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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Miss Eva Slater returned to her home in Chicago this week.

Mrs. O. S. Stewart is ill this week, being confined to her bed.

Go to Mrs. Clark for rooms and boarding. Meals 15 cents.

Miss Pluda Lawther is quite ill this week at her home on Des Moines St.

Parties, dinners and receptions were full last week and continue this week.

Mr. D. A. Basfield and children returned this week from Webster City, where they improved in health.

Investigate this Court House question that you can vote for the best interest of the city and the tax payers.

REGAINS AT THE FIRE SALE. Going on at LEWIS E. BOLTON'S and 415 East Sixth St.

Mr. E. Gould returned from her last visit with parents and friends, and reports a good time.

X L Laundry is not surprised nearly white and neat finish, one No. 424.

Mr. J. E. Meadows has a class in calligraphy and a few more scholars, write at No. 778 W. 9th St.

Mr. Burnie Kimbrough who visited Mrs. Fields returned to his home in Oskaloosa last Wednesday, a pleasant visit.

Miss Ruth Hale who recently left city to spend the holidays with her parents in Keb, returned to our city Tuesday and report a good time.

Miss Mand Watkins of Albany, Mo., who spent the holidays visiting friends in the Capitol City returned Wednesday.

Will it increase your property value? One of the proposed sites are chosen? Then vote to locate it where it adds to the appearance of the city.

Marriage license was issued to Mr. and Miss Jessie E. Enix, repair your bells.

Notice to the members of North Star lodge, number 2 A. F. A. M. there will be a meeting at their hall, business of importance, all members are urged to present.

Mr. and Mrs. Young from St. Paul, Minn. has moved here to make this their future home. Mr. Young has been employed at the Kirkwood hotel.

Miss Mand Watkins and Burnie Kimbrough accompanied by the Misses Richards spent Saturday in Clive for the first of the Mr. and Mrs. Richards' merry time was had.

Mrs. Dan Roy who has been very sick is a little better at this writing, last week her many friends and little hopes of recovery but as the fever seems broken she may recover.

Every tax payer in Polk county should be interested in the Court House, your taxes will be high enough if the present place is selected.

We received last week from our old friend J. E. Todd a member of company S. Volunteer which are now located in Macon, Ga., some of the limbs of the Persimmon tree on which five colored men have been hung by mobs. Mr. Todd furnished us a short history of the Persimmon tree which were hung on this tree can be seen in

Every Article Below Cost.

OUR END IS COMING,

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And coming in a hurry. Our Immense and Magnificent Stock cannot long withstand the terrific demands of many more such multitudes as thronged our floors Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Regardless of Cost--Regardless of Loss,

Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps--Everything, anything, sacrificed to accomplish our aim. It is folly to buy elsewhere while Frankels offer these

Great Closing Out, Money Saving Inducements

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FIRE SALE NOW GOING ON and great bargains in Christmas goods at LEWIS E. BOLTON'S, East 6th St.

Hon. Frank F. Merriam the State Auditor-elect was installed into his new office last Monday. Mr. Merriam is a very bright and sociable young man and we hope that he will continue that high degree of proficiency as the worthy man he succeeds Hon. C. G. McCarthy.

CENTER STREET CANDY KITCHEN 1059 Center Street. Christmas Candies at 10c per lb. Bread at 4c per loaf.

Died, of consumption at her home on 717 Cherry street last Tuesday night, Mrs. Addie Bell Shinghouse. She was born in this city in 1876 and have lived here continuously, her maiden name was Addie Bell Henderson Smith her mother died only a few months ago the funeral was held at the A. M. E. church Friday afternoon. Rev. Reeves officiated, and thus ends what in early childhood promise to be a long life.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

A very beautiful party was at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson on Center street by Miss Maude Williams in honor of Miss Eva Slater of Chicago who was spending the holidays here, about 30 were present and enjoyed themselves playing games, music, singing and conversation. Ice-cream and cake was served. Mrs. W. H. Birney assisted Mrs. Coalson in entertaining, and as society well know they are good entertainers.

A nice party was given at the home of Mrs. Jones on Crocker last Monday evening by Miss Delphia Norris and Arthur Jones in honor of their friend Miss Emma Reed of Mt. Pleasant who spent the holidays here a lovely time was had by all, the evening was spent in games, music and cake. At a late hour all departed wishing that Arthur Jones and Miss Norris would call them back again soon to another party.

The newly elected officers and teachers of the A. M. E. Church Sunday School:

Superintendent of the Sunday School: J. B. Shepard; Assistant, Harrison Gould; Treasurer, Mrs. Eliza Bell; Secretary, Miss Iona Sanford; Asst. Secretary, Beulah Allen; Organist, Sophia Bass; Choister, Mrs. J. H. Shepard; Librarian, Agnes Reeves and Bertha Allen. Teachers: Rev. Reeves, Henry McCraven, Mrs. Breeden, M. Warrick, Breckenridge, Eliza Bell, Stewart, Shepard, Miss Zella Davis, Mr. Hubbard, F. Blackburn and J. L. Thompson.

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Afraid to Test the Question,

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE COURT HOUSE SITE OPPOSED BY RIVER FRONT ADVOCATES.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Supervisor Morris introduced the following resolution on Thursday morning and moved that it be adopted:

Resolved, that in view of the possible relocation of the court house site it is necessary and important to ascertain if the square of ground upon which the Polk county, Iowa, court house is now located can be sold and what price can be obtained for it, the county auditor be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids and sealed proposals for the same to be submitted to the board on or before the 15th of January, 1899, the bidder being required to deposit a certified check to the amount of five per cent of his bid to be forfeited to the county in case he shall fail to comply with his bid, and the county to reserve the right to use said grounds for the term of two years. The board reserving the right to reject any and all bids, and that the assistant county attorney be, and he is hereby directed, and authorized to make an agreed case with the attorneys of such citizens as may deny the right of the county to sell such square, and to stipulate that the county is contemplating the sale of said square and if not restrained by injunction, will sell said square of ground to private parties to be built upon for private purposes, provided the county can obtain a satisfactory price therefor.

Supervisor Morris stated this resolution was introduced at the request of Mr. Hunter, who has charge of the campaign against the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds to buy a new site. The attorneys representing the friends of all the proposed sites were in attendance. The attorneys representing the friends of the old site requested the board to pass the resolution. They stated in the board the purpose of the

resolution was to secure from the district court a decision as to the county's right to sell the ground now occupied by the court house. They claimed the river front advocates were circulating literature and asserting in their canvass throughout the country districts, especially, that the old site could be sold for more than enough to buy a new site. This the friends of the old site deny. The resolution, if it had been passed, would have brought this question squarely before the court, and an authoritative decision would have been made within ten days, and the voter would have had some evidence upon which he could rely in forming his opinion as to the advisability of issuing \$100,000 in bonds to buy a new site. THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE RIVER FRONT ADVOCATES VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE PASSING OF THE RESOLUTION.

It is argued from the attitude of the attorneys for the various interests represented that the friends of the present site are confident that the law is on their side and that the site cannot be sold. Indeed, if such were not the case, they would not dare to take the matter into court and have a decision rendered before the election. On the other hand the action of the River Site People in Fighting the Passage of the Resolution, proves conclusively that they are afraid to have the matter adjudicated. If they believe the court would hold the site could be sold, they have everything to gain, for if such be the case, it would be a great advantage to them to have a decision from the court which would sustain their claims. The board, after listening to the arguments, declined to pass the resolution, but it looks very much as though the friends of the old site had secured a substantial victory. It puts the river front people in a very bad light, to say the best, for them to object to the courts deciding the question as to the county's right to sell the present site, and the voters will no doubt argue from their opposition to the resolution that they have not been acting in good faith when they profess to believe the law was on their side.

