

The passion play will be enacted at Ober-Ammergau twenty-seven times during the coming summer...

During the volcanic eruption in the Hawaiian islands last summer the smoke rose to a height of between five and six miles...

It is strange now to recall that, as a girl, the late mother of the German empress was exceedingly anxious to marry Napoleon III.

The recent trials at Indian Head, on the Potomac, of the armor made for the Russian battleship Retvizan...

A correspondent of "Figaro," writing from Madrid, gives a very favorable account of the present condition of Spain...

It is noticeable that all the great generals, either of the past or present, have been known to the public and their soldiers by some familiar nickname.

It is estimated that the state of Maryland lost \$3,000,000 during the past season through the ravages of the pea-louse...

By the action of the senate in ratifying The Hague peace treaty, the United States now stands before the world as a nation no less ready to practice than to preach arbitration.

In a Brussels street traversed by an electric tram-car it has been noticed that the trees on one side of the way begin to lose their foliage early in August...

NEWS OF IOWA

Don Stewart, a farmer 30 years of age residing near Albia, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

W. Gillis and wife were badly burned by the explosion of a lamp. The burning oil was scattered over Mrs. Gillis' clothes and she went screaming from room to room.

Archbishop Hennessey died at his home in Dubuque on the 4th, after an illness which had extended over a period of several weeks.

At Des Moines a few days ago Hovea & Miller, attorneys for Mark Chies, E. Romani, J. D. Hagerman and S. Nenderman, saloon men cited to appear and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

Tom Tuttle, 19 years old, whom the authorities at Chariton have in custody on the charge of implication in the brutal assault which was made on Miss Anna Hemming recently...

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A. I. Breckenridge, for several years secretary of the Perpetual Building and Loan Association at Waterloo, has been arrested, charged with embezzlement.

Section men going to work from Cedar Rapids found a heavy steel rail across the Northwestern track between Ehler and Ryan, removing it before the arrival of a train.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of little Hazel Rogers, of Fort Madison, who shot herself recently, returned a verdict of suicide.

The farmers of Marshall county propose to take measures to better protect themselves from hunters. A mass meeting of farmers and land owners has been called to perfect an organization...

The Farmers' Bank at Farmington was robbed of about \$5,000 a few nights ago. It is said that the thieves left several thousand dollars in gold and silver, taking only paper money.

There was another jail break in O'Brien county a few days ago, being the third one within a year. William B. Tate, who had been in jail for a couple of months on the charge of burglarizing a freight car on the Milwaukee tracks at Sanborn...

Word from Independence states that Dr. George W. Appleby has been released from the insane asylum and that he has returned to Bristow to resume the practice of medicine.

In a vault beside the remains of his predecessors, Bishops Loras and Smith, at Dubuque, lie the remains of John Hennessey, the first arch-bishop of Dubuque. The obsequies occurred on the morning of the 8th and were of the simplest character.

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Twenty-three Des Moines saloon keepers and owners of buildings occupied by saloons have been notified to appear in the district court to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court...

LORD ROBERTS'S BOLD MOVE.

Compels Boers to Abandon Fourteen Miles of Trenches. OSFONTEIN, March 8.—Lord Roberts's forces attacked early yesterday morning. General French turned the northern part of the position of the Boers, who fled, leaving a gun and large quantities of forage and tents.

LONDON, March 8.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, fourteen miles eastward. By an application of the elementary principle of strategy, the Boer positions, fifteen miles long across his path, have been emptied and their holders have been obliged to retreat in confusion...

BRITISH BUDGET PASSES.

Measure Provides for Raising of \$300,000,000 War Funds.

LONDON, March 6.—Public interest centered yesterday in the budget, with its proposals for financing the war, which were adopted by the house of commons. The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, estimated the deficit in the revenue this year and next on account of the war at \$20,000,000.

FAMOUS THEATER BURNED.

Home of Comedie Francaise, of Paris, is in Ruins.

PARIS, March 9.—The Theater Francaise, the historical playhouse of France, and the home of the world-famed Comedie Francaise, is a mass of smoking ruins. Only the mere outside shell remains standing.

HE YIELDED TO THE HOUSE.

President Has Not Changed His Personal Views.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Post says: "President McKinley, in conversation with callers at the white house yesterday, reiterated his belief that the people of Porto Rico were entitled to free trade with the United States."

PORTO RICO.

Senator Davis Introduces a Bill for Free Trade with the Island.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mr. Davis, of Minnesota, has offered an amendment to the Porto Rican bill in the senate. Its effect is to have the tariff laws of the United States applied to Porto Rico upon foreign imports...

To Pension Queen Lili.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on foreign relations authorized the reporting of the amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill appropriating \$20,000 to be paid ex-Queen Lillooualani...

Secretary of War Visits Cuba.

