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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Washington, March 4.—After a debate lasting several days the senate passed the bill extending the monetary laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska.

Two more appropriation bills were sent to the president to-day, the pension bill and the consular and diplomatic, both of which went through their final stage in the senate.

Washington, March 7.—To-day's session of the senate was devoted entirely to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, introduced a bill entitled "Making appropriations for national defense" as follows: "There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for national defense and for each and every purpose connected therewith to be expended at the discretion of the president...

Washington, March 8.—After an extended discussion the District of Columbia appropriation bill, containing a provision for the reduction of about one-half of the salaries of the employees in the district, was passed.

The session was devoted to debate of the bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defense. It passed by unanimous vote. While almost every member who spoke deprecated the possibility of war, a wide divergence of opinion as to how close were the possibilities, marked the debate.

Washington, March 9.—Hale reported the house bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defense and asked its immediate consideration. The bill passed without debate.

The house devoted itself to routine business. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill went through its last reading and the adoption of the final conference report.

Washington, March 10.—The senate after a short session in which no business of importance was transacted, went into executive session, at which adjournment was taken till Monday.

After a debate in the house which lasted more than five hours, the senate amendment to the Indian bill providing for free homes on Indian lands was to-day non-concurred in by a vote of 99 to 136.

Felice Carlo Cavalotti, Italian Deputy, Perishes.

Rome, March 8.—Signor Felice Carlo Cavalotti, poet, dramatist, publicist, and the well-known radical member of the chamber of deputies for Corte Olona, was killed in a duel with swords with Signor Marcola, member of the chamber of deputies and editor of the Gazzetta di Venezia.

Will Go After Hanna's Scalp. CLEVELAND, March 10.—Mayor Mc Kison announces that he will contest the election of Senator Hanna when the latter attempts to take his seat for the long term.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT. DES MOINES, March 7.—The official controversy concerning our use of the words "Iowa Patent Office" in advertising was referred to the attorney general's department and the opinion given, favorable to us, approved by the secretary of the interior.

The 1900 Paris World's Fair seems to be stimulating United States inventors to apply for foreign patents.

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THE NEWS IN IOWA

THE MILWAUKEE GETS IT.

Will Absorb Des Moines, Northern & Western Very Soon.

DES MOINES, March 11.—The Des Moines, Northern & Western road, a controlling interest in which has long been held by Phil Armour and other heavy stockholders in the Milwaukee, is to pass into the control of the Milwaukee absolutely in the course of the next eight months and will be operated not as a separate corporation but as a portion of the Milwaukee system.

Officers of the Milwaukee road have been in the city ostensibly to install a new traffic manager, but in reality to look the property over and prepare a final report on it to the Milwaukee directory preparatory to absorbing it.

The details are arranged and have been for nearly three years. The long ago the Milwaukee succeeded in acquiring additional stock in the system through its stockholders and with their assistance an option on the road.

This option ran for four years and the time will expire in about a year from now, and it is known that it has been decided to take advantage of the option and close the deal.

FOUND TO BE LEPROSY. Dr. Kennedy Says the Case at Grætinger is Well Defined.

DES MOINES, March 10.—Dr. Kennedy, of the state board of health, found a well defined case of leprosy at Grætinger, Palo Alto county. The disease has reached an advanced stage and the patient cannot live more than a year or eighteen months at the farthest.

The leprosy patient is a young lady named Carrie Peterson. Her mother had been afflicted with the disease for two years when Carrie was born, and later died of it in a hospital in the old country.

Although there are several other children in the family of which the patient is a member, all are rosy-cheeked, smooth-skinned and absolutely without any indication of even a taint of leprosy.

PECULIAR CASE. Brakeman Loses His Job for Non-Payment of Bills.

CHARITON, March 10.—A peculiar and interesting case has been filed in the district court here. Three business men of the city sued C. A. Vance, a "Q" brakeman, for judgment on their claim and caused his wages to be garnished. He lost his job on the road, and now sues the merchants, two of them for \$2,500 each and the third for \$1,500 damages, claiming his wages were not liable for debt and they caused the garnishments to be served with the purpose of causing him to lose his job.

