

# Iowa State Bystander.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

The thoughtful mother of a little Chicago boy sent the following note with him to his school-teacher: "Miss Fitzgerald: Adolph swallowed a brass padlock last night, and if he has any pain in school this morning as a result, will you please excuse him, and oblige his mother."

A certain minister in Denver occasionally plays havoc with his words. In closing a very impressive sermon on "Death," he said: "Ere long we will all be called upon to shuffle off this mortal coil; or, I should say, muffle off this—that is cuffle off this mortal—pardon me; shuffle off this sort—(Ahem!) Let us rise and sing the doxology."

There is a school district in Reno county, Kan., in which there is a school house and a teacher, but not a solitary pupil. Miss Mary Scroggins, the teacher, opens school every morning, and holds herself in readiness to instruct any children who may come, but she is the sole occupant of the building. There are plenty of children in the district, but they attend a parochial school.

Mr. J. S. Moffat, who has been actively connected with the country immediately to the south of the Zambesi for over forty years, first as a missionary and latterly as an official, is about to return to Rhodesia after a holiday in Europe. He first went out under Dr. Livingstone. He was resident magistrate at Taung when the Jameson raid took place. Mr. Moffat is now sixty-five, but he has work left in him yet.

How quickly the huge herds of buffalo on the American plains were swept from the face of the earth! A recent careful count by a competent person places the whole number of animals of the kind living today at only 1,024. Dr. William T. Hornaday says in his book concerning the buffalo that it would have been as easy to count the number of leaves in a forest as to calculate the number of buffaloes living at time during the history of the species previous to 1870.

A large amount of American steel is being imported into Scotland. One Scotch shipbuilding firm has received over 10,000 tons of ship plates from America at a price that is \$4,000 cheaper than the same could be obtained in Scotland. Another firm is taking over 50,000 tons, and altogether it is calculated that about 100,000 tons will be imported. Some steel is also being sent from Germany, but not in such large quantities as from America.

The newest fashion in New York sky-scraper construction is to begin at the top and build downward. It seems impossible, yet that is what a contractor is doing with a bank building at Wall and William streets. At present the upper five floors, with granite walls, are practically finished. The lower ten are as yet mere skeletons of girders and trusses. The larger blocks of granite for these lower floors were not ready on time, so the builder decided to go ahead on the ones above. It is perfectly safe, yet the appearance of the structure is so unusual that it is a curiosity, even for Wall street.

The Austrian government has recently entrusted a particularly valuable commission to Fraulein Erika Paulas, this being nothing less than the erection of a residence at Bistritz for the official Forest Commissioners. This is the twentieth commission the government has given to Fraulein Paulas, who has not achieved her success without a struggle and much opposition from the building trade, which petitioned the minister of public works to prohibit her from entering for the examinations. Fraulein Paulas gained her architect's diploma at Buda-Pesth, after passing the mason's examination at Klausenburg. In England the only two members, it is said, of the Royal Institute of British Architects are the Misses Charles.

Stories about misers are sometimes exaggerated, but it has been verified that a beggarwoman named Marie Leret, who has died at Versailles, left behind her in gold and bonds about \$8,000. The money was found in an old cupboard in the hovel wherein the deceased had lived for over half a century. Marie Leret was eighty-three years old, and was one of the most successful mendicants of the day. She begged persistently at church doors, in the streets, at the railway stations, and received, moreover, substantial gifts from charitably-disposed persons, who had no idea that they were assisting a miser. Of the sum found, nearly \$3,000 in gold fell out of a long stocking, the remainder being in various securities, of which the dividend warrants had not been utilized for eighteen years.

It is said that Formosan savages are puzzled by an extremely simple arithmetical problem. If two of them are to share five articles of food, they divide by taking two apiece and throwing the fifth away. But that is not so bad, after all. It even shows that they have made progress. In earlier times, the stronger of the two would have disposed of his unesteemed contemporary, and appropriated the whole. It is a movement onward and upward when the rights of others are recognized and respected.

# THE NEWS IN IOWA

CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Treatment for This Dread Disease Said to Have Been Found.  
Des Moines, Dec. 28.—A sensation nothing short of profound was caused at the meeting last night at the Still College of Osteopathy of the osteopaths of Iowa when Dr. William West, a young osteopath of Centerville, Iowa, read a paper in which he gave in detail a new and, it is asserted, a successful treatment for tuberculosis.

