GOVERNMENT CASH WASTED IN LUMPS.

Nearly $200,000 Spent on a Useless Military Hospital at Havana, Cuba.

PLANNED FOR 2,500 BEDS.

As Many as Eighty Have Been Occupied at One Time—Troops to Remain in Cuba Indefinitely.

BY CHARLES M. PEPPER.
SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Havana, June 12.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Two hundred thousand dollars may cover the money which was wasted on Military Hospital No. 1.

Some of the officials who are of a sanguine temperament think they can make a showing which will reduce the amount of waste, though they do not try to deny that there has been great extravagance.

From the time of reaching Havana, I had heard much about this Military Hospital No. 1. It is situated out near Castillo de Principe, or Castillo Castle, and one thing that may be urged in its favor is the healthful location, though that hardly justifies the throwing money away in hundred thousand dollar lumps. The building is an old one and was used by the Spanish authorities. They took the property many years ago after their usual method of confiscation and did not bother about the title. Neither did the American military authorities when they started on the project.

In making inquiries I was told that the plan was conceived by Chief Surgeon R. M. O'Reilly when he was stationed in Havana. He projected a hospital with 2,500 beds and the plans were carried out and the expenditures made on that scale. What possible need there could be for a military hospital of 2,500 beds seemingly no one stopped to inquire. Those were the days of grand dreams, when sound sense took wings. In explanation of the large scale on which the hospital was planned, it has been stated to me that at the time it was thought a much larger number of troops would be kept on the island.

Huge Permanent Establishment.

It is surprising now to learn how many officers were dreaming, fifteen or eighteen months ago, of a huge permanent military establishment in Cuba. Allowing for errors of judgment in this, as in other matters, it is difficult to understand on what basis a military hospital with 2,500 beds was thought desirable. The American troops were scattered all over the island. Except for those in and around Havana, the hospital could be of no benefit, and even here General Lee and other military commanders were opposed to one central hospital. In their view the camp hospitals answered every purpose.

Nevertheless, Military Hospital No. 1 was planned for 2,500 beds, and at times it has had as many as eighty of these beds occupied by soldiers. The expenditures were fully in keeping with the project of a grand military hospital.

Governor General Wood has stated that nothing is to be concealed about these past expenditures. Acting on this suggestion, I went to Quartermaster General Humphrey and asked to see the books. They were shown to me without comment. Many of the items are interesting.

The Disbursements.

Up to this date the disbursements for Military Hospital No. 1 have amounted to $197,000. The main expenditures have been for an ice plant, electric light plant and plumbing. Lumber has also been a very heavy item. One disbursement for the ice plant was $15,000 in a lump, but that does not cover the whole expenditure for this purpose. This ice business appears to have become a profitable job for the contractors. The electric light plant was also provided for on a liberal scale, but not quite so extravagantly as the ice plant.

In the matter of plumbing there was no stint. One single item is for $8,000, but the aggregate mounts up much higher. Possibly the plumbing was worth all that was paid for it. It is of the finest and most modern kind. With the plumbing as a foundation, the walls and everything else of the old Spanish building might be torn away and a new edifice constructed, which would be as palatial as anything that was known in the best hospitals of the world.

It is fair to the military authorities to say that they do not attempt to justify the wastefulness that has been shown. They frankly state that it was bad business all around; yet, as usual, there is difficulty in placing responsibility, though most of them insist that Surgeon O'Reilly's plans were the main cause of the waste of money. The best opinion is that an expenditure of $50,000 would have met every need, but the money is gone, and the question now is regarding the future use of the hospital.

As a General Hospital.

When the folly of the 2,500 beds for military purposes became plain, an effort was made to utilize the structure as a general hospital. The American military authorities could find no means of utilizing it for the troops, beyond a few beds. The proposition was then made to turn it over to the municipality of Havana. The municipality was fairly well provided with hospital facilities and did not grasp the offer. One cause of its hesitancy was the doubts regarding the title.