The case is causing a wide-spread interest among railroad men and merchants in the vicinity of Chariton.

A TRAGEDY IN A MINING CAMP. One Negro Shoots and Kills Another at Fishville.

OSKALOOSA, March 8.—Nick Nelson, colored, shot and instantly killed Harry Brooks, also colored, at Fishville, a mining camp seven miles northwest of Oskaloosa. The trouble occurred at a dance, about midnight. Nelson was caught by some of Brooks' friends and disarmed, but he got away and was afterwards caught in a corn field near Leighton. The sheriff had hard work to keep a crowd from killing him.

Nelson served two years in the penitentiary for shooting at H. M. Crouse, conductor on the Rock Island road. He is a hard citizen, and said to a reporter this would mean a life job.

Disagreement in Important Case. COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 9.—The jury trying the damage suit of Deere, Wells & Company against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, have disagreed. The trial has continued a month. It is one of the most important cases ever tried in the state.

It involves directly \$110,000 and indirectly several million more, and a precedent that would make Iowa law for a century. Some time since the plaintiff's great warehouse near the Milwaukee tracks burned. The petition alleges that the fire originated from a Milwaukee locomotive. The company replies that their engines are all supplied with spark consumers and all the protecting contrivances that the law prescribes, hence if any damage resulted from the engine under those conditions no recovery is possible.

The plaintiffs insist that the railroad company is still liable.

Laurens Badly Scorched. LAURENS, March 10.—Fire was discovered in the west side of the business street of Laurens. It destroyed the whole block, with the exception of two business houses. The losses are as follows: Moore & Stacy, hardware, \$5,000; Youngberg, general merchandise, \$5,000; Shoemaker & Anderson, hardware and furniture, double store, about \$10,000; Ham & Bros., general merchandise, \$25,000; E. H. Southworth, harness, \$2,000; postoffice, \$900; Adams, restaurant, \$1,500; First National bank, \$2,000; Johnson Bros., general merchandise, \$7,000. It is thought that the fire was incendiary, as the buildings were discovered in flames in two different places.

Found Murdered in His Home. SIGOURNEY, March 11.—George Fultzberger, who lived near Keota, was found murdered, having been pounded on the head with some blunt instrument. The house was almost turned inside out, the murderers evidently being in search of money. As the old man lived alone and was reported wealthy, there seems to be no other explanation. The body was found in a corner of the room, covered with a blanket. No clew to the murderers has been obtained.

Harry Hamilton Killed. CEDAR RAPIDS, March 7.—Harry Hamilton, a young man 25 years old, who has been roaming around the country, was instantly killed at Mt. Vernon. He was attempting to board a Northwestern freight train, and was struck by the limited, which was going in the opposite direction. His neck was broken. He leaves a mother, Mrs. O. B. Hicks, living at Portsmouth, O.

DEATH OF HON. H. M. McCULLY

Member of the Present Legislature Expires Suddenly.

PELLA, March 9.—Hon. H. M. McCully, representative of Marion county died last evening, having reached the age of 68 years. He had just returned from a week's stay at Colfax. Stomach trouble took him down suddenly and he fell asleep, saying to his family about him that he was so tired. A wife and two daughters survive him. He was an old resident of Pella, and held several important public offices and at one time edited one of the Pella papers.

Smallpox Patient Tries to Escape. BURLINGTON, March 9.—Dr. H. C. Taylor, the smallpox patient, who claims to have contracted the disease in the Cook County Hospital at Chicago, made a desperate attempt to escape from the pesthouse here. With the wire of his spectacles he picked the lock on his shackles and then struck down Nurse Howard with a blow in the face. Howard in falling managed to trip Taylor and held him until the guard came to his assistance. Farmers in the vicinity have twice attacked the pesthouse, but were driven off by the guard.

