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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Attorney General Remley has given an opinion to the fish and game warden in answer to a question as to the legality of offering quail for sale during the open quail season in the state.

It is probable that the subject which will create the principal interest and result in the widest range of discussion at the coming session of the legislature will be proposed to change the system of caring for the insane of the state.

Secretary Kennedy, of the state board of health is in receipt of reports from further outbreaks of small-pox in the state. One case is reported at Jessup, Buchanan county; another in Washington township, Buchanan county, and a third has been reported at Independence.

A dispatch from Houston, Texas, reads as follows: A Iowa syndicate headed by D. H. Burdard & H. McVey, of Des Moines, secured options on 10,424 acres of land in Lucas county, for which they agreed to pay \$185,000.

Governor Shaw will submit to the legislature the cases of but four convicts asking for pardon. They are: Thomas Kelly, sentenced in Lucas county in 1886; John Bellows, sentenced in Dubuque county in 1878 and Jasper Mason, sentenced in Dallas county in 1878.

The Iowa Mexican Plantation company, a New Jersey corporation that desires to do business in Iowa, has filed amendments of articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

German Steamer a War Prize. LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 31.—The German steamer Bundesrath, from Mozambique, has been captured and taken by a British warship and taken

Judge Eichelberger Declares It to Be Unconstitutional. OTTUMWA, Dec. 28.—For the first time in the history of the state of Iowa a court has held that the statute relating to the assessment and collection of paving tax by the front foot rule is void and that the Iowa statute is unconstitutional.

Indian Bride Wins in Court. Federal Judge Shiras Restores Lelah-Fac-Ka-Ches to Her Husband. DUBUQUE, Dec. 31.—Federal Judge Shiras has handed down an opinion in the Indian case from Tama county reservation.

Regiment of Iowa Dutch. Colony in Sioux County Said to Be Sending Drilled Men to Join Boers. ORANGE CITY, Jan. 2.—An entire regiment of soldiers is said to be en route from the Dutch colony in this (Sioux) county to join the Boers in the Transvaal.

Two Men Killed. Team Struck by Burlington Train Near Woodburn. OSCOLA, Dec. 30.—Frank Davidson and Charles Darlington, while driving the C. B. & Q. railroad tracks in the west part of Woodburn, ten miles east of Osceola, had their team struck by a west bound train.

Iowa Mail Clerk Promoted. William H. Penn Assistant Superintendent of Railway Service. DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—William H. Penn, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the sixth division of railway mail service, with official headquarters at Chicago.

Sac County Without Saloons. SAC CITY, Dec. 29.—The Sac county supervisors have completed the canvass of the saloon statement of consent, filed December 6, 1899.

Shot for Big Stakes. REHALLTOWN, Dec. 30.—The greatest bird contest ever shot in the state has just closed here. It was a match between John A. Lane, of Marshalltown, and Charles A. Hoover, of Oskaloosa, two picked members of gun clubs of the respective cities.

Meeting of the Pedagogues at Des Moines Very Interesting. DES MOINES, Dec. 28.—The State Teachers' Association had its formal opening last night, with addresses by President Freeman H. Bloodgood of Vinton and Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio.

There was a sharp passage-at-arms between President Gates of Grinnell and President Bardshear of the State Agricultural College in the college section over the standard of pedagogic instruction. President Gates spoke slightly of the work done at Ames, which was called to account by President Bardshear, and then withdrew the spirit of his criticism.

Des Moines, Dec. 29.—The State Teachers Association yesterday took action favoring additional normal schools, liberal support of the present state institutions, compulsory education and a mandatory provision for a library in every school.

General Buller's Task Has Been Immeasurably Increased. LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Standard's correspondent at Pretoria, telegraphing on January 1, says: "Sir Charles Warren's division is now nearly complete. Its headquarters are at Belmont. It is rumored here that the guns which were captured from General Buller at Colenso have been drifted in the hills coming from Springfield. The Boers, it appears, captured 650 rounds of shrapnel when they took the guns."

British Attack Boer Fort and Get the Worst of It. LORENZO MARQUES, Jan. 1.—Pretoria advices of December 27, say an official dispatch from Mafeking announces a sortie by the British on Christmas day, attacking the Boer fort with cannon, Maxims and an armored train rushing up to the walls of the fort.

British and Boer Forces. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Standard's correspondent at Pretoria, telegraphing on December 28, says: "The Boers lost 109 killed and wounded; the British lost two killed and seven wounded. A dispatch from the Boer camp at Modder river, December 28, reports an artillery duel lasting an hour. December 27 the British reconnoitering party made a sortie but did not come within Boer range. December 28 the British began a steady bombardment of the Boer position."

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McCoy-Maher Fight. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The McCoy-Maher fight resulted in a victory for McCoy, the contest ending in the fifth round, after Maher had been knocked down repeatedly.

Simple Religious Services and Honors of War Mark Reinterment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Upon the heights of Arlington cemetery the Maine dead brought from Havana by the battleship Texas yesterday were laid away in their final resting place with simple religious services and the impressive honors of war in the presence of the president, members of his cabinet, officers of the army and navy, and other representatives of the government.

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Des Moines, Dec. 29.—Carl Smith, of Council Bluffs, who is in the employ of the Northwestern railroad, was held up on an east-bound passenger train as it stopped at the railroad crossing in the west part of Ames. He had been riding most of the afternoon in the same seat with a well dressed stranger who was very agreeable, and who announced that he was a traveling man for a well known dry goods house in Chicago.

Des Moines, Dec. 29.—The following are the new officers of the Iowa State Teachers' Association: President, W. O. Madell, Des Moines; First Vice President, G. I. Miller, Boone; Second Vice President, A. R. Sale, Mason City; Third Vice President, Wm. Bell, Creston; Executive Committee: Chairman, Large, Inez Kelo, Corydon; Educational Council, H. B. Hayden, Council Bluffs; A. V. Noble, Ames; President Blakesley, Mt. Pleasant; C. H. Carson, Marengo; W. W. Gist, Cedar Rapids; C. F. Schell, Garner.

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At 9:30 yesterday evening, the Boers on the heights of Magerfontein, opened a very heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magerfontein, the cavalry brigade reconnoitering in a northeasterly direction. Lieut. Masters made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward to Enselin and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They are suffering from want of food. I have established a market here where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables, selling to the farmers tea and other articles, which they cannot otherwise purchase. A heavy rain fell last night.

The field fortification would now withstand any or anized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There is nothing to be done for two months. The question of forage might be troublesome, but since the rains there has been some grazing within the British lines. There is no horse sickness. Casualties caused by our shell fire are increasing and the Boers are reported as becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open heavy fire on imaginary attacks. German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Damaraland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border.

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Seizure of the Bundesrath May Lead to Grave Complications. BERLIN, Jan. 2.—That grave complications may grow out of the seizure of the German mail steamer Bundesrath by the British cruiser Magdeleine in East African waters is shown by the fact that a cabinet council was held yesterday in Berlin. It is further announced that the full German cabinet will discuss the case. The German press is bitter over the event, which may have the effect of nullifying the recent change of sentiment in favor of Great Britain in the Transvaal war.

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Formidable Plot Accidentally Revealed at Manila. MANILA, Jan. 2.—Four explosive bombs, a few firearms and 500 rounds of ammunition were discovered in a house in the center of Manila Sunday while the police were seeking the insurgent leader, who is expected to make an outbreak by the advantage of the mobilization of American troops at Gen. Lawton's funeral.

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