

# TOWN MUST DO WITHOUT POSTOFFICE

## Mississippians Pay for Persecution of a Negress.

### Compel Her to Resign Her Position as Distributor of the Mails.

#### Cabinet Decides to Suspend Service and Force Residents to Travel Some Distance for Their Letters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The feature of the cabinet meeting to-day was the decision to close permanently the post-office at Indiana, Miss., from which the postmistress, Minnie M. Cox, who resigned under compulsion a few days ago, since which time the office has been closed. The bondsmen have brought the matter to the attention of the authorities here with the view of being relieved of the responsibility of the accumulated mail. The Postmaster General has had a thorough investigation made and has become satisfied that the woman was obliged to resign under duress—in fact, that her life was endangered. The office will not be reopened until the residents of the district are ready to accept this woman as their postmistress.

#### PRESIDENT STATES CASE.

During the afternoon the President discussed with several members of the cabinet other features of the case of Mrs. Minnie W. Cox, a colored woman. She served three years as postmistress under President Harrison. When President McKinley came in she was again appointed in 1897, nearly six years ago. Her character and standing in the community are indorsed by the best and most respectable people in the town.

Among those on her bond is the present Democratic State Senator from the district, together with the leading banker of Indiana and an ex-State Senator from the district, also a Democrat. The postmistress and her husband own some \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of property in Sanflower County. The reports of post-office inspectors who have investigated the office from time to time show that she has given the utmost satisfaction to all patrons of the office. She is a courteous, faithful, competent and honest in the discharge of her duty, her moral standing in the community is of the highest; her reputation is of the best. Few offices of this grade in any State are conducted better.

#### WORK OF LAWLESS ELEMENT.

The postmistress recently forwarded her resignation to take effect on January 1, but the report of inspectors and information received from various reputable white citizens of the neighborhood show that the resignation was forced by a brutal and lawless element upon the ground of her color, and was obtained under threat of death. The Mayor of the town and the Sheriff of the county both told the postoffice inspector that if she refused to resign they could not be answerable for her death, but at the same time a word was said against her.

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# WAY TO RELIEVE CROWDED CITIES

## Reclamation of the Arid Lands Would Furnish Outlet.

### Sociologist Says Government Should Take the Work in Hand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—In a paper on the sociological aspects of the irrigation problem, read before the Association for the Advancement of Science to-day, Guy E. Mitchell expressed the opinion that the reclamation of the arid lands of America through Government construction of irrigation works would furnish for years to come an effective outlet for the industrious surplus population of our great cities. The irrigation of the 100,000,000 acres of plains and valleys, he said, will tend to make small farms and homes a general rule throughout the entire country.

President O. Fernow, of the Agricultural Department, discussing the timber supply outlook in the United States, said that a calculation of the present stand of virgin timber in the United States ready to supply the demand for lumber showed the improbability, if not impossibility, of the United States meeting the increasing demand for lumber for another thirty years under present methods of utilization. Even if the entire forest area of the 100,000,000 acres were still full-stocked with the average stand per acre as reported by the census in the holdings of lumbermen—an absurd proposition—the stock on hand would be exhausted within that period.

#### KING CARLOS DELIVERS ADDRESS TO THE CORTES

### Felicitates the Members on the Relations Between Portugal and the Powers.

LISBON, Jan. 2.—The Cortes was opened to-day. In the speech from the throne King Carlos felicitated the Cortes on the cordial relations existing between Portugal and all the powers, but especially with Great Britain. His Majesty spoke encouragingly of the country's commercial and financial prosperity and outlined the work of the Cortes during the coming session with regard to improvements in the colonies.

In conclusion the King advised certain military reforms and measures of a domestic character.

that the postmistress claimed that her resignation was in the President's hands, to take effect January 1, and that there had been no advice of the appointment of her successor. The telegram closed with the statement: "Prompt action by the President necessary for the relief of business interests, which are being injured solely by the action of the lawless element of the town, is wholly secondary to the preservation of law and the assertion of the fundamental principle that this Government will not connive with or tolerate wrong and outrage of such flagrant character."

