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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 31.

The best sugar men will do their best to beat.

An ounce of organization is worth a ton of oratory.

Kipling is in South Africa, but he hasn't surrounded any Boers as yet.

Chile is now accused of creating a coldness in the Pan-American congress.

Honolulu maintains a public committee whose sole business is to exterminate rats.

Once more the British have captured the spot where Gen. Botha was a few hours before.

Senator Depew will be compelled to play hookey from most of the midwinter banquets in Washington.

Late advices from Pekin are to the effect that the empress dowager once more has her authority on straight.

Joey Chamberlain intimates very clearly that it is not the German vote he is trying to catch.—At anta Journal.

Sixty-six per cent of the young men of the United States are unmarried. They are brave enough in other respects.

A woman is suing Russell Sage for $75,000. She will be glad to compromise for seventy-five cents before the case ends.

When the gods love a man and want him in a hurry they first make him smoke anywhere from twelve to thirty cigarettes a day.

Things are coming to a hopeful pass when a New York alderman refuses a $5,000 bribe and tells of it—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rake any hard-grained, matter-of-fact old Scotchman with half a dozen lines of Bobbie Burns and you will always uncover a poet.

The description given of the costumes worn at the diplomatic receptions indicate that an Oriental circus is wintering near Washington.

Gov. Odell of New York is an all-round athlete. If the presidency comes fooling around his neighborhood he will be found to be in prime condition.

Another defalcation has occurred in Los Angeles county. Lucky Baldwin's Chinese cook has defaulted with a side of beef and a barrel of potatoes. What next?

Japanese papers have started a crusade against "tipping." There are no Pullman porters in Japan, however—luckily for Darktown.—Los Angeles Times.

The United States is now the world's fourth nation in point of population. When you consider quality instead of quantity it is easily first.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A revoltuion is paralyzing Paraguay. Gen. Egsqueeza, minister of finance, has excited the enmity of a lot of patriots who want to squeeze a little on their own account.

Herr Sonneberg of the German Reichstag, seems to have also acquired the very bad habit of allowing his conversational machinery to do too many stunts a day.

Melbourne has pledged undying sympathy with the mother country in its troubles. England should at once dispatch this sympathy to the front and try it on the Boers.

Premier Waldeck-Rousseau states that the French submarine boat is intended to be capsize naval pre-eminence. The premier is evidently figuring on a gigantic paving contract for the deep-sea levels.

A public office holder in Chicago has refused to accept his salary for five months because he was away during that time. Other public office holders will now regard him with suspicion or gity or both.

A man who sat in a woman's lap in a street car yesterday was promptly knocked down by the woman's husband without having a chance to explain whether the strap broke or the car started too suddenly.

A Brooklyn woman is bent on changing her name from Fitzsimmons because of its pugilistic associations. The lady should be told that a champion heavyweight is first in the hearts of most of his countrymen.

Sir Robert Ball's prediction that another glacial period will come, when a great field of ice will sweep across the hemispheres, crushing, grinding, benumbing all things for hundreds of thousands of years, and in its nature worse than famine, flood and pestilence, is safe enough. It isn't due, he adds, for several thousand years.

Scientists say that Chicago can be lighted by windmills. Scientists do not seem to be aware that Chicago has always been lighted by windmills and the world is none the wiser for it.

A West Side woman entertained a card party the other evening, and after it was over she found she was "shy" $1,400 worth of jewels. The fact that she does not suspect a sneak thief leads to the conclusion that the stakes were pretty high for an ordinary social game.

There are no "real society people" in St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Detroit, Denver, Omaha, Joliet, Evanston, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Paradise (Texas), Sing Sing or Skunk Hollow.

LATEST NEWS IN MICHIGAN.

Defunct Niles Bank Gives Another Dividend.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BAY CITY.

A Jealous Lover Kills A Michigan Traveling Man—The Lumber Output—Best Grocers Contract—The McGarry Case—Mrs. Smith's Luck Was to Good Time.

The Lumber Product.

The conditions of the lumber industry last year, while showing a diminished output, were most favorable as to prices obtained for the pine product and to the demand for stocks. Hemlock, while not in such active demand, developed some improvement, and this applies also to hardwoods. The product for the state follows:

	Output in feet.	Stocks. Dec. 1.
Upper Michigan	48,364,000	197,426,000
Lower Michigan	296,302,000	132,464,000
Total pine	770,866,000	330,886,451
Hemlock—		
Upper Michigan	231,588,000	99,799,000
Lower Michigan	550,315,000	254,670,000
Total hemlock	781,998,000	318,869,000
Hardwoods—		
Upper Michigan	119,400,000	32,636,000
Lower Michigan	325,998,500	180,085,250
Total hardwood	445,484,500	212,686,250
Grand total state	1,998,347,000	851,390,701

At the present time there is comparatively a smaller quantity of unsold lumber in the hands than ever before. The year closed with prices generally firm, and excellent prospects for the continuation of existing conditions.

