

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Des Moines, September 28, 1900. The articles of incorporation of the Southwestern Railway Company have been received at the secretary of state's office.

The state horticultural society is being furnished with a collection of the flora of the state. The plants are being donated by Professor Pammel of the botanical department of the state agricultural college at Ames.

E. S. Ellsworth of Iowa Falls, who is the president of the proposed Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern railroad, was in the city meeting with some of the promoters of the Duluth & New Orleans road relative to the retirement from the field of the latter company.

Representatives of two voting machine companies are in Des Moines trying to induce the county board of supervisors to adopt their respective machines for use in this county.

The Bonaparte dam case will be heard from at the coming session of the supreme court, the case having been advanced upon the calendar by request. The Bonaparte dam case will be remembered as a case against Meek Bros. of Bonaparte, owners of woolen mills operated in that city.

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THE NEWS IN IOWA

LETTERS FROM PEKING.

Mrs. Conger and Miss Pierce Write to Friends in Des Moines. Des Moines, Sept. 28.—Letters have been received in Des Moines from Mrs. E. H. Conger and Miss Mary Pierce, wife and niece of the American minister to China, Edwin H. Conger.

FIRE FOLLOWED ROBBERY.

Work of Incendiaries in a Grocery Store at Okaloosa. Okaloosa, Sept. 25.—An incendiary fire was discovered burning fiercely in the Ed Nugent building about 1 o'clock a. m.

BUILDING A NEW ROAD

Big Force at Work on the Milwaukee Branch at Foster. Foster, Sept. 28.—Donald Jeffrey, an extensive contractor, who has been working for some time at Delmar and Oxford Junction, has arrived here with twelve car loads of horses, scrapers, tents, etc., preparatory to commencing work on the new railroad that is to be built from Foster to Hilton.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Frank Sigler, a Fremont County Farm Hand, Found Guilty. Sidney, Sept. 27.—In the case of Frank Sigler, on trial for murder in the second degree, or manslaughter, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Where is Minnie Harrington?

Clarinda, Sept. 26.—One of the most baffling things that has occurred here for some time was the disappearance of Miss Minnie, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrington of this city.

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TORNADO AT FERGUSON

Two Persons Killed and a Number of Others Injured.

Marshalltown, Sept. 27.—A tornado, small in scope but terrible in effects, swept through the village of Ferguson, nine miles south of this city, Tuesday evening, at 8:30, killing two persons outright and fatally injuring two more, and less seriously hurting eleven others.

Destructive Storm at Sharps.

Sharps, Sept. 27.—This place was visited Tuesday evening by a destructive storm. The estimated loss of property is \$20,000. No lives were lost.

CONNER GETS THE PLUM.

Denison Man Named for Congress to Succeed Dooliver. Fort Dodge, Sept. 27.—Judge J. P. Conner of Denison was nominated for congressman of the Tenth district on the 96th ballot.

Hedrick Woman Burned to Death.

Ottumwa, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Henry Osterfosse met a tragic death at Hedrick by being burned to death in a fire which destroyed her husband's barn. Her charred body was found later with both limbs burned off.

Saloonkeepers Sued.

Des Moines, Sept. 26.—Two damage suits have been filed in the district court, one for \$5,000 against Ben Parker, the well known liquor wholesaler, and the other for \$2,000 against Henry Mueller.

Will Retain Captured Flag.

Keokuk, Sept. 28.—Crocker's Iowa brigade, which is holding a reunion here, unanimously voted down a proposal to return to the state of South Carolina the flag that Colonel J. C. Kennedy, now of the national soldiers' home at Milwaukee, captured on the capitol at Columbia.

Soldier Boy Buried.

Waucoma, Sept. 25.—Rev. Parker officiated at the funeral of Claude D. Castle, who, after a year's service in the Philippines at garrison duty, died on the hospital ship Relief in Japan.

Supposed Work of Tramps.

Independence, Sept. 28.—Vandalism and incendiarism occurred at the high school building, supposed to be the work of tramps. Books were torn, pictures thrown down and general destruction.

Robbed of \$1,000.

Keokuk, Sept. 27.—The depot agent of the Adams Express company, has been robbed of a thousand-dollar package, consigned by a local bank to Selma, Iowa.

Ottumwa Settles Library Question.

Ottumwa, Sept. 25.—The second election on the acceptance of Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$50,000 for a public library carried by almost 500 majority, 272 of which were votes cast by men.