It is true that thus far none of the original heirs have come forward to claim the property. It is the case with a number of Government buildings that were taken by the Spanish authorities that the owners or heirs have acquiesced and by long possession the ownership of the state has been regarded as valid. Yet this kind of a title is not the best one. The municipality of Havana did not care to take over Military Hospital No. 1 under such conditions, and proclaim it municipal property. No one could tell what litigation might arise.

After much uncertainty a temporary arrangement has been effected. The municipality has leased the hospital from the military authorities, and it will therefore not be left unoccupied. But in the lease the municipality accepts no responsibility for maintaining the title.

In due season, no doubt, the Washington lobby will discover the heirs, and the Government will be asked to pay a pretty penny for the use of the property, in addition to what has already been spent.

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN CUBA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, June 16.—"American troops will remain in Cuba indefinitely and probably permanently."

This was the emphatic declaration of a Cabinet official to-day in answer to a question as to the future policy of the administration toward Cuba now that the elections had passed off satisfactorily and without disturbance.

"There is a wrong impression," continued the official, "about the withdrawal of our troops from Cuba. The statement has frequently been made and widely circulated that, with the elections over, steps would be immediately taken to recall the larger part of our troops, and that in the very near future the American flag will be hauled down, all of the forces withdrawn and the island turned over to the Cubans.

"It might just as well be understood now as any other time that no such policy is possible. Probably, after a constitutional convention has been held and a civil independent government established, a portion of the 9,000 troops now on the island may be withdrawn. But American troops, if only a regiment, will remain in Cuba for many years to come.

"This does not mean that the administration contemplates the annexation of Cuba. On the contrary, the continued presence of troops on the island will tend to assure the stability of an independent government, and thereby stave off annexation."

This statement is significant in that it clearly demonstrates the purpose of President McKinley to advocate a permanent American protectorate over Cuba. While many believe that Cuban annexation is inevitable, President McKinley will adhere to the protectorate policy and allow future administrations to deal with the annexation question.

Helpful Shopping Hints

Barr's — Missouri's Greatest Store — St. Louis

Tell you only of very important sales in half a dozen of our thirty-five departments that are overflowing with seasonable goods, which have the prices cut to half or less, mostly less. These are grand shopping times for those who like a DOLLAR TO DO DOUBLE DUTY—and who does not?

Our Shirt Waist Sale

Continues Monday. There are thousands of pretty Waists, all new, fresh goods, bought so low that we can make these phenomenally low prices on them.

Lot 1 at 48c.

Ladies' Percale Waists in a variety of colors and patterns, French back, usual value 98c.

Lot 2 at 68c.

Ladies' Colored Percale Waists, in dainty styles, French back and front, trimmed in insertions of fine embroidery, usual value $1.25.

Lot 3 at 98c.

Ladies' Colored Percale Waists, fine quality and good patterns—these are made with French back and front, trimmed in rows of fine embroidery—usually sold for $1.48 and $1.75.

Wash Fabrics.

Some of our prettiest goods were a little belated, and the season for selling is so nearly past that they'll cast in their lot with the goods that have dropped half or more of the earlier season price. It makes a difference to the consumer of about half.

100 pieces Printed Dimities, in elegant patterns, new colors, to 7½c a yard.

300 pieces Jaconette and Dimities, magnificent materials; reduced to 10c a yard.

100 pieces genuine Abbottsford Seersucker, in a choice new line of patterns; at 10c a yard.

1,000 pieces Belfast Erin Shamrock and Melrose Dimities, grandest collection ever shown; now opened 15c a yard.

500 pieces Aberfozie, Mount Vernon and Lorraine Zephyr Ginghams; reduced to 20c a yard.

100 pieces elegant French printed Pique; reduced from 50c to 25c a yard.

50 pieces finest quality Silk Pongee Zephyrs; reduced from 65c and 85c to 50c a yard.

1,000 pieces Whytelaw and Anderson Zephyrs, in dress and shirting styles; reduced from 40c to 25c a yard. This is the greatest bargain ever offered.

Screens, Refrigerators, Etc.

The Wabash Extension Window Screen:
Sizes in stock 24x20x33.....33c.
Sizes in stock 30x20x33.....38c.
Sizes in stock 30x23x35.....40c
Sizes in stock 36x24x37.....50c.