National Guard Officers Exonerated. DES MOINES, March 11.—The National Guard court of inquiry has completed its investigation and made a report finding that the charges brought against Major Hume and Captain Worthington were without foundation and recommending that no further action in the matter be taken, thus dismissing the cases and exonerating the defendant officers. General Guest, the plaintiff, apologized to both officers, and stated that he had been misled by false representations, and the entire affair is now at an end.

Burglaries at Boone. Boone, March 11.—This city has had an epidemic of burglaries recently. Twelve homes were entered within a week and valuables amounting to over \$500 were stolen. The president of the street railroad company, L. W. Reynolds, was one victim. The police arrested twenty-eight tramps in one day.

Fire at Ottumwa Recently Completely Destroyed the stock of the Hub Clothing Company, causing a loss of \$10,000. Pallister Bros., cigar manufacturers, who occupied the second floor, sustained a loss of \$1,000, and the building owned by B. Hoffman was damaged \$1,000. The loss is covered by insurance. The cause is unknown.

Des Moines dispatch: Henry Wallace has begun suit for \$50,000 damages for alleged libel against James Pierce and the Homestead. Mr. Pierce, who is editor of the Homestead, on two occasions, October 8, 1897, and February 18, 1898, charged Mr. Wallace, who is editor of Wallace's Farmer, with having bribed for \$1,000 to advocate the gold standard during the national campaign of 1896.

Charles Gerber, a refined and educated German, is in jail at Council Bluffs for obtaining money on worthless drafts. He has secured cash in small amounts from many tradesmen in several western Iowa towns. At the city jail he broke down. He said between sobs that he was 62 years old, his home address is 314 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; that he is connected with the firm of Gerber & Co. of that city and that his sons are well to do.

At Cedar Rapids recently Alfred S. Healy, a stenographer in the general offices of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern road, shot Miss Libbie Braunschlag twice, once over the heart and again in the breast, killing her instantly, and then, turning the revolver on himself, sent a bullet through his head just above the temple. There is no cause known for the tragedy. Healy has been boarding and rooming at the Braunschlag home since last September, but so far as known he and the girl were not lovers and had not been known to have had any trouble. The girl was not yet 15 years old. She and Healy had just returned from church, whether they had been accompanied by the girl's mother and a young woman friend, Healy is dead.

Judge Holmes, of the district court of Polk county, has sustained the motion of Attorney General Renley to strike from the answer of ex-Secretary of State W. M. McFarland those portions which refer to the executive council of the state. The suit of the attorney general was against Mr. McFarland to recover for misdoings alleged in the petition to have been done by McFarland in his capacity as secretary of state. McFarland, in his answer, set up that the executive council had directed him to pay census clerks such salaries and to do things of which the attorney general complained and that only as a member of the executive council was he responsible for his acts as secretary of state. The attorney general thereupon moved to strike out the parts of the answer which related to the executive council. Judge Holmes has sustained the motion. It is a victory for the state.

Des Moines dispatch: The American School Book Company received a knock-out blow at the hands of Judge Woolson, of the United States circuit court, in its libel damage case against President Gates of Iowa college. Fourteen of the fifteen counts in its petition for \$100,000 damages were stricken out. The fifteenth paragraph or count of the petition sets forth a quotation from the pamphlet to the effect that when the American School Book company secured a monopoly of the book trade in a state or county it puts out-of-date books in the schools, or that books were furnished that are the laughing stock of intelligent and progressive teachers, and are of little real merit. It was charged that these books have been foisted on whole states for a long period of years. With reference to this statement, the court held that if it is false and malicious it is a libel, because it refers to and questions the methods employed by the plaintiff in the conduct of its business, and is actionable without allegation of special damages and is susceptible of proof.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD

PINGREE AND CORPORATIONS.

LANSING, Mich., March 10.—Governor Pingree has issued a proclamation convening the legislature in extra session March 22. The proclamation cites provisions of the state constitution under which the legislature is required to provide a uniform rule of taxation, all assessments to be on property at its cash value. Continuing, the governor charges that the spirit, if not the letter, of these constitutional provisions is being violated, laws having been passed by which railroad, express, telephone and telegraph companies now owning at least a third of the property within the state, are required to pay only about one-twenty-sixth part of the taxes. Governor Pingree urges that taxation in many parts of the state has become in the nature of confiscation; that the situation has become unbearable, and that under his oath of office as governor it is his duty to see that the constitutional provisions are obeyed, and that the extra session is called to that end.

