

**Chess and War.**  
The origin of chess is shrouded in mystery. There is little doubt whatever that its birthplace was in India and that it is an offspring of a game called chaturanga, which is mentioned in Oriental literature as in use fully 200 years before the Christian era. From India chess spread into Persia, and then into Arabia, and ultimately the Arabs took it into Spain and the rest of western Europe. The game was in all probability invented for the purpose of illustrating the art of war. The Arab legend upon this point is that it was devised for the instruction of a young despot by his father, a learned Brahmin, to teach him that a king, notwithstanding his power, was dependent for his safety upon his subjects. The Greek historians credit the invention of the game to Palamedes, who, they claim, devised it to beguile the tedium of the siege of Troy during the Trojan war.—Atlanta (Ga.) Mail and Express.

**Trouble in Teaching Monkeys.**  
An experienced animal trainer says: "As a rule, monkeys are easily trained, but occasionally there is one, as in the human species, who is a dunce, and won't learn anything, is positively stupid and refuses persistently to become educated. The trouble in teaching monkeys is largely that they are mischievous. They try to overdo things and do things which are not wanted of them, so that in order to make them perform as desired steady drilling is necessary, although they grasp an idea quickly. The only two species of animals which can be taught by precept and example are the chimpanzee and the orang-outang. They are imitators, and to instruct them in doing a thing it is only necessary for the trainer to do it first himself, and then either one of these will imitate him."—Washington Post.

**A New Sea Port.**  
There is a lusty young city growing up down in Texas which is attracting widespread attention. It is La Porte, located at the head of Galveston Bay. It is being made the great seaport of the Gulf of Mexico, the meeting place of rail and water ways for the vast commerce of the west. The saving to western shippers via this export outlet will run into millions annually. The city has the most magnificent natural port on the southern coast of the United States and one of the best in the world. The U. S. government is completing a deep water channel through the bay to the gulf, which will soon bring the largest ocean liners to La Porte docks and wharfs.

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## ANOTHER LAW ANNULLED.

### Taxation of Judgments Act Declared Unconstitutional.

#### THE OPINION WAS UNANIMOUS

Topeka, Jan. 13.—The law requiring the listing of judgments for taxation, passed by the legislature of 1897, is declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The opinion was unanimous. The law was attacked by ex-Lieutenant Governor A. M. Harvey, who signed the bill, as the presiding officer of the senate, after its passage. He made the attack for a client in Iowa, named J. M. Hamilton. Hamilton held a judgment against a man in Ellsworth county. He did not pay taxes on the judgment, and the man against whom it was held bought it in at sale for \$13. When Hamilton learned this, he asked the clerk of the district court of that county, T. R. Wilson, to issue an execution on the judgment. Wilson refused to do so. The district judge also refused to make an order directing him to do it. Then Hamilton, through Attorney Harvey, applied for a writ of mandamus in the supreme court to compel Clerk Wilson to issue an execution. The supreme court threw the case out of court on the ground that it should have been started in the district court of Ellsworth county. The court had overlooked the statement of the attorneys that such an application had been made and denied. The attention of the court was called to this by Attorney Harvey. It then reopened the case and, after a brief consultation, declared the law unconstitutional and ordered the clerk to issue an execution.

**Machinery for Manila.**  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Colonel Kimball, in charge of the United States quartermaster's department at the port of New York, has made arrangements to send to the Philippine Islands on board the British ship India and the Drummond, which are expected to sail this week, four carloads blankets, twenty-seven sash, planing and other mill machines and 116 tons of high explosives. The mill machinery will be used in the preparation of material for the construction of barracks, store houses and dwellings for officers stationed in the islands. The explosives are sent for the use of our field artillery.

**Full and Complete Answers.**  
Washington, Jan. 15.—The several resolutions of inquiry as to the conduct of the war, which have been introduced in both houses of congress were discussed at the cabinet meeting and the statement was made that full and complete information would be furnished on all the matters covered, at the earliest day possible. A dispatch from General Otis announcing further successes in Luzon was read and favorably commented upon by members of both houses.

**Heir to Japan's Throne.**  
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 15.—According to advices received here by the steamer Empress of China, the Japanese prince imperial is to visit America next summer. He is to be married in May, and will then set sail for the United States. Count Ito, one of the ministers of the Japanese cabinet, made this announcement a few days ago.

**Jeffries and Corbett.**  
New York, Jan. 11.—Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett will meet in a twenty-five round bout March 15 for the championship of the world. Billy Brady, manager of Jeffries, and Corbett have had a talk and agreed upon the fight on that date.

**Governor Barnes' Case.**  
Washington, Jan. 11.—Of a multiplicity of alleged authentic stories in regard to the immediate change in the office of governor of Oklahoma, it is difficult, if not impossible to select the correct one.