The Wabash Spring Adjustable Screen:
Sizes in stock 24x30x36.....33c.
Sizes in stock 30x24x30.....38c.
Sizes in stock 30x30x36.....40c.
Sizes in stock 36x30x36.....50c.

4-panel Pine Door, painted green, green wire cloth. Sizes in stock: 2 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in., 2 ft. 8 in. x 6 ft. 8 in., 2 ft. 10 in. x 6 ft. 10 in., 3 ft. x 7 ft. Complete with hinges, etc.; June Clearing Sale Price 79c.

Pine Natural Finish Door, black wire cloth. Sizes in stock: 2 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in., 2 ft. 8 in. x 6 ft. 8 in., 2 ft. 10 in. x 6 ft. 10 in., 3 ft. x 7 ft. Complete with hinges, etc.; June Clearing Sale Price $1.50 each.

Patent Screen Door, spring hinges; these hinges hold the door open or shut as desired; June Clearing Sale Price 10c pair.

Perfect Door Spring, coiled wire, japanned, 17 in. long; June Clearing Sale Price 8c.

50 feet Extra 3-Ply Garden Hose, $4.50.

Hardwood Hose Reel, 69c.

Solid Ash Household Ice Chest, made by the Belding-Hall Mfg. Co.
Size: length 29, depth 20, height 25....$6.48
Size: length 32, depth 21, height 26....$7.25

Cleanable Solid Ash Refrigerator, made by the Belding-Hall Mfg. Co.
Length 27½, depth 16, height 40....$10.00
Length 31, depth 19½, height 43....$12.75

In Notion Department.

Every day necessities at prices so low that their fast selling is assured.

Best quality Lisle Elastic Hose Supporters for ladies, misses or children; black or white; per pair 10c.

Best quality Silk Elastic Hose Supporters for ladies, misses or children, all colors; per pair 15c.

Good quality Stockinet Dress Shields, size No. 3; per pair 7c.

An odd lot of Perfume Atomizers, hardly two alike; would be good value at 50c each; for 25c each.

All sizes good quality Nickeled Safety Pins, per dozen 4c.

Good quality Talcum Powder, sprinkler top tin box; per box 5c.

Fine quality real Pearl Buttons, all sizes, 2 dozen on card; per card 5c.

A lot of Pulley Belts with fancy back buckles, made of best quality double-faced satin ribbon; actual value $1.00 and upwards; for 50c each.

Still Greater Reductions in Cloak and Suit Section.

Organdie Dress, Sketched at Barr's.

Organdie Dresses.

A magnificent line of summer costumes in lawns, organdies, dimities and India linens—all colors, all sizes, both misses and ladies—prices from $60.00 down to $5.00.

Foulard Silk Dresses.

Beautiful Foulard Silk Costumes, in elegant styles and colorings—handsomely trimmed and at very popular prices—

$75, $50, $35, $22.50, $18.75, $15

Unlined Wool Skirts.

This summer's most popular garments—Unlined Wool Skirts—in all materials; in all colors, gray, tan, blue and black; plain, flounce and tucked effects, prices—

$15.00, $10.00, $7.50 and $5.00.

Sample Wash Wrappers.

We bought the entire sample line of America's best wrapper manufacturer at 50c on the dollar. They are extra well made and finished garments made to sell from; hence they are better than ordinary stock. They comprise lawns and percales, in beautiful patterns and designs; all have inside vest linings and full skirts, all are elegantly trimmed with laces and braid, and all to be sold at about half price:

69c for $1.25 Sample Wrappers.
98c for $2.00 Sample Wrappers.
$1.29 for $2.50 Sample Wrappers.
$1.98 for $3.50 Sample Wrappers.

This $2.00 Lawn Wrapper Only 98c.

Rainy-Day Skirts.

$5.00 for $10.00 Rainy-Day Skirts, in all colors and styles.

Last Call on Wool Suits.

The last reduction has been made on Wool Suits—beautiful tailored garments, in all colors, materials, styles and sizes. The value of the skirt alone is double the sale price of the entire suit.