Another Dividend.

Jos. W. Selden, receiver of the insolvent First National bank, of Niles, has just sold the controlling interest in the Farmers' State bank of Arkansas City, Kas., to Wm. E. Otis, cashier of the Winfield National bank, of Winfield, Kas. Of the entire capitalization of $50,000 the defunct local bank held $31,800, representing an original cash investment of $20,000. A further instalment of $10,000 was made recently by Receiver Selden to make good what the First National had already put into the Arkansas bank. At one time the receiver of the local bank would have sold this stock for 45 cents on the dollar. However, rival banks at Winfield commenced bidding for the stock and finally ran it 5 per cent above par. Another 10 per cent dividend will now be declared in favor of depositors of the defunct First National within thirty days.

A Jealous Lover's Crime.

Report comes from Linkville, Ind., that James W. Woodford, a former resident of Detroit, whose present home is in Edmore, Montcalm county, was killed there at a country dance. Woodford, who was a commercial traveler, spent the day there and went to a dance in the evening. He antagonized a young man named Davis by dancing with Miss Parvis, a pretty girl to whom Davis is engaged. Davis told Woodford to leave the place, but the latter only smiled and declared he would remain to the end. He continued to dance with Miss Parvis, and Davis became much excited. Finally Woodford stepped out of the farmhouse where the dance was held. Davis is alleged to have stabbed him with a dagger. Woodford lived in ten minutes. Davis was captured and hustled off to jail to prevent lynching.

A New Contract.

The Beet Sugar Growers' Association met and adopted a new contract for submission to sugar factories. The contract claims for $5.50 a ton for 12 per cent sugar. This is an increase of four cents a ton on extra percentage. Another new feature of the contract is a provision that the state or public state chemist shall regulate the proper factor for determining the actual sugar in beets and that he be employed at any time the growers' assevin he deems it necessary to make such test. growers and factories to bear one-half of the expense. The new contract will be submitted to the factory managers next Saturday by executive committee of the growers' association.

Guarding a Church.

Trouble is in sight at Maple River, south of Owosso. Baptists of the district a few years ago by subscriptions among friends raised enough to build the Maple River church. The Congregationalists have more recently been using it. The trustees of the Baptist society have fenced in Grand River road, four miles further south, and announce their intention of carrying the church over to their neighborhood. Maple River folk will resist the removal of the church by legal measures, and have announced their intention of meeting force with force. Sentinels are watching out for the Grand River vanguards.

Suddenly Widowed.

J. S. Lewis, manager of T. E. Webster's farm, in the southeastern corner of Bay county, came to Bay City Saturday on business with his wife. In the afternoon Mrs. Lewis left her husband to call upon her daughter, who is the south end of the city, and that was the last she heard of him until a report reached her that he was dead. Lewis was walking on the Detroit, Bay City & Western railroad, near the Detroit mill, when the Detroit & Mackinac freight train came along and struck him. Both legs were crushed from the thigh and a skull fractured. Death was instantaneous. Lewis was about 50 years of age.

The Yosemite Bounty.

Word has been received from Washington that the county claims was decided in favor of the crews of the Yosemite in its demand for bounty money for sinking the Spanish ship Antonio Lopez in the harbor of San Juan, in June, 1898. The amount asked for was $50,000 and the court on Monday handed down a decree for that sum. The Yosemite receives double prize money, and so far as any of the crew in Detroit know, is the only ship of the navy to receive such an honor. Double prize money is the reward for destroying or capturing a ship or ships of superior armament or crew.

The Bay City Fire.

The Cruise Manufacturing Co.'s plant in West Bay City burned Monday night. The flames spread to Davidson's lumber yard where 1,000,000 feet of oak timber was consumed, as well as eight cars of logs owned by the Gold'e Hoop Co. and thirty box cars of the Michigan Central. The total losses will foot up $100,000. For a time it was thought the entire west side was doomed, but a lucky shift in the wind saved the city.

Three cases of smallpox at Volinia, ten miles east of Dowagiac.

The McGarry Case.

