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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Des Moines, Nov. 13, 1901. The Polk county delinquent tax list is a record-breaker in point of size, being the smallest that the county has had for years and years.

The Commercial Exchange is conferring with business men relative to investment of about \$75,000 capital in a wholesale dry goods business.

State Treasurer Gilbertson has filed with Governor Shaw a new bond for \$500,000, and the document has been approved by the governor.

At the forthcoming meeting of the state horticultural society important legislation will be considered, and in all probability steps will be taken to secure its enactment by the general assembly.

Partially Successful Attempt to Rob Two Iowa Banks. Sioux City, Nov. 11.—Bandits cracked the safe of the Turin bank at Turin, Iowa.

New York, Nov. 7.—Seth Low, as mayor of Greater New York, will have a salary of \$15,000. He will, in the first place, have the privilege of appointing such clerks and assistants in the mayor's office as he may choose.

HOMER HOLLAND KILLED.

Victim of a Bullet Fired by A. M. Hunter, a Gambler. Mt. Airy, Nov. 11.—A. M. Hunter shot and instantly killed Homer Holland on the street at 12:30 Saturday.

He went down town and told a friend that he was going to give himself up, but changed his mind and hid in a livery barn hay mow, where he was found at 4 o'clock.

When arrested he said: "It's a d— bad job, but I never could stand imposition." Holland's mother is a chronic invalid. His father, Captain A. E. Holland, was formerly sheriff.

GRAIN MEN ASK RELIEF.

Demand Better Freight Rates to the South. Omaha, Neb., Nov. 11.—The McCaull-Webster Grain company, operating a large line of elevators in Iowa and Nebraska, has begun suit to compel the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company to give shipments of grain destined to southern points for export the same privileges enjoyed by shipments going by the way of Chicago and New York.

BURGLARS FRUSTRATED.

Sioux City, Nov. 11.—Bandits cracked the safe of the Turin bank at Turin, Iowa. They were discovered by O. H. Swanson, the cashier. They fired a fusillade of shots, driving the citizens to cover.

Oelwein Strike Is Over.

Dubuque, Nov. 12.—The Chicago Great Western strike at Oelwein was settled by the men returning to work. The objectionable foreman was not removed. Three hundred strikers were out for three weeks.

Serious Fire in Sioux City.

Sioux City, Nov. 7.—Fire which broke out in Gunther & Sully's wholesale toy and notion house in this city at 9:30 last evening entirely gutted the building and neighboring buildings were endangered.

Murder at Clinton.

Clinton, Nov. 12.—Jenks Dillon, a well known sporting man, was shot and killed by Anna Crawford, a prostitute, yesterday afternoon.

His Plurality Will Be a Neighborhood of 88,000.

Des Moines, Nov. 9.—Additional unofficial returns from Iowa counties do not change the result of the state ticket as announced yesterday.

Corrected returns from the different counties, with the exception of Keokuk and Plymouth, have been received. They show some changes in the legislative results from those at first announced, the democrats making a better showing in several representative contests than they had been given credit for.

The next general assembly will contain a total of 122 republicans and 28 democrats. This will be the strength on joint ballot. The senate will stand 39 republicans to 11 democrats.

In the house the democrats in 1899 elected 19 members and the republicans 81. This year the republicans have elected 83 and the democrats 17. The democrats elected their representative candidates in Tama, Buchanan, Ida-Monona, Keokuk, Union and Shelby counties.

AN ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

Poison Spread on Food at the Home of a Farmer Near Breda.

Breda, Nov. 12.—One of the most diabolical outrages ever committed in this vicinity was practiced upon Joe Naberhaus, Mr. Naberhaus resides about four miles northwest of town, and while he and his wife were attending services at the Catholic church some one entered their home and scattered strychnine promiscuously over the bread and butter and put some in the coffee, which had been left on the table.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Des Moines, Nov. 11.—The following Thanksgiving proclamation has been issued by the governor: "Another harvest season is closing, and the year has been crowned with God's blessing. Neither famine, nor pestilence, nor other material or physical misfortune has visited us.

