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DON'T WAIT TOO LONG.
We had better get the Mexican situation cleared up soon. When the war in Europe stops, those nations at their peace conferences may take up the question of how many men and boats it will be necessary for them to send over to Mexico to look after their interests that they have had to neglect during their own troubles. We must not delude ourselves with the thought that the European nations will not be in shape to protect their interests in Mexico. After they get their own peace treaties settled, five or six of them may make an agreement that they will jointly take care of their own Mexican interests, and then proceed to do so. It will be a good deal better for the United States to stop the anarchy that prevails in Mexico now, than it will be to wait until we are told to do it by a joint committee representing six or seven of the big powers of Europe and Asia.

THE CITY ELECTION.
The city election is now a matter of history. Fred H. Carter is elected mayor and W. J. Berry and F. H. Ehrmann, councilmen.
The issue was clearly defined. It was: Shall the wide open lawless conditions continue, or shall the city have good government?
It was not expected and is not now expected that the incoming administration can eradicate all the evils in this community. But it is expected that an honest and sincere effort will be made to enforce the laws and create better moral conditions.
The new city officials are all representative citizens and men with whom all subjects for the city's good can be taken up and discussed. It is the duty of all citizens now to take an interest in the city government and assist in all ways to make a practical improvement in our community.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.
The Philippine question is one constantly before the nation in one form or another and the last congress came very nearly putting itself on record on a bill designed to separate the islands

from the way of the United States within a period of a few years. This was the "Jones Bill" and it will doubtless come up again when congress reconvenes. For that reason an analysis of the situation by Dean C. Worcester, former secretary of the interior for the Philippine islands, should be of considerable interest. Such an analysis is on this page today as one of the series of feature editorials appearing in The Courier from day to day. Read the article if you would have a clearer insight into the Philippine question.

GETTING READY NOW.
New Orleans has planned extensive improvements in its great system of steamer terminals. The reason given is that an increase in river traffic has become a necessity if the middle west wants to compete with the coasts. Any increase in river freight carrying is bound to increase the business of the port of New Orleans and that city is going to get ready for it right now. Other cities should recognize the need for docks and terminals to accommodate the water borne traffic that is to spring up in the near future, and prepare for it. Cities should look to their river fronts and get the necessary land as the first step.

The Iowa state senate has approved of a bill to put the national guard of the state upon a regular army footing. The bill provides for a brigade of infantry—three regiments with a brigadier-general in command, three field batteries of four guns and one hundred and thirty-three men each, one squadron of cavalry with four troops of sixty-five men each, an engineer company of fifty-five men, a field hospital and an ambulance corps of seventy-nine men.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa says that the demoralization of the government is due in no small part to the continuous scramble among congressmen to get appropriations for their own constituencies. He says that nobody appears to care what happens to the needs of the other constituencies until their own are attended to. The result is chaos which is injurious to the orderly development of the national interest.

Now come the Turks with a denial of the alleged atrocities in Persia. The Turks would have us believe that all the reports sent by wire and brought by Americans themselves, about the horrible crimes perpetrated upon Christians in Persia by the Turks, are false and malicious lies.

If all the firms and people in the city who have heavy hauling done, would fit their wagons up with wide tires, the life of the new paving would be greatly lengthened. Narrow tires bearing up heavy loads will cut into any paving that has been invented thus far.

Dinner Stories
The steamer rolled and pitched in the mountainous waves, and Algy was very seasick.
"Deah boy," he groaned, "promise me you will send my remains to my people."
"Deah boy," feebly moaned Algy, "you needn't bother about sending my remains home—there won't be any."
"Harry, dear," she softly said, "haven't you a lock of my hair some where in your pockets?"
"I have indeed, sweetheart," was the prompt response of hubby, and he affectionately embraced the sharer of his sorrows and joys. "I have it right here in the pocket closest to my heart."
"That's fine, Harry!" delightedly returned little wifey. "Won't you please take it down and match me some puffs when you get down town?"
Louis J. Horowitz, the builder of many big structures in New York and elsewhere, praised advertising at a dinner in his beautiful apartment overlooking the Hudson.
"I am a firm believer in advertising," said Mr. Horowitz. "I impute a great part of my own success to it. Here Mr. Horowitz's sunburnt and healthy face was illuminated by one of his rare and charming smiles.
"Whenever a duck lays an egg," he said, "she waddles back to the duck pond in indifferent silence. But when a hen lays an egg her frantic cackles make it known.
"The hen advertises.
"And that, my friends, is why the world eats hens' eggs instead of ducks' eggs."

The Hope of the Philippines
BY DEAN C. WORCESTER.
Former Secretary of the Interior, Philippine Islands.
The second objectionable provision of the preamble of the Jones bill, looking to the recognition of the independence of the Philippines, states that "for the speedy accomplishment of such purpose it is desirable to place in the hands of the people of the Philippines as large a control of their domestic affairs as can be given them without, in the meantime, impairing the exercise of rights of sovereignty by the people of the United States."
This purpose will not be speedily accomplished in any such way. It may be attained, if at all, only by placing in their hands, from time to time, as large a control of their domestic affairs as experience shows to be consistent with honest and efficient administration. They must be compelled to meet reasonably high standards. To follow any other course is to delay, not to expedite, the accomplishment of our purpose.
The establishment of an elective senate, for which the bill provides is premature, but with a wise exercise of the veto power, should have no other ill effect than to prevent the certainty of being able to initiate legislation which Washington might deem necessary by appointing members to the upper house who would favor it.
The most objectionable feature in the bill is the provision that the heads of executive departments shall be appointed by the governor general with the approval of the Philippine senate. This arrangement, if adhered to, will result in frequent deadlocks and in the forcing of undesirable political appointments. Secretaries of departments will suffer a serious loss in the prestige which they now enjoy because of their appointment by the president and their confirmation by the senate of the United States. Such things count for much in an Oriental country, and the usefulness of their officers will be materially diminished if this provision is not eliminated. With an elective senate it would be through the higher executive officers alone that our government could exercise effective influence in Philippine affairs, and we cannot yet