When the case of Thomas F. McGarry, indicted for conspiracy and bribery in the Salisbury bootlle case, was called for trial in the Superior Court, Judge Morse, one of the respondent's attorneys read his own affidavit and one from Dr. Louis Barth, stating that Mr. McGarry was sick in bed and too ill to appear in court. It was the opinion of his physician that Mr. McGarry would not be able to go into court this week and his attorneys asked that the case be put over until Tuesday, January 28.

Grube Jumped His Bail.

Samuel Grube, awaiting trial in Jackson for embezzlement, has, it is believed, jumped his bail bond and decamped. He induced his wife to mortgage some personal property of her own, it is said, and with the proceeds left the state in company with another woman. He was last seen at Hudson, and officers are again on his trail. He left his wife destitute. Grube was arrested in Berrien county some months ago, where he had fled after embezzling several hundred dollars from his employer, a Jackson meat dealer.

Tools Denies It.

W. W. Toole, of South Haven, who is credited with an anti-American article in the London Saturday Review, and who has denied ever having written the same, will at once try and learn the origin of the articles, and commence suit for libel Mr. Toole said: "I am an American citizen, having taken out my papers soon after coming here, and do not intend to have my name used as the author of anti-American articles."

She Needed the Money.

Mrs. Jennie B. Smith, of this city, a widow with six children, has received word from the Art Publishing Co., of New York, that one of the five names she suggested for their new magazine has been adopted. She will receive their prize of $3,500. The money comes luckily for her, for she has lately had hard work to provide for her little family.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Bloomingdale has seven cases of smallpox.

Detroit is now in the throes of a plague of "Cuban itch."

Suspicious case of sickness at the agricultural college. May be smallpox.

A Kalamazoo man is enthusiastic over a nugget of gold which he found in a hen's crop.

David Clark has lived on the same farm in Eagle, Clinton county, over sixty-six years.

The postoffice at Cleon, Manistee county, has been discontinued, mail going to Copemish.

Saginaw claims to be the first city in the world to award a contract for electric street lighting.

There are two mild cases of smallpox in the Northern Michigan insane asylum in Traverse city.

A new rural mail route out of Durand will be established March 1. This will be the fifth second one.

One woman in Cadillac has set all the others guessing by sending out cards for a "Koffee Klatch."

Secretary Storrs says that the next national conference of corrections and charities may be held in Detroit.

The town of South Haven will vote next March on the proposition of incorporating the village as a city.

The carpenters of Adrian have organized. They will apply to the national association for a charter.

George R. Howard, of Pulaski, aged 40, was cutting wood Thursday, when a tree fell on him, killing him instantly.

The president has sent the name of John T. Rich to the senate for a second term as collector of customs at Detroit.

The courthouse at Grayling has been completed and the present term of the Circuit Court is being held in the new building.

Articles of incorporation of the State bank of Boyne city, capital $25,000, have been filed with the state banking department.

The Lake Superior copper mining companies will reduce wages, probably about March 1. The cut will likely be 10 per cent.

Seventeen thousand farmers in Michigan are engaged in raising beets, and they were paid $3,170,520 last year by the sugar companies.

Newaygo sportsmen have finally succeeded in bagging a large white owl which has been killing large numbers of quail in that vicinity.

James Freeman, of Alger, was kicked the other day in the mouth by a heavy working horse. His upper jaw and both eyes were broken.

Albert Radley of Muskegon has been convicted of boisterous conduct for the thirteenth time. His inheritancy of $4,000 has now been squandered.

There are now five cases of smallpox at the Detroit detention hospital, and Health Officer Kiefer once more admonishes the public to vaccinate.

The Michigan Central Railroad company has commenced the construction of a new line between Niles and Buchanan in order to cut out the present steep grade.

A Reidsted woman left her husband because he refused to Flint, where the husband explained that h's wife would not live with him because he did not have religion.

The Monroe board of health has decided to have the farm house in the city limits to be used as a pest house, should any case of smallpox develop in this vicinity.

After trying it for three months without telephones, the physicians of Marlette have backed down from the stand they took and have had their telephones replaced.

George Harter's shingle mill at Fairborn Junction burned to the ground Thursday. A crew of men were sent from Menominee and the mill will be rebuilt at once.

The board of review of supervisors of Allegan county found the stoneyard adjunct to the county jail such a good thing in keeping away tramps that they have decided to continue it, and voluntarily raised the salary of the man who has charge of the place.

The Arbuckle Ryan Company, of Toledo, O., has commenced suit for $5,-200 against the city of Charlotte, which the company claims is due them on a boiler the city bought three years ago, but never paid for. Mayor Campbell claims the debt is illegal.

Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor, the Bar City woman who went over Niagara falls, appealed to Cleveland authorities Sunday for transportation to her old home in Lyons, N. Y. She had been exhibiting herself and her barrel in Cincinnati, but not enough people turned out to pay the gas bills, and when she went broke her manager shook her

A "Jack-the-Hugger" has appeared in Ortonville, with one victim to date.

Within one mile of Brunswick station there are four producing peach orchards, containing 2,000 trees.

Ex-Senator Sayre and Postmaster Halliwill, of Flushing, have purchased several hundred acres of land in Turin-er township, Arenac county, and will start an extensive stock farm.

Holland's new shoe factory is all ready to start operations. This is one of the new factories that the city secured with the $50,000 bonus fund voted by the citizens last fall.

John Paul, of Owosso, who has a criminal record, risked his life by climbing into the Capac Packing Co. plant to steal a number 4 nuts. It is alleged. He has been arrested.

White Pigeon is to have a special election February 3 to decide whether to issue bonds to the amount of $5,000 to give a bonus to secure some manufacturing institution for the village.

A bill has been presented to Iosco county for over $500 for expenses incurred in a case of smallpox of C. M. Gregory, superintendent of East Tawas schools, who was sick last summer.

Philander Gladden, an eccentric character, who has lived in Allegan forty years or more, was found dead in his bed by neighbors who forced the door of his hovel late Saturday night.

The Hawks Angus Co., is preparing plans for a double crossing in Lansing with the Lake Shore and Grand Trunk railroads. A bridge will be erected of sufficient length to span both roads at the junction point.

Adam Cron, a young carpenter, was killed in the Toledo & Monroe railway power plant Saturday. He was working the belt on a wheel and came in contact with a live wire. He leaves a wife and one child.

Elbertina Eckler, of Otisville, brought suit against Charlotte Branch, of that village, for $5,000 damages for selling her husband liquor. The jury after being out six hours gave the plaintiff a judgment of $800.

Judge Davis finds that he has disposed of 1,000 cases in ten and 185 in Montcalm, a total of 414 in the past year, nearly as many, by the way, as in Kent county, where two judges are required to do the business.

Seneca Litchard was operated on in Ann Arbor, Monday. Litchard is the farmer who wife hit by a Detroit motor car on November 8 last, and never recovered consciousness. The success of the operation cannot be determined.

Prosecuting Attorney Tuttle has sent a letter to Lansing justices of the peace announcing his determination to restrict the business at the Lansing fee officers who are alleged to have been packing the county jail with lushes.

Another coal mine is to be established in the Saginaw limits of the west side. Drilling has been going on for some time on the Pierson estate and a coal vein running from four feet 4 inches to six feet in thickness has been found.

A few years ago, during an outbreak of scarlet fever, Mr. and Mrs. George Manee, of Coldwater, lost two children. The unfortunate parents have just lost another child, while four more children are suffering from the same disease.

Four cases of smallpox were discovered in the houses in the Tenth ward of Bay City Saturday afternoon. Three patients in one house have been ill for a week. Many people have been exposed. Both houses are placed under strict quarantine.

John W. Merrihew, the oldest citizen of Clinton county, celebrated his 100th birthday Jan. 19. He came to that county from Olive, N. Y., in 1836, and that township and village he named the one in which he resides, Olive, after his birthplace.

Farmers of Rollin township last year started a private telephone line. They now have 30 miles of wire between Adrian and Hudson. Some fifty miles of wire have been stretched, with 125 'phones in operation. The line is now being extended to Wheatland, Pittsford and Osseo.

George C. Hughes, a farmer, residing in Hazleton township, was picked up in front of a saloon in Owosso Saturday night with both bones in his right leg broken and his face bruised. Hughes' explanation is that he was just walking along and something snapped.

McGarry, of Grand Rapids, is still a very sick man, and while reports made by his attending physicians are encouraging, it is generally understood that there has been little if any improvement, and that there is no likelihood of him being able to go into court for some time.

Bob Stinson and Mary Shoke have commenced suit against Antrim county for $5,000 under the new law making a county liable for damages sustained by persons who become victims of mob violence. They claim they were stripped by a mob near Central Lake, tied together and whipped.

Ex-Sheriff Oscar J. Adams, whose bribery trial came to a sudden end at Mason, owing to the fact that the Supreme Court's ruling shut out the testimony of Charles H. Pratt has written to Crosset, in Pratt, Adams says Pratt defamed him because he (Adams) refused to procure railroad transportation for him.

Corporal Carl Mueller, now with the Sixth cavalry in the Philippines, and who served with the Thirty-third Michigan at Santiago, and later with the Fifty-first regiment in Cuba, has concluded a three-year term of service and immediately re-enlisted. He will be granted a three months' furlough this summer when he will visit his home in Bay City.