T. F. GATCHELL FALLS DEAD.

Well Known Des Moines Man Expires at a Hospital Meeting.

Des Moines, Nov. 8.—Theodore F. Gatchell, secretary and manager of the Des Moines Fire Insurance company and one of the best known residents of Des Moines, fell to the floor last evening at the Methodist hospital.

States Without Big Cities.

The following named states and territories in 1900 do not contain any city with a population of 25,000 or more: Arizona, Idaho, Indian Territory, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

Instance of World's Progress.

A queer instance of the way in which the world is progressing is the announcement in the Athenaeum that the crown prince of Siam is going to publish a volume of essays on the war of the Polish succession, as the result of his studies at Oxford University.

New Prince of Wales.

London, Nov. 9.—The Duke of Cornwall and York has been created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester.

Colombian Revolution.

New York, Nov. 11.—The revolutionary gunboat, Darien, which was captured by the Colombian government recently, stopped the Telegrafo, a government vessel proceeding from David with troops under Captain Delbusto, cables the Panama correspondent of the Herald. The Darien captured the soldiers and the arms and ammunition. While the Darien was towing away the Telegrafo, a barge bringing the remainder of the federal troops to Fort Aguadulce came into sight. The Darien then let go the Telegrafo and steamed at full speed for Chorivera.

How trivial everything in life seems when we stand face to face with death.

BECKHAM MAKE REPLY.

Accuses Governor Durbin of Violating the Constitution.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 12.—Governor Beckham last night addressed to Governor Durbin of Indiana a letter replying to the criticism by the executive of the courts and officials of Kentucky in his recent letter refusing to honor the requisition for Taylor and Finley, wanted for alleged complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel.

The Kentucky executive charges that Governor Durbin's action in refusing was the result of the political bargains made before his election to office, and characterizes his charges against the courts and officials of Kentucky as slanderous and inexcusable misrepresentations.

He takes the stand that the governor of a state has not discretionary powers, but only ministerial power in the honoring of legally drawn requisitions from other states, and this is taken here as an indication that steps will shortly be taken in the courts to compel Durbin by mandamus to honor the requisitions.

ANGER CAUSED HIS DEATH

Quarrelled With Russian Minister and Collapsed.

Peking, Nov. 9.—A violent dispute with M. Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, over the Manchurian treaty, appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung Chang.

The diplomatic events preceding this tragic climax have enabled Japan for a moment to frustrate the designs of Russia. A fortnight ago the Japanese legation secured a reliable outline of the terms of the treaty, and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiaries lay before them the text, basing this demand on the allegation that Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with the demand. Thereupon the Japanese government from Tokio communicated with the southern viceroy and induced them to use their influence with the empress dowager against the treaty.

While these things were happening at Peking, the southern viceroy sent to the empress dowager a memorial against the treaty. On receiving it, she telegraphed to Li Hung Chang, countermanding the order to sign.

This instruction came after Li Hung Chang had become unconscious. When M. Lessar endeavored to have Li Hung Chang's seal affixed to the treaty Chou Fu, provincial treasurer, who had arrived from Peking, had taken charge of the seals as the temporary successor of Earl Li.

BREAKFAST FULLY ARMED.

Insurgents Attack Eighth Regiment, But Are Driven Off.

Manila, Nov. 11.—Major Wm. L. Pitcher, of the Eighth regiment of infantry, commanding the Mindoro expedition, reports that the garrison of Abra de Ilog was attacked by a force of insurgents commanded by Lencos. The Filipinos apparently attempted to repeat the Samar tactics, but the Americans, who were breakfasting fully armed, completely routed the insurgents, who left five men dead on the field, each having a rifle and ammunition. One American was seriously wounded.

TO EXPEL BOER INVADERS.