$5.00 for $12 and $15 Suits.
$6.75 for $18 and $20 Suits.
$10.00 for $22.50 and $25 Suits.
$11.98 for $25 and $27.50 Silk Lined Suits.
$15.00 for $30 Silk Lined Suits.

Rainy-Day Suits.

$6.75 for $12.00 Rainy-Day Suits.
$10.00 for $18.00 Rainy-Day Suits.
$12.00 for $22.50 Rainy-Day Suits.

Spring Jackets.

All styles Eton and Box Coats, in all materials, colors and sizes—

$1.98 for $5.00 Coats.
$2.98 for $7.50 Coats.
$5.00 for $10.00 Coats.
$7.50 for $15.00 Coats.

Girls' Tailor-Made Suits.

4 to 14 years—Serge Eton and Reefer Suits, silk lined coats, all colors.

$2.98 for $5.00 Suits.
$3.98 for $7.50 Suits.
$4.98 for $10.00 Suits.
$5.98 for $15.00 Suits.

More Shoe News.

$2.00 Shoes for $1.48.

Ladies' Low Shoes, tan or black. To clear up the Shoe stock we have taken all odd sizes, all parts of boxes, etc., and made them $1.48 a pair—the same sorts you thought remarkably low last week at $2.00.

Monday Millinery Specials.

2,000 Hats for Misses and Children, all trimmed nicely, at 50c each.

150 elegantly Trimmed Hats for Ladies, $10.00 goods for $2.50.

2,000 dozen Untrimmed Shapes at 25c each.

We keep a fine line of the new shapes in the indestructible-edge Sailor Hats, in both rough and smooth braids. These are the styles considered suitable to wear with shirt waists.

Upholstery Dept. (3rd Floor.)

Up-to-date housekeepers will find in the present an exceptional opportunity to add to household beauty and convenience in this clearing sale.

5 Upholstery Specials for Monday and Tuesday Only.

1,000 5-ft. Wood Curtain Poles with brass trimmings, worth 25c each, Monday and Tuesday, while they last, each 9c.

1,000 yards Silkoline, all the latest patterns, worth 12½c and 15c per yard; Monday, while they last, per yard, 5c.

100 pair Nottingham Lace Curtains, 60 in. wide, 3½ yards long, worth $1.75 per pair; Monday, while they last, 95c.

250 Remnants Tapestry, Damask, etc., 24x24 in.; suitable for chair coverings or pillow tops, worth up to $1.00 each; choice, while they last, 10c each.

1,500 yards Art Tickings and Cretonnes, choice patterns, worth 25c per yard; Monday, while they last, 7c per yard.

Lace Curtain Section.

Tremendous selling in Lace Curtains last week.

For the coming week we give you still greater bargains.

All Curtains where we have less than 6 pair of a kind have been cut 1-3. All Sample Pairs and Curtains slightly soiled go this week at ½ price. In this sale you will find:

NOTTINGHAMS, CLUNY,
IRISH POINT, ANTIQUES,
BRUSSELS, ARABIAN,
TAMBOUR, RENAISSANCE,
AND MARIE ANTOINETTE.

Also Ruffled and Fish Net Curtains. All curtains bought during this sale will be put up free of charge.

See our Porch Swing, in Red, Green or Bamboo finish; it is the latest.

Will continue our Discount Sale of 25 per cent on all Brass Beds for one week more. Now is the time to secure a good Brass Bed for little money.

In the Matting and Rug Section.

50 rolls China Matting, 40 yards to the roll, worth $4.75 per roll; Monday, while they last, per roll, $2.95.

100 rolls heavy China Matting, 40 yards to the roll, worth $9.50 per roll; Monday, per roll, $6.50.

100 rolls Fine Japanese Cotton Warp Matting, 40 yards to the roll, worth $10.50 per roll; to close, per roll, $7.50.

50 Smyrna Rugs, 3 ft. wide, 6 ft. long, same on both sides, sold regularly at $5.50; while they last, $3.95.

A Word to Lovers of Oriental Rugs.