The Court House Can be Moved and a Great Saving Thus Made.

The proposition by a reliable firm of house mover to move the court house from its present location to either of the corners of the court house square without in any way interfering with the business of the county, has entirely overcome the effect of the arguments advanced by the river site advocates regarding the large expense which they claim will be necessary if temporary quarters were occupied while the new court house was being erected. They have claimed the expense for rent of suitable rooms, vanita, moving and fitting up new quarters would aggregate \$30,000. This claim has been scattered broadcast over the country in their printed literature, and there is no doubt many people have been deceived by the

statement. It is now proposed to remove the court house for \$7,000 and the old building. Under the terms of the proposition made, the county is to have the use of the old building until the new court house is occupied, thus making a saving of \$73,000 on the basis figured by the river front advocates. The expert mathematician in charge of the literary bureau of the river front people does not seem to be controlled in the least by the probable cost of any of the items considered. His statements are extravagant and not warranted by facts. As an instance of this propensity to exaggerate may be mentioned the statement sent out from the river front headquarters that it would cost \$48,000 for extra expenses for carrying for the prisoners during the time the new court house was being built, those who are conversant with the facts say that the extra expense would not equal \$1,000.

WORKING MEN ARE INTERESTED.

If the plan by which it is proposed to remove the court house to the south side of the public square while the new court house is being erected is carried out, a large force of laboring men and skilled mechanics will be required at once to do the work. This will furnish much needed work before the regular spring building season opens, and at a time when laboring men are in greatest need of employment. If the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds to buy a new site is defeated the county supervisors can proceed at once to enter into a contract for the removal of the court house. They can advertise for bids for the building of the court house, can make contracts for the material, and there is no good reason why ground should not be broken as soon as the frost is out, thus affording the working men of Des Moines a large amount of work without any unnecessary delay.

THE RECORDS WOULD BE SAFE

It has been urged by the friends of the river front location that in case temporary quarters were occupied by the county officers, the county records would be in great danger from fire or from loss in removal from the old court house vaults to the temporary quarters. The proposition made by a responsible firm of house-movers to remove the court house from its present location to either one of the south corners of the present site, entirely overcomes the force of this argument. If the proposition to remove to the south side of the square is accepted by the people, and it now seems probable it will be, the county records would not be disturbed in the slightest degree. The business of the county would proceed the same while the building was being removed as it does now. The courts would hold their sessions and there would not be the slightest interruption of any part of the county's business. The records would remain in the vaults where they are now located. It would

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be as easy to obtain access to them as it now is, and there would be absolutely no danger from fire or loss during the time occupied in building the new court house.

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Special Sale on 2d Floor Goods at Pre-Inventory Prices.

1.75 and 2.50 Eiderdown Dressing Sacks Saturday \$1.19
\$1.50 Wool Underskirts
Saturday 95c
\$5.00 Children's Reefers Saturday \$2.00
1.50 to 3.50 Ladies' Flannellette Wrapper, Saturday \$1.19
\$50.00 to \$35.00 Jackets and Top Coats, Saturday for \$10.00
\$17.50 and \$25.00 Ladies Tailor Made Suits Saturday for \$10.00
\$8.75 to \$12.50 Silk Shirt Waists Saturday for \$5.00
\$16.50 to \$37.50 Fur Collarettes Saturday \$10.00
\$7.00 to \$10.00 Plush Capes Saturday \$4.50
\$8.50 to \$12.00 Children's Wool Dresses Saturday \$6.75
\$1.00 to \$1.50 Ladies, Corsets Broken lots Saturday 50c
\$3.00 Wool Shirt Waists Saturday for \$1.95

Men's Furnishings.

Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs at 10c
Men's Fancy Hose worth 15c in Tan, Black and Blue 7c
\$1.00 and 1.25 Percale and Madras Men's Shirts, 14 to 16 1/2 inch 60c

Ladies' Furnishings.

Ladies' Fancy Embd. Hdkfs. soiled 5c
Ladies' Fancy Embd. Hdkfs. soiled 10c
Ladies' \$1.50 Anita Union Suits \$1.19
Ladies' \$2.00 Anita Union Suits \$1.69
Ladies' 50c Wool and Cotton Pants and Vest 21c
Ladies' and Misses' Wool Mittens, all sizes 10c
MANY ITEMS FOR SATURDAY FOR LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

Men's Extra Heavy Fleece Drawers 25c
Men's \$1.25 Wool Shirts for 50c
Boys' Heavy Ribbed Fleece Drawers 13c
Boys' 50c Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers 25c
Men's Natural Mixed and Cotton Shirts 10c
Men's Half Wool Sox 64c
Men's 25c all wool half hose 12 1/2c
6 Cent Outing and Shaker Flannels 3c
5 Cent Canton Flannels 2 1/2c
40c Unbleached Muslin 3 1/2c
15c Heavy Fleece Eiderdown 11c
12 1/2c Light Ground Percales 6 1/2c
19 Cent Half Wool Dress Goods 7 1/2c
100 Patterns 34 inch all Wool Dress Goods for Saturday 80c

ALBIA NEWS.

Messrs. Burt Jones and John Thomas, were Muchakinook visitors on Saturday of this week.

Miss Heneriet Jones visited over Sunday in Ottumwa.

The young people of Albia tendered a party at the home of Mrs. C. G. Tolson Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Tolson, a very delightful time was had. Ice cream and cake was the repast.

Miss Tolson, from Missouri, niece of Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Xmas in our city. Miss Mattie Snoddy of Oskaloosa spent the holidays with her father Mr. Howard Snoddy of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Jones and Burt Jones left Albia on Saturday afternoon for Charleston where they will attend the banquet given by the Daughters of Ruth and Odd Fellows.

Miss Cora Thomas daughter of Mr. C. Thomas came over Thursday and will spend a few days at the parental home. The Daughters of Tabos gave a cold walk at Duncan's hall on Monday evening which was largely attended by friends. Miss couple walk for the cake led by Miss Maggie Marshall, music furnished by Miss Heneriet Jones. The happy couple to be rewarded with winning the prize was Miss Della Davis and Mr. John Thomas.

Visitors out of the city, present at the cake walk were, Charles Johnson and Mrs. John Thomas, of Oskaloosa, and Mrs. John Thomas, of Oskaloosa.

Rev. W. L. Carter returned last week and will resume his efforts to pastoral work and building a church.

The Xmas tree for the Sunday School was a grand success and well attended. Mrs. Cora Perkins has been very sick. William Walker is on the sick list. Watch for the great concert announcement in this paper. Subscribe for the Bystander.

OMAHA NEBR.

Rev. J. Jones who died Nov. 17, 1898, and was buried the 18 at Pargamorie, Kansas, was born in Cooper county Mo. 1836. Was licensed to preach at Pleasant Green Mo. in 1882 was ordained to the ministry at Council Bluffs in '88 at the settling Nebraska and Iowa border. He was elected as Missionary of the Nebraska and Iowa border Association and lived in that vicinity two years. He married Miss Ola James of Tongare, Kansas June 21 1893 who was faithful to the last. Rev. Jones leaves a wife and two sisters, one brother and host of friends to mourn his loss and will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. Annie Simpson died Monday evening of consumption she was the first woman to join the Zion Baptist church here of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Rev. January preached at Council Bluffs Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, entertained at dinner Christmas Eve, and Mrs. January.

HON. JOHN L. WALLER HEARD FROM.

Below we print a letter recently written to Mrs. H. J. Martin of Cedar Rapids from her brother Hon. John L. Waller of Kansas but now Captain of a company in Cuba. Mrs. Martin kindly permitted us to print the letter.

