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GEN. LAWTON KILLED.

Shot While On the Firing Line at San Mateo.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—Major General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

He clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect and fell into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless.

MENELIK WORRIES ENGLISH.

Claims Territory Which is Considered Vital to English Progress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—London papers just received display much anxiety over the attitude of Menelik, emperor of Abyssinia toward England.

M'KINLEY EXPRESSES SORROW.

Cables a Touching Tribute to the Memory of the Fallen Hero.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The president has sent the following cable to General Otis: "I learned with inexpressible sorrow of the death of Major General Lawton and ask to share with the officers and men of the Fifth corps in their grief."

U. S. Patent Office Business.

DES MOINES, December 21.—The inventions for which we prepare and prosecute applications for patents receive free notices, when allowed, in our weekly reports, published in about 500 western newspapers.

THOMAS G. ORWIG & CO., Registered Patent Attorneys.

Africa has nearly 700 languages and this fact presents great difficulties to missionary effort.

Democratic Committee Issues a Call.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Chairman Jones, of the national democratic committee, has issued a call for a meeting here on February 22 to fix the time and place of holding the next national democratic convention.

THE LIVINGSTONE MEMORIALS.

In addition to that portion of the famous Livingstone tree, near Calumbo, in Central Africa, bearing a brief inscription recording the great traveler's death, which has been transmitted to London, the Royal Geographical society has, among its numerous relics, some much prized leaves from the fast decaying trunk, which were sent home some time ago by Mr. Powlett Livingston.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

O'KEEFE GETS FIFTEEN YEARS.

He is the Burglar Who Declared He Would Not Rob a Widow. DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—James O'Keefe, the burglar who declared he would not rob a widow, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison on hard labor by Judge Bishop.

LINDQUIST GETS OFFICE.

Close of an Interesting Contest in Webster County. FORT DONER, Dec. 22.—The exciting election contest between J. A. Lindquist, republican, and E. H. Cox, democrat, for the office of county treasurer, has been settled.

Large Claims Recovered.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 23.—In the federal court the case of D. D. Langan of Clinton, against the Aetna, Palatine, German Alliance and Spring Garden insurance companies for \$20,000, was decided in favor of the plaintiff by Judge Shiras.

A Glass Factory for Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—Chas. Bryant and Levi Pierce, of Anderson, Ind., appeared before the directors of the Commercial Exchange with a proposition to locate a window glass factory in Des Moines.

Prepare for smallpox.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—City Physician Fred Wells has filed with the city council a request that it make immediate preparation for the appearance of smallpox.

Explosion at Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 21.—By the explosion of a generator used in charging soda fountains at Chester & Lane's bottling works the side of the office was torn out.

Murder in First Degree.

MUSCATINE, Dec. 24.—The trial of George Wright for the murder of Nellie Crippen, last July, has occupied the court for the past nine days.

Used a Quart of Rum a Day.

ALGONA, Dec. 22.—Dr. Felling, of Whittemore, died on the train while being taken to the asylum at Independence. He had become so strongly addicted to the use of liquor that he is said to have used an average of a quart of rum a day.

Acquitted of Charge of Murder.

BURLINGTON, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Lizzie Durth, who has been on trial charged with the murder of Mrs. Leonard Fritsche seven years ago, after having been in continuous session for twenty-three hours, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Pleaded Guilty of Theft.

BOONE, Dec. 21.—John Quinn, who stole an express package from a Northwestern baggage car and was arrested for the crime, pleaded guilty and was placed in the county jail to await the January term of court.

Serious Fire at Marshalltown.

MARSHALSTOWN, Dec. 21.—A fire at midnight destroyed the stock of dry goods of the R. C. Peterson company, damaged the Haradon block \$1,000, and other tenants were damaged \$1,000 more.

He Was Tired of Life.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 22.—Frank Dvorak, a laborer drank a quantity of carbolic acid and died from the effects. It seems that Dvorak was a cripple. He became discouraged and without any warning took the fatal dose.

Mrs. Dickens Accused of Murder.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Mary Dickens was arrested on the charge of murder. It is alleged she performed an abortion on a married woman named Wiltz. She was committed to jail to await preliminary examination.

GOVERNOR SUEDE.

Woodbury County Authorities Bring Suit Over Sand Hill Lake Bed. DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—Leslie M. Shaw, as governor of Iowa, has been sued by Wilson L. Ogden of Woodbury county in the district court. The suit is brought to have the court issue an order of mandamus to compel Governor Shaw to report the selection of the land known as Sand Hill Lake bed in Woodbury county to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington.

MAN KILLED AT TAMA.

Natal Accident to Switchman in North western Yards. TAMA, Dec. 22.—George Banker, a switchman working with engine 93 in the east yards at Tama, was killed. No exact report as to how the unfortunate man was killed has been offered.

Woman Assaulted and Robbed.

MAEON CITY, Dec. 25.—Miss Anna Bauman, secretary and treasurer of the Standard Oil Co., was assaulted by a foot-pat and strenuous effort made to rob her of \$200. She had a desperate encounter with the robber, lasting twenty minutes, and he was finally frightened away.