Dr. West's paper, which was scientific and technical, dealt with the treatment and results of the care of ten patients whom he has treated since last June, each one of whom was restored to health. In a word, the treatment hinges on a knowledge of the importance of the functions of the spleen and the making use of splenic vibrations. Dr. West demonstrates before death the blood forming functions of the spleen by vibrating the spleen and throwing into the blood stream the phagocytes which prey on the bacteria of tuberculosis. Furthermore in his treatment he aims to correct organic diseases of the alimentary tract and give to the diseased lungs the support of healthy organs.

PHYSICIANS ARE WARNED.

Most Report Infectious Diseases of Suffer the Consequences.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—The state board of health is determined to punish physicians who resist or interfere with quarantine of infectious diseases in the future. The board has had a great deal of trouble with doctors who, either from ignorance or a desire to protect patients from the rigors of quarantine against scarlet fever or smallpox, have insisted that these diseases were something else that did not require a strict quarantine. One remarkable case of ignorance is reported from Eddyville, where a doctor by the name of Brunt minutely described a disease which he called yaws, which is a disease peculiar to the races in Africa and in the East Indies. The description given by Dr. Brunt does not in the least correspond with the best authorities on the subject, and it demonstrates, members of the board say, that he did not know what he was talking about.

Doctors who make such mistakes in the future and cause the spread of contagious diseases by their ignorance or neglect will be summoned before the state board of medical examiners to show cause why their certificates shall not be revoked for incompetency. Secretary Kennedy of the board says that this notice means business and that the doctors will find it out if there is any further trouble of this kind.

RED-LETTER DAY IN JOURNALISM

A Memorable Anniversary of the Des Moines News.

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Five years ago tomorrow the Des Moines Daily News celebrated its attaining to 10,000 circulation by firing ten cannon on the Des Moines river front and feasting two hundred newsmen. Since that time it has increased to about 30,000 circulation and doubled its size, still retaining its remarkably low price to subscribers of \$1 a year, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for three months. The News is now one of the most prosperous newspapers in the west.

Found His Home Haunted.

Marcus, Dec. 27.—William Mitchell of this place and sexton of the Marcus and Amherst cemetery believes his home to be haunted. About two months ago Mrs. Mitchell took sick and suddenly died, leaving Mr. Mitchell with three children. Within a few days after her death he and his children departed for Des Moines, where he hoped to find employment and make his future home. Not doing so, he returned here. Upon retiring at his former home here he allowed the lamp to burn, which was his custom; upon entering the bed it was extinguished by some unknown cause. Thinking nothing of this, he relit it, and no sooner had he turned around when again it was blown out. He repeated this operation several times, but each time with the same result. Being frightened, he immediately left the house and says he never will go there again.

Fatal Hunting Accident.

Sioux City, Dec. 27.—Guy C. Moore of Oto accidentally shot and instantly killed himself while out hunting. His body was found near a barb wire fence, and the presumption is that his rifle was discharged while he was trying to crawl through the fence. The bullet went through his left temple. He was assistant station agent for the Illinois Central railroad, 25 years of age and unmarried. His parents live at Winthrop.

Engineer Will Die.

Marshalltown, Dec. 27.—Engineer John Norton of the Iowa Central was struck on the head by a blunt instrument while in the cab of a passenger engine at Eldora before daylight yesterday. His skull was fractured and the injury will probably prove fatal. It is supposed to be the work of an enemy.

Celebrates 101st Birthday.

Des Moines, Dec. 21.—Noah Brockway Bacon celebrated the hundred and first anniversary of his birth Wednesday. Many of his friends called on him to congratulate him on his good health and spirits. Mr. Bacon was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, N. Y., December 19, 1799. In 1821 he married Charlotte York, and in 1843 moved west. Most of his life he has been a farmer. Mr. Bacon is a small, compactly built man. His habits have always been good.

Don't brood; a gnat of troubles soon becomes a cloud of calamity.

# FORTY-NINE DROWNED.

Awful Disaster to School Children at What Cheer.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—An appalling disaster has occurred at What Cheer. While a number of children were skating on a pond near that place the ice broke, precipitating the whole lot into the water. A panic ensued, and forty children were drowned. Details are meager.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Communication was secured at 2 o'clock over the Iowa Telephone Company's lines with the office of the mayor of Oskaloosa. That gentleman said:

"We have just received a brief message from Ottumwa saying that the rumor that forty-nine school children were drowned at What Cheer is true. "They were skating on a pond near the fair ground at What Cheer, and the ice suddenly gave way. The panic helped the catastrophe."