San Luis, Cuba--Dear Sister:--It has been sometime since I heard from you and your family and the old year being nearly at an end I thought I would drop you a line to bid you a Happy New Year. Our regiment arrived in Cuba on the 31st of August last and after remaining in Santiago, but one day we came to San Luis, Cuba about 30 miles distant from Santiago where we went into camp and where the regiment has remained on garrison duty ever since. My regiment (the 23rd Kansas) is brigaded with the 8th Illinois are officered entirely by colored men while the 9th Louisiana is officered by white men from Colonel down to Captain inclusive all of its officers from First Lieutenant down are colored men. The health of my regiment has been most excellent in Cuba as only four men have died since our arrival here four months ago or one man per month. We brought one of these men from the hospital in Topeka, Kansas ill one died from an injury accidentally received in camp and the other two died of malarial fever, out of 106 men in my company I have not lost a single man nor is there any serious illness among the members of my company, there being but one in the hospital. I have not been sick a day since our arrival in this island. I am greatly in love with the country and may make it my home. Susan is with me and the children will leave home for this place on or about the 21st day of January. Miney Vampel is a captain in the 8th Illinois and I see him every day. One of Rev. Simons boys is also in that regiment he took dinner with us a few days ago, my Johnnie is a bugler in my regiment and he is very fond of his position. He is a large boy now.

JOHN WALLER Captain company C 23rd Kansas

THE BEST GIRL HE EVER SAW

Mamma Was busy sewing one day. And I had nothing to do but play. But I must not play all the time. So I help my mother till quarter to nine.

Sister went away one Friday. And I learned how to be neat and tidy. And our papa whom we call 'pa'. Says I am the best girl he ever saw.

I learned how to knit and to split the wood. And never once said I would if I could. So mamma says I must always try. And never, no never say, by-and-by.

The above was composed by Bertha Allen, the little 10 year old daughter of Mrs. Anna Allen.

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SPAINARD SURRENDER CUBA.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The event so long and anxiously looked for has occurred, and Spanish sovereignty in the island of Cuba is forever ended. At noon today the detachment of American troops occupied the Plaza de Armas, the square in front of the palace, and the Spanish flag was lowered and the American flag raised in its place. The American commission arrived on horseback from the palace. Captain General Castellanos, whose official life was rapidly drawing to a close, received the commissioners in the main hall of the palace, surrounded by the members of his staff, all of whom were armed with revolvers. After a brief exchange of salutations, General Castellanos said: "According to the protocol of peace, signed August 12, 1, obeying the orders of the government of the Catholic majesty, the queen regent of Spain, in the name of her son, his majesty, the king, deliver the island of Cuba to the government of the United States, represented by your commission."

General Wade made a brief reply, and immediately turned the island over to General Brooke, the military governor. Just at this moment the Spanish flag, which has floated over Cuba for 400 years, was lowered from the palace, the Cuban fortress, Morro castle and all the public buildings. General Closs accompanied General Castellanos to Muelle de Cavallaria, where a boat was waiting to convey him to the steamer Babat. As the Spanish flag was lowered it was replaced by the Stars and Stripes, and as the latter floated to the breeze it was greeted with twenty-one guns.

After the American flag had been raised the bands played the American national hymn, and this was greeted with tremendous cheering by the crowd that had assembled near the palace. A hundred thousand people frantically cheered the Americans and the United States. All the houses occupied by Cubans were decorated, the flags, etc., that had been taken down after General Endlow's order forbidding demonstrations having been replaced. The Cubans, who at last saw the realization of their dreams of many years, were frantic with enthusiasm. They shouted: "Viva McKinley!" and "Viva Cuba Libre!" until they were hoarse.

After all the festivities had been completed with and receipts had been exchanged for the forts and other properties that had belonged to the crown, and after the flag had been raised at Cabañas by Lieutenant Fitzgibbon, Jr., and at the Morro by Lieutenant Wade, Generals Brooke and Endlow and the members of the commission proceeded to the Central park and the Hotel de Inglaterra, where the troops under General Kaffer, Williston, Husbrouck and Col. Armfield were reviewed by General Lee, the military governor of the city. General Lee was the recipient of a rousing ovation. He could hardly ride through the excited throngs. Major Russell B. Harrison took possession of the Cabañas fortress. He found the sanitary conditions of the place awful, and so filthy that it was impossible for the American troops to remain there.

PUBLISHED IN MANILA.

Proclamation of President McKinley to the Philippines has been issued by Ota.

MANILA, Jan. 6.—McKinley's proclamation to the Philippines, cable to Gen. Ota from Washington, has been issued here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The following extracts from the instructions sent General Ota, will be proclaimed to the Philippines as expressive of the purposes of the United States with respect to them:

"The president points out that the islands have been ceded to the United States by Spain and says the military government heretofore maintained by the United States will be extended with all possible dispatch to the whole of the ceded territory. Instructions then follow in regard to making known to the inhabitants that the authority of the United States be extended; that persons' rights will be protected; that American people are friends and not invaders or conquerors, and continues: "All persons who either by active or by honest submission co-operate with the government of the United States to give effect to these benefits and purposes, will receive the reward of its support and protection. All others will be brought within the lawful rule we have assumed, with firmness of purpose, but without severity so far as may be possible." It concludes: "In the fulfillment of this high mission, of supporting the imperial administration of affairs, the greatest good of the government, are most sedulously maintained, strong arm, of authority to repress the disturbance and overcome all obstacles to bestow all the blessings of God and stable government upon the people of the Philippines under the free flag of the United States."

SITUATION AT ILOILO GRAVE.

Gen. Miller Refuses Requests and Demands Immediate Surrender.

MANILA, Jan. 3.—Advices from Iloilo say the situation there is grave. Fifteen thousand natives, fully armed, were at Iloilo, a suburb of Iloilo, and 15,000 men are awaiting orders to embark at several points on the island of Negros, fifteen hours' sail from Iloilo. All the women and children have been withdrawn from the city and many citizens and foreign residents insisted upon evacuation until Aguinaldo could be heard from. This Gen. Miller refused, demanding the immediate surrender of the city, and prepared to lead forces. "The rebels are strengthening their position and preparing to fight."

McKinley is Nominated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator J. McKim Keene has been nominated to the United States senate.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

WANT CASSATT PARDONED.

His Application Is Endorsed by a Large Number of Prominent Citizens.

DES MOINES, Jan. 6.—The papers in support of the application of Senator Cassatt, of Iowa, for a pardon have been forwarded to Washington. He was at the head of a national bank at Pella which failed three years ago and at the time made an unsuccessful attempt on his own life. He lost heavily on the board of trade and was convicted of misappropriation of funds and of illegal banking. He was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment by Judge Woolson. The application is said to be the strongest ever made in behalf of a federal prisoner sent from Iowa. Among the letters supporting it are five from men who have been governors of the state, several from judges of the district courts, many from men in public office and quite a number from members of the Iowa congressional delegation, as well as a very large number from residents of Pella and that vicinity, and a few from present and former officers of the United States courts.

STATE BOARD IS ALARMED.

Removal of Insane Patients Attracts Attention.

DES MOINES dispatch: "If the present method of taking patients from the state hospitals for the insane continues," said Hon. John Cowine, of the board of control, "the hospital for the insane at Cherokee will never receive a patient, and the state might as well sell it for a skating rink or a private sanitarium." The statement was made as a matter of illustration, and not upon the theory that he believed in doing anything of the kind. He explained the situation by declaring that if the present movement, inaugurated by the boards of supervisors, in ordering patients from the state to the county hospitals continued there would be nothing left for the state to care for except the incurables, who are too dangerous to be taken away. At Mt. Pleasant already there are three wards empty, caused by the exodus fostered by the county boards. It is the first time that such a condition has existed in the history of the institution, and it is evident that the movement is growing in momentum every day.

FELL BACK IN THE FLAMES.

Fred Bradbrook, of Dyars, Meets a Horrible Death.

