

Following on his extraordinary action in prohibiting the use of electricity in theaters and the introduction of bicycles, the sultan of Turkey has forbidden the use of balloons or carrier pigeons for army purposes.

John and Rachel Scott of Randolph county, West Virginia, and their children, have been weighed recently. The father and mother are still living in the house where their eight sons, whose combined weight is more than a ton, were born and raised.

In Germany a furnace has been invented intended for burning low-class fuels, such as lignite and peat and in which the combustion is intensified by turning into the fire the gaseous mixture obtained by the evaporation of liquid air.

A philanthropic Greek, who recently died at Corfu, has left a considerable sum to be applied to the purposes of a matrimonial lottery. Every year a certain number of poor girls of good conduct, will receive tickets entitling them to a chance of winning a sum sufficient for a marriage portion.

Of interest to all students of Greek is the announcement from Athens that the "Clouds" of Aristophanes, paraphrased into modern Greek by the satiric poet Souris, has been produced in the national theater in that city.

Mississippi may have another Helen Keller in the person of a little girl from Webster county, who arrived at the Deaf and Dumb institution about ten days ago. The child is blind and dumb from birth, and her parents were in charge of one teacher, who devotes nearly her whole time to her, and the child is beginning to give some remarkable signs of dawning intelligence and capacity to receive knowledge.

The City Club of New York has issued two small pamphlets which are useful to New Yorkers and suggestive to residents of other cities. One is a brief index to the city charter, the other a brief summary, in chronological order, of the various events prescribed by the charter to occur during the year.

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CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Treatment for This Dread Disease Said to Have Been Found. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—A sensation nothing short of profound was caused at the meeting last night at the Still College of Osteopathy of the osteopaths of Iowa when Dr. William West, a young osteopath of Center-view, Iowa, read a paper in which he gave in detail a new and, it is asserted, a successful treatment for tuberculosis.

Dr. West's paper, which was scientific and technical, dealt with the treatment and results of the care of ten patients whom he has treated since last June, each one of whom was restored to health.

In a word, the treatment hinges on a knowledge of the importance of the functions of the spleen and the making use of splenic vibrations. Dr. West demonstrates before the audience the following functions of the spleen by vibrating the spleen and throwing into the blood stream the bacteria of tuberculosis.

Added to this is the auxiliary treatment, in which the greatest attention is given to the diet, pure, sunshiny, and freedom from emotional excesses. The diet insisted upon consists largely of fats, proteins and carbohydrates.

FOR BUILDING AT AMES.

Executive Council Approves for a New Structure. Des Moines, Dec. 27.—The executive council has made an appropriation of \$10,000 of the public fund for the erection of a temporary building at Ames and heating it. President Bearshear and members of the board of trustees appeared before the council, with a rough draft of the plans for the new structure as prepared by State Architect Liebbe, and with the council's approval.

The building will contain ten rooms for recitation purposes. It will be one story high, covered with a flat roof, sealed within and covered with rough lumber on the outside. The cost of the building itself will be between \$3,000 and \$5,000 but the council decided to provide enough in addition to pay for heating.

Many Convicts Paroled. Governor Shaw Releases Sixteen From the Penitentiaries. Des Moines, Dec. 31.—Governor Shaw released sixteen convicts on parole the day preceding Christmas. Six were released from Fort Madison on condition of good behavior, and ten were let out of Anamosa.

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PARK HAND HAD HIS NERVE

Was Made a Social Lion at the Chicago Fat Stock Show. Ottumwa, Dec. 28.—It has developed that the officers and buyers at the fat stock show at Chicago recently were "taken in" by a farm hand from Melrose, in this state, and that while he did not commit any crime, his acts show that he has unexampled nerve and an unlimited amount of "gall."

The young man without a cent of capital other than \$5 he borrowed from L. D. Remley of Melrose prior to starting, made his way to Chicago, and on going to the stock show soon became one of the liveliest and most interesting of bidders.

