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He is the first ambassador from any nation to be received by the young ruler.



To-day Clifton R. Breckinridge will be formally received as U. S. Ambassador by Czar Nicholas II

Only A Few Days...

To Christmas and we've got lots of goods to show you before you buy your Christmas gifts.

- Dressing cases. Collar and Cuff Boxes. Necktie Boxes. Silk Embroidered Suspenders. Silk Handkerchiefs. Mullers. Gloves. Umbrellas. Canes.

May be something in the stock of Bathing Robes, Bathing Mitts, Bath Towels, etc., that may make a suitable and appropriate gift for some one you know.

You'll Buy Something....

For the boy for Christmas. You know by rumor if not by actual experience that our stock of Boys' Clothing is best in cut, quality, finish and style.

Can't put off buying that Overcoat much longer—winter is bound to come—and you'd better buy while assortment and stock are complete.

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MRS. SNELL OBJECTS.

She Opposes the Appointment of Administrators in the Davis Case by a Boston Court.

AND SAYS SHE'S THE LAWFUL WIDOW.

The California Claimant Succeeds in Stopping the Proceedings for Awhile at any Rate.

Boston, Dec. 18.—A new phase in the settlement of the estate of the late Andrew J. Davis, of Montana, developed when at the hearing before Judge McKim, a petition was presented in behalf of Mrs. Huldah Snell, who claims to be the widow.

A CASHIER MISSING.

His Accounts at the Bank Are About \$25,000 Short.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 18.—Frank A. McKean, cashier of the Indian Head National bank, has not been in the city since Monday. It has happened before that he has been away for several days at a time without the knowledge of the directors, and no uneasiness was caused, because his absence was often required in settling estates and making investments.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT.

It Cannot be Authoritatively Announced for at Least a Week.

At noon yesterday the state board of canvassers had completed the official count so far as was possible. It is not yet known whether the vote of Jefferson and Teton counties were returned for correction. The vote of these counties had been sent in by totals instead of by precincts. It will probably be a week before the corrections are made and the vote of these two counties are returned to the board.

THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY.

The London Burlesque Company is Said to Be All Right.

The press notices all speak of the London Music Hall Burlesque company in very high terms. The company has some very strong features. There are many new and novel specialties never before presented to American audiences.

Death of Robert Perry.

Robert Perry, who was very well known in Helena, died at Bozeman last Sunday after an illness of several weeks. He was an old time resident of Bozeman, having lived there sixteen years. He resided in this city for some time, and he had many very warm friends here who regret his death.

They Mean to Hold on.

The following notices to avoid forfeiture were filed yesterday: Old Dominion, by Jerry Robinson and N. Kessler; Bonanza and Meagher, in Ottawa district, by E. Warren Toole and others; Broad, Grizzly, Mammoth Gold, Common Sense and Eastern Eden, by John S. M. Neill and others; Marked Harrington and Mountain View, by Caroline Duto; Mamie D., by H. R. Davis and others; Fargo, by Joseph Fick and John Horsk; Cabinet, by Wm. B. Raleigh; Cinnamon, Lion and Tiger Stemple district, by J. H. and Frank Longmaid, and Sacoop and Nile, Stemple district, by John Rumping.

District Court Notes.

In the district court yesterday decree of foreclosure was granted plaintiff in the case of Wm. H. Trigg et al. versus Lulu B. Humbert. Judgment was for \$2,971.98. In the matter of the estate of Henrietta Reneur, deceased, the will was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted.

The Holiday Revers.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Speaker Crisp and the house leaders have reported a tacit agreement by which adjournment for the holiday recess will be taken at the close of the session next Saturday and the re-assembling will be at noon, Jan. 3.

The Gold Reserve Still Going Down.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The gold reserve was further reduced to-day by the withdrawal at New York of \$1,800,000, which leaves the amount of reserve to-day, \$91,564,000.

DEBTS AND DOLLARS.

An Interesting Lecture by F. N. Fletcher Before the Unity Club.

F. M. Fletcher delivered a very able address last evening before the Unity club in Grand Army hall. His subject was "Debts and Dollars," and it proved very interesting to the many people who heard it. After alluding to the widespread interest in monetary questions, and to the special interest felt by silver producing communities in the question of bimetallicity, he said that in a larger and broader sense all joined in the desire, born of world-wide necessity, that there would be the same yesterday, to-day and to-morrow. He traced briefly the history of money, showing that it was at first a simple medium of exchange but had assumed that very important function of the standard of deferred payments. When used as a medium of exchange the stability of the monetary unit was of primary importance.

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