DYARS, Jan. 5.—The blacksmith shop of E. Bradbrook was destroyed by fire. Fred Bradbrook, a son of the owner of the shop, lost his life in the flames. It is known he had been drinking and that he went late at night to a little office built in the rear of the shop, where he slept. As the night was bitter cold it is supposed he built a roaring fire and that the sparks from the stove set the building on fire. After the alarm was given the young man was seen to appear at a window and make frantic efforts to escape. The room was then a seething mass of flames. It was impossible for aid to reach him and he fell back into the flames and perished. He was 23 years of age.

IOWA MORMONS HIT ROBERTS

Pass a Resolution Objecting to His Admission Into Congress.

LAMONI, Jan. 6.—The Lamoni branch of the Josephite Church of Latterday Saints met in its regular annual session for the election of officers, and Alexander Smith was chosen pastor. Mr. Salyards assistant, Richard Lambrecht secretary. A resolution of censure and protest on B. H. Roberts as a violator of law and practical polygamy was moved by Professor Dunsley and Dean Blair and was carried by 17 to 14, regardless of the precautionary advice of Apostle Wight, of the Utah mission, who took the ground that no evidence was submitted that Roberts is a violator of law.

Congressman Clark Robbed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative Sam Clark has communicated to the Washington police a story of highway robbery of which he was the victim on Christmas eve. Clark took a Pennsylvania train for Boston and the sleeper was crowded. Three toughs followed him. They hustled him into a narrow passage off the car, jammed his hat down over his eyes, tore open his vest and took his pocketbook, containing \$80 and several railroad passes. The thieves jumped from the train while in motion and escaped. The purse and passes were found by a mail carrier and turned over to the police, from whom Clark claimed them.

New Secretary for Railroad Commission.

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—The state board of railroad commissioners held its first meeting yesterday, with all members present, Colonel Mowry being the new member on the commission. A permanent organization was perfected and the following appointments made and ratified by the commission: D. N. Lewis, secretary of the board, and E. C. Dawson to act as chairman.

Fire at Granger.

GRANGER, Jan. 5.—Fire at 2 o'clock a. m. originating in Milton Winfrey's drug store destroyed the building and stock, then jumped to the hardware store of Caylor & Fox, which was destroyed, but part of the stock saved. Dr. C. M. Brookhart's office was also destroyed. The building in which was Caylor & Fox's hardware store was owned by L. Swing.

Romantic Career Ended.

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—Major "Jack" Shelton, one of the famous Iowa veterans of the civil war, and a man who at one time was worth a quarter of a million dollars, fell down the stairway leading to the basement of William Butler's jewelry store at 720 West Walnut street. His neck was broken and death followed in a few minutes.

Congressman Hall Has the Grip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Hall, chairman of the house military committee, is confined to his room by a severe attack of grip. His office will, however, remain open to his constituents.

MILWAUKEE BUYS D. M. N. & W.

The Hubbell Sell Out Their Interest in the Iowa Road.

Des Moines dispatch: F. M. Hubbell & Son have sold their entire interest in the Des Moines Northern & Western railroad to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company. For the past five years Messrs. Hubbell & Son have not owned the controlling interest in the capital stock of the Des Moines Northern Company, but have controlled its management entirely, and have made the property what is known as the F. M. Hubbell line. The president and F. C. Hubbell has been a director and also vice-president and general superintendent. There have been announcements before of the sale of the property, but all have been erroneous. The sale was made on the 30th in the city of New York by F. M. Hubbell. The capital stock of the company has been something over \$3,000,000. The property consists of the Ponds line, 114 miles in length; the Boone line, 42 miles in length, and the usual railroad equipment. The road has been growing rapidly and the country along the line has been generally improving, making a fine railroad property, indeed.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Contains No Provisions With Which the Public Is Not Familiar.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The treaty of peace concluded at Paris between the United States and Spain, which has been transmitted to the senate, does not differ in any material particular from the synopsis carried in these dispatches immediately after the signing of the same at Paris. The treaty is a document of about 3,000 words in length and its main features are well known to the reading public. Probably the most interesting section will be under discussion during the next few days in the senate. It is that portion of the treaty which applies to the payment of the claims of the American citizens with regard to damages which they suffered during the course of the war. Senator Hoar is anxious to find out what they will amount to. There are claims now on file in the department amounting to nearly \$25,000,000, and there are prominent members of congress who declare that these claims will amount to \$100,000,000.

Osteopaths Organize.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—Iowa osteopaths met in Des Moines and effected an organization with Dr. S. S. Still, of Des Moines, as president. The controversy with the state board of health was referred to a special committee, with instructions to employ attorneys and take steps, probably by mandamus proceedings, to compel the board to recognize graduates of osteopathic schools.

Hills to be Pastor of Plymouth.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Newell Dwight Hills, of Chicago, is to be called to the pastorate of the famous Plymouth church of Brooklyn as the successor of Lyman Abbott. Dr. Hills at one time was an Iowa man.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

The First battalion of the Forty-ninth Iowa regiment has been sent from Havana to Cienfuegos.

They departed on the train over the South Shore road. Cienfuegos is the last town to be surrendered by the Spanish. Missouri Valley suffered a severe loss a few days ago in the burning of its large flour mill. The loss is total and will amount to \$40,000. The mill is the property of A. Edgecomb. The business men of Missouri Valley have all agreed to buy their flour of Mr. Edgecomb's mill at Blair, Neb., until such time as he can rebuild there.

Des Moines dispatch: State Treasurer Herriott has made his annual report showing the condition of the state treasury at the close of business December 31, 1898, as shown by the books of the office. The report shows on hand: General revenue, \$181,789; Agricultural college fund, \$345,728; Agricultural college addition fund, \$12,000; special university, \$34,190; total, \$773,717.

At Belmont recently Bernard Parker, John Riley and Louis King, three town boys, were shot and slightly wounded by Charles Edwards, aged 17 years. A party was being held at the Edwards home and it appears that as these boys were passing they made a disturbance, which aroused the ire of young Edwards. No arrests have been made. The boys' parents state that they will make no trouble.

James Cunningham, of Audubon, says a dispatch, has been found guilty of murder. This sustains the charge in the indictment that he is guilty of killing his own illegitimate child last March and hiding it in the woods on the bank of a creek in the Audubon fair grounds, where it was found about two weeks later fairly well preserved on account of the cold weather, and identified by the doctor and hotel man because of the hair lip, and other peculiarities. Miss Hepp, his mother, was released, as in the preliminary trial it was shown that Cunningham told her he had a place for it and asked to take it away, to which she consented. Arthur Palmer, as an accomplice to the murder, will have a trial later.

Ottumwa dispatch: A most interesting decision in law regarding a will case, and one that is said to be entirely new, was handed down by Judge Eichleberger, of the district court. It is regarding the payment of the debts of a legatee out of the legacy, the prior death of the legatee leaving the property revert to his children. Alvin Lewis died in Ottumwa a few years ago, leaving an estate valued at \$50,000. One of the principal heirs was a nephew, W. H. Lewis, who had died several months before his uncle. The legacy of W. H. Lewis was about to be divided among his children, when his creditors filed claims against his legacy. The children contested the rights of the creditors to collect from the legacy of their father. The judge has decided that the debts of W. H. Lewis must be paid out of the legacy before it is divided among his children, the same as they would have been if W. H. Lewis had died at the time of his father's death, and had received the legacy at that time. In this case the children of W. H. Lewis had absolutely no interest in the legacy, and the decision is a new one, and is entirely new.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD

HOME RULE FOR FILIPINOS.

Proclamation Put Forth by President McKinley.