John Ryker, of Maple City, was terribly scalded Thursday morning while taking logs from an artificial pond of hot water. He was engaged in pulling ice and snow from the logs before taking them into the mill. Ryker was on a log and jumped for the shore. He lost his balance and fell into the water. He was horribly burned and the skin and flesh came off with his clothing. He probably will not recover.

Edward Doyle, employed at the pumps at the Bay City sugar factory, slipped and fell on one of the machines, cutting his face in a horrible manner. His eyes were also injured.

James Hadlow, a well known Benton Harbor fruit grower, died of bronchitis.

The second trial in Jackson of David H. Creech for assault with intent to murder his divorced wife, resulted in a disagreement, and the jury was discharged. This was also the result of the previous trial. The defense in both cases was temporary insanity.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation from grand lodge of Pennsylvania Masons to the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of George Washington in the order, November 4 next.

THE NATION AND THE WORLD

The Dynamite Explosion Which Shook New York.

SCHLEY'S MANLY STATEMENT.

English to be Aided by Boers Who are Weary of War—Dole Asked to Resign—An Old Veteran Gone—Major and Minor Things.

Schley's Plain Words.

At the banquet given Admiral Schley in Chicago Saturday evening, he said:

"What I desire particularly to say is that I thank you most sincerely for the welcome that you have accorded to me. The glad tidings which I met on arrival at your depot and in passing through your streets was such a tribute of confidence and esteem that it has touched my heart most sincerely. If I, in my long career of 45 years, have done anything that is worthy of approval, then my satisfaction is complete.

"I wanted only to say that I am simply a sailor and that I have served you in sunshine and in calm, in sunshine and in bad weather, in peace and in war, and from sun to sun. The only motive of my action has been 'my country and my honor.'

"I desire to say most emphatically that I have no desire to be other than a sailor. I have no aspiration for any civil office, however high it may be.

"My one ambition has been to serve you faithfully, loyally, devotedly, and if I have succeeded in doing that, the measure of my ambition is full, and my only other ambition is that I may retain for the rest of the years that may be vouchsafed for me, your love, your confidence, your respect. I would not care to jeopardize them by seeking or accepting any office where I should be condemned to follow always, rather than to remain in the one profession that I have chosen, where there are occasionally opportunities to lead. That I want to say to you all from the bottom of my heart and with absolute earnestness of meaning. Gentlemen, I thank you."

The New York Explosion.

The dynamite explosion which occurred in a temporary structure at Fortieth street and Park avenue, New York, on Monday wrecked the Murray Hill hotel. Two-thirds of the big hostelry cannot be used until repairs have been made and the Lexington corner is closed entirely. Proprietor Jacques places the loss on glass alone at $15,000. Every window in the hotel was shattered and the doors and frames torn from their fastenings and blown into the rooms. Ceilings and walls crumbled, pictures were blown from their places and furniture was upset. Immediately after the explosion the big corridor was turned into a temporary hospital. Blood dripping from scores of wounded persons stained the marble tiling while the doctors worked like beavers to alleviate suffering. The damage may exceed $1,000,000. The first estimate on the Murray Hill failed to place it at $100,000, but later the hotel was abandoned as unsafe. If the building is condemned the loss on it alone will approximate $1,000,000. The damage to the Grand Union was estimated at $40,000, and that to the Manhattan hospital at $25,000. The killed number six and the injured seventy-five to 100.

The Good Filipinos.

Gov. Wm. H. Taft, of the Philippines, in an interview in Chicago, declared that the Filipinos are not at all our race. Civil government in the islands, he declares, is a distinct success. It has been established in 40 provinces. Gov. Taft will urge the passage of a homestead act to enable the natives to purchase their lands. He believes much good can be accomplished by rooting out the Spanish friars.

Gov. Taft says: "The only answer I have to make to the ideas of individual observers, who declare that the true condition of the Philippines is being concealed, or that we are hugging delusions of peace that can never be brought about, is that the government is conducting publicly and that its conclusions are not based on wild theories, but substantial facts."

The governor believes that the only existing opposition to the authority of the United States is being fostered by the men who form the Hong Kong junta, most of whom were formerly residents of the rich coffee growing province of Batangas.

A Veteran Gone.

August Schoenborn, who prepared the plans for the dome of the capitol, in Senate building, died at the age of 82 years. He came to the United States from Germany, first going to Wisconsin. Two years later he came to Washington and entered the draftsmen's archives of the capitol. At the breaking out of the civil war he rendered valuable services in the presentation of maps and plans for Gen. McDowell, as well as plans for forts, barracks, hospitals and other buildings for the quartermaster-general's office.