By direction of the President the following letter was sent to the bondsmen: "The postmistress's resignation has been received, but not accepted. In view of the facts of the case, and in view of the fact that the resignation was forced by a brutal and lawless element upon the ground of her color, and was obtained under threat of death, the Mayor of the town and the Sheriff of the county both told the postoffice inspector that if she refused to resign they could not be answerable for her death, but at the same time a word was said against her."

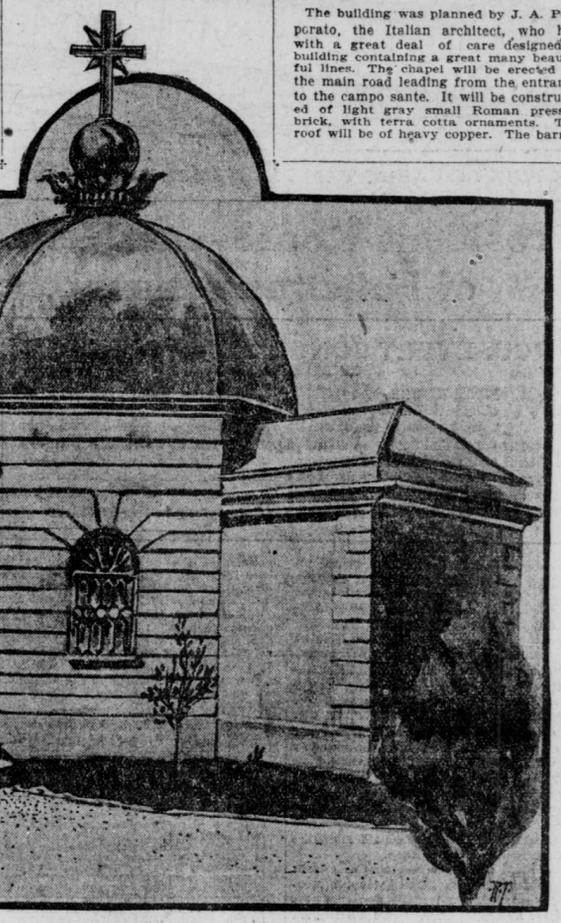
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# ITALIAN COLONY WILL ERECT HANDSOME MORTUARY CHAPEL

## Plans Show That Building Will Prove a Beautiful Ornament to New Cemetery Near Colma.

A HANDSOME mortuary chapel is soon to be added to the many improvements that have recently been made to the new Italian cemetery, near Colma. The plans of the building have been completed, and it is expected that within a very short time the edifice will be ready for the holding of the last services over the bod-



The building was planned by J. A. Porporato, the Italian architect, who has with a great deal of care designed a building containing a great many beautiful lines. The chapel will be erected on the main road leading from the entrance to the campo santo. It will be constructed of light gray small Roman pressed brick, with terra cotta ornaments. The roof will be of heavy copper. The barred

HANDSOME MORTUARY CHAPEL THAT WILL BE ERECTED BY THE ITALIAN COLONY OF THIS CITY IN THE NEW CEMETERY NEAR COLMA, FROM PLANS DRAWN BY THE WELL-KNOWN ARCHITECT, J. A. PORPORATO.

ies of deceased members of the Italian colony of this city.

The erection of the chapel has long been planned by the Italians, but it has only been within the last few months that the plans have assumed tangible shape.

Through the efforts of the Italian Mutual Benevolent Society, the Columbus Savings and Loan Society and the Italian Bank, through J. J. Fugazi, the funds necessary to defray the cost of the building have been raised.

ject will be "The Profit of the Earth is for All." A sacred concert will precede the address, led by the association orchestra.

windows will contain fine specimens of art glass. The interior of the chapel will be in keeping with the handsome exterior, the plans providing for walls of scagliola in various colors and mosaic flooring.

tra. Seats will be free to all young men, and this subject of public interest will be sure to attract a large crowd.