Washington dispatch: President McKinley's proclamation setting forth the conditions under which the United States takes possession of the Philippines was cabled to General Ota for promulgation. This was done several days ago, and it is assumed that General Ota has already published it and taken steps to give it the widest possible circulation throughout the islands. The proclamation is about 2,000 words in length, and was cabled to Manila at an expense of \$1,900. It is modeled on the one issued by General Shafter at Santiago when this government took possession of that city and province, but has been much amplified. Home rule, under the supreme direction of the United States, is the proclamation to be given to the Philippines in the fullest sense. It promises that they will be accorded a voice in the local government, and that the Filipinos shall be eligible to official positions. They will be given a fair judiciary, freedom of speech and of the press. The proclamation shows that the military occupation of the islands is not for the purpose of making war upon the inhabitants nor upon any party or faction among them, but to protect them in their homes, in their employments and in their personal and religious rights. The manner of the treatment of the property and the collection and administration of the revenues, in accordance with the open door policy set forth in the treaty, is fully and plainly stated.

QUAY IS NOMINATED.

Republican Legislative Caucus Makes Its Choice.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 4.—Despite the efforts of the opponents of Senator Quay to secure a postponement of the senatorial caucus, the adherents of Quay carried their point and secured the endorsement of their favorite by a vote of 109 of the 164 republicans in the legislature. This is nineteen less than the number necessary to election on joint ballot. The anti-Quay leaders are jubilant over the result of the caucus, and claim Quay can never succeed. On the other hand, the Quay men are confident.

Horrible Crimes Reported in Corea.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "The correspondent of the Noreve Vremya at Seoul, the Korean capital, relates terrible crimes by the anti-Russian party, which, since the departure of the Russian financiers and drill instructors, has wreaked vengeance of vile deceit and barbarous cruelty on the Korean dragonman of the Russian embassy, the official who safeguarded the removal of the Korean emperor to the Russian mission house. The official, his wife and other Koreans were mercilessly tortured with a view of compelling them to confess to a false charge of poisoning the emperor's coffee, in order to shield the real criminals, who are among the high government officials. The ex-dragonman was finally brutally executed, mutilated publicly and made sport of in a savage and disgusting manner." "All this," the writer says, "occurred in a country blessed with American and other christian missionaries, and where American officials occupy influential posts in the Korean government service."

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Paris Paper Gloomily Portrays the Troubles Now in Store for America.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Herald's Paris special says: The Temps draws a gloomy picture of the future for the United States. It says the United States cannot hide the fact that they "have said good-bye forever to the idyllic era wherein they dispensed with the regular standing army and laughed at the heavy burdens imposed upon the nations in the western continent by their international situation. There is not a democrat, not a friend of the principles that regulate modern society that does not deplore bitterly the inoculation with a spirit of conquest of territories and expansion of a democracy that hitherto has been peaceful and liberal. President McKinley may say farewell for free America to the era of peace and good will, reforms, economy, internal progress and self-government."

SITUATION SAME AT ILOILO.

American Forces Remain on Transport in the Bay.

MANILA, Jan. 4.—Advices just received from Iloilo say the rebels at a meeting ratified the action of the delegation, which assured the Americans that they might land unarmed, but if the latter landed armed the natives would be uncontrollable. It is further said that every precaution is being made for resistance upon the part of the rebels, and that reinforcements are arriving from the negroes of neighboring islands. The American troops are restless. The rebels are drilling on the beach, evening and morning, in full view of the American expedition, which is still aloft. The American expedition at Iloilo consists of a signal detachment, Battery G, of the Sixth artillery, the Eighteenth regulars and the Fifty-first Iowa regiment.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

Says Those Who Defraud the State Must be Dealt With Vigorously.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Governor Roosevelt's message opens with reference to the alacrity with which New York responded to the call for volunteers to engage in the war with Spain, but thinks the National Guard should not be obliged to do foreign service now. He says: "The people of New York wish it understood that they look at all American questions of foreign policy through a national standpoint. The tropical islands we have taken must neither be allowed to lapse into anarchy nor return to the sway of tyranny." He declares that "Any man, whether public servant or contractor, who in any way defrauds the state or perverts the business of the state to private gain must be dealt with as vigorously as the laws will permit."

ROMERO IS DEAD.

Was Mexican Ambassador to the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Romero, of Mexico, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 62. The remains will be taken to Mexico for interment. As representative of Mexico in the conference he voted for the establishment of the bureau of the American republics, and ever since his organization has shown active and zealous interest in its progress. He married a Washington woman many years ago and their home was a social center and the scene each season of brilliant social functions. Madame Romero died not long ago. The intimacy between Romero and General Grant was very close.

DUE TO PROSPERITY.

"Jerry" Simpson Explains His Defeat in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Jerry Simpson appeared in the house for the first time this session, and is very fluent in his explanations of defeat last November. He admits that prosperity flooded him; that many of the people got money enough to get a new pair of overalls and a few dollars credit at the grocery, and therefore lost interest in 16 to 1, which he still continues to believe is the burning issue of the hour.

Correa Vishes to Resign.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—La Riforma publishes an interview with Lieutenant General Correa, minister of war, who says he is anxious to resign the portfolio as soon as possible. Gen. Correa comments upon the fact that 8,000 officers, who returned from the colonies, are now without posts.

New Cabinet for Spain.

MADRID, Jan. 6.—General Polavieja, former governor-general of Cuba and the Philippines, and Silveira, conservative leader, have agreed upon the formation of a new cabinet, and have been summoned by the queen regent. The early advent of the conservatives to power is regarded as certain.

Gen. Gomez Refuses to Surrender.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Havana correspondent of the Times, referring to the refusal of General Maximo Gomez to surrender until an independent government is granted, says: "I believe that the influence of General Gomez with the rebels is completely ended."

Dingley Has the Grip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Congressman Dingley, republican leader, is ill with the grip, and his condition is quite serious.

BRITAIN'S.

The British ship Esmeralda, arrived from the Ladrones islands, reports that after the United States cruiser Charleston left the island of Guam, in June last, the Spaniards refused to recognize the authority of Francis Rortenschach, who was verbally authorized by Captain Glas to continue his former regime as governor, and Jose Siso, a former public administrator, was declared governor.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Greater America Exposition was held at Omaha a few days ago and a board of twenty-five directors elected, representing the most progressive business men in the state. The promoters of the exposition, who have acquired the site and buildings as the exposition of last year, are exceedingly encouraged over the outlook for the enterprise. The Omaha Street Railway company has subscribed \$10,000 to the capital stock.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The peace treaty was presented to the senate, which immediately went into executive session. The treaty was not read, but the president's message accompanying it was. This was simply a letter of transmittal without any word of recommendation or suggestion, and was only a few lines in length. On motion of Davis, the treaty was referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and ordered printed for the use of the senate. No order was made looking to making the treaty public, but it is understood this will be done after the treaty is passed upon by the senate. The senate adjourned after a 15 minutes' session.

HOUSE.

Under the rule adopted before the recess the house took up the consideration of the bill to define and punish crimes in Alaska and provide a code of criminal procedure for the district. Sixty-seven pages were completed today and the bill was made a continuing order until disposed of, not, however, to interfere with appropriations bills or other special orders. The house adjourned at 4:25 p. m. out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Morrill.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Caffery continued his speech in opposition to the pending Nicaragua canal bill. Hoar and Chaffee gave notice of addresses on the Vest resolution relating to the acquisition of foreign territory. A resolution was passed directing the foreign relations committee to investigate the status of claims of United States citizens against Spain.

HOUSE.

A number of bills of minor importance, reported from the judiciary committee, were passed. The remainder of the day was devoted to bill to codify the laws of Alaska.