Population of Dubuque.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The census bureau announces the population of Dubuque at 35,297, as against 30,311 in 1890, an increase of 18.75 per cent.

NEWS IN GENERAL

AMERICA'S ANSWER MADE PUBLIC

Replies to Russia, Germany and China in Answer to Inquiries. Washington, Sept. 24.—The state department has made public the text of the replies made by it to Germany, Russia and China in answer to inquiries from them as to the attitude of the United States toward various phases of the Chinese problem.

HOWARD MUST DIE.

Goebel's Slayer Guilty of Murder in the First Degree. Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 27.—The jury in the case of Jim Howard, charged with being the principal in the assassination of Goebel, returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at death.

STANDS BY UNITED STATES.

England Agrees With America on German Proposition. London, Sept. 26.—Lord Salisbury has replied to the German note in terms identical with those of the United States.

CYCLONE'S DEADLY WORK.

Eight Killed and Many Missing in a Minnesota Town. Faribault, Minn., Sept. 25.—Menger details have just reached here of a terrible catastrophe which visited the village of Morristown, ten miles west of here.

60,000 MEN WILL WORK.

Signing of Scale Between Iron Industries and Workmen. Cincinnati, Sept. 25.—The conference committee of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and of the manufacturers has signed the wage scale that will be effective until July, 1901.

Kentucky Election Law.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 27.—The democratic house caucus has at last agreed upon an election bill which provides that the state board shall consist of one democrat and one republican and a state officer.

Have Miners Went?

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 28.—The Associated Press last night secured from President Mitchell the admission that he believes that the mine operators have agreed to make the striking mine workers an offer of a 10 per cent increase in wages.

Instructed to Destroy Foreigners.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The French consul at Shanghai cables that Tung Fuh Sian has just been appointed general of the western and northern armies.

Martinez de Campos Dead.

Madrid, Sept. 25.—Marshal Arsenio Martinez de Campos, the greatest Spanish general of his time, died Sunday morning at Zarauz, near San Sebastian.

Will Harrass Messrs.

London, Sept. 25.—Messrs. Steyn and Reitz, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, "will remain with the fighting burghers, and it is estimated that a force of Boers, aggregating from 7,000 to 12,000 is planning to harrass the British lines of communication."

Only a Few Left, Says Roberts.

London, Sept. 22.—Further reports from Roberts say that the Boers who remain in the field include a few irreconcilables, but the majority of them are fighting under compulsion.

AQUINALDO NOT FOR PEACE

Philippine Insurgent Leader Declines Buanacamin's Proposal.

Manila, Sept. 25.—Senator Buanacamin has received from Aguinaldo an answer regarding his peace proposals. Aguinaldo declines to consider them agreed to a compromise.

The insurgent demonstrations last week proved to have been more extended than was at first reported. From Cagayan and Isabela provinces and the northwestern districts of Luzon come accounts of insurgent operations and American precautionary measures.

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AMERICA'S PLEDGE

Troops Ordered Sent from Cebu to the Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The states government yesterday took its first step towards the redemption of its pledge made to the Russian government August 28 last by cablegram instructions to General Chaffee to reduce the American forces in China to the proportions of a legation guard.

Nearly a month ago the Russian government was told through M. de Wollant, its charge here, that if the Russian forces and ministers were withdrawn from Peking, "we shall give instructions to the commander of the American forces in China to withdraw our forces from Peking, after due conference with the other commanders as to the time and manner of withdrawal."

That time has now come, and yesterday's action marks the beginning of the disappearance of the American army from China, for although some military forces are to remain, it will not be of the character of an army, but under the conditions laid down in the order to General Chaffee, and especially under its official designation as a "legation guard" will be rather of the nature of a civil guard.

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Strikers Engage in a Fight.

Scrannton, Pa., Sept. 27.—The first blood shed which may be laid to the miners' strike in the Lackawanna region, was reported from Sibley, a mining settlement six miles from Scranton. Three men were wounded, one fatally, in a row in which about twenty revolver shots were fired.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 23.—Three regiments of infantry, a battery and a troop of cavalry were ordered out at midnight by Governor Stone to assist Sheriff Toole in maintaining order in the Schuylkill mining region.

This action was taken after a conference between the governor, Adjutant General Stewart and General Gorbin on the urgent solicitation of the sheriff and borough council of Shenandoah and many prominent residents of that locality.