ALARM IN TURKEY. Situation in Bulgaria is Rapidly Nearing a Crisis.

LONDON, March 7.—Tension between the Bulgarian and Turkish governments is tightening. A large body of Turkish troops—according to one report 60,000 strong—has passed from Thessaly into Macedonia and moved toward the Bulgarian frontier. At the Yildiz Kiosk the situation is regarded with ill-disguised concern, especially as it is believed there that Russia is backing Bulgaria and that eventually Turkey may have to fight oath. The porte and the Turkish press continue to deny the existence of a Bulgarian memorandum to the grand vizier on the subject of the disturbances in the vilayet of Aeskub, but here is no doubt this was delivered, and that it has been answered in part by the Turkish government, though in an evasive and unsatisfactory way as so the main issues.

DECLINES TO SELL VESSELS. Government of Great Britain Declines to Remain Neutral.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Sir Julian Pauncefote called upon President McKinley and informed him that his government had decided that neither the United States or Spain can buy ships in England so long as the origin of the disaster to the Maine was unknown, and a possibility remained that her destruction might in the future be declared an act of war. Sir Julian declared, it is said, that in the opinion of his government, the judgment in the Alabama case forbids a neutral nation to sell war ships to any country where there was reasonable ground to believe that they were intended to cruise or carry on war against a power with which it was at peace.

VICTORIA IS FOR PEACE. Queen of England Desires Harmony Between America and Spain.

NEW YORK, March 10.—A special from Washington says: Sir Julian Pauncefote's visit at the white house in the company of the secretary of state, is generally understood to have been for the purpose of offering, in accordance with the instructions of the British government, the latter's mediation with a view to a friendly settlement of the differences between the United States and Spain. The action on the part of the English ambassador is probable, was dictated by Queen Victoria herself, rather than by her prime minister and cabinet and was due to the queen's horror of war.

LONG TRIAL ENDED. Sheriff Martin and His Deputies Exonerated in the Lattimer Affair.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 10.—The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for shooting and killing strikers at Lattimer September 10, returned a verdict of not guilty. When the jury retired it took only one ballot and that was unanimous for acquittal. The defendants' bonds were continued, as there are still seventeen indictments for murder hanging over them and thirty-eight for feloniously wounding.

Looking for Vessels. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The navy department is making a thorough investigation of the various shippings of the world with a view of ascertaining what battleships are for sale. It is for the purpose of securing any such ships that congress was asked to appropriate \$50,000,000 for defense. The report that Spain has purchased war ships has been denied and again affirmed. The facts seem to be that the ships will be taken as soon as the money is raised. Paris bankers are understood to be financing the Spanish war preparations.

Island Swept by a Cyclone. MOZAMBIQUE, March 7.—Advices from the island of Mayotta, Comoro group, state that Mayotta was swept by a cyclone recently. The government buildings were partly destroyed, many of the native villages and crops were ruined, and large numbers of people were killed or injured. Many of the sufferers were left without any shelter and are now suffering from famine.

Rushing Work on Big Guns. WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Washington navy yard, where a large establishment is maintained by the government for the manufacture of guns and ordnance, has started work in three shifts and men are now working there night and day on big guns.

Fresh Rebellion in the Philippines. LONDON, March 9.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says that a fresh rebellion has broken out in the Philippines and that fifty-three Spanish soldiers have been killed. No further details are known at Hong Kong.

Spanish Troops for Cuba. MADRID, March 10.—The transport steamer Alfonso XII has sailed for Cuba from Barcelona, having on board 900 soldiers and 4,000,000 cartridges.

LEE WILL REMAIN.

Spain's Request That He Be Recalled is Refused.