WAR DEPARTMENT INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The war investigating commission held only a short session yesterday, devoted to executive business. There were no witnesses ready for examination. The commission has made public a synopsis of the reports of the officers to General Miles in regard to the beef supplied to the soldiers. They substantiate Miles' vigorous denunciation of the canned beef.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Major Harrison testified that while there was some disposition on the part of regimental cooks to cavil at the appearance of the meat, it was really quite good. He said the sudden change of temperature on moving the beef from the refrigerator ships gave the meat a greenish growth, which had to be scraped off. Beneath the meat was perfectly good. The canned meat was also good.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Colonel Henry B. Osmond, commissary of subsistence, who served with General Miles at Tampa and at Camp Thomas and Santiago, testified before the war investigating commission that the refrigerated beef served the troops during the war was better than any beef served the regular army in other times, and that it was better than beef killed on the hoof. He declared positively that none of the beef given the soldiers was chemically prepared.

NEW OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN.

New Men in Des Moines, Northern & Western Positions.

DES MOINES, Jan. 6.—The annual election of officers of the Des Moines, Northern & Western railroad company was held in Des Moines. A. J. Earling, first vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, was chosen president to succeed F. M. Hubbell. Burton Hansen, of the same company, was made vice-president, succeeding F. C. Hubbell, who, under the former management, occupied the dual position of vice-president and general superintendent. It is understood F. C. Hubbell will remain as general superintendent for the present. M. N. Winnie becomes general auditor. F. G. Ranney, treasurer of the Milwaukee, was elected treasurer. The secretaryship was bestowed upon P. M. Myers, while De Vere Thompson, former treasurer, will fill the position of assistant auditor and secretary. As there yet remains 2 per cent of the stock to acquire the road cannot at the present time be merged into the parent system.

MORRILL FUNERAL.

Impressive Services in the Senate Over Remains of Veteran Statesman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Funeral services over the late Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, were held in the senate chamber Saturday at noon. They were conducted with impressive dignity in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, including the president, vice-president, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, senators, representatives, speaker of the house, and representatives of the army and navy and diplomatic corps, as well as a concourse of private citizens, who took this means of testifying the affectionate regard in which Senator Morrill was universally held. Early in the day the remains were borne from the family residence to the capitol. There were no services at the house and the funeral cortege to the capitol were simple and formal. Arriving there the casket was carried to the senate chamber and deposited in the semi-circle area, immediately in front of the president's desk.

A New Telegraph Law for Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature passed the bill reducing telegraph rates. The bill reduces the charge for day commercial messages of ten words from 25 to 15 cents and other tolls in proportion. Day press rates are reduced from one-half to one-third of a cent per word and night press rates from one-quarter to one-sixth of a cent per word. These rates apply to all

COURT HOUSE DISCUSSION

The great question at issue in the contest for the location of the new court house is that of economy. Can it be built on the site at a cost less than the county can afford to construct on the river front? That is all there is in the matter.

In the first place take the proposition of the present site. People that the purchase of new grounds will entail an additional expense on the county. The new grounds will cost not to exceed \$100,000. In probability not more than \$50,000. The rents the county will be compelled to pay for offices during the time the building was being constructed will not be less than the following scale and from these jabs as follows:

Rents for 30 rooms for county offices and courts, \$8,000 per year for four years.....	\$32,000
Rents for vaults during same period.....	15,000
Fitting up quarters.....	5,000
Moving prisoners on hand when work begins.....	1,000
Transporting prisoners to and from jails, where confined during time of building.....	5,000
Renting present building.....	2,000
Extra guards necessary for offices.....	4,000
Extra guards for prisoners.....	4,000

The prices given are based upon actual estimates submitted by men who have the room for rent, and the only men in many instances who have the rooms that could be used. The estimates for the expenses for vaults are less than the average price paid for vaults in the city and 50 per cent less than the price the county would be compelled to pay. The items of transportation are based on the regular prices for railroad passenger traffic, 3 cents a mile, and calculated on the distance of the prisoners in the nearest jails. As a matter of fact they are altogether too low. We have an average of 50 prisoners in the Polk county jail. While the court house is being constructed on the present site, it would be necessary to rent jail room in adjoining counties, if possible, and to pay for the transportation of the prisoners to and from these jails as often as there was any examination or trial of them. Guards would have to accompany them and their railroad fare would be the same as that of the prisoners. As the present of the prisoners changes substantially after each term of court, four times a year, it is evident that the transportation charges will be repeated often as there is a change of prisoners. The estimate for this purpose is under rather than over the amount that will probably be required. If a temporary jail should be built on the present site, it would be necessary to be sure the expense would be very materially increased. But there is no building in the city that could be used for such a purpose, so that feature must be dropped from discussion.

All parties, both those favoring the retaining the present site and those working for the river front, are agreed that the expense of rent and prisoners during the time the court house is being erected will be \$50,000, or more. We believe it will be considerably more, and think we have demonstrated it. But that is only a small part of the economy that would be apparent from the selection of the river site. The present court house square can be sold. The lot is only a small part of the economy that would be apparent from the selection of the river site. The present court house square can be sold. The lot is only a small part of the economy that would be apparent from the selection of the river site.

Years ago the board of supervisors had this question investigated impartially, without any reference to the location of the court house site, but simply to ascertain the exact rights of the county in the property. The examination was made by the regularly elected attorney of the county. He found that the county had an absolute right to sell and prepared a resolution authorizing the board to sell if there should be a majority vote in favor of the proposition. At the same election the Leader and Register conducted independent examinations on the same subject and arrived at the same result. Others among their readers that the county's title was unconditional and that if the board decided to sell they had such a right. That proposition was rejected. Any man who proposed retaining the present site on the plea that the county cannot make title to the court house square will vote under a mistake. It can be sold and there are plenty of customers in the market for it. The committee, who are men whose word could be taken in any business transaction by any men in Polk county, tell the people of the county that they have ready for presentation to the board, when the proper time arrives, an offer of \$200,000 for it. Accompanying this offer is a bond for \$10,000 for its fulfillment. The proposed purchaser has had the title examined and, as an inducement to the board to sell and because his examination of the title has convinced him of the entire sufficiency of the county in this regard, is willing to accept a quit claim deed. What is a quit claim deed in this case, a transfer of whatever title the county has, but without any warranty to defend that title.

All parties, the friends of both sites, are agreed that the square can be sold for the present purposes in the deed from the commissioners. The board of park commissioners will give \$100,000 for the property for park purposes, which is a public purpose. If the board should conclude that they cannot sell the tract to an individual for a private use they can sell it for public purposes, and for more money than will be required for the purchase of new grounds, and leave a very respectable sum for the building fund.

Taxpayers should consider this question in the light of the facts presented in this article, which are undisputed. True economy consists in selling the present site and building on the river front. Not only will the large amount necessary for the building be saved, but there will be a large surplus from the sale of the present property to pay on the construction of the new building.

If you want to pay \$50,000 in rents for offices for the use of the county while the court house is being constructed, vote for the present site.

If you want to pay from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for jail rent, guarding prisoners and railroad fares for prisoners and guards during the time the court house is being constructed on the old site, vote to retain it and not to sell it.

If you want to have the river front in the exact center of the city, left in its present disgraceful condition, vote for retaining the old site.

If you do not desire to have the river front improved and made safe for the patrons and employees of the new library, vote to retain the court house on the present site.

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There is no source of income for the payment of this indebtedness, except from "the taxes of all the people." Can the Register truthfully deny this? The present site can be sold for much more than the amount necessary for the purchase of new grounds; the offer is in the hands of the river front site committee. Can the Register truthfully deny this?

The park commissioners stand ready to take the present site and pay more for it than a new location will cost. Can the Register truthfully deny this? These things being true, is not the Register mistaken when it says the success of the effort to locate the building on the river front will increase the taxation of the county \$100,000? An increase of receipts cannot be termed an increase of expenditure.

The building of the court house on the river front will be cheaper than if it should be built on the old location for the reason that the present structure can be occupied while the new one is being constructed, while the other plan will require the renting of a large number of expensive rooms for offices and the use of the courts and also large expenditures for transporting prisoners to foreign jails. These are facts that all men must admit, no matter which location they prefer.