The common story is that Governor Barnes is to be removed at once and a man appointed in his place who is entirely free and independent of all factions in Oklahoma.

**That Vice Admiral Matter.**  
Washington, Jan. 11.—The grade of vice admiral will be revived.

The president, on the passage of a bill for this purpose, will nominate Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson to fill the place.

It is proposed to introduce two bills, one of which will provide for two vice admirals and another creating one vice admiral, and naming Rear Admiral Schley as the man for the place. The administration must, therefore, make its choice between the two vice admirals or one vice admiral, who shall be Schley.

**School Books for Chicago.**  
Chicago, Jan. 15.—Action taken by the board of education is expected to result in the publishing and furnishing to pupils at cost price of all books used in the public schools. By a unanimous vote the president was instructed to appoint a commission of seven to investigate printing and binding, ascertaining the cost, and make a recommendation on the question of whether the board shall provide itself with facilities for printing and binding or let work to lowest bidders.

**Gaity of Coercion.**  
Toledo, O., Jan. 13.—The grand jury reported an indictment against Lemont Bateman, manager of the Toledo Tube works, for violation of the Ohio coercion law. Bateman discharged an employee named A. B. Cole, because of his affiliation with a bicycle workers union. The penalty upon conviction is \$500 fine or six months imprisonment or both. This is the first indictment ever returned in the state under the statute. The defense will attack the constitutionality of the law.

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

### What is Being Done in the Fifty-Sixth General Assembly.

Senator Cook presented a resolution: "That so far as it may be consistent with the liberty of trade congress is hereby requested to use its powers to prevent such combinations." The resolution came from St. Louis and is really a protectionist measure.

Senator Allen offered a resolution calling on the secretary of war for minute information concerning the transport service.

Senator Beveridge then delivered his speech on the Philippine islands as territory belonging to the United States; that it is the intention of the United States to establish and maintain such governmental control throughout the archipelago as the situation may demand. There was a large audience and the speech was very long. It commanded close attention of the senate and auditors both on the floor and in the galleries. Senator Hoar followed Senator Beveridge and said he could prove from Otis and Dewey that there was a Filipino government.

Mr. Stephens (Tex.) introduced a bill which is intended to open mineral lands in the territories to mineral claims; of course the bill is aimed at the Wichita mountain district.

**JANUARY TWENTY.**  
The Senate paid respect to the memory of Vice President Hobart in several speeches by senators. Report of the secretary of the treasury as to deposits for Federal reserve banks laid before the senate and referred. Senator Butler (I. C.) offered a long resolution on trusts and gave notice of a speech later.

In the ways and means committee of the house, under a resolution by Mr. Newland (Neb.) which asked whether the term United States in that provision of the constitution which declares that all duties, imports and excises shall be uniform in all parts of the United States, covers all territory belonging to the United States. Chairman Payne appointed Messrs. Dailzell, Grosvenor, Hopkins, Richardson and Newland.

**JANUARY TWELFTH.**  
Much routine business was done in the Senate. Among the bills introduced was one by Spooner (Wis.) providing for the President's continuance of control of the government in the Philippines until congress shall formulate a government. The senate debated the bill for several days, charging that he concealed facts from the country, and that his policy was instigated by England. Senator Logan presented resolutions, covering information regarding anti-American matters which had been published and scattered among the insurgents, and other matters, urging them not to re-entire this Senate. He also referred to the currency bill by a speech from Senator Stewart. Senator Aldrich, when asked if there were to be no speeches from the republican side said he thought that side was ready to vote; that the bill had done nothing and it was time to take action.

The house, it would seem did nothing but routine business, as there is no report published.

**JANUARY THIRTEENTH.**  
Senator Jones (Ark.) introduced a bill to authorize railroad companies to issue bonds to buy, one road another, or that different roads may consolidate.

Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) presented a resolution to create a committee of nine to investigate the relations of the secretary of the treasury to certain banks. Delegate Flynn used the hour given him in the senate to present the reasons why Oklahoma should be a state. He compared population and number of votes of Oklahoma with those of other territories, and the condition of other territories that are now states.

## F. D. COBURN RE-ELECTED.

### Other Officers and Directors Chosen by Acclamation.

Topeka, Jan. 15.—When the election of officers was reached by the State Board of Agriculture, Secretary F. D. Coburn was first chosen, for the fourth time. These officers were also re-elected by acclamation:

President, T. A. Hubbard, Rome.  
Vice president, Edwin Taylor, Edwardsville.  
Treasurer, Edwin Snyder, Oskaloosa.

There were five vacancies to be filled of the membership of the board.