MADRID, March 7.—Senator Gullon, Spanish minister of foreign affairs, recently intimated to United States Minister Woodford that the Spanish government desired the recall from Havana of Consul General Lee and that the American warships which have been designated to convey supplies to Cuba for the relief of sufferers there should be replaced by merchant vessels in order to deprive the assistance sent to the reconqueradores of an official character. Minister Woodford cabled the requests to the Washington government, which replied, refusing to recall General Lee in the present circumstances or to countermand the orders for the despatch of the war vessels, making the representation that the war vessels are not fighting ships.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Spain has withdrawn her request for the recall of Consul General Lee. It is believed the incident is practically closed. It is now stated that the request was put in the shape of a demand, but was merely a suggestion on the part of Spain and when she found it would not be pleasantly received by this country she promptly receded.

TO INSPECT WARSHIPS. The Navy Department Sends a Man to Europe for That Purpose.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary Long has given orders to Commander Brownson, now on duty as member of the board of inspection and survey, to leave at once for England and France to inspect vessels which are offered to this government and report without delay if they are suitable for service in the United States navy. Commander Brownson will not only look at the vessels which have been offered but will examine other warships under construction for foreign nations, and should he report that any are desirable and ready for sea, this government will undoubtedly enter into negotiations with the nations which ordered the ships looking to their sale to the United States.

NEBRASKA'S RATE LAW. Supreme Court Decides It is Contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The supreme court decided the Nebraska maximum freight rate case in favor of the railroads. The opinion affirmed the opinion of the circuit court of appeals of the eighth district, holding the Nebraska law to be contrary to the fourteenth amendment, in that it authorized the taking of property without due process of law and was therefore invalid. This case was instituted to test the validity of the law passed by the Nebraska legislature in prescribing maximum rates for the transportation of freight by railroads within the state.

GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA. John Wanamaker Will Be the Business Men's Republican Candidate.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—John Wanamaker will be the candidate of the Business Men's Republican League for governor. He has given out his letter of acceptance, addressed to the notification committee appointed at the meeting of representatives from nearly all the counties in the state, held in Philadelphia on February 7. Mr. Wanamaker's delay of over a month had led many of his friends to believe that he would decline the nomination. He will begin active political work at once. It was intimated that Mr. Wanamaker will be his own campaign manager.

EVIDENCE SLIPS OUT. Despite the Greatest Efforts to Prevent It.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A sailor on the Montgomery writes that two divers have told him that the Maine was blown up. He says the divers are not allowed to leave the Montgomery for fear they will talk. A reporter who learned too many facts is also retained on board the ship. War preparations are being pressed by the United States with all the rapidity possible. Another order for 250,000 tons of coal has been given, making 950,000 tons in three large orders, besides several smaller contracts.

MAINE BLOWN UP BY DESIGN. Col. Parker Says Everyone Believes and Spaniards Don't Deny It.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The Evening News's Key West special quotes Col. M. M. Parker, of Washington, who accompanied Senator Proctor in his Cuban trip, as saying: "Every one in Havana now knows the Maine was blown up. They do not seem to be very sad over it either."

BRITAIN. The state of Illinois recently received 500 new Lee rifles from the government in exchange for a like number of old Springfield rifles. The new guns will be distributed among the divisions of the Illinois naval militia. It is the intention to arm all the state troops with these late pattern guns.

Washington dispatch: Late developments make it plain that ever that both the United States and Spain are preparing for war with all the energy possible. A New York Herald dispatch quotes a prominent official as saying that President McKinley regards war as imminent. Secretary Long is quoted as saying "the government is preparing for anything that may happen."

The United States has opened negotiations for the purchase, if necessary, of a number of warships already constructed for foreign countries. The rumor that Spain has purchased warships is confirmed, senator Proctor, now in Havana, declares that as the result of his observations he deems the time at hand for intervention in Cuba. London cablegrams state that England freely sympathizes with the pro-Cuban sentiment in this country. In London war between the United States and Spain is regarded as certain to come.

