

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.

Ex-Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, Aspires to the Office.

A REMARKABLE PENSIONER.

Mr. Dorsey Introduces a Bill to Increase the Pension of a Nebraska Widow Whose Husband Was in the Revolution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15. Ex-Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, aspires to succeed Commissioner of Patents Benton J. Hall, another Hawkeye man.

General Hepburn served two terms in the house of representatives, and was defeated for reelection by Albert J. Anderson, who ran as an independent candidate for the Fifth congressional district. It is believed that Hepburn is a very promising candidate for the patent commissioner, inasmuch as it is believed by some that the president-elect will have an Iowa in his cabinet, should either Senator Allison or Mr. Clarkson go into the cabinet, it is not improbable that Hepburn will be the head of some bureau.

He is very close to both the gentlemen, and it is not unlikely that they would all they could to have him appointed to any position he might seek. Mr. Dorsey has introduced a bill in the house to increase the pension of Sallie Matlock, of Long Pine, Neb., from \$30 to \$50 a month.

Mrs. Matlock is one hundred and five years old, and the widow of a soldier in the revolutionary war.

To-night your correspondent asked Senator Eliot Edgerton, of South Dakota, what he thought of the prospects for the senate bill pending in the senate which would divide his territory and the admission of the southern half.

Edgerton's reply was that he was not in favor of the bill, but that it would be very close, and it may be that it will be defeated. The senate bill or the omnibus bill will, however, be passed.

Edgerton said that he would not approach the president in the regular way through their congressmen, in congress was in session, whereas if there was a vacation he would go to Washington to see the president and they would multiply in number immensely. The extra work in the way of doing nothing in the way of doing nothing in congress, if there was an extra session, and not the president, Congressmen seek offices for their constituents in a way which he does not consider necessary.

They go about it in a hurry and cut when they get done.

Senator Harrison received the following telegram: ST. PAUL, Jan. 15.—Hon. Charles F. Johnson, Wash., D. C.: You have just been unanimously nominated by a caucus of republican senators and representatives for United States senator to succeed yourself.

A. H. CONNER, Chairman of Caucus. To-day the following response was sent: WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Hon. C. F. Johnson, Chairman Republican Caucus, Lincoln, Neb.: The telegram announcing my nomination for the senate is most gratifying to me. I am profoundly grateful and appreciate beyond description the great compliment paid me by my fellow republicans.

I extend to all my republican friends my warmest thanks, which I hope shortly to give personally.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON. IDAHO'S PROSPECTIVE. Thomas J. Anderson, who was yesterday nominated by the president for the position of chief justice of the territory of Idaho, is present holding the position of chief commissioner of public lands, having been appointed a little over a year ago, to succeed Mr. Stockbridge.

Mr. Anderson is a man of high standing, and is known to no reason why Mr. Anderson's appointment should not be confirmed. Senator Allison, so far, has not expressed himself.

MISCELLANEOUS. The controller of the currency today announced that the national bank of Lincoln, Neb., as reserve agent for the Lincoln National Bank, of Lincoln, Neb., the First National Bank of Lincoln, Neb., the Commercial Bank of Omaha, and for the City National Bank, of Kearney, Neb.

The postoffice at Springfield, Ouster county, has been discontinued and the mail goes to Maquon, Neb.

Over fifteen hundred citizens of northwestern Nebraska have signed a petition in favor of the two additional land offices proposed by the Paddock bill. The only thing in the way of success for this measure is the economic policy of the president, who is chairman of the house committee on public lands.

The manufacturers and wholesale men of Sioux City and other cities in Iowa, are in congress in favor of opening the great Sioux reservation to settlement. They take high ground in the interest of the northwestern people who would settle on the lands and become citizens, and contribute to the development of the west.

Miss Hattie Hawley, of Omaha, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Fleming, and will assist her hostess upon the occasion of her next visit to Omaha.

Captain Thomas Hays, sixteenth infantry, has been granted a six months' sick leave.