FOR BUILDING AT AMES.

Executive Council Appropriates for a New Structure.

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—The executive council has made an appropriation of \$10,000 out of the providential contingent fund for the erection of a temporary building at Ames and heating it. President Beardshear and members of the board of trustees appeared before the council, with a rough draft of the plans for the temporary structure as prepared by State Architect Liebke, and with the council's approval.

The building will contain ten rooms for recitation purposes. It will be one story high, covered with a flat roof, sealed within and covered with rough lumber on the outside. The cost of the building itself will be between \$8,000 and \$9,000 but the council decided to provide enough in addition to pay for heating. The \$10,000 appropriation covers both the cost of erection of building and putting in the heating apparatus.

The appropriation of \$10,000 is in addition to the appropriation of \$3,500 made a short time ago for repairing the main building and of \$1,200 for assistance in starting the botanical laboratory.

FARM HAND HAD HIS NERVE.

Was Made a Social Lion at the Chicago Fat Stock Show.

Ottumwa, Dec. 28.—It has developed that the officers and buyers at the fat stock show at Chicago recently were "taken in" by a farm hand from Melrose, in this state, and that while he did not commit any crime, his acts show that he has unexampled nerve and an unlimited amount of "gall." The young man without a cent of capital other than \$5 he borrowed from L. D. Remley of Melrose prior to starting, made his way to Chicago, and on going to the stock show soon became one of the liveliest and most interesting of bidders. It is reported that he had a number of choice animals knocked down to him at fancy prices, and that the total amount of his purchases was somewhere in the \$8,000 neighborhood.

Being such a lively fellow and such an apparent good judge of fine stock, and besides a good financier, he was written up in the Chicago papers and wine and dined and banqueted by the stockmen. He returned to Melrose in a parlor car, making no payments on his purchases, and of course all the deals were declared off. Maxwell could not keep the secret to himself and it leaked out.

TEST CASE IS ARRANGED.

Plan to Get at Validity of the Titus Amendment.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The complete details of the program for testing the validity of the Titus amendment for biennial election have been made known. Through the medium of this plan, which was devised by Attorney General Remley, and which has the endorsement of Senator Charles W. Mullin, the attorney general-elect, and of Senator Titus, the author of the amendment, it is expected a decision will be forthcoming from the supreme court before the close of the January term, the ninth day of February.

The case will be begun at Washington, Washington county, in the Sixth judicial district, with Judge A. R. Dewey on the bench. Marsh W. Bailey, the county attorney-elect of Washington county, will bring action in quo warranto against the present incumbent of the office, S. W. Brookhart. Both of the men are republicans and personal friends and the suit will be entirely an amicable one.

HEAVY FIRE AT MASON CITY.

Explosion of Gasoline Causes Loss of \$30,000.

Mason City, Dec. 27.—This city suffered a loss of \$30,000 by fire yesterday. It originated in a tailor shop by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The business blocks owned by H. E. Francisco and J. E. Knutson were badly damaged. Mitchell Bros. & Cherry suffered heavily on clothing, and J. W. Adams on drugs. A dozen firms and offices suffered losses. The insurance will cover the loss.

The more shiftless the person the greater the calamity it seems to him to fail to see a circus.

For a Pearl Button Factory.

Clinton, Dec. 21.—Articles of incorporation have been filed here for the Clinton Pearl Button company, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The stockholders include several bankers and other business men. The management will be in the hands of practical button men. The company is authorized to buy and sell shells, pearls, slugs and saw button blanks. The capital provided will equip a large plant that will employ fifty people. The factory will be ready for business as soon as the ice goes out in the spring.

# NEWS IN GENERAL

OPERATIONS IN TRANSVAAL.

Boers Continue to Keep Kitchener's Men Busy.

London, Dec. 28.—The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria:

"Yesterday two hundred Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off.

"The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp.

"The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg."

London, Dec. 28.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandoes continue to display astonishing bearing and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General De Wet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of De Wet's vengeance if any surrender.

NEW PARTY IS LAUNCHED.

Meeting Attended by All the Loyal Filipino Leaders.