Realizing the fact that you do not care to make your purchase of Oriental Rugs as early as June, we are going to make a special inducement, so as to try and have you anticipate your wants and make your selection now by offering a discount of 25 per cent from our already low prices on any Oriental Rug in our stock. This offer is for the month of June only. We think a visit to our Oriental Rug room will repay you; also a look at the many rare specimens we are offering, even if you do not buy now.

Very truly,
WM. BARR DRY GOODS CO.

We make a specialty of altering and repairing Oriental Rugs. Now is the time to have this done. Look over your fine rugs. We will have our representative call and give estimates on altering or repairing.

Porch Furniture,
Porch and Lawn Swings,
Lawn Settees,
Steamer Chairs,
Folding Chairs.

Barr's Big Basement Offers the Most Sensational Bargains in Monday's June Clearing Sale Ever Named by Any House in the World.

ALL ST. LOUIS SHOULD ATTEND THIS SALE.

Cut Glass

At almost half price in the June Clearing Sale.

Cut Glass Toothpick Holder, prism pattern, was 60c each—June Clearing Sale Price, 46c each.

Cut Glass Ink Stand, sterling silver top, was $3.00 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.00 each.

Beautiful Cut Glass Olive Dish, was $2.50 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $1.87 each.

Elegant Cut Glass Celery Tray, slightly chipped, was $11.95 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $7.50 each.

Beautiful Cut Glass 8-inch Bowl, Alabama pattern, was $8.95 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $5.97 each.

Cut Glass Ice Tub, was $5.00 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $3.33 each.

Handsome Cut Glass Ice Tub, Corinthian pattern, was $16.50 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $11.00 each.

Elegant Cut Glass Ice Cream Tray, slightly chipped, was $15.50 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $9.00 each.

Beautiful Cut Glass Olive Dish, Cleopatra pattern, slightly damaged, was $6.00 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $4.00 each.

Cut Glass Olive Dish, was $3.00 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.00 each.

Handsome Cut Glass Nappy, Kimberley pattern, slightly chipped, was $6.75 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $4.50 each.

Beautiful Cut Glass Flower Vase, prism pattern, sterling silver top, was $15.00 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $10.00 each.

Elegant Cut Glass Celery Tray, Corinthian pattern, was $17.95 each—June Clearing Sale Price, $11.97 each.

In Toilet Sets

Our June Clearing Sale offers sweeping reductions.

Toilet Set, Kew pattern, F. Winkle & Co., English semi-porcelain underglaze decoration, brown, 10 pieces, was $2.25—June Clearing Sale Price, $1.69.

Toilet Set, W. H. Grindley & Co.'s celebrated English semi-porcelain, ground laid, lily decoration, 12 pieces, was $8.25—June Clearing Sale Price, $5.95.

Toilet Set, Carrollton shape, Braemar pattern, F. Winkle & Co.'s select English semi-porcelain, fancy ewer and basin, flow blue decoration with gold tracing, 12 pieces, was $10.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $7.50.

Household Needs.

Stern's Patent Potato Masher, 19c.

Crumb Tray and Brush, assorted colors, 9c.

Asbestos Stove Mat, 2c.

Palm Leaf Table Mats, 4 in a set, 50c.

18-inch All-Willow Clothes Basket, 60c.

2-Knife Adjustable Slaw Cutter, 25c.

Dover Egg Beater, 8c.

1,000 Sheets Pure Tissue Wire Hook Toilet Paper, 5c package.

Japanned Dust Pan, 5c.

All-Bristle Counter Brush, 25c.

Barr's Standard House Paint, quart-size can, 16c.

Barr's Floor Paint, quart-size can, 19c.

Large size can of Barr's Floor Gloss, 79c.

Butcher's Boston Polish or Hard Wax Finish, lb. can, 49c.

Electric-Silicon, for gold and silver plated ware, 5c box.

Improved Challenge Wash Board, 15c.

16-inch Turkey Feather Duster, 15c.

Hardwood Polished Salad Sets, 5c.

Barr's Household Ammonia, qt. bottle, 5c.

Housecleaning Sponges, big as your head, 5c.

Silverware.