Captain Marix states that when the report of the Maine being submitted it will make "interesting reading." The remark coming from the source it does is regarded as suggestive.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, March 4.—The distinguished feature in the senate to-day was the masterly address of Senator Hooley in defense of the board of control bill. He explained the workings of the bill, the powers it gave, what could be done and what could not. Healy occupied the floor from 11 a. m. till the noon adjournment and from 2 p. m. until adjournment at 4 o'clock and did not finish his speech. His speech is regarded as one of the most important delivered in the legislature in recent years.

HOUSE. The house passed the Junkin curative act in relation to building and loan associations, one of the most important bills before the general assembly. The Junkin bill simply legalizes the loans and contracts of the building and loan associations that did business in the state prior to the passage of the building and loan law in 1896. The bill to shorten the terms of assessors' bonds and to make them less cumbersome was passed. Smith of Harrison introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$5,000 for any public officer to accept a bribe for transportation. Lambers' bill to abolish the offices of state printer and binder was defeated by a vote of 35 to 38, but two republicans voting for its passage. Bill fixing \$10 as the minimum and \$50 as the maximum license to be charged peddlers passed. Adjournment was taken till Monday.

SENATE. Des Moines, March 5.—The board of control bill scored another victory in the senate to-day by the defeat of the Blanchard amendment to strike from the bill the provision that appointments to positions on the board of control shall be referred to a statutory committee before being confirmed by the senate. The whole of the morning session was devoted to discussion of the amendment and it was only brought to a vote at 1 o'clock after extending the time of the session one hour. The vote stood 23 yeas and 27 nays. Healy finished his speech after talking about a half hour, after which Harrison, Lothrop and Blanchard spoke in support of the measure.

SENATE. Des Moines, March 7.—Among bills introduced was one by Lewis making the rate of valuation of property for taxing purposes 40 per cent instead of 25 per cent. The author believing that the present rate will not bring in sufficient revenue. Law regulating the catching of fish was amended so as to make it necessary to bring offenders before a justice court. The board of control bill was taken up in the afternoon and Lewis offered an amendment providing for the election of the board. The board shall be elected instead of appointed. Eaton and Titus spoke in advocacy of the amendment.

HOUSE. Several bills of minor importance were passed, among them one to prohibit the adulteration of candy. A fine of from \$50 to \$100 is fixed.

SENATE. Des Moines, March 8.—The board of control bill was again taken up. Titus took the floor. The question was on the adoption of the Lewis substitute. Titus made an address in favor of the substitute. He was followed by Bolter and Hotchkiss, both of whom supported the committee bill.

HOUSE. The bill by Nietert to compensate the members of the special committee that supervised the publication of the code was defeated after the amount had been reduced from \$500 to \$300 each. Hinson's bill to disestablish the Guthrie county high school was defeated by a vote of 25 to 7. The bill as passed provides that counties may decide the matter of high schools upon a majority vote.

SENATE. Des Moines, March 9.—Wallace introduced a bill to raise the maximum limit of fine for bringing intoxicating liquors into the state from \$100 to \$300. This is to make the importation of liquors into Iowa an infelicitous offense. The board of control bill was again before the senate and was followed by Bolter and Hotchkiss, both of whom supported the committee bill.

HOUSE. Only a short session was held by the house, owing to the death of Representative H. M. McCully. After the opening exercises adjournment was taken for the day in honor of the dead man, and a committee was named later by Speaker Evans to represent the house at the funeral services.

SENATE. Des Moines, March 10.—The board of control again occupied the time of the senate. Addresses were made by Cheshire, Harriman, Bolter and Young.

HOUSE. The bill by Potter of Bremer to permit the manufacture of wines from berries and fruits outside of cities and towns was discussed for a time, but on the test vote to suspend the rules it failed to receive a constitutional majority, so its friends were content to let it rest for the time being. Van Houten's pure food bill came up and after a motion to substitute had failed the original bill was indefinitely postponed, thus meeting its death. Johnson's bill providing that no contract shall be deprived of the right of possession of property during the year allowed for redemption, contracts to the contrary notwithstanding, was passed. The bill provides for the restriction of the sale and request of adulteration of cigarettes.