HAVANA, March 8.—Secretary Root arrived yesterday on board the United States transport Sedgwick. He was received with a salute from the Cabanas fortress.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Washington, March 2.—Pettigrew secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the president to furnish information relating to the saloons established in Manila since American occupation and the amount of liquor sold there.

HOUSE.

Within two hours after the reading of a special message by the president, regarding the immediate passage of a bill to place in his hands all the moneys collected upon Porto Rican goods since the Spanish evacuation of the island...

SENATE.

Des Moines, March 3.—The Titus bill providing that the labor of Iowa convicts shall be utilized in the manufacture of supplies for the army and navy in order that it shall be kept from competition with free labor...

HOUSE.

These bills passed the house: Raising the salary of the turkey and guards at the state penitentiaries; giving cities and towns power to prevent the maintenance of gambling houses...

SENATE.

Des Moines, March 5.—McArthur's resolution memorializing Iowa congressmen to support rural mail delivery extension was passed. Other bills were passed as follows:

HOUSE.

The house voted to adjourn over Wednesday for the purpose of visiting the Cherokee asylum. Clarke, of Dallas, introduced a resolution authorizing the adjournment of the house on March 17...

SENATE.

Des Moines, March 6.—Among bills introduced was one by Fitchpatrick authorizing the state to purchase land for home for inebriates. House bill providing that farm leases shall be recorded in order to protect the innocent purchaser of property...

HOUSE.

Lyman introduced a bill similar to the one already in the senate to repeal the legalizing the contracts of building and loan associations entered into prior to 1897 and involving a trust or mortgage...

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After an all morning discussion the joint resolution to submit to the people a proposition to amend the constitution and provide for woman's suffrage was voted in the house by a vote of 41 to 31.

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STEYN TAKES FIRM STAND.

Says Boers Will Fight to the Last and Europe Will Be Astonished.

LONDON, March 9.—A. G. Hales, the correspondent of the Daily News, who was captured by the Boers Feb. 9 and released a few days ago at Bloemfontein, telegraphing from Sterkstroom, Tuesday, says:

"While I was a prisoner at Bloemfontein I had an interview with President Steyn. He said the burghers were determined to fight to the last man, and that the struggle in the Free State would be child's play compared with what would follow in the Transvaal."

Boer Prisoners Number 4,460.

CAPETOWN, March 5.—The railroad is now repaired northward from Kimberley to Riverton. The engineers are pushing the work rapidly. The Boer prisoners captured at Paardeberg total 4,460.

Within the last year an ancient grave was discovered near Rome and opened. In it was found the skeleton of a woman with a complete set of false teeth, displaying admirable workmanship, and wrought out of solid gold.

DES MOINES, March 9, 1900.

The senate judiciary committee decided to report for passage the bill to Senator Hazleton to allow district judges compensation for their expenses while attending court away from home.

The house appropriations committee

voted to report for passage a bill requiring all students of the State Agricultural College who are not exclusively studying in the agricultural departments to pay tuition, whereas all tuition has been free heretofore.

The supreme judgeship contest

is getting interesting. New candidates are developing with great rapidity, especially so long before the state convention. Seven candidates are now being talked of, and most of them are doing active work.

Senator Hazleton, of Pottawattomie,

has secured the passage of the following resolution by the senate: "That the governor be and is hereby authorized to appoint, in commission such number of delegates as may seem to him proper, and to empower the same to investigate in behalf of the state of Iowa the financial, commercial, manufacturing, agricultural, horticultural, mining, economic, judicial social moral or religious condition and interests at any exposition of this or any foreign country; the food, mines, manufacturing and commercial resources and prospects thereof; the breeds of domestic cattle, food and cereals grown therein, and to make reports thereon, provided, however, that such investigation shall be prosecuted without charge to the state of Iowa for services rendered or expenses incurred."

Another evidence of the fact that the Duluth & New Orleans railroad will

build its line to Des Moines during the coming season is given in an item from a paper of that city stating that grading outfits have arrived there preparatory to the work of grading the new road. The rails for the construction of the road will arrive in Nevada and Des Moines early in May.

BOERS DRIVEN FROM DORDBRECHT.

They Are Now Retreating Through Cape Colony.

DORDBRECHT, March 6.—General Brabant has scored a complete victory. The Boers are in full retreat with their guns and wagons and are being pursued.

FILIPINOS AMBUSHED.

MANILA, March 4.—Colonel Anderson with the Thirty-eighth infantry, employing the insurgents own tactics, ambushed the enemy near Batangas. Through spies Colonel Anderson learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass a certain road. He posted his soldiers concealed among the trees lining the road and when the enemy arrived the Americans volleyed unexpectedly, killing twenty-four insurgents, wounding thirty and capturing several. Some arms and ammunition were also captured.

The enemy in that locality are dismayed.