Be truthful in your discussions with your neighbor of the proposition to remove the court house site. It is not a matter of credit or honor, it is a matter of fact. When such reputable men as compose the committee of friends of the river site say that they have a bona fide offer, secured by the deed of a party, to purchase the court house square, and when the letters of the board of park commissioners offering to take the property on the river front are before you, you are bound to accept their statements or to consider them untrue. When the site is sold, in accordance with either plan, the money credited to the court house fund, will there be any increase of indebtedness? Will there not rather be an increase of resources and a consequent decrease of taxation? When the county is paying large rentals for offices and jail during the time of the construction of the court house on the present site, will there not be an increase of expenditures over what would be necessary if the building was being constructed on the river front and the present court house occupied? Is there any source from which these expenditures are to be collected except from taxes? If the present site was sold for \$100,000 and a new one purchased for \$100,000, would there be any loss to the taxpayers of the county in having \$40,000 added to the building fund?

The total taxation valuation of the property of Polk county is \$23,371,200.00. A tax of 2.2 mills for one year would raise \$512,160.00, while a tax of 2.3 mills for one year would raise \$541,440.00. The farm land of Polk county is assessed at from \$8.00 to \$14.00 per acre, \$11 per acre being the average, making the assessed value on an average 80-acre farm \$880.00. It will take the sale of the present site and the total assessment to raise \$50,000 on an average 80-acre farm in Polk county \$2; so that the total expense to a farmer owning an average 80-acre farm in Polk county, if paid in spot cash for purchasing a new site for the court house, would not exceed \$2.

Dividing this sum into 20 installments as proposed by the proposition before the people, it would make the annual payment on an 80-acre farm in Polk county of the sum of 10 cents with interest thereon. In other words, one dozen eggs a year for the 80-acre farmer would buy a new court house site. It will take the sale of the present site to pay the \$50,000 expense if the court house is built on the old site. Why not invest our eggs in land instead of expenses?

A man owns a homestead and sells it, using the proceeds to purchase another homestead. The law gives him permission to do so. Polk county has a lot for a court house, owning it just as the man owns his homestead, and sells it for the purpose of building another court house. The law is as plain in one case as in the other.

The question of the right of the county to sell the grounds where the present court house is located was voted in 1884 after the board of supervisors had thoroughly investigated the matter, and after they had been advised by their attorney that they had the power to sell. The proposition was submitted in the following form: "Shall the board of supervisors be empowered to issue bonds of the county in the sum of \$150,000, to run not more than ten years, and to draw interest at the rate of not to exceed 5 per cent per annum on the proceeds, which will be used for purchasing and building thereon a new court house and jail for the use of the county; such ground to be situated in Des Moines, not more than two squares from the Des Moines river, in the original town of Fort Des Moines, and to levy a tax, etc." What have the board of supervisors or the county done since that time to impair the right of the county to sell the present site and build somewhere else?

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN

Invitations which read as follows were sent out the past week:

"You are invited to a party,
So come and be gay
Don't dress up but come for a play.
We will have a cake walk,
So don't be late.
The doors will open at half past eight
Don't stop and play in the street
The party is at 205 South 2nd street
Friday evening Dec. 20, Marshall's Restaurant.

Of course very few if any missed the treat and promptly at 8:30 the guest began to arrive dressed for the occasion and by 9:00 the dining hall was filled with the elite of the city. The cake walk was simply superb every one both young and old seemed to enjoy it, music and games were indulged in until a late hour when a grand supper was served by "Marshall" assisted by Mrs. J. E. Milligan and the regular waiters, after supper the winners of the cake began to cut the elegant refreshment and behold to the surprise of all it was a shoe box frosted. This ended the night enjoyment and they all left for their respective homes feeling that it was good to be there "Marshall" always knows how to entertain.

Miss E. Walthall left Sunday night for her home in Moline after a pleasant visit with Miss E. Davis during the holidays. Mrs. Geo. H. Wade entertained at luncheon Friday from half past one to four o'clock a number of her lady friends. Miss Bertha Green left for her home in Toledo Saturday to resume her duties in High School.

Mrs. E. W. Roper of St. Louis is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas of 8th street. Mrs. J. Logan and daughter Lizzie and Miss Stella Lyons left Saturday afternoon for their home in Galesburg after spending the holidays in our city.

The Trustees of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment in the church parlors on the 28th, a large crowd was in attendance, the proceeds amounted to about \$11.00.

The Third Anniversary of the Light House society was held on the 5th. of December with a grand reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tyler. A large number were present, the following programme was rendered followed by an opusculum supper: Prayer, Rev. Rhinehart; Paper, Love of Prosperity, O. B. Claire; Reading, Think before you Speak, Mrs. B. Hawkins; Paper, Temperance, Mrs. Geo. Tyler; Paper, Society and her Benefits, Geo. H. Wade; Oration, Tonsant L. Overture, Mrs. G. H. Wade, short addresses by visitors.

Miss Emma Oliphant has returned from Ottumwa much delighted with her trip. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown of Marion were down to the cake walk Friday.

Schools open Jan. 3rd. A party was given Saturday evening by Mrs. Della Marshall in honor of Fred Myers of Sigourney.

Mr. G. L. Venie of Chicago was in our city during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart received a fine turkey and duck Christmas the gift of friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. LeVeil are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl. Please pay up your subscription to the Bystander, the agent would certainly like to settle up with the first of the year and will call on you soon so please be ready. Miss Eva Broadly has been the sick list but is better at this writing.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

The Banquet of the Masonic Lodge was a financial success and all present seem to enjoy themselves. The dance the 28th under the same management was well attended and the committee deserves much credit.

Addison Brooks, Andrew Blakey and Geo. Boyers spent the Christmas in Ottumwa.

James Callaway and daughter Eva Callaway of Marshallville Mo. are the guest of Mrs. J. W. Briggs.

Mrs. Wm. Truhart of LaCrosse Wis. joined her husband Monday and will make his future home.

Mrs. J. W. Riggs gave a party Monday evening in honor of Miss Eva Callaway of Marshallville Mo. there were 25 couples present, the following people from Okaloosa are: Misses Phoebe Allen, Annie Brown, May Lafayette, Mr. John Anderson, and Mrs. Annie Cousin of Des Moines. Every one present seem to enjoy themselves, at 11:00 o'clock a dainty repast was served.

Misses Warn and Carrie Owens of Ottumwa in company with Miss Oliphant of Cedar Rapids were here Christmas.

John Thomas and Burt Jones of Albion was in our town Saturday.

Wm. Chocklette and family of Gloucester Ohio arrived here last week and will make this their future home.

Miss Anna Jones returned this week from Decatur, Ill. where she has been for several months.

A social will be given at the hall Monday evening next conducted by Misses Alberta Perkins, Eva Bates, Blanch White, Nellie Jones Edna Andy and Maggie Coleman for the benefit of the Baptist church.

Miss Mayetta Brown is spending the holidays in our city.

The Autumn Leaf Club gave a banquet Monday night under the management of Mrs. Bumbles and Mrs. Gaines, there were about 50 couples present, J. McDowell's Orchestra furnished the music supper was served at 12:00 o'clock and all retired feeling that they had enjoyed a New Year's treat.

Miss Sarah Porter is spending her vacation in Des Moines.

S. Joe Brown is in Ottumwa visiting. Mrs. Alice Jones after spending several months in Washington la. is home visiting her parents.

Mrs. Fannie Thornton of Champaign, Ill. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Yancy at this writing.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has saved the lives of thousands of coughing children. It is also without an equal in the treatment of all the ailments of the young. It is pleasant and safe and is sold by all druggists.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by all Druggists.