Bill to Protect Mail Trains.

MAEON CITY, Dec. 21.—Frank Fay was found guilty in the Floyd county court of attempting to wreck the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern "cannon ball" passenger train on the night of October 30.

An Iowa Bank Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—In the case of Fred Bordes, of the First National Bank of Hawarden, Iowa, the supreme court decided that a writ of certiorari could not be granted in the case otherwise subject to such writ until the case had been finally passed upon by the court below.

For Whipping a Child.

KEOKUK, Dec. 25.—Frank C. Heller, aged 13, by his next best friend, has begun suit for \$1,000 damages against Nellie Knox, teacher in the Summitville school, charging that she injured him while administering punishment in the school.

Would Be Train Wreckers Sentenced.

CHARLES CITY, Dec. 25.—Frank Fay, the Burlington train wrecker, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Jape Brockert pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen years for the same offense.

Fire at Reinbeck.

REINBECK, Dec. 25.—The J. Porter general store was badly burned. The fire originated in the show window. The stock is almost an entire loss.

BRIVITIES.

Congressman Lacey of Iowa a few days ago introduced a bill in the house providing that any person who shall be found guilty of obstructing any train carrying United States mails shall be punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for ten years, or both.

BATTLE OF TUGELA RIVER.

Boer Report Says They Have Secured Nine British Guns. PRETORIA, Dec. 29.—The report of the battle of Tugela river says: "The French attaché, Villchobis, and German attaché, Braun, say the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe."

England to Adopt the Roosevelt Novelty in Fighting.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Two important reports, both semi-officially confirmed, have been made public. One was that the government had decided to raise a corps of 40,000 rough riders to send to the Transvaal, and the other that the Duke of Connaught, the queen's second son, was to be sent out as commander of the Eighth corps, the next corps later four of them were burned to death, two died an hour later, and five others died before midnight.

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NEWS IN GENERAL

PROGRESS IN CUBA.

General Brooke Tells a Wonderful Story of Development. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Gen. Brooke, in turning over the civil government of Cuba to General Wood, issued the following proclamation:

By order of the president, I hereby transfer to my successor, Major General Leonard Wood, United States volunteer, the duties and responsibilities of the office of military governor, beginning with the day following the transfer of power to the civil government of Cuba. To those who have been associated with me in the performance of the difficult task of reorganizing and placing in operation the civil government of Cuba, I express my appreciation of their loyal and patriotic support and assistance.

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MOODY IS DEAD.

Famous Evangelist Passed Away at His Home in Massachusetts.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.—Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, died Friday at noon.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, was stricken with heart trouble in this city November 16, while holding revival meetings, and was compelled to give up the work here and the day following started for his home in care of a physician.

Moody probably addressed the largest crowds during his stay here he ever faced. Meetings began Sunday, November 12, thousands filling the hall on the afternoon and evening of each day. The strain upon Moody was great. He preached his last sermon on the night of November 15, fully fifteen thousand people listening to his earnest appeal that many stamped as one of the evangelists greatest efforts.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

DES MOINES, Dec. 25.—Madison county's insane asylum and poor house, according to the report by Judge Kinne, is very similar to other institutions of the kind which have been visited by the board of control.

There are three of these, and they have been visited. Some of the newspapers where they are located have asked for copies of the report, but the board has not yet indicated whether it will give them out.

According to a Washington dispatch, there are twenty-three candidates for the judgeship made vacant by the death of Judge John S. Woolson. Congressman H. H. Hays has three candidates in his district, there are five in the First district, and so all along the line.

The school board of West Des Moines has decided to introduce German into the courses of study in the grades.

Judge Bishop, in the district court of Polk county, has handed down a decision in the case of the state vs. G. T. Schlenker, the milkman who was tried and found guilty of selling adulterated milk.

The trial of the famous Bonaparte dam case is now on at Bloomfield. Attorney General Milton Remley is handling the case for the commonwealth and Judge C. Mitchell, of Ottumwa, represents Meek Brothers, of Bonaparte, who own the dam.

JUSTIFY THEIR POSITION.

Kentucky Democrats Issue an Address to the Public. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—The address of the democracy of the state, endorsing the contest instituted by Goebel and other candidates of the defeated democratic ticket, and giving the reasons therefor, has been issued.

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Will Have Charge of North Lazon Province. MANILA, Dec. 26.—General Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan.

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SAN JACINTO, Cal., Dec. 28.—A disastrous earth quake occurred at 4:25 yesterday morning. Nearly every two-story building was wrecked and it is estimated that the damage will aggregate over \$50,000.

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CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Allen, the newly appointed senator from Nebraska, appeared and took the oath of office.

The house by resolution referred the president's message to the various committees. Grover of Indiana, addressed the house on the defense of the policy of retaining the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the senate the bill of Maine had read from the clerk's desk the proclamation issued by General Brooke in Havana on turn to his successor, General Wood.

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BULLER ON THE DEFENSIVE.

He Destroys Footbridges to Keep the Boers From Attacking. LONDON, Dec. 26.—Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot by the British authorities in South Africa, owing to the occurrence of glanders.

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