Manila, Dec. 25.—The recently organized autonomy party was launched Sunday at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read, and after some discussion adopted by a vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed endorsement of the platform, including Senator Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority had been much questioned.

The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of twenty-five members was elected, together with an executive committee.

EMPEROR NOT WELL PLEASED.

Kwang Su Wants to Retain the Taku Forts.

Peking, Dec. 28.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the emperor, Kwang Su. Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

BRITONS PRAISE WEST POINT.

Say It Is Ahead of Any Similar School in England.

London, Dec. 27.—At a conference of the head masters of the great public schools one of the speakers severely arraigned the irritating educational methods the schools were forced to employ in order to pass boys as officers into the service. A military correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, criticising the Sandhurst and Woolwich methods, declares the British authorities admit that West Point is in advance of anything in England.

THE COURTEOUS BOERS.

Released the British Yeomanry After Disarming Them.

London, Dec. 28.—The Evening Standard says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which, as announced in a dispatch from Cape Town, was entrapped and captured by the Boers, whom they were following from Britstown, was released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipment. Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded.

Big Failure at Le Mars.

Sioux City, Dec. 27.—News has reached Sioux City of the financial failure of Barron Bros. at LeMars, with liabilities of \$25,000. The Barron Brothers for several years were in business in Sioux City. It is understood several Sioux City and Des Moines firms were caught in the cash.

Iowa Absconder in Canada.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 28.—W. I. Dean, alias W. H. Carr, who it is alleged, is wanted at Hinton, Iowa, on the charge of absconding agent for the Northern Express company, is under arrest here. A representative of the company is expected here to push extradition proceedings.

Mrs. Hossack at Liberty.

Indianola, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Margaret Hossack, who is charged with the murder of her husband, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000. The bond has been approved and Mrs. Hossack was able to spend Christmas with her family at the scene of the tragedy.

Didn't Vote for McKinley.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—A controversy having arisen between two Atlanta newspapers over the charge by one of them that former President Cleveland had voted for Mr. McKinley at the last election, the Atlanta Journal today received, in reply to a telegram, an autograph letter from Mr. Cleveland, in which he says he did not vote for President McKinley.

English Again Entrapped.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A squadron of Yeomanry, which had been following the Boers from Britstown, is reported to have been entrapped and captured.

# SALT MAKES HEART BEAT.

Declared that Common Chemical Will Start New Motion in Vital Organs.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Professor Jacques Loeb of the University of Chicago, who has attracted the attention of the scientific world by his original research work in physiology, with the assistance of Professor D. J. Lingie, also of the University of Chicago, has discovered that common salt, or sodium chloride is the element in the blood which causes the heart to pulsate.

Experiments have been conducted in the laboratories of the University of Chicago during the last four months which have revealed this truth. By experimenting on the hearts of turtles and other animals it has been found that heart tissue which has ceased to beat can be made again to take up its rhythmical pulsations by placing it in a solution of common salt or sodium chloride.

Medical men throughout the world have long known the value of salt as a stimulant to a weak heart, but they have never before known just what caused the heart to beat faster. They were disposed yesterday to say that the theory of professors Loeb and Lingie was very plausible, and thought that when the discovery was put on a practical basis it might have a wonderful effect in prolonging human life.

# CAPE COLONY IN BALANCE

Future Depends Upon the Resources of the Dutch.

Cape Town, Dec. 28.—Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown, after commandeering all supplies available.

London, Dec. 25.—The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to the Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent, everything depends on the quantity of ammunition in possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 100 of whom have joined the Boers in the Phillip-town district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none too soon.

Most of the dispatches from Cape Town describe the raiders as doing little harm and as being rapidly enclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being possibly acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: "Such a step is now impossible owing to a lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: "The pro-Boer press is singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western provinces foreshadow perilous possibilities.

"A responsible colonist who recently made a tour of the colony declares that 90 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a resourceful leader to rebel."

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony, and the movements of both the Boers and the British are almost unknown in Cape Town.

EVIDENCE AGAINST YOUTSEY.

Important Discovery Made in Office of the Auditor of Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—One of the clerks in the state auditor's office in searching the vault for old records, found a cartridge box containing eight metal patched smokeless powder cartridges, 38-55 caliber, corresponding exactly to the bullet found in the hackberry tree and which was believed to have passed through Senator Goebel's body. The significance of the discovery lies in the fact that Henry Youtesy, convicted of participation in the Goebel assassination in October, 1899, was a clerk in the auditor's office at the time of the assassination and had access to the vault where the cartridges were found and that George Barnes, another clerk in the office, testified that he saw Youtesy with a box of cartridges.