Boer Against Boer.

Lord Kitchener has authorized Gen. Villonel, a surrendered Boer, to raise an irregular corps of 1,500 men. Gen. Villonel has written a letter to ex-President Steyn, warning the latter of his intentions to form such a corps, and adding that the horrors of the concentration camps are tired of the useless struggle and are determined to help the British end it.

Dole's Resignation.

A Washington dispatch says that Secretary Hitchcock has forwarded a letter to Sanford B. Dole, governor of Hawaii, intimating that the resignation was desired. Gov. Dole's term of four years will not expire until 1903, but his continued poor health has given rise to many rumors that he was about to resign.

The United States marshal at San Juan, Porto Rico, has seized $3,000 in counterfeit silver near Ponce. The counterfeits were quarters, half dollars and dollars.

Rear-Admiral Wm. K. Van Reypen, chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, yesterday closed an active career in the navy extended over a period of 40 years, and including service in the war of the rebellion and the Spanish war. He goes on the retired list at his own request, with the rank and pay of a senior rear-admiral, corresponding to that of major-general in the army.

One man was injured fatally and three others were seriously hurt in a cave-in at the entrance of the Wabash railroad tunnel at the southern side of Mt. Washington, Pa.

CONGRESS.

There is some opposition to the proposition to admit the territories of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona to statehood. Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, says: "If the house fails to pass the admission bills you may look to the delegates of the three territories to advance no more money to the house together and resign their commissions."

Friends of the river and harbor bill are not so sanguine of its passage as they were two months ago. There are two threatening dangers ahead. One is that western senators and congressmen are insisting on making a provision for the irrigation of lands. The other is that the bill will carry such a large appropriation that the president will be forced to veto it.

Some of the old sectarian fire was injected into the proceedings of the house Wednesday when the item in the urgent deficiency bill appropriating $500,000 for a navy post at Manila, which the Democrats have been using as a text for speeches in opposition to the Philippine policy of the administration for the last three days, was reached. Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, confessed that the appropriation was subject to a point of order, but it went out. In lieu thereof he offered an amendment to appropriate the same sum for the "shelter and protection" of the officers and enlisted men of the army on duty in the Philippines. This the chair held to be in order, and it at once became the subject of a very spirited debate. When the vote came to be taken the solid Republican side arose in support of it, and with the Republicans a solitary Democrat, Cummings, of New York, stood up. Turning on his fellow Democrats and shaking his fist in their faces, Cummings shouted: "When I refuse to vote to protect the life of an American soldier I hope I may be paralyzed." The amendment was adopted, 127 to 100, and without completing the bill the house adjourned.

The first business in the house Friday was the vote upon the urgent deficiency bill, Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, demanded a separate vote upon the amendment to the bill to appropriate $500,000 for "the protection and shelter" of the officers and enlisted men of the army serving in the Philippines. His purpose was to put the other side on record.

When the department of commerce bill was up in the senate Thursday, Hanna said the establishment of the department was in the interest of both capital and labor. He believed the labor interests of the country would not object to the transfer of the labor department. There was no question that the bill would be sold, which demanded such careful attention as the industrial development of the country and the expansion of our commerce.

Mr. Hale said the United States already had captured all the foreign trade worth having.

"The record of what has been accomplished by the Dingley law," continued Mr. Hale, "is to me the most amazing record ever exhibited to the world in the absorption of foreign trade. We have invaded England, Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia. We do not need additional markets."

Mr. Hanna replied that the United States had not conquered the markets of Europe, and the markets of the world were yet an unexplored field for us.

The vote was ordered after the Democrats failed in an attempt to head it off and the bill passed.

The bill which has been introduced in congress to bring the militia of the country into closer touch with the war department, empowers the president to call out state troops for service in any part of the United States, it compliments uniform armament and organization, and adds to the militia of the several states, provides for a national militia force of 100,000 men, who have seen service in the regular or volunteer army.

Representative Corliss, chairman of the house committee, to which was referred his resolution for constitutional amendment to have senators elected by direct vote of the people, wrote the report of the committee, recommending that the resolution be adopted, and in it he said that the committee consider a serious reflection on the senate. A paragraph they particularly take exception to is: "Many true and good men of merit are defeated, and the glory and honor of senatorship is snatched from the hands of the people by corrupt means. Take from the legislature the election of United States senators and you will destroy one of the most potent powers through which corporate influence now holds sway. Give the people the right proposed by this amendment and you will once more restore to the United States senate to the position intended by the fathers and remove the influences that now direct and control a portion of the people in this important branch of our government."