The board is now composed of the following members in addition to the officers:

W. E. Stanley, governor (ex officio);  
Topeka; George A. Clark, secretary of state (ex officio); Topeka; Thomas M. Potter, Peabody, Marion county; A. W. Smith, Groveland, McPherson county; L. L. Diesem, Garden City, Finney county; J. H. Churchill, Dodge City, Ford county; Charles E. Sutton, Russell, Russell county; George W. Hanna, Glick Center, Clay county; George W. Glick, Atchison, Atchison county; Ed R. Smith, Mound City, Lincoln county; J. T. Cooper, Fredonia, Wilson county; J. H. Sayles, Norcatur, Decatur county.

Mr. Sayles was the only new member except the two ex officio members.

**Santa Fe Raises Trainmen's Wages.**  
Chicago, Jan. 13.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company has signed a new contract with the trainmen in its employ, granting the conductors and brakemen what practically amounts to a 15 per cent increase in wages. The agreement was entered into at Chicago between General Manager Henry U. Mudge for the company, and J. C. Ramsey, chief of the conductors, and W. R. Scott, chief of the brakemen, of their entire system. The increase will amount to \$450,000 annually.

**Indian Famine is Horrible.**  
London, Jan. 10.—Latest mail advices from India aver that the situation grows darker every week. Three millions were working on government relief. Families were breaking up, each member for himself in search of food. Abandoned children are found with frequency. It is a famine of water as well as food. Cattle are dying off by thousands and no rain is expected until June.

**State Poultry Association.**  
Topeka, Jan. 15.—The Kansas State Poultry Association has elected these directors and officers for the ensuing year: Directors—J. W. F. Hughes, Thomas Owens, George H. Gillies, F. O. Popenoe and Charles Steinberger, of Topeka; B. W. Smith, Manhattan; M. L. Confield, Belleville; L. L. Dyche, Lawrence; and Otto Weiss, Wichita. Officers—F. O. Popenoe, president; George H. Gillies, vice president; Thomas Owens, treasurer; Colonel J. W. F. Hughes was re-elected secretary.

**No More Wood Pulp From Canada.**  
Toronto, Jan. 13.—The Ontario government has under consideration an amendment to the regulations respecting wood pulp which provides for the application of the manufacturing clause to spruce logs, thus putting them on the same basis as sawlogs. The order if adopted, will take effect at the close of the present year. April 30, and after that date no pulp wood cut on any timber limits sold by the government can be exported from Canada.

## WHAT DUN'S REPORT SAYS.

### Money From the West and Treasury Deposits Gave Relief.

#### THE CONDITION OF BUSINESS.

New York, Jan. 15.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade says that monetary conditions have grown easier with \$4,000,000 from the interior during the week and further deposits by the treasury and more liquidation in some speculative stocks has also helped.

The furnaces in blast January 1 were producing weekly 294,186 tons of pig iron, against 296,559 December 1, but as several had stopped only for the holidays and others had started, the output now is probably larger than at either date. It exceeds consumption at least, as the iron Age shows an increase of 9,256 tons in unsold stocks. Prices change scarcely any, nor is new business significant. The minor metals are strong in tone, but as yet without much change in prices. Textile manufacturers are more fully employed than for a long time though scarcity of water had troubled some cotton mills. Trading is embarrassed by uncertainty about prices. Wool is not active, nor are speculators or manufacturers in haste to buy at current prices. Cotton goods have been quiet and no longer advance in prices, as the market for the material is uncertain in tone.

The boot and shoe manufacture has a similar difficulty, for while shipments are heavier than ever before at this season, in two weeks 179,376 cases against 148,174 last year and 171,751 cases in 1898, as the rapid distribution to consumers causes most urgent calls for goods previously ordered, yet dealers are slow to order more, in fear that prices will not hold. Manufacturers insist that still further advances are needed to cover the cost of leather. The Chicago market for hides is weak, with a lower average than at any time since November 1.

**A Census of Christians.**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—A big enterprise was formally launched when representatives of all the Christian denominations and organizations in this city met and announced a religious census of the city for February 22. The census will be a complete one, covering the million and a quarter people of Philadelphia and the work will be done in one day. An army of workers, representing all denominations, will be employed on February 22, in gathering statistics. This is the first time a religious census has been undertaken in this city in which all Christian denominations have joined in the movement.

**We Produce More Coal Than England.**  
Washington, Jan. 11.—The statistics department announces that the United States has, at last produced more coal than Great Britain, the total of which in 1899 was no less than 244,681,875 tons, the largest quantity ever mined in a year and putting the United States ahead of Great Britain as a coal-producer. The pig iron was 13,649,453 tons, or 1,878,619 tons more than in 1898. Copper production 592,672,637 pounds, a gain of 11 per cent over 1898. Other important items were 213,003 tons of lead, 135,796 tons of zinc, 54,048,100 barrels of petroleum.