Levy of Cape Colony Loyalists the Reported Plan of Kitchener.

London, Nov. 12.—In a letter dated October 23 the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Lord Kitchener and Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the Cape premier, have arranged a scheme for the expulsion of the invaders from Cape Colony. A joint commission of imperial and colonial military chiefs has been sitting here for some days past to draft a scheme.

"It is understood that this provides for the colony taking a large share in the future of the campaign and contributing largely toward its cost. Apparently a levy of loyalists en masse is the idea involved."

Kentucky Democrats Gain a Senator.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 6.—The general assembly that was elected in Kentucky, with the exception of half the senate, which holds over, will be democratic in joint ballot by an increased majority, according to the latest returns. This general assembly will elect a successor to United States Senator William J. Deboe, republican, for the term beginning March 4, 1903. At 1 a. m. the returns indicated that the senate will stand 26 democrats to 12 republicans, the same as the old senate, and the house 7 democrats to 23 republicans, a democratic gain of 17.

TURKEY YIELDS FULLY

Concedes Every Demand Made by the French Government.

Paris, Nov. 9.—France has scored a complete triumph in the Turkish dispute. The foreign office has received advice announcing that the sultan has yielded to the entire demands formulated by the French government and only the question of form regarding the execution of the agreement remains to be settled.

The Temps prints a dispatch from Constantinople which says that the sultan, in accepting the French demands, firstly authorizes the conducting of the French schools, hitherto unrecognized; secondly, he recognizes, officially, the existence of the religious and hospital institutions already founded and accords them customs immunity and exemption from certain taxes.

CHANGES IN THE PHILIPPINES. The Number of Military Departments Is Reduced to Two. Washington, Nov. 11.—On recommendation of General Chaffee, commanding the division of the Philippines, the secretary of war has issued an order for the reorganization of that division.

The southern department, which will be commanded by Brigadier General Wade, will embrace the remainder of the archipelago, and include the large islands of Samar, Mindanao, the Visayas and Java.

The consolidation of these departments is in accordance with the plan to institute a vigorous and aggressive campaign against the separatist movements which have become active and troublesome in the islands of Samar, Leyte and in the extreme southern portions of Luzon.

MACCABEE TREASURER SHORT. Chas. D. Thompson Confesses to Having Taken the Money.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 8.—Charles R. Thompson of this city, supreme finance keeper of the supreme tent Knights of the Maccabees, is a self-confessed defaulter in the sum of \$17,000. The order is, however, protected from loss by Thompson's surety bond. The shortage is acknowledged in a letter to D. P. Marker, supreme commander of the order. It is said that Mr. Thompson, who was interested in the lake carrying trade, lost \$75,000 in June on the sale of the steamer Harlem.

The shortage was discovered last Tuesday by Supreme Commander Marney, who was examining the books of the order. On being confronted with the shortage Thompson broke down and confessed. He then signed a confession drawn up by Commander Markey.

Preparing Graphite for Pencils. After the column of graphite has been prepared for use in the pencil it is laid into a slit cut for it, covered with another piece of wood, which is glued on, then, by means of exceedingly ingenious machinery, the wooden covers are reduced to the proper size for pencils and painted or varnished and set aside to dry.

Murder Trial at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Nov. 12.—Ben McKnight, accused of beating his wife to death, has been placed on trial on the charge of murder.

Sir John Ramsden is the richest of all English baronets. His income is estimated to foot up to \$840,000 a year.

Reduced Majorities in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—The latest returns from Pennsylvania indicate that Frank G. Harris, rep., has been elected state treasurer over Elisha A. Coray, Jr., the fusion candidate, by between 50,000 and 55,000 plurality. In 1899 Barnett, rep., for state treasurer, had a plurality of 110,588 over Cressy, dem.

Republicans Win in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 6.—It is generally conceded that Governor Gregory and the republican state ticket are elected by a plurality of about 3,000. This is a loss of 3,000 from last year.