Being such a lively fellow and such an apparent good judge of fine stock, and besides a good financier, he was written up in the Chicago papers and wine and dined and banqueted by the stockmen. He returned to Melrose in a parlor car, making no payments on his purchases, and of course all the deals were declared off.

TEST CASE IS ARRANGED.

Plan to Get at Validity of the Titus Decision. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The complete details of the program for testing the validity of the Titus amendment for biennial election have been made known. Through the medium of this plan, which was devised by Attorney General Remley, and which has the endorsement of Senator Charles W. Mullan, the attorney general-elect, and of Senator Titus, the author of the amendment, it is expected a decision will be forthcoming from the supreme court before the close of the January term, the ninth day of February.

AMENDMENT DECLARED VALID.

Decision Rendered by Contest Board in Sioux County. Sioux City, Dec. 29.—The first contest on the Titus amendment question to be decided was decided at Ottumwa yesterday. P. D. Vannostertoff, who has been county attorney of Sioux county, contested the right of A. Tepaska, republican, who was elected last November, to assume the duties of the office.

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OPERATIONS IN TRANSVAAL

Boers Continue to Keep Kitchener's Men Busy. London, Dec. 28.—The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received yesterday: "Yesterday two hundred Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood."

The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp. The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of De Wet's vengeance if any surrender.

The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers.

BRITISH MUCH WORRIED.

Boers Working Further South Than a Year Ago. London, Dec. 27.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it has ever done before.

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BURRIS IDENTIFIES THE PONY.

More Evidence Tending to Implicate Pat Crowe. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—Daniel Burris today positively identified at Pacific Junction the pony left there mysteriously by the abduction of a Mrs. Mack, the day following the Cudahy abduction, as one he sold to a man answering the description of Pat Crowe, a few days before the occurrence of the event.

The nationalists will hold a secret conference to decide upon what action to take in view of the fact that the revival of this celebrated "affair," which "will not down."

DEWET HEADED OFF.

His Attempt to Go South is Frustrated by the British. Cape Town, Dec. 29.—General De Wet's attempt to break through to the south has been frustrated and he is now reported to be at Senekal with a large command, holding the country between Ficksburg, Senekal and Windburg.

PUSHING PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN

Fortieth Infantry Making Things Lively in Mindanao. Manila, Dec. 29.—A pushing campaign has been carried on by the Fortieth infantry during December in Northern Mindanao. The town of Jimenez was captured, as was also the mountainous region of the interior in which it is accustomed to place implicit confidence.

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FINGER TAKES PAGE.

Governor Refuses to Answer for Contempt of Court. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Governor Pingree, who was summoned to appear before the Ingham county circuit court Saturday to answer to the charge of contempt, as the result of an interview in which he attacked the court and prosecuting attorney, has refused to answer the summons.

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HE PROPOSES TO FIGHT.

Gen. Colville Demands Trial by Court. London, Dec. 31.—Major General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who refused to resign and came to England from Gibraltar, arriving at Plymouth Saturday to demand a trial by court martial to establish the responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May, has made a counter-strike at the war office in a 3,000-word statement which he has given to the press.

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AGAINST ANY SORT OF FUSION.

Conference of Middle-of-the-Road Populists Held at St. Louis. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Members of the middle-of-the-road populist national committee and other leaders in various reform movements debated all Saturday over the advisability of forming a combination with the social democratic and union reform parties.

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SCORES OF LIVES ARE LOST

Appalling Result of a Storm on the English Channel. London, Dec. 31.—The Russian bark, Kings County, Captain Karlsson, from Bristol, December 9, for Darien, has returned to Cardiff with rigging and bows damaged and other injuries suffered by colliding with a vessel supposed to be the Italian bark Zenro, Captain Patuzzo, from Bristol, December 13, for Mobile. The Zenro is ashore at Grevydon on the river Severn. Her crew was taken off by the life boat.

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KIDNAPERS THREATEN CUDAHY.

Must Withdraw Offer of Reward or Another Child Will Be Stolen. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, has received a second communication from the men who kidnaped his son. This time, as formerly, the letter contains a threat, which says in substance that unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits they will kidnap another of his children.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

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