Our June Clearing Sale makes Silverware almost as low in price as tinware.

Quadruple-plated Baking Dishes, satin finished and burnished cover, was $4.39—June Clearing Sale, $1.99.

Candelabra, quadruple plate, five-light, colonial style, was $4.99—June Clearing Sale, $2.99.

Quadruple-plated Water Pitcher, double wall, satin finish, fancy edge top and bottom, was $5.99—June Clearing Sale, $3.75.

Handsome Colonial After-Dinner Coffee Set, quadruple plate, four pieces, coffee pot, sugar, cream and tray, was $18.00—June Clearing Sale, $12.00.

Salad Bowl, porcelain, handsomely decorated, fork and spoon to match, was $12.00—June Clearing Sale, $8.37.

Water Set, quadruple plate, burnished finish, four pieces, pitcher, cup, tray and bowl, was $19.00—June Clearing Sale, $9.67.

Quadruple-plate Candlestick, 10½ inches high, was $3.50—June Clearing Sale, $2.50.

Quadruple-plate Salad Bowl, fancy edge, gilt lined, was $3.67—June Clearing Sale, $2.45.

Berry Bowls, quadruple-plated frame, colored glass bowls, gilt decorations, was $4.29—June Clearing Sale, $3.75.

Cake Basket, quadruple plate, satin and engraved fancy edge, was $2.99—June Clearing Sale, $2.00.

Globes.

10-inch White China Globe, artistically decorated with gold fleur-de-lis; regular price $5.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.50.

9-inch Globe, shading from brown to yellow, handsomely decorated with large pink roses; regular price $2.95—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.00.

8-inch Globe, beautifully decorated with thistles; regular price $3.50—June Clearing Sale Price, $1.75.

10-inch Globe, richly tinted with dark green and beautifully decorated with wild flowers; regular price $2.95—June Clearing Sale Price, $1.50.

Barr's Cafe,

In Basement, affords a comfortable place to lunch and revise the shopping list.

Fancy Silk Lamp Shades.

Great Bargains in the June Clearing Sale.

Silk shades, light green with purple flowers, circular shape, knife pleating of green silk around top and bottom; regular price $4.25—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.25.

16-inch square shade, in solid colors of pink and green chiffon, edge elaborately trimmed with pleated chiffon; regular price $5.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.50.

Hexagon Shape Silk Shades, in solid colors of red and pink, handsomely trimmed; regular price $5.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.50.

18-inch Round Shade, scalloped top and bottom, in solid colors of dark red and Nile green, beautifully finished with ruffles of silk and embroidered chiffon; regular price $6.75—June Clearing Sale Price, $3.50.

16-inch Square Oriental Silk Shade, finished with deep fringe; regular price $5.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.50.

16-inch Round Silk Shade, in solid colors of red, yellow and pink, handsomely trimmed with pleatings of white China silk around top and bottom; regular price $5.00—June Clearing Sale Price, $2.50.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN SYNOD.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missionary Work.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Burlington, Ia., June 16.—To-day's session of the Swedish Lutheran Synod was devoted to missions. The morning exercises were opened by devotional exercises led by A. W. Dahlseen, D. D., of Andover, Kas. The Board of Directors of Augustana College, at Rock Island, was authorized to call for two temporary theological professors if necessity prompted them to do so. Reports of the board on synodical missions were then made. Those of the church in Utah and Montana were shown to be in good shape, but the work is hard. In Utah, among the Mormons, $3,500 has been spent. The foreign mission treasurer reported $10,000 received. Two thousand dollars has been sent to the India famine sufferers and $7,000 has been spent in mission work in India. The Women's Missionary Society has disbursed $1,500.

In the afternoon the subject of immigrant missions was considered, the work of the year being encouraging.

The Immigrants' Mission Home in New York furnished 2,200 meals and 1,273 lodgings last year.

Members of the Synodical Home Mission Board were appointed as follows: Doctor L. G. Abrahamson, Chicago, and the Reverend C. A. Lindburg, the Reverend J. G. Dahlberg, Doctor C. W. Foss and J. G. Spencer of Rock Island, and V. Hedman of Geneseo, Ill., and O. P. Soderquist of Burlington.