# UNION LEAGUE CLUB REVOLT

## Opposition Ticket Headed by D. E. McKinlay Foreshadowed.

### Members Resent the Exclusion of Office Holders From Directory.

There is war in the Union League Club. It grows out of the action of the nominating committee in deciding that Federal and State officeholders should be excluded from the directory of the league. It appears that Orator D. E. McKinlay is first vice president of the club and according to custom is in line for the presidency, but being a Federal officeholder in the office of United States District Attorney Woodworth is relegated to the club shelf under the decision of the nominating committee. In the same category is Colonel Jesse K. Fuller, secretary of the club, who happens to hold the office of United States Pension Agent. The revolt in the club over this discrimination is so earnest and widespread that an opposition ticket, headed by D. E. McKinlay for president, will be put in the field to-day.

Colonel George H. Pippy is the regular nominee for a second term of the presidency and his opponents maintain that he is a State officer, although he does not draw down a salary for his services on the Governor's staff. It is also asserted that Colonel F. E. Beck and Colonel S. J. Hendy, who are on the regular ticket, are also State officers, being on the staff of the Governor, and are therefore ineligible under the nominating committee's decision. Moreover the ineffectuality of H. G. W. Dinkelspiel is urged on the ground that he is a director of a State Normal School.

It is recognized that President Pippy's administration of club affairs is brilliant and progressive. The large accession to the roll of membership is cited as proof of his energy and ability. Still the leaders of the opposition maintain that the time-honored custom of promoting the first vice president to the presidency should not be disregarded. Again it is asserted that D. E. McKinlay is in every way fitted with accomplishments which would enable him to serve a proper greeting to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. Members of the opposition element dwell on the injustice of side-tracking the orator in order to gratify Colonel Pippy's desire for a second term. The hostility of the factions has passed beyond the stage of compromise. There will be a fight to the finish on Tuesday, January 13, the day appointed for the annual election of club officers.

#### GAGE APPOINTS FOLEY HEALTH BOARD LAWYER

### Directors of Agricultural Districts in Several of the Counties Also Named.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2.—William J. Foley, private secretary to Governor Gage, was to-day appointed attorney of the State Board of Health, vice George A. Knight, resigned. Foley intends to engage in the practice of law in Los Angeles with Governor Gage. Foley had been offered the place on the Supreme bench made vacant by the death of Justice Jackson Temple. He declined the position.

The Governor also made the following appointments: C. M. Hammond of Lake County to be a director of agricultural district No. 12, vice self, term expired; W. C. Rideout of Lake County to be a director of agricultural district No. 12, vice self, term expired; Charles E. Larabee of Yolo to be a director of agricultural district No. 4, vice T. S. Spaulding, term expired; Frank H. Owen of Yolo County to be a director of agricultural district No. 49, vice W. B. Gibson, term expired; Edward White of Santa Cruz County to be a director of agricultural district No. 14, vice W. F. Rogers, term expired; H. A. von Coenen Torchiand of Santa Cruz to be director of agricultural district No. 14, vice J. A. Linscott, term expired; Vincent Hook of Contra Costa County to be a director of agricultural district No. 23, vice George Selient, term expired; Robert Wallace of Contra Costa to be a director of agricultural district No. 23, vice self, term expired.

#### CONTESTS OF ELECTION ARE RAPIDLY SETTLED

### Four Cases in Merced County Dismissed by the Court by Stipulation.

MERCED, Jan. 2.—What promised to be a long and vexatious election contest was settled to-day by stipulation. Five suits were on the docket, and when the first was called in the Superior Court the attorney for two contestants announced that his clients desired to have the contests dismissed, and the attorney for the two others made a similar statement. The first contestants were J. W. Stockton, Democrat, against A. G. Clough, Republican, for Assessor, and E. L. Moor, Democrat, against G. W. Kibby, Republican, for Treasurer. After they had filed their suits C. A. H. Warfield, Republican, entered suit against J. S. Swan, Democrat, for Sheriff, and H. P. Greenleaf, Republican, against W. H. Ogden, Democrat, for Supervisor, and Henry Nelson, Republican, against S. J. Allen, Democrat, for Recorder. The four former suits were the ones dismissed, and the latter was continued until next Monday.

