time. Another peculiar device is a stocking to the bottom of which is secured a flexible slipper. Sues & Co., Omaha, have just issued a new inventors hand book, including some 100 illustrations which may be obtained from the publisher, inventors desiring information as to the law and practice of patents should address Sues & Co., registered patent lawyers, Bee Building, Omaha, Neb.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

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HOUSE.
The bankruptcy bill was debated during almost the entire session. A resolution appropriating a sum to enable the navy department to have as much as possible from the wrecked battleship Maine passed.

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Washington, Feb. 19.—After four days of consideration the house today passed the bankruptcy bill, reported by the house committee on judiciary as a substitute for the Nelson bill passed by the senate at the extra session last summer. The bill is known as the Henderson bill and contains both voluntary and involuntary features. It is considered less drastic than the measure passed by the last house by a vote of 167 to 87. The involuntary feature, however, had but 10 majority.

SENATE.
Washington, Feb. 21.—For three hours today the senate had under discussion the bill providing for the taking of the twelfth census and subsequent censuses. It was amended as to place the census bureau under the secretary of the interior, but the extended discussion which followed disclosed so wide a divergence of views on the part of senators as to the various features of the measure that no further action was taken.

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HOUSE.
The house spent the day considering the sundry civil appropriation bill. The southern members, who have for years been fighting the appropriation for "informers" on illicit distilleries, succeeded in killing the appropriation in the committee of the whole, but Chairman Cannon gave notice that he would demand an aye and yote in the house.

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Comes From Bombay To Teach Us the Hindu Religion.
Not least prominent among orientals whom Chicagoans will remember as taking prominent part in the parliament of religions in world's fair days was Virchand R. Gandhi. He is secretary of the Jain Association, an Indian religious body said to have 5,000,000 members. Mr. Gandhi is once more in this country, having come to acquaint the American people with the doctrines taught by his religion. He believes that when oriental religion is presented, divested of the narrowing influences which certain sects have imposed upon it, the result will be a revelation to the people of the west. When he was here for the first time he was deeply impressed by the system of common schools in this country. And so he has come back to interest Americans in the problem of education in India. "The great need of the country," he said, "is free schools for the masses. Ninety per cent of the population cannot read or write. The country has been under one form or another of foreign rule for 3,000 years. The result has been mental inactivity and lack of ambition in the majority of the people. Education, free education, is the only way to raise them out of their present condition. In my opinion, the best way to begin is to educate the women, who will in turn teach the children; and so I have started the 'International Society for the Education of the Women of India.'" The Jains, of whom Mr. Gandhi is a leader, are the most enlightened and catholic religious body in India. In their teaching there is little or no separate dogma. They take the various religions of the world, and endeavor to draw the essential truths from each. As a result they hold that the fundamentals of all the chief religions are the same. The Jains divide existence into four states. The lowest, Naraka, is somewhat akin to the Christian hell; the next, Triloch, is that of the minerals, vegetables, and lower orders of sentient beings; the third is Manushya, or that of man; while Deva is the state of the dwellers in the celestial world. Nirvana is termed Moksha, the state of existence in which man's soul has thrown off the trammels of matter and become divine. God, in the sense of an extra-cosmic personality, has no place in the Jain philosophy. They consider such a belief illogical, but hold that there is a subtle, eternal essence underlying all creation, conscious and unconscious, which is the cause of all the myriad modifications of the infinite. Mr. Gandhi is now in the east, where he will stay for a few weeks, afterwards visiting Chicago and some of the smaller cities.

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Lee Hall's Georgia Minstrel played at Perry's opera house on Feb. 18. It was reported a very good minstrel.

A part of the Junior exercises were held at the Albia High school Friday afternoon, in which Henrietta Jones spoke in equitable manner.

Mrs. Mary F. Ward entertained a number of her friends at dinner on last Sunday.

The installation of the of the new members of the Albia Odd Fellows was held here Feb. 19th. The Chariton Odd fellows assisted them. They were dressed in uniform and marched from their hall to the city hall where the installation took place. After the exercises, a splendid supper was served by the ladies. There were several visitors present.

KEB NEWS.

Keb has suffered a severe snow storm from the north west, for the past 24 hours.

We are having a successful revival meeting here now that has been going on for two weeks. There has been three new converts and two back sliders, added to the church. Rev. G. W. Snel, pastor in charge, was called to Dummerline to preach the funeral of our beloved brother, J. W. Walkup, who departed this life Feb. 13th. A worthy brother in the church, and loved by his many friends that are left behind to mourn his loss to us, and his church. His dying request was that all meet him in heaven.

Rev. B. F. Rattliff of St. Louis officiated in the absence of Rev. G. W. Snel, he is a noble speaker and his visit to Keb will long be remembered, by the many warm friends he made while here.

We hope to begin work on our new hall and church as soon as the weather will permit.

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J. W. Evans, and A. M. Woods (white) were elected delegates to the state convention to be held by the miners of the state in Oskaloosa March 3d.

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L. S. Moss, having been endorsed by the republican caucus of the third precinct of the second ward, now announces himself as a candidate for Alderman of the second ward, subject to the action of the republican municipal convention.

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Please announce my name as a candidate for re-nomination for city Auditor subject to the republican convention. B. O. HANGER.

I am a candidate for the office of City Engineer subject to the decision of the republican primaries. During my last term in the office I reduced the expenses fifty per cent below what they were the preceding term and if elected I pledge myself to reduce thirty per cent below what they have been during the present term. Frank Pelton.

I am a candidate for the nomination of alderman at large, subject to the decision of the republican primaries. John C. Loper.

I am a candidate for alderman at large for Des Moines township subject to the decision of the republican convention. H. G. McElderry.

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