Members of the Immigrant Mission Board were appointed as follows: The Reverend G. Nelsenius of New York City, Doctor F. Jacobson of Brooklyn and John Olleen of Brooklyn.

HENRY IRVING AT HOME.

Reference to America Provoked Great Cheering.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

London, Sunday, June 10.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—The greatest and most interesting dramatic event in London is undoubtedly the return of Sir Henry Irving and Ellen Terry to the Lyceum after a prolonged absence. It is not going too far to say that the great English actor has, perhaps, never received such an enthusiastic welcome home with his gifted partner as he did last night. The only possible exception was on the occasion when he made his reappearance on the boards after his last serious illness.

Wills's play, "Olivia," was chosen for the revival at the Lyceum. As usual on such occasions, many enthusiasts posted themselves early in the morning at the doors to make sure of obtaining seats for the eventful occasion.

The immense audience was quick to recognize that Sir Henry and Miss Terry were well and in their best form. Indeed, Sir Henry never played his old part of Doctor Primrose more grandly, nor did Miss Terry ever appear more fascinating than she did last night in the title part. It was very evident that her trip to America had done her worlds of good.

Of course, Sir Henry was called on for a speech, and his reference to the kindness he had received from the "American cousins" met with tremendous cheering, which, it was very evident, deeply touched the great actor.

He said: "I can but say with the vicar, 'You make me happy and thankful by your most kind welcome' for Miss Terry and one and all of us I offer the warmest thanks after our return from our travels. I would say that nothing could exceed the bountiful kindness with which we were everywhere received by our American cousins this season.

"Ours is a somewhat brief reunion with the friends of the Lyceum. We celebrate our homecoming with a familiar play, but you have shown to-night that the tender grace of 'Olivia' still has power to please and that its association with this theater is still green in your memory. I have no doubt that during our season we may have time to put before you one or two other plays which may be acceptable.

"On our side of the footlights there is now and ever the warmest appreciation of your regard. Thank you for Miss Terry and myself. I am ever your loving servant."

POLICE CHIEFS SCATTER.

End of the Annual Session of the Texas Organization.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Houston, Tex., June 16.—The State Union of Chiefs of Police and City Marshals, which has just adjourned its annual session in this city, elected the following officers: W. M. Rea, Fort Worth, president; M. J. Niland, Corpus Christi, vice president; M. T. Forrest, Houston, secretary; J. W. Rowland, Plano, sergeant-at-arms.

The union made a strong plea for the establishment of a State Industrial School for the training of boys and girls belonging to the criminal classes.

MR. SPRAGUE SAYS

Nothing but pure foods are listed on the Delicatessen bill of fare.

STATE OFFICERS INDORSED.

Craighead County Democratic Convention Was Harmonious.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jonesboro, Ark., June 16.—At the Democratic County Convention held here to-day the following received the indorsement of this (Craighead) county: Governor Davis, Secretary of State, Jett; Auditor, McFarlane; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Doyne; Commissioner of Manuscript, Hill; Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Wood; Treasurer, Little; Railroad Commissioner, F. M. Hanley; Congress, First District, F. G. Taylor. There will be a hard fight over the congressional race at the convention next week at Newport. None of the other candidates will have enough votes to nominate. The standing of the candidates is: Sloan, 43; Taylor, 34; McCulloch, 24.

Through Sleeping Car Service
To Wichita, Kas., via Missouri Pacific Railway. Train leaves St. Louis 8:10 p. m. daily.

BOGUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

West Belle Place Residents Greatly Annoyed.

Residents of West Belle place have been much annoyed during the last few months by matrimonial advertisements which have appeared in Eastern papers. The occupants of the houses at the addresses given in the advertisement have been deluged with letters from persons willing to enter the state of matrimony, and the matter has become extremely annoying.

Yesterday an advertisement appeared in a New York paper stating that "Doctor Horne of No. 3902 West Belle place," desired to marry a "good, true woman, who wished to have a pleasant home." The apartments at No. 3902 West Belle place are vacant. The owner of the building, Louis R. Stumpf, says he has never heard of Doctor Horne. The name does not appear in the city directory.

