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have the Largest Line of Decorated Chi-  
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are now being put on display, and will be ready  
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not afford to overlook our line. If you want any-  
thing real nice, better call at once. The best and  
most desirable goods always sell first.

THE FAIR

FOR ARID  
LANDS

Important Measure Before  
the Public Lands Com-  
mittee.

THE GOVERNMENT  
TO BEAR THE COST

Not Over One Million Dollars to  
be Expended in Any One State.  
Lands Subject to Homestead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Representative Shafroth of Colorado has led off in a movement to obtain government aid in the settlement of arid lands. His bill is now in the hands of the committee on public lands. It directs the geological survey to make surveys of at least four reservoir sites and ditches therefrom in each of the arid land states, which are designated as Washington, Idaho, California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The director of the survey is to report the capacity and cost of each reservoir and the quantity of public land to be irrigated therefrom. The secretary of the interior is thereupon required to withdraw from public entry such reservoir sites and public lands to be irrigated, and if he desires the reservoir and ditch system practical, may advertise for bids for construction of the same at not to exceed one million dollars in any state.

The bill appropriates \$13,000,000 to carry out the proposition. Upon completion of each irrigation project the lands under it are to be subject to homestead entry at \$2.50 per acre, in tracts of not over 80 acres. When the major part of such lands are entered upon the management of the reservoir systems are to be turned over to the homesteaders, who shall handle them in accordance with the irrigation laws of the state in which situated. The secretary of the interior is authorized to make regulations for carrying out the intent of congress.

Settlers Won Their Cases.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 4.—The white pine homesteaders in this vicinity are all jubilant over the word received here Sunday from Washington, D. C., to the effect that the secretary of the interior had reversed the decision of the commissioner of the general land office in the cases of George A. Rubedew and Elmer Devoign versus the state of Idaho. These cases were decided by the register and receiver at Lewiston about two years ago in favor of the settlers, but the state appealed the case, the commissioner of the general land office reversing the decision of the local land office, and the secretary of the interior, whose decision is final, now reverses the commissioner's decision.

The cases have attracted unusual attention owing to the fact that they were among the four out of all the state land cases contested that the state received any encouragement from, and the settlers were the ones against whom the state made the bitterest fight. This Rubedew and Desvoign claim was due largely to the fight they made against the present state administration two years ago, which resulted in that precinct going 60 republican and one fusionist. This virtually closes the state's fight against the settlers, which has resulted in a complete victory for the homesteaders.

Bank Cashier Robbed.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 4.—Fred Brown, bookkeeper in the Boise City National bank, was today touched for \$50 at the postoffice, where he cashed several money orders. He secured four \$20 bills and thrust them into his overcoat pocket. After having gone from the postoffice a few moments he discovered his loss. A negro who was standing near the window when Mr. Brown placed the money in his pocket was taken into custody, but

after being closely questioned by Chief Francis, was released.

Emil Murquardson, the Payette butcher, has won his case in the supreme court and will not have to serve his sentence in the penitentiary. He was accused of stealing five head of cattle belonging to Jacob Seltz, the hides of the animals being found in his possession and he was convicted and sentenced in October, 1899, to three years imprisonment. The supreme court finds the evidence does not sustain the verdict.

A Bill by Stewart.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In the senate today Senator Stewart introduced a bill creating a supreme court in the Philippine islands, with five judges, who are to be appointed for life and each of whom are to draw \$20,000 per annum.

The bill provides for an appeal or writs of error to the United States supreme court in all cases involving more than \$20,000, and in those in which the constitution of the United States is involved.

Speaking of the motive for placing the salary at so high a figure Mr. Stewart said he had done so in order to secure men of the highest character and professional standing for the office of judge.

Afrikaner Congress.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 6.—The Afrikaner congress convened at Worcester today. Much excitement prevails as it is feared that inflammatory speeches will be made that will have a tendency to increase the anti-British feeling which has been prevalent recently. Race hatred in Cape Colony has reached a most critical stage, all the Dutch, who formerly occupied a neutral position, now actually assisting the Boers. This change has been caused by the reports of the burning of farms and the sufferings of the Boer women. Large garrisons will be needed in districts which heretofore have not been occupied by the military.