Important State Documents. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The president today transmitted to both houses of congress a report from the secretary of state, with later correspondence (since December 21, 1889), exhibiting the progress of the disturbances in Samoa up to the present date. In the message of transmittal the president says: "The information thus laid before congress is of much importance since it has relation to the preservation of American interests and the protection of American citizens and their property in a distant locality and under an insupportable and unsatisfactory government."

In the past negotiations an attempt has been made to define more clearly the part which Great Britain and Germany shall assume in the government of that country, while at the same time the native Samoan government, or to ignore our treaty rights, and she still invites our government to join her in restoring peace and quiet. But this far her proposition on this subject seems to lead to such a preponderance of German power in Samoa as has never before been contemplated, and is inconsistent with every prior agreement or understanding, while her recent conduct as between the native warring factions gives rise to the belief that she is not content with a neutral position. Acting under the restraints which our constitution and laws

THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Session Devoted Largely to the Consideration of Improvements.

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THE IOWA HORTICULTURISTS.

Twenty-third Annual Session of the State Society.

WHITE CAPS WARN AN EDITOR.

They Feel Aggrieved at Certain References to Their Order—An Important Eastern Enterprise Seeking a Location.

The Fruit Growers.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The twenty-third annual session of the State Horticultural society began here to-day with a large attendance of prominent fruit growers. The state horticultural society was organized in 1867, and has since that time been engaged in promoting the interests of fruit growing in Iowa. The present year's session was held at the Hotel Hamilton, and was the largest yet held.

The session was devoted to the consideration of various reports and papers, and to the election of officers for the coming year. The reports were read and discussed, and the officers were elected by a large vote.

The session was also attended by a number of prominent horticulturists from other states, and a number of interesting papers were read and discussed.

The session was closed with a number of interesting papers, and a number of resolutions were adopted. The session was a most successful one, and it is believed that the interests of fruit growing in Iowa will be promoted in the future.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

But Little Progress Made on the Senate Tariff Bill.

A LONG TALK ON FREE SALT.

The Question of the Admission of the South Dakota Takes Up the Time in the House.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The senate at 10:30 resumed consideration of the tariff bill, the pending question being on Mr. Vest's amendment to strike from the free salt "attar of roses" and substitute "salt."

The amendment was continued at great length, Mr. Vest, in the course of his remarks, made some reference to the speeches and votes of the republicans in the past in favor of free salt.

Replying to this, Mr. Hiseock said that nothing so completely illustrated the progress which had been made than the fact that twelve or fourteen years had elapsed since the passage of the tariff act on the question.

When they spoke and voted the industry was limited to two congressional districts in the United States. Now it extended even as far west as California.

Mr. Palmer opposed the amendment. The present price of salt is 10 cents a bushel, and one-third of the product in the United States came from, was only 6 cents a bushel. The discouragement of the industry by the withdrawal of protection would double the price in five years and compel the abandonment of many salt works in Michigan.

Mr. Vest asked him to wait until he reached that schedule. In the course of the discussion over the question whether tariff duties were imposed on salt, Mr. Vest said: "I have not gone to the extent of saying that every cent of tariff duty that is levied on salt is a tax on the people. I think the president stated that a little too strongly in his tariff message. But I do say that the imposition of a tariff duty affects the cost of the commodity, and the amount of production in the United States."

The discussion then drifted into a political vein, the results of the election in New York state and the matter of the tax on whisky were talked of in a desultory way. After five and one-half hours' talk the president and his associates on the pending amendment, and after an executive session the senate adjourned.

House. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—In the house, Springer, of Illinois, called for a special order the senate bill for the admission of South Dakota and the organization of the territory of North Dakota.

The bill having been read in full, Springer took the floor in explanation of the measure and in advocacy of the substitute (omnibus bill) which he had introduced. He stated that he had introduced the bill in 1885, and that it had been passed by the senate and ratified by a vote of 25,000 to 6,000.

The total vote had only 65,000 voters in the territory, and the smallness of the vote, he insisted that justice to the people of Dakota required that the constitution of 1858, which he considered the best, should be retained.

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The End of McClellan.

Nicolay and Hay in February Century.

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