#### DEVLIN IS MENTIONED

### Prison Commissioner Spoken of as Candidate for the Senatorship.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2.—There is a persistent rumor in circulation to the effect that State Senator Robert Devlin, a prominent Republican who is now in the hands of the Prison Commissioner, will be a candidate for the United States Senatorship at the next session of the Legislature. The friends of the Senator are using him to come out openly into the light and this Sacramento delegation has already ready gone so far as to agree to vote for him in the first ballot. When questioned as to his candidacy, Senator Devlin said: "Some time ago several friends of mine, and particularly members of the Sacramento delegation, expressed a desire to cast their votes for me for United States Senator. But I cannot say that this constituted me a candidate. My name was suggested as one that might prove acceptable in case prominent and announced candidates should fail to receive the necessary number of votes to elect."

"Whether a deadlock will occur I do not know, but until this event does happen I do not suppose I am for a moment to be considered a candidate. If a deadlock should occur, why, that is a different matter."

#### Printing Office Appointees

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2.—William W. Shannon, State Printer-elect, to-night announced the following appointments, which are among the most important in his office: E. D. Sullivan of Sacramento, to be foreman of the pressroom; William W. Cuthbert of Sacramento, to be general foreman; Ed McGeeney of Solano, to be assistant foreman; F. H. Tucker of the Veterans' Home at Napa, to be watchman.

# IROQUOIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

## Pilots for the New Year Chosen by the Democratic Organization.

### Past Party Derelictions Are Bemoaned and New Lines Are Laid Down.

New Year was given the glad hand at the Iroquois Club last night by the election of new officers and a series of speeches tempered from grave to gay. Incidentally, when oratory grew tiresome, a serious-looking young man handed around refreshments calculated to revive drooping spirits. Balloting for officers was the first business of the evening, and until that was completed there were no speeches. Joseph C. Gorman was elected president for the ensuing year; William H. Kline, first vice president; W. J. Locke, second vice president; E. R. Zion, recording secretary; H. L. Biehnfeld, corresponding secretary; A. D. Pratt, financial secretary; W. A. Amussen, treasurer, and Louis Metzger, W. J. Bryan, Charles Gildes, J. C. R. Buttler, V. Merle, D. G. Dexter and A. M. Armstrong trustees.

The election concluded a flood of eloquence was let loose. The president, in his inaugural address, pleaded for municipal ownership of the city water supply, professing to see in the alleged neglect of this question by the administration a deep lull pool, which he wanted the Iroquois Club to circumvent. Louis Metzger, re-elected as chairman of the board of trustees, was duty grateful, but he had no reforms to propose and confined his utterances merely to thanks.

J. C. R. Buttler was facetious on arising, because he had been disturbed in the munching of a sandwich, but he grew serious as he proceeded and read out of the party all those candidates who had sailed under two flags at the last election. He wanted it understood that a man Democratic first, last and all the time and to make sure of him he should have the brand and earmarks of the Iroquois Club.

Many other speakers responded to calls from the chair and the main burden of their remarks was the unjust division of the leaves and fishes in which it appeared the club had been given the minor share by the party. The meeting adjourned in splendid spirits due to the fact that the far-seeing soothsayers of the organization predicted a rift in the political clouds at some indefinite time and prophesied that the faithful would come into their own once more.

#### No Proof of Malice.

Justice of the Peace Daniels gave judgment yesterday in favor of Maurice Hayes, who was sued by Thomas Kennedy for \$200 for alleged malicious prosecution. The testimony developed that Hayes had Kennedy arrested for mistreating a dog belonging to Hayes, but the latter was acquitted. Hayes testified that Kennedy had attacked the dog with a saw, and he was corroborated by Cernitus Stokes, Mrs. Rose Halpin and Robert Pine. Judge Daniels ruled that there was no proof of malice on the part of Hayes in causing Kennedy's arrest, nor had probable cause been disproved.

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Regular 30c lb.

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Gillard's, imported from England; reg. 40c

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Premium brand; reg. 30c can.

MILK SUGAR CORN, 2 cans, 25c

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