Shortly before the street railway strike began Chief Campbell's attention was drawn to an advertisement appearing in an Eastern paper, reciting that "Miss Dorer of No. 4629 West Belle place, who was in affluent circumstances, wished to marry a loving husband, who would find a comfortable home, as well as funds to go into any business he desired." The Chief's suspicions were aroused, as he knew that residents of West Belle place were not in the habit of advertising for husbands in the East, where a satisfactory article could be obtained very easily at home.

A Republic reporter who investigated the advertisement found that "Miss Dorer" was unknown to the occupants of the house at No. 4629 West Belle place. Mr. J. T. Baker and his family live at that number. None of the neighbors know "Miss Dorer," nor have they ever heard of her.

Mr. Stumpf, the owner of the house at No. 3903 West Belle place, says that about five months ago a middle-aged couple rented the apartments, giving the name of Jones. They were very unobtrusive people, held aloof from their neighbors, and seldom received visitors. They told him they were from Chicago. Their reserve caused some comment in the neighborhood.

Mr. Stumpf observed that a messenger boy daily brought a large bundle of mail to "Mr. and Mrs. Jones," and he learned that they had a box at the post office. About two months ago the Joneses packed their belongings and told Mr. Stumpf that they were going to Colorado. After their departure telegrams began to arrive daily in great numbers for "Miss Dorer, No. 3903 West Belle place." As the landlord knew nothing definite about his former tenants, he could not redirect the telegrams and they were returned to the telegraph office.

Pulaski County Democrats.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Richland, Mo., June 16.—Pulaski County Democrats held precinct primaries to-day, choosing delegates to a convention to be held Monday, at which delegates to the Congressional, Senatorial and Judicial conventions will be chosen. It is conceded that instructions will be given for the renomination of Judge Shackleford for Congress, and that Larkin Johnson of this county, will be similarly favored for the Senate. Judge Gantt will get the delegates to the Judicial Convention.

Republican Primary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Taylorville, Ill., June 16.—The Republican County Central Committee for Christian County met in this city to-day and issued a call for a primary, to be held July 2, for the nomination of a full county ticket. This is the first time the Republicans have held a convention in this county in the nature of a primary election.

Low Rate Excursions to Colorado,
Utah, Wyoming and South Dakota via the Missouri Pacific Railway. Call on or address city ticket office for particulars.

Jackson County Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Newport, Ark., June 16.—The Jackson County Convention to-day appointed delegates to the State Convention. The delegates unanimously instructed for Gustave Jones for chairman of the State Convention. The convention also gave second indorsement for P. D. McCullough for Congress.

Stirrups, Spurs, Horseshoes.

From Notes and Queries.

Stirrups are about 200 years later than saddles, the first mention being by the Emperor Mauritius toward the end of the Sixth Century. In earlier times the Greeks mounted by means of a cramp iron attached to the lance, while the young Romans leaped, spear in hand, from either side of the horse. The younger Gracchus adopted the Greek method of placing large stones at intervals along the roads to assist horsemen to mount.

Spurs were probably little earlier than the first feudal times. The great importance of the spur in the days of chivalry seems to point to its having been a late invention. The barbarous goad—a single spike, which was the earliest form—was replaced in the Fourteenth Century by the large rowelled spur.

Horseshoes are of uncertain date, and have caused some discussion among military historians. Nailed shoes were not known by the Greeks, for Xenophon gives minute instructions for hardening the hoof. Nor did the Romans use them. Nero had mules shod with a plate of silver fastened by crossed thongs to the hoof. With Poppaea, his later wife, it is said these plates were of gold. The earliest positive evidence of nailed shoes is furnished by the skeleton of a horse found in the tomb of Childeric I (457—481) at Tournay in 1653.

Lawyers

Wanting a copy of the ordinance recently passed revising the General Ordinances of the City of St. Louis may secure it at Republic counting-room. This ordinance is paper bound, usual book form, two inches thick, and sells for $1.00 per copy.