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THE GATE CITY is on sale at the following news stands:

Keokuk, Iowa, December 9, 1909.

Speaking of shirt-sleeve diplomacy, how does Zelaya like it "as far as he has went"?

Of course it had to come. The newspapers are now saying that the Equitable has contracted a Morgan-atic alliance.

Uncle Joe won the first round of applause and he is likely to be rewarded also with the last. He is a fighter and a winner.

This is fine weather for building Interurbans—in the newspapers and on the cracker boxes in the country stores. It is also to be remarked that the industry is in full blast.

It is said that the first three days of December govern the winter, but the Sioux City Tribune calls attention to the fact that they didn't "govern" even the fourth day, to say nothing about the balance of the month.

The commissioner of Internal revenue estimates receipts amounting to the \$25,000,000 from the 1 per cent tax on corporations from this time to the end of the fiscal year 1910.

It has been figured out that the elimination of flies would add an average of two years to each human life and mean a money saving of \$20,000,000,000.

Walter Wellman wires from Washington that President Taft's message is only a prologue and that the vital parts of the administration's legislative program have been postponed till later.

Congressman Sulzer of New York, Tammany representative, wants this country to declare war against Nicaragua forthwith.

The state corporation commission of Oklahoma has ordered a reduction in Pullman sleeping car rates, effective January first.

In experiments in feeding hogs at the experiment station of the State College at Ames the fastest and most economical gains were secured by feeding dry ear corn until the hogs were close to 200 pounds in weight.

A Des Moines letter-writer gives out the information that it has been learned privately that there is no probability whatever of the selection of any Iowa man for a place on the United States supreme bench.

At the regular meeting of the Peoria city council last week the alderman were started by a proposition emanating from the brewers of Peoria to limit the number of saloons for the next two years to the number now in existence.

CONCERNING ZELAYA.

In view of recent occurrences in Nicaragua under the rule of Zelaya, it is of interest to know something concerning the character and policies of that Central American dictator.

His immorality has become the pattern for a generation of youth. He acknowledges the paternity of forty-five children. When he travels through the country, if he chooses he orders any pretty girl he sees to be sent to him.

Zelaya governs with a sense of sardonic humor. He has been nominally president but in reality absolute monarch of Nicaragua for fourteen years.

He opens private mail, and dispatches of the state departments at his pleasure. He owns the various monopolies, if not absolutely, all that he wants of them, and these pour a steady stream of gold into his coffers.

In a letter in the Tribune published a few days ago Mr. Palmer characterizes Zelaya as "unspeakable" and says it seems inconceivable that such tyranny and degeneracy as his rule personifies could exist on earth today.

All the banking interests of the country are in the hands of firms in which he has a personal interest. In the fourteen years of his dictatorship he has trebled the number of drinking places. That makes business for his whiskey monopoly, the profits of which are 120 per cent a year.

If the Estrada revolution in Nicaragua succeeds Mr. Palmer says it will mean a change of masters for the people of that country, but no great change of method.

let them in such worse condition for the development of modern institutions than were the Filipinos '82. While we play a tutelary part to a people 12,000 miles away, we have given over the peoples at our doors to a misery which the Filipinos never knew.

WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

The more the cause of the lateness of Burlington & St. Louis train 12 is looked into the more plainly it is seen to be inefficient service on the Rock Island between St. Paul and Burlington. Just at present there is some excuse for the habitual lateness of the mail from the north because of the switchmen's strike.

A NEW ELECTRICAL GIANT.

Giant electric locomotives are now shuttling trains back and forth through the two-mile tunnel of the Great Northern trunk line railroad which pierces the Cascade mountains about 100 miles east of Seattle.

Power is supplied by the Wenatche river, which has been harnessed about thirty miles east of the tunnel where 4,000 electrical horse-power is generated by the falling water.

One of the most unique features of this installation is the fact that on the descending grade the motors will become generators and return energy to the line to assist other trains climbing the hill on the other side of the tunnel.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Mayor McClellan has appointed four women on the New York city board of education.

It occurs to the Jacksonville Courier that being even a dead Elk wasn't so bad last Sunday.

The Fort Dodge Chronicle observes that President Taft's message has the ring of a standpat.

According to George Fitch, broad-mindedness consists in having everybody be satisfied to let you do as you please.

The Sioux City Tribune suggests that sacred history might read differently if Job had been obliged to clear the cinders out of the furnace.

The Keota Eagle believes the time is coming when men will be both rewarded and punished as they deserve. The Oskaloosa Herald declares that it would take a whole lot to give some men all that is coming to them.

Attorney General Thompson of Nebraska holds that there is nothing in the state constitution to prevent a woman from holding the office of county treasurer. Miss Gertrude Gordon, who was elected treasurer of Cherry county at the recent election, will therefore take her office.

The Dubuque Telegraph-Herald says that "divisive strife" in the Republican party in Iowa will cease only when the influence of one or the other faction is wholly destroyed.

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An Eskimo. A little igloo now and then is relished by the Eskimen. —Nashville American.

A little whale oil well frapped. Is relished by the Eskimoid. —Washington Herald.

A little blubber, raw or billed. Is relished by the Eskimoid. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The all of which shows just how hard The grind is for the Eskimoid. —Buffalo News.

The above is really true—too true; The Eskimoid should Eskimoid. —Scranton (Pa.) Tribune.

Let's thank the Lord that we have made Escape from such an Eskimoid. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The whole of which rhymes well, but in! You've neglected Eskimoid. —Indianapolis Star.

We just append this line below—A gum-drop for an Eskimoid. —Cincinnati Times-Star.

And still there's one we most admire—The brave I-took-a-shoo Eskimoid. —Des Moines Capital.

All Alike. Freeport Journal: A lawyer with only a diploma and a brass sign, who would lose a suit even if the other side was ready to confess judgment, will tell you how to run a newspaper.

The Deadly Shotgun. Marshalltown Times-Republican: A item all too commonly appearing in the daily dispatches reads somewhat like this: "_____ son of our esteemed townsmen, _____ died this morning as the result of injuries received while hunting rabbits."

Dealing With Wife Deserters. Cedar Rapids Republican: In one Iowa city they are going to begin an active campaign against wife deserters. It is asserted that in that city the charitable organizations are overburdened taking care of the wives and mothers who have been deserted by their husbands.

Postal Savings Banks. Dubuque Times: What congress will do about postal savings banks at the coming session is problematical, but debate is certain.

Directors Who Direct. Omaha Bee: Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, reports the finding that 2,500 national banks in the country have not been in the habit of holding directors' meetings even once a month.

Rich Fisheries in Siberia. The fisheries of Siberia are very important. The River Amur is especially rich in salmon. The amount of preserved fish exported from Siberia grew from 440 tons in 1899 to 2,000 tons in 1902.

Special Landseekers' Excursions to the 320-Acre Free Government Farms. To Upton, Wyo., December 21, 1909. Leave Chicago, 9:45 a. m.; Kansas City, 10:30 a. m.; Omaha, 4:10 p. m.; Lincoln, 6:15 p. m.

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knows how to handle a gun but knows and understands his responsibility for other persons' lives. It is all senseless. It might be well to insist on previous training and understanding before gun licenses issue. The fool at large with a loaded shotgun is as dangerous to human life as the inefficient and incompetent stationary engineer.