freight line is to be operated
BARGES ARE BEING BUILT FOR TRAFFIC ON MISSISSIPPI OUT OF MUSCATINE.
Muscatine, March 30.—A daily freight service on the Mississippi river from St. Paul to New Orleans is guaranteed for 1915 by the Mississippi Navigation company, of which John Bernhard of New Orleans is president. Local cash and door concerns have been informed as to the details of the river freight traffic and negotiations are on whereby shipments of lumber will be made from the Pacific coast by steamer through the canal and thence to New Orleans and up the river.
This a decisive reduction in freight charges can be made via water route shipments is shown by the contract figures quoted by the Bernhard company.
The construction of scores of steel hulled barges is now under way, and in the latest communication from the head of the transportation company it is stated that 1915 will witness barges leaving both New Orleans and St. Paul on through service daily.
The Bernhard company further announce plans whereby they will construct modern terminal facilities in all river cities in order to expedite transportation.

HORSES, MULES AND CALF FIRE VICTIMS
Bloomfield, March 30.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the barn on the Frank Fenton farm two miles west of Bloomfield Monday. When discovered by the occupant of the farm it was under such headway that nothing could be saved. There were seven head of horses and mules in the building and a calf, besides hay, grain and farming tools, all of which were destroyed. The loss will be around \$2,000 with only partial insurance.

LOST NATION ORGANIZES.
Lost Nation, March 30.—Paul Rahling was elected president, Frank Kramer secretary and Frank Gilroy treasurer of the Sharon township branch of the Iowa Farmers' Protective association. The meeting was called to order by the director of the association of Sharon township, with A. J. Johnson the principal speaker.

RUSSELL.
Warren Lodge who has been working in Des Moines has returned and is assisting his father J. D. Lodge in the barber shop.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole and daughter Ethel spent Thursday in Ottumwa.
Mrs. M. S. Boozell who has been seriously ill for several weeks died at the home of her son John Boozell, south of Russell Thursday night. Mrs. Boozell was one of the pioneers of this vicinity and will be mourned by a large circle of friends.
S. E. Jenkins is in Council Bluffs visiting his brother Elijah Jenkins.
F. N. Hills has been in Algona on business connected with his farm.
Joseph B. Dixon who has been in Albia and Ottumwa for several days has returned and is staying with his brother Frank in the west part of town.
Clarence Slater, principal of the Manson high school is visiting a few days with his father S. O. Slater.
Charles Evans of Chariton is visiting at the Albert Butler home.
Rev. S. Skogsborg is attending a meeting of the United Evangelical conference at Manly, Iowa.
Matthew Mackey and wife are at Excelsior Springs, Mo., taking treatment at the Springs.
Mrs. May Rockey has returned from Des Moines where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. Post.

SUSPECT IS HELD.
Chicago, March 30.—Burrell W. Billig of Madison, Wis., was arrested here early today on suspicion of being concerned with the murder of Miss Emma Peterson, who was clubbed to death in Aurora, Ill., two months ago. He is alleged to have told a friend that he was wanted in Aurora for the slaying.

BAND REORGANIZED.
Knoxville, March 30.—The Knoxvilleville band has been completely reorganized and the managers announce that regular weekly concerts in the public square will be the feature of the summer. The band is composed of about twenty-five pieces.

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REPUBLICANS MEET TO NOMINATE JUDGE
Decatur, Ill., March 30.—Two hundred republican delegates representing fifteen central Illinois counties met here today to nominate a candidate for the state supreme court. As 102 of the delegates have been instructed in their home counties to vote for Justice Frank K. Dunn of Charleston, it was practically settled before the meeting that he would be named.

ELDON.
W. O. Block, a switchman in the railway yards here met with an accident Wednesday night by falling from the cars, breaking a leg and receiving other injuries.
The remains of S. Pumphrey, an aged resident of this county was brought here for interment. Funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the M. E. church.
Miss Ella Taylor left Thursday for Rochester, Minn., for a brief visit.
Mrs. A. L. Orr left Friday for her home in Marshalltown after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. C. Hollenbeck.
W. O. Block, the switchman that was hurt, died Thursday from his injuries.

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PLUMBERS PLEAD FOR NEW TRIAL
FORM OF VERDICT OBJECTED TO AND SOME DEFENDANTS PERSIST IN INNOCENCE.
Des Moines, March 30.—The thirty-six master plumbers from six middle west states, who on February 24 last were convicted in the federal court on the charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law, were to appear before Judge John C. Pollock here today. Their attorneys were to argue a motion for a new trial.
The defense declares that the verdict was not fair because it was in blanket form. Numerous affidavits were expected to be offered tending to show several defendants were not guilty at all, and that these are entitled to a new trial.
It was expected that in case the motion for a new trial was overruled, the court would sentence the defendants immediately following such action. In that event, attorneys for the defendants said today, they will appeal the case.

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