RUSSIA IS TO SECURE THEM.

Manchurian Railroads Will Be Taken Over, It is Reported.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Novoe Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent stands by the story that the Russian government is about to take over the Manchurian railroads. He says Commander Keller has left Vladivostok to formally deliver the roads to the government's representatives. The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only four million roubles.

BRITISH CONSUL BEATEN.

Turkish Soldiers Maltreat Mr. De Bunsen.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Some Turkish soldiers have grossly assaulted and maltreated the British charge d'affaires, Mr. de Bunsen, and other members of the British embassy in the vicinity of the powder magazine at Makrikie in Shapr. Demands for redress have been made to the porte.

Victim of a Dance Row.

Mason City, Dec. 22.—Tom Edmondson, living near Clear Lake, went to a brother's home to attend a dance. He was intoxicated and in a general row was pretty severely punished. Later he was found nearly on a barb wire fence, dead. The coroner is investigating.

25,000 Plague Victims.

Calcutta, Dec. 26.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech yesterday said that, since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore state.

# CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senate business was transacted by the house today. The news of the death of Mrs. William F. Frye, wife of the president pro tem of the senate, conveyed officially to the body, and out of respect to her memory immediate adjournment was taken until January 3, 1901.

House—No business of importance was transacted and adjournment was taken till January 3.

BRITISH MUCH WORRIED.

Boers Working Further South Than a Year Ago.

London, Dec. 27.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December, and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

The war office had received no news last evening of the reported capture of yeomanry near Britstown.

A yeomanry dispatch has a mysterious reference to an unfortunate mistake of the enemy for Brabant's Horse, which resulted in the sounding of "cease fire," and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament.

General Clement's success against the Boers in the Magaliesberg region is also doubtful, the last dispatch reporting that it was considered advisable not to force the Boers from their positions.

The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such vast tracts of territory even when the Boers shall be finally subdued. The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops," says: "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censored messages."

WORD FROM CONGRESS.

Military Occupation to Continue Till China Settles.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A cablegram received at the state department from United States Minister Conger dated at Peking on the 24th inst., states that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives and Prince Ching took place on the 24th. Ching presented the credentials of himself and Li Hung Chang, who was unable to attend owing to illness to the diplomatic representatives, who handed to him the international note. The officials of the state department are unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note. The last article of the note notified the Chinese government that the occupation of Chi Li and Peking would continue until the Chinese government has complied with the terms of the note. It may be stated, however, that the United States is not bound or affected by this condition. Our occupancy from a military point of view has terminated and there is no disposition to renew it. As for the other powers it is expected that the main obstacle they will encounter in withdrawing under this condition will be found in the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory guarantees upon the Chinese promise to pay indemnities.

LEPROSY IS SPREADING.

No Less Than 30,000 Victims of Dread Disease in Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 28.—An appended report to General MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines for the past fiscal year gives some rather startling facts regarding the introduction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimates of the Franciscan fathers, says Major Guy L. Edie, the writer of the report, there are no less than 30,000 lepers in the archipelago, the major portion of these being in the Visayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633, when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers on board to the Philippines as a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests.

Thus the seed was planted, and as no practical methods ever were adopted to eradicate the disease, or prevent its spread, it has taken firm root. A house to house inspection begun last January found more than a hundred lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to San Lazaro hospital in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A commission is now engaged in the work of selecting a suitable island or islands for the purpose of isolating all lepers in the archipelago.

PRELIMINARY NOTE DELIVERED.

Now Up to the Chinese Commissioners to Make Answer.

Pekin, Dec. 26.—The preliminary joint note was delivered yesterday to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys. Prince Ching, replying to the Spanish minister, Senator E. J. De Cologan, who presented the note, said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor and assured the ministers that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

Roosevelt Removes an Attorney.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Governor Roosevelt has removed from office Col. Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney of New York county, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney J. H. Hammond, and appointed Eugene J. Philbin, of the state county charities, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Philbin is a democrat.

Don't pull up on the road to success and wait for the other fellow to go ahead.

When dealing with a crank on a good turn-down deserves another.