DRESS SKIRTS MADE FOR NOTHING

That's the proposition we made, and we have already placed a good many orders. For the rest of this week—Thursday, for Friday and for Saturday—THE FAIR will make a PLAIN DRESS SKIRT FREE for every customer who will purchase the materials and linings of us, the goods to cost not less than 35c a yard. The skirts will be ready for delivery within a week after taking the order. This is a plain, straight forward proposition, and hundreds of Des Moines ladies will no doubt avail themselves of it the next four days.

Ladies' Wraps

Push and Cloth Capes at half the early prices—Great sacrifice of high grade Ladies' Coats—\$20.00 Jackets, \$10.00; \$15.00 Jackets, \$8.00; \$11.00 Jackets, \$7.00.

Blanket Savings

\$3.50 all wool Blankets—Plaids, scarlet and natural grays—weight 4 to 4 1/2 pounds—Per pair..... 2.85

Domestic Savings

If it takes carloads of this kind of household necessities to keep us going in a regular way, sold at our regular prices, what will it take at these cut prices?

All the best 7 Prints—An immense variety—blacks, blues, reds. 5c
The best Percales and Cambrics—12 1/2c and 15c qualities..... 10c
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Three of THE HUBS great business getters, they are bound to interest you if you want shoes.

300 pairs men's winter tan shoes—heavy soles—worth \$3.50 and \$4.00—Preinventory price

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\$2.68

Youths' \$2.25, 3 sole durable shoe

\$1.45

THE HUB

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down'." For sale by all Druggists.

MARQUISVILLE.

There will be a grand entertainment given by the Sun Rise Club of Marquisville given in the Marquisville hall on Jan. 7th. Come one and all and we will spend a pleasant evening. Give us a grand time the committee are. Hickman, E. Harris, T. W. Johnson and J. H. Thomas.

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THIS WEEK OUR Goods are at Cost.

Buy Holiday Goods at Cost AT LESS THAN COST.

We Must Sell Them.

Buy Ladies', Misses' and Little Tots' cloaks, jackets, capes, muffs and fur collars, choice of every one of them at cost, and less. We must sell them.

Buy handkerchiefs, soiled ones from the Xmas trim, at 5 and 10 cents. They are worth double. But we must sell them.

Buy Men's Underwear, fleece lined, 50c values for 29c. We must sell them.

Buy Wool Dress Goods, black and colored, figured novelties, 40 inches wide, 50c values are going for 29c a yard.

Buy Dress Trimmings that are worth up to 25c, choice 10c. Must be sold.

Buy Ladies' Dress Skirts, a big line, black and colored, \$3.50 values for \$1.98.

Buy Standard Calicoes 4c.

Buy Good Cotton Batting 5c.

Buy Big, warm Blankets at 49c and 69c.

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

To G. M. Reynolds: You are hereby notified that the following described real estate situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot number fifty-three (53), Kirkwood Glen, an addition now in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1894, on the fourth day of December, 1895, to The Lewis Investment Company, of Polk county, Iowa, that the certificate of purchase thereof has been assigned to and is now owned by J. S. Caskery and J. M. Phillips, of Polk county, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly. Dated 29th day of December, A. D. 1895. J. S. CASKERY. J. M. PHILLIPS.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Messrs Arthur Smith and Geo. McGregor of Council Bluffs spent the holidays in this city visiting relatives.

Wm. Reeser who spent Christmas with his mother returned to Chicago Monday.

The Rev. Mrs. Peterson is on the sick list.

The "Flower Girls" entertainment given by the young ladies at the A. M. E. church Dec. 22, was a unique affair and met with quite a success. Quite a large crowd was out, the young ladies were dressed in beautiful costumes representing different flowers.

Miss Anna Reeser is recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. Patsy Baugh has been quite sick. The "Daughters of Tabor" had an entertainment at the Grand Opera Monday Dec. 26.

The friends of Mrs. Oliver Johnson greatly shocked Monday to hear that she had died in Ottumwa after a short stay of only one week with her son James Johnson. Mrs. Johnson has lived in Mt. Pleasant over 20 years and has been a good christian, highly esteemed by all who knew her. Last March she lost her husband and never recovered from the loss, but has been gradually fading ever since so bad did she get that her son was summoned to her, thinking that a change of climate and careful attention would help her, he persuaded her to return home with him, she left two children James of Ottumwa and Mrs. Georgia Wheeler of Milwaukee Wis., her remains were brought here Wednesday and the funeral preached at the A. M. E. church by Rev. Peterson.

Messadmes Crump, Alexander and Harris together with Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson little niece Pearl Clemens of Ottumwa came with the remains of Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burnaugh of Creston la, came down Wednesday to attend a Christmas cantata.

Miss Emma Reed spent the holidays in Des Moines visiting her Aunt Mrs. J. Webster.

Mrs. Tally and daughter Alma spent the holidays with her brother Rev. Eli Grant of Knoxville Ill.

Mrs. Greenup of Fairfield was a visitor in the city last week.

Mrs. Smith spent Sunday in Denmark visiting Mrs. McCane and family.

Miss Smith visited in Muscatine last week at the home of Mary Greenway.

Rev. Clements of Bloomington Ill. spent a few hours in our city last Thursday.

Mrs. Laura Reeves died at the asylum last Monday.

Mt. Watson Burke has the lung fever. Mrs. Levi Clay has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Sparta, Ill.

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LETTER FROM JOHN FISHER.

He is Opposed to Increased Taxation.

A Frank Statement.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 3, 1899.

Editor Des Moines Gazette: Noticing an article of your paper of last week upon the court house question, I wish permission through your columns to correct a statement therein contained to the effect that myself and other members of the board are engaged in an attempt, together with certain real estate dealers, to force an additional \$100,000 tax upon the people of Polk county. I am not so engaged and have not been. I wish to state that while I and others did vote for submission as state, we did so because we had promised so to do before election. MYSELF AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POLK COUNTY, WILL VOTE AGAINST THE ISSUING OF \$100,000 ADDITIONAL BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A RIVER FRONT SITE OR ANY OTHER SITE, NOT BELIEVING IT TO BE JUST AND RIGHT, AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF BUILDING THE NEW COURT HOUSE ON THE PRESENT SITE, WHERE THE COUNTY NOW OWNS THE GROUND. WE ARE OPPOSED TO FURTHER BURDENING THE ALREADY OVERTAXED PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY, and I ask at your hands, in justice to myself and the other members of the board who voted for submission, that you give this letter the same prominence you did the article above referred to.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN FISHER.
Member of the Board of Supervisors of Polk County, Iowa, from the Fifth District.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by all Druggists.

BEDFORD IOWA.

Little Helen Lucas is reported sick. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Luens took New Year's dinner in the country.

Miss Lulu Franklin has returned from her visit with relatives in Galesburg, Ill.

James H. Shackelford is home from Simpson College to spend the holiday vacation.

The entertainment at the Baptist church last Saturday was well attended. Dr. Wm. Weaver's lecture at the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howe spent the holidays in Clarinda with relatives.

William Wiatte is visiting in Mt. Pleasant and enjoying a much needed rest.

Rev. Johnson of Marysville, Mo. occupied the pulpit in the Baptist church last Sunday.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Heneratta Jones of Albion is in the city visiting friends, she is the guest of Miss Blanch Henderson.

Miss Emma Oliphant returned to her home in Cedar Rapids Thursday after a pleasant visit with Miss Mae Horne.

Lawyer Woodson of Muchakinoock was a Sunday visitor.

S. Joe Brown of this city but now teaching school at Muchakinoock is in the city spending his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Baily gave a reception Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 for the young people.

The New Year's Ball given Monday night at Fry's hall by Henry Humphrey was the swellest yet ever given in Ottumwa, it was a select affair, fully 25 couples were present, Week's brothers furnished the music.