JAPAN, TOO. Serious Danger of War With Russia.

PEKIN, March 9.—The Russian demands from China have raised the greatest excitement at the Chinese legation. The Japanese minister has had several interviews with officials of the Chinese foreign office, urging the rejection of the Russian demands. It is reported that Japan has threatened to take vigorous action if the demands of Russia are not accepted.

BERLIN, March 9.—The Tagblatt's Pekin dispatch says: Russia has definitely leased Port Arthur and Talien Wan for ninety-nine years. Russia is determined to carry the Siberian railway to Port Arthur, whether China consents or not.

Illinois Guard Ready for War. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 10.—Adjutant General Reice, of the Illinois National Guard, said: "We are waiting for the 'Boots and Saddles' to board the cars for the east. Inside of twelve hours the greatest portion of 7,500 men and officers of the Illinois National Guard could be en route to New York for embarking for Cuba." Reice stated that 4,000 of the latest pattern, 45-caliber Springfield rifles were just received from the government, ready for instant use.

War in Central America. NEW YORK, March 9.—Advices from San Jose, Costa Rica, say the report has reached the capital that a battle has taken place on the frontier in the neighborhood of Liberia between Nicaragua and Costa Rican troops. The letter states that President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, has gone to the field in person.

The Montgomery at Havana. HAVANA, March 11.—The United States cruiser Montgomery has arrived in Havana harbor, and is now anchored within a stone's throw of the Spanish man-of-war Vizcaya.

Blood Humors

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You need to take Hood's Sarsaparilla Now. Spring is the season for cleansing and refreshing. Everywhere accumulations of waste are being removed and preparations for the new life of another season are being made. This is the time for cleansing your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Winter has left the blood impure, Hood's Sarsaparilla expels all impurities from the blood and makes it rich and purifying. It builds up the nervous system, creates an appetite, gives vigor, it cures all spring humors, boils, pimples and eruptions.

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CURRENT EVENTS. Fear of robbers induced a farmer in Mishawaka, Ind., to conceal \$500 in gold in a feed chest. Some weeks afterward the money was missing. The farmer's cow became ill, and died, and a post-mortem examination revealed the coin in the cow's stomach.

Something like intelligence is often exhibited by plants. If, during a dry season, a bucket of water be placed near a growing pumpkin or melon vine in the course of a few days the vine will turn from its course and get at least one of its leaves in the water.

A marriage by telephone was recently witnessed in Missouri. The bride was at Humansville, and the groom at Dolar. A minister and several witnesses were at each end of the wire. The bride was Miss Flora Linke, and the groom J. F. Hall, superintendent of the Polk county telephone line.

Few men have ever had a birthday so oddly celebrated as was the nineteenth natal day anniversary of William Short of Olathe, Kan. On that occasion, while he and his guests at dinner, they listened to music from a band composed of seven of his grandsons.

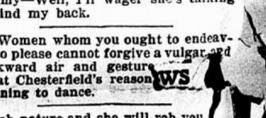
A reckless tinner in Oskosh, who perhaps imagined he had a copper-lined stomach, tried to win a bet by drinking three pints of whiskey at one sitting. He won the wager, but he did not live to handle the money, as the whiskey forced him to bid farewell to the world in about ten minutes.

A strange little animal, apparently of unknown species, was on exhibition in a Parisian museum, and drew large crowds at one son a head. One day a visitor entered with a dog, and at sight of the curious animal curbed its back and began to hiss and spit. Then the spectators discovered that it was merely a shaved cat.

At the Theater. Amy—How odd? Jack—What's odd? Amy—Do you see that girl two rows in front of us? Jack—Yes. Amy—Well, I'll wager she's talking behind my back.

"Women whom you ought to endeavor to please cannot forgive a vulgar and awkward air and gesture."—Great Chesterfield's reasons for learning to dance.

Rob nature and she will rob you.

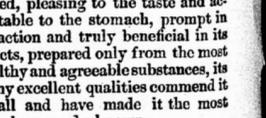


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