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A Judgment for \$787,500 in the Water Suit.

THE VERDICT WAS EXPECTED.

But It Was Not Thought the Damages Would Be So High.

A Triumph for the Reform Element, and Especially for Judge Wickersham, Against Whom the Boodlers Have Waged Bitter and Persistent Warfare.

Tacoma, Jan. 1.—Special.—The city of Tacoma began the year of grace 1896 with a judgment against the Tacoma Light and Water Company for damages by fraud in the sale of the water and light plants of the city in the sum named and assessed by the jury at 2 o'clock this morning.

At 9 o'clock this morning Judge Pritchard mounted the bench and the jury was brought in by the court. The verdict was announced about that time and the jury had reached an agreement during the night and the room was nearly filled with spectators.

Before court adjourned Judge Pritchard addressed the jury, thanking them for their care and attention to the case, and complimenting them on their conduct throughout the long trial.

The verdict was received throughout the city with joyful approval. The expressions of surprise at the amount of damages awarded were heard. It was considered yesterday that the jury would find for the city, and estimated ran from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The city attorney has reason to feel joyful over the verdict awarded the city. Since he began the suit a year ago, his pathway has been beset with obstacles.

Several councilmen have persistently fought the suit from the beginning. At one time, it is understood, the company offered to pay both the Bismey damage claims, amounting to \$1000, if the city's suit was withdrawn.

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THE GREAT LAWYERS

On the Commission to Outline the Venezuelan Boundary.

SUPREME JUDGE DAVID BREWER

Judge Richard H. Alvey, of District of Columbia Appeals Court;

Andrew D. White, Ex-President of Cornell University; Frederic R. Couderc, of New York, and Daniel C. Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University.

Washington City, Jan. 1.—President Cleveland has announced the appointment of a Venezuelan boundary commission.

The commission is regarded here among the most important of the year. It had an opportunity to see the names after they were made public.

Andrew D. White was born at Homer, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1832. It was from Syracuse, N. Y., that he came to the college at Geneva, N. Y., in 1854.

He remained only one year at Geneva, but he entered the famous class of 1855 at Yale college, which numbered among its members Edmund Clarence Mearns, George W. Smalley and Isaac Stedman.

White went to Europe and studied for three years at the College of the Holy Cross, and the University of Berlin.

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GERMANY VERY ANGRY

Over the British Invasion of the Transvaal Republic.

CHAMBERLAIN CALLS A HALT.

He Declares That the Action of Jamieson Is Unjustifiable.

The Boers Are Powerful Enough to Annihilate the Invaders, but at the Request of the English Government They Will Act on the Defensive.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—The Kolnische Zeitung states that Germany has adopted an official inquiry to England as to the steps the English government intended to take to restore the status quo in the Transvaal.

A cable dispatch received here from Pretoria says a rising has occurred at Johannesburg. It is added that 300 more armed men belonging to the British Chartered Company are on their way to the frontier.

News of the invasion of the Transvaal Republic by an armed British force has created a decided sensation here.

The afternoon papers comment at some length upon the fresh trouble the British government has to face.

The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, has issued the following statement on the Transvaal question:

Having learned on Monday evening that I have been called to the office of the British agent at Johannesburg, Sir Hercules Robinson has by proclamation publicly repudiated Jamieson's act.

A dispatch from Berlin says it is stated that Emperor William has promised his moral support to the Boers, and indicated that he may take other measures if Great Britain persists in her present course.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times says: "The crisis is clearly endangering Anglo-German relations, and without doubt the government will interfere. Relations have gradually arisen between the Transvaal and Germany which have assumed a moral character by Germany's attitude of the Transvaal."

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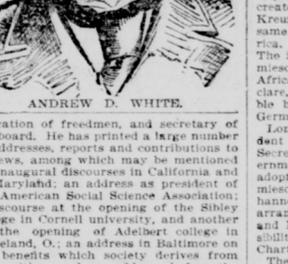
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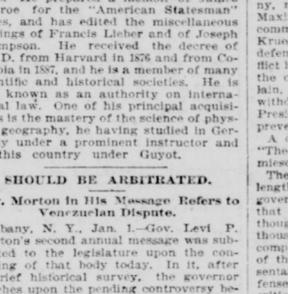
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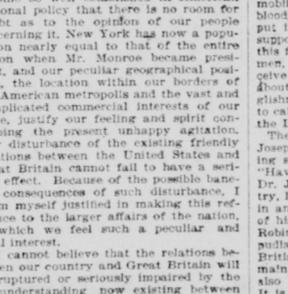
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Gov. Morton in His Message Refers to Venezuelan Dispute.



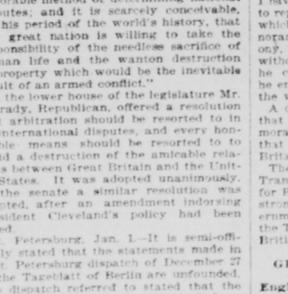
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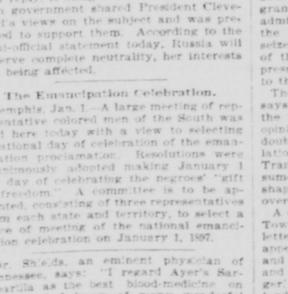
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