**For Better Highways.**  
Washington, Jan. 11.—Among the bills introduced in the senate was one by Mr. Penrose, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the construction of public roads in the United States, the money to be distributed among the several states in proportion to the mileage of their roads.

**Alimony Free From Garnishment.**  
Atchison, Kas., Jan. 13.—Judge Hook, of the United States district court for Kansas, issued a restraining order preventing Mrs. Ermina C. Butters from garnishing the wages of her divorced husband, for alimony. Butters' wages again and set up a claim that his wages could not be garnished for alimony as he needed all his salary for maintenance of his second family.

The city court of Atchison released the garnishment. The district court held that the decree for alimony was a higher obligation than a debt, and did not come within the exemption law. Judge Hook now upholds the city court.

**British Losses Nearly 8,000.**  
London, Jan. 11.—Britain's loss since the war began is fast approaching 8,000. A war office compilation of casualties just issued shows a total of 7,213—1,027 killed, 3,675 wounded and 2,511 missing. These do not include 140 who have succumbed to disease nor the last casualties at Ladysmith.

**A Relief to Notaries.**  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Integral Revenue Commissioner Wilson sent a decision to Revenue Collector Sutton, of Kansas, to the effect that notarial certificates attached to depositions of witnesses to be used in cases pending in court are not subject to taxation, no matter in what form they are executed. They are required in a legal proceeding, the commissioner holds, and are, therefore, exempt from taxation. The decision was called forth by a letter of inquiry from an attorney.

**Wichita's Railroad Scheme.**  
Wichita, Jan. 13.—Wichita has concluded to build a railroad of its own. Six weeks ago it quietly sent out its city engineer to make a survey between this city and South McAlester and the engineer has returned and reported to the city council. Ex-State Senator Bentley will be sent out to secure right of way. The report shows that a road 235 miles long can be built and equipped for \$9,025,000. It is said that \$1,000,000 of the capital stock will be taken in Wichita.

## INVALID PENSION COMMITTEE.

### Mr. Calderhead of Kansas Handles Fourteen States.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Congressman Calderhead of Kansas has been made chairman of sub-committee 4 of the committee of invalid pensions. The committee was divided into several sub-committees for the consideration of special pension bills before the committee and Mr. Calderhead, Mr. Hedge of Iowa, and Mr. Crowley of Illinois form the sub-committee which will consider and report bills from the following states and territories: Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nevada, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Utah, California and Arizona. This is the first time such sub-committees have been made up, and it is for the purpose of simplifying the work of the whole committee. Each sub-committee will have charge of the bills from the state assigned to it. Kansas has not had such a distinctive honor in connection with the committee of invalid pensions since Governor Morrill was chairman of that committee in the Fifty-first congress. Mr. Calderhead was a member of the committee of invalid pensions in the Fifty-fourth congress, and has always paid a great deal of attention to pensions, being himself an old soldier.

## ROCKEFELLER ON TRUSTS.

### Standard Oil Magnate Before the Industrial Commission.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The industrial commission received from John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, replies to questions sent him by the commission. The company received rebates from railroads prior to 1880, but received no special advantages for which it did not give full compensation. No profits came from such rebates, as whatever advantage was received in this way was deducted from the price of oil. The company never received any income from any railroad for any oil shipped over its line. The enterprise had been successful because of the cheapness of its commodity. Combinations, he says, are absolutely necessary in order to carry on a large business. He recommended federal legislation under which corporations may be created and regulated, and if that is not possible to have uniform state legislation encouraging combinations and permitting state supervision which will not hamper, but be sufficient to prevent frauds.

**Raising a Regiment in Nebraska.**  
Omaha, Neb., Jan. 11.—John G. Maher, of Chadron, is raising a regiment to go to the Transvaal in aid of the Boers. He has already the names of 1,000 men. The plan is to embark them as citizens emigrating to the Transvaal to go into farming or mining. It will take about \$200 per man to take the force to Africa, and steps are now under way in New York, Chicago, Omaha and other cities to raise this amount. Several young women have applied for positions as nurses.

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## Origin of "Tommy Atkins."

"Tommy Atkins" is the nickname by which the British soldier is known. He acquired it in a purely accidental manner. Some years ago Sir Garnet Wolseley, now a peer and commander-in-chief of the army of Great Britain, published a little volume called "The Soldier's Pocketbook of Field Service." In illustrating the manner of properly filling out field reports he happened to use the name "Thomas Atkins."

When a man starts out to decorate the town he never uses water colors.

**English by a Brazilian.**  
On the gate of the cemetery in Rio de Janeiro is a notice in Spanish, French and English that no dogs are admitted unless led by the owner. This is how the announcement is made in English: "Noble meadames and gentlemen who may desire a dog follow in this tomb-yard will not be permitted unless him drawn by a cable round him throttle."

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