An animated and prolonged discussion was precipitated in the senate today over the right of army officers to criticise utterances made in the senate or elsewhere on the conduct of affairs in the Philippines. At times it became somewhat acrimonious. Officers in the Philippines being taken sharply to task for statements attributed to them in dispatches from Manila.

Hobson Can't Retire.

A naval retiring board has declined to recommend the retirement of Capt. Richmond P. Hobson. He himself applied for retirement, complaining that his eyes had suffered permanent injury from neat and glare while he was at Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo Bay. Hong Kong, where two vessels of the Spanish fleet sunk by Dewey, were repaired. The board found that his eyes were not permanently injured.

To Remove Tax.

Representative H. C. Smith has introduced a bill to repeal the section of the Spanish war revenue act placing a special tax of $50 on banks of $25,000 and $2 extra for every additional thousand dollar capital over $25,000. The original bank act was passed to get rid of the tax be repealed. He has also introduced a bill to remove the tax on freight bills of lading.

Geo. Rea, one of the first men to explore Yellowstone park, is dying in a one cabin on Snake river, Wyoming.

A bill, which contemplates having the postoffice department furnish letter boxes at cost to farmers living on rural delivery routes, is to be introduced in congress.

George Larison, wanted by the United States authorities for desertion while on duty in Porto Rico, in 1898, surrendered to the sheriff of Shelby county, Illinois.

Gen. Harrison C. Hobart, the last survivor of the Wisconsin constitutional convention, and one of the original five who planned and made the famous Ross tunnel and by it escaped from Libby prison, died at the Soldiers' home in Milwaukee.

England and U. S.

The London Chronicle's Washington correspondent says he has learned from an intimate of the late President McKinley that the European coalition against the Spanish-American war was dissolved by the avowed intention of Great Britain by other means than diplomacy, to frustrate interference." Deliterarily, the Chronicle says: "American public opinion has not shown herself invariably friendly during our troubles in South Africa, but this clear statement of America's debt to England should make such impression even on those classes who have hitherto regarded us askance."

Shot in Church.

Joseph Cox shot and killed Howard Ratcliffe at church at Eagle Mills, fifteen miles east of Chillicothe, O. Cox had been paying attention to Ratcliffe's sister and Ratcliffe objected. Cox accompanied Miss Ratcliffe to church and when Ratcliffe saw them together he assaulted Cox, who drew a revolver and shot Ratcliffe as he passed through Ratcliffe's body. He fell in the aisle and expired amid the shrieks of terrified women. Both men are of respectable families and well known in school teachers. Ratcliffe's wife was Cox's sister.

Mr. Wu May Go.

Minister Wu is getting very much excited about the Chinese exclusion act. He declared at a dinner party last week that if the Chinese were again so discourteously excluded he would probably withdraw from this country and that his government would be impelled greatly to restrict trade relations.

The Pope Is Well.

Signor Lapponi, the pope's physician, says the pope is in excellent health, both mental and physical, and is looking forward joyfully to the fetes which celebrate his 25 years' pontificate. The fetes, which begin the last of March, continue one year in order that pilgrims from all parts of the world may attend.

After the Officers

One of the first effects of the admission of the Danish islands as territorial colonies is that an entire new suite of American officers must be supplied the new people. There must be a governor, a secretary, a supreme court and a score more of major officers. The president is already receiving applications.

Physicians ascribe the breaking down of so many American residents in the Philippines to homesickness. A movement is on foot to establish daily cable news service from the United States to bring the Americans into closer touch with home affairs.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—E. H. Sothern in "If I Were King"—Eve. at 8. Wed. Sat. Mat. at 2.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Stock company in "Trilby"—Matinees Sat. Evenings 7c, 25c, 50c and 75c.

WHITNEY GRAND—"The Village Parson"—Matinees Wed. Sat. Evenings 10c, 20c, 30c and 50c.

WONDERLAND—Afternoons at 2 and 4. 10c, 20c and 25c. Eve. at 7, 8, 9 and 9:10. 10c, 15c and 25c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle: Good steady at last week's prices; mixed butchers 10 to 15c lower; stockers and feeders 10c lower; milch cows, good kind, steady, common, lower; average prices 2 to 3c lower. Hogs—Market dull, 15 to 20c lower than last week; buyers and sellers far apart, opening price $6@6 25; closed steady, 5 to 10c lower than last week. Sheep—Best lambs, $6@6 75; light to good mixed lots, $5 10@5 40; yearlings, $4@4 50; fair to good sheep, $3@3 75; culls and common, $2@3.

