

NEWS FROM THE HAWKEYE STATE

Important Happenings of the Week in the State of Iowa.

IOWA GETS HER WAR CLAIM

Governor Cummins is notified that the comptroller of the treasury finds the claim is just—Congress must act—Mrs. Levelleur held for murder.

Des Moines, May 5.—Governor Cummins has been notified by the auditor of the United States treasury for the war department that the comptroller of the treasury has decided that Iowa is entitled to \$456,417.89 on account of expenditures incurred during the civil war in equipping troops for the government.

Governor Cummins has substituted the name of William C. Whiting, of Whiting, Monona county, for that of Park Holbrook, of Onawa, as the Eleventh district member of the St. Louis exposition commission.

Constant inquiries received in the office of the secretary of the executive council show there is much misapprehension among the county auditors as to the laws that were enacted by the last general assembly.

Secretary Wesley Green of the State Horticultural society has obtained estimates on the fruit crop of the state from the appearance of the plants on May 1.

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WILL SUBMIT M'FARLAND CASE.

Suit Against Ex-Secretary of State Will Be Heard by Supreme Court.

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Cyclone Near Webster City.

Webster City, May 6.—The storm which passed over this section of Iowa Saturday evening did much damage.

Was Lost in the Deep Wood.

Burlington, May 6.—Little Rosa Schmidt has been found. Rosa is four years old, a sunny haired little elf.

Remains Have Been Identified.

Dubuque, May 6.—The body of an old man found in the woods near Dyersville last week has been identified as that of James Reese, of Belmont, Iowa, a prominent contractor, who left home to engage brick masons.

Winterset-Creston Interurban.

Winterset, May 1.—Waterman's electric line from Winterset to Creston is beginning to show signs of being a reality.

Aged criminal (who has just got a life sentence)—"Oh, me lud, I shall never live to do it!" Judge (sweetly)—"Never mind. Do as much of it as you can!"

MAN MURDERED NEAR PERRY.

Body of Colomaskos Found West of the Town.

Perry, May 3.—George Colomaskos, a Greek who has been in Perry for nearly a year, in partnership with James Grigoris in a fruit stand, was found dead yesterday on the river bank west of town.

CYCLONE STRIKES IOWA

GREAT DAMAGE WROUGHT BY WIND STORMS.

Twister Started Near Lohrville and Visited Bayard, Van Wert and Hiteam.

Lohrville, May 3.—A cyclone struck the residence of J. W. Munir, a farmer residing four miles southeast of Lohrville in the northwest section of the state at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Bayard, May 3.—One of the worst storms that has visited this section for years, struck this point Thursday night blowing the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot down.

Van Wert, May 3.—A cyclone of unusual fierceness visited this section of the state Thursday night striking in the immediate locality of Van Wert at about 9 o'clock.

At Weldon, northeast of this place, a farm house was destroyed and three children injured.

Shock Cost Thousand Lives.

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Oskaloosa, May 6.—One thousand dollars worth of goods, said to have been concealed since the bankruptcy of Popofosky & Berenstine, have been found by the police on complaint of Popofosky.

The Girl Under Suspicion.

Marshalltown, May 6.—Maggie Werle, a domestic, aged 21, residing at Northwood, is suspected of the murder of a girl baby born to her.

Congress Reports Uprising.

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Cousins Renominated.

Cedar Rapids, May 2.—At the Fifth district republican convention, held in this city yesterday, Robert G. Cousins was renominated for congress for the sixth term.

Well Paid for His Work.

London, May 1.—The Associated Press understands that J. Pierpont Morgan gets \$2,500,000 in the stock of the shipping combine in return for his services in organizing and financing it.

CUMMINS SIGNS TWO BILLS.

Governor Building Investment Partnerships and Fidelity Insurance.

Des Moines, May 3.—Governor Cummins yesterday signed two of the three bills which he had had under consideration since the legislature adjourned.

The investment bill requires concerns which are doing a building and loan or building investment business, provided they are not incorporated, and thus subject to the building and loan laws, to deposit with the auditor of state approved securities in the sum of \$50,000, which, with the interest according thereto, shall remain in the auditor's hands to indemnify investors.

The insurance bill prohibits mutual concerns doing a fidelity business, but permits stock companies to do both a casualty and fidelity business.

MRS. LEVELLEUR IS ACCUSED.

Mrs. Langree Testifies She Saw Blow Struck Which Killed Levelleur.

Newton, May 5.—The coroner's jury investigating the Levelleur case brought in a divided verdict at five o'clock.

Mrs. Susan Langreen, a neighbor, testified that she was visiting at the Levelleurs on the day of the murder.

Mrs. Langreen testified further that she saw Mrs. Levelleur follow her husband into the barn and picking up an ax, twice strike her husband on the skull.

Mrs. Levelleur was called to the stand and strenuously denied all of Mrs. Langreen's statements.

Iowa Man the Winner.

Chicago, May 3.—Edwin K. Brown, of the University of Iowa, won first honors last night at the contest of the Northern Oratorical League.

Brakeman Cut to Pieces.

Grinnell, May 6.—J. M. Simpson, a brakeman on the State Center branch of the Iowa Central, was run over at Newbury and one leg cut off at the hip.

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WEEK'S DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Business Transacted by the House and Senate in the National Capital.

PHILIPPINE DEBATE GOES ON

Republicans Change Their Tactics and Come to the Defense of the Administration and the Operations in the Philippines.

Washington, April 30.—Senate.—A resolution offered in the senate today by Patterson, of Colorado, directing the secretary of war to order by cable Major Gardener, now in the Philippines to come immediately to Washington, to appear as a witness before the Philippine committee, precipitated a warm discussion.

The debate continued for about two hours, considerable feeling being manifested on both sides of the chamber.

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Simmons unqualifiedly denied that such a proposition had been made by authority of the democratic party.

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Today it was different. Spooner of Wisconsin, Lodge of Massachusetts and Foraker of Ohio became aroused.

They made a defense of the administration, of the army, of Governor Taft, and then spoke hotly, almost unrestrainedly.

The result was one of the most spirited debates that has yet occurred on the Philippine question.

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His review of the situation in the islands and of the utterances of the minority in criticism of the conditions there was notably interesting, forceful and effective.

He spoke with deep earnestness and at times became eloquent. He warmly resented the imputations cast on the president, the secretary of war and the army for the alleged cruelties and atrocities said to have been practiced in the Philippines.

He said every effort had been employed by the officials in authority to prevent such cruelties as had been referred to, and measures had been taken to punish those guilty of them.

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