Special Rates for Sailors.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 6.—The Michigan Passenger Association has decided to give reduced rates on one and one-third fare, on certificate plan, for today and tomorrow, to delegates to the Michigan state conference of charities and corrections, Grand Rapids. The same for Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Detroit, Jan. 15-16; Grand Lodge F. & A. M., Detroit, Jan. 22-23. The same rate will be given to college students wishing to pay a visit home during the holidays; also to sailors at close of navigation.

Oleo to the Front

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The special order in the house of representatives for today is the important bill known as the oleomargarine bill, to make oleo and other imitation dairy products subject to the laws and states and territories into which they are transported, and to change the tax on oleo. There will be a bitter fight on this bill, the farmers mustering great strength in favor of it, while the manufacturers are putting forth all their strength against it.

Cape Cod Canal.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 6.—The board of harbor and land commissioners' is in session today considering the plans of the Cape Cod Canal company. The preliminary plans were filed at a meeting in September and the plans now filed are now based on a survey just completed. The New York and Boston Canal company, the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company, and others interested are present.

Postal Frauds in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota today introduced a resolution calling upon the postmaster general to send to the senate any information he may have in his possession concerning postal frauds in Cuba. Senator Platt of Connecticut made objection to immediate consideration and the resolution went over for a day.

Fish, Game and Forest League.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the New York Fish, Game and Forest League was held at the Yates House today. The object of this association is to create and foster a more general public sentiment in favor of fish, game and forest protections.

Drowned While Bathing

LOMPOC, Cal., Dec. 5.—Emmett and Ralph Riordan, aged 12 and 14 years, respectively, were drowned while bathing in the Santa Inez river today. Ralph was trying to rescue his younger brother who was taken with cramps.

LOSES  
HIS HEAD

One Chinese Official Pays  
the Penalty for Killing  
Missionaries.

GENERAL TUNG  
FARES BETTER

He Only Loses His Rank and Titles  
—Three Mandarines and 23  
Boxers Executed.

TIENTSIN, Dec. 5.—Tang Wan Huang, the author of the outrages upon the Peking missionaries, arrived today and was paraded through the Victoria road in a cart under a strong German guard previous to being handed over to the provisional government for decapitation.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5.—An imperial edict deprives General Tung Puh Sing of his rank and titles, but permits him to retain command of the troops. He has been ordered to disband 5000 troops and to withdraw to the province of Kan-su with the remainder. The edict deprecates his ignorance and roughness in dealing with foreign affairs, but it is not regarded as of serious import.

A recrudescence of the southern rebellion is reported. The Triads are said to be getting fresh supplies of ammunition and to be preparing to resist outbreaks in Kwang-si and Tuan-tung.

Native papers express the belief that the court is preparing to return to Peking, whither orders have been issued to send the rice tribute, instead of sending it to Siang-fu.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A special dispatch from Hankow Pass, dated Nov. 31, says the Kaigan invasion was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them. The towns en route were occupied unopposed, and some tolls of skins and silver were levied. The cavalry captured the baggage of the retreating Chinese force at Swen-hwa-fu, killed 30 of its guards and secured 20,000.

Three mandarins, who were instigators of the massacre of converts at Tsi-ming,

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and 23 boxers were executed, but the Germans generally ignored evidences of anti-foreign activity. There are continuous disturbances in the interior, where the dispatch adds, a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops and the complacency of the allies. The missionaries anticipate a recrudescence of the outrages.

Democratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A caucus of the democratic members of the house was held in the hall of the house at the close of the session today to consider the course to be taken on the army legislation. Representative Hay of Virginia, a member of the military committee, explained the status of the army bill proposed by Secretary Root, and urged the desirability of not legislating until the course of the government as to the Philippines had been more definitely determined. He proposed the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the law now in existence as to the army be continued for two years, from July 1, 1900."

This led to extended discussion. Hayden of Texas, also of the military committee, proposed to amend the time to one year. Jones of Virginia presented a substitute resolution expressing the opposition of the caucus to the army reorganization bill submitted by the war department. Representatives Richardson, Bailey, Carmack, Newlands, Cox and others made speeches, showing considerable diversity of opinion as to what should be done. Hay finally withdrew his resolutions and the other propositions were not passed upon, the caucus adjourned without action.

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