Buffalo—Cattle: Market quiet but steady. Common and fair, $4@4 90; fair to $5 50@5 75. Hogs—Best, heavy, $5 50@5 60; mixed packers, $5 60@5 70; best Yorkers, $5 60@5 65; roughs, $5 40@5 75; stags, $4@4 50. Sheep—Toss mixed, $4 25@4 50; handy wethers, $4 10@4 25; best lambs, $6 25@6 40; culls to good, $5@6 10; canadas, dull; top lambs, $6@6 15; culls to fair, $5@5 75.

Chicago—Cattle: Good to prime, $5 90@7 25; poor to medium, $4@5; stockers and feeders $3 75@5 10; cows, $2 50@4 75; heifers, $2 50@5 55; canners, $1@2 25; bulls, $2 25@4 65; calves, $4 50@7 50. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 60@5 85; good to choice heavy, $5 80@5 90; rough heavy, $5@5 75; light, $5 60@5 85; bulk of sales, $5 90@5 85. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 90@5; western sheep, $4 25@5 75; native lambs, $3 25@6 10; western lambs, $5@6.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat: No. 1 white, 93c; No. 2 red, 86c; No. 3 red, 86c; mixed winter, 86c; by sample, 1 car at 87c per bu. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 40c; No. 2 yellow, 40½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 3 do, 47½c; rejected, 1 car at 47c per bu.

Chicago—No. 2 red, 74@74½c; No. 2 red, 83½@84½c. Oats—No. 2, 29@29½c; No. 2 white, 31½c. No. 3 yellow, 29½c. No. 3 mixed, 29½c. No. 3 yellow, 29½c.

Toledo—No. 2 red, 84c. No. 2 red, 87½c; No. 3 afloat; No. 2 red, 85½c elevator; No. 3 northern Duluth, 86¼c f o b afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 86¼c f o b afloat—Barley—No. 2, 67¼c elevator and 67¾c f o b afloat. Corn—No. 2, 39½c. Oats—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, 32½@32¾c; No. 3 white, 75½@75¾c; track mixed western, 30c; track white, 31@31c.

Produce.

Butter—Creameries, extras, 2 cents; firsts, 21@22c; dairies, selected dairy, 19@19c; packing stock, 14@15c; common, 13@14c.

Cheese—Choice state, October, 11½@11¾c per lb.

Honey—No 1 white, 15@16c; light amber, 12@13c; dark amber, 10@11c; extracted, 6@6½c.

Onions—Michigan, $1 25@1 35 per bu; Spanish, $1 50@1 60 per crate.

Eggs—Candled, fresh receipts, 25@25½c; storage eggs, 20@21c per doz.

Evaporated apples—Sun-dried, 4@6c per lb.

Hay—Prices on baled hay, new, are as follows: No. 1 timothy, $11 50; No. 2, $10 50; clover, mixed, $9 50@9 90; clover, $8 50; wheat and oat straw, $5 50 per ton in car lots, f o b Detroit.

Hides—No. 1 cows, 8c; No. 2 cows, 7½c; No 1 cured, 9½c; No 2 cured, 8½c; No 1 calf, 12c; No 2 calf, 11c; No 1 veal, 9½c; No 2 veal, 8½c; No 1 kip green, 8c; No 2 kip green, 6½c; No 1 kip cured, 9½c; No 2 kip cured, 8½c; horse hides, $2 75; sheep pelts, as to wool, 50@75c.

Poultry—Live hens, 7½c; old roosters, 5c; spring chickens, 9@10c; ducks, 9@10c; young turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 6@8c per lb. Dressed fowl, 8c; chickens, 9@10c; ducks, 10@12c; geese, 6@11c; turkeys, 12@13c per lb.

Fire in the wholesale business district of Mobile, Ala., destroyed property to the value of $300,000.

Live stock in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma suffered much from the recent blizzard.

A conservative estimate of the number of horses shipped from Montana last year places the number at 100,000.

From reports that come from Elkhart, Ind., where James S. Mather is confined, it is evident that Mather never will be tried for his confessed murder of Mrs. Jane Mansfield Mather in 1875. Mather has paresis, the doctors say, and is getting worse.

The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indies islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department Friday by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

A desperate fight in which seven men participated took place on Buck Creek, in Owsley county, Ky., the result of an old grudge between Newt Brewer and George Scott. Six of the seven were wounded. Dave Brewer, Orville Brewer and George Scott will probably die