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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6, '98.  
 If the Senators who aided Senator Gorman in his fight against Mr. Bryan's leadership of the democratic party, to the extent of voting with him against the ratification of the treaty of peace, could see themselves as others see them, they would hang their heads for shame. There never was a more unnecessary introduction of peanut politics into a matter involving the honor of the country than the fight against the treaty, which ended with the vote in the Senate today—unanimous, because every man who engaged in it knew from the first that ratification of the treaty was absolutely certain in any event; if not by today's vote, by the Senate in an extra session. Knowing this, was no excuse for the fight; it served no other purpose than to show that nearly all of the democratic Senators were more willing to follow the advice of Gorman than that of Bryan, even though they had to vote against the wishes of a great majority of their constituents to do so. Not a few of these Senators have already been reprimanded by their constituents, and will retire at the close of this session of Congress, and all of them deserve the same fate.

The war investigating Commission has completed its report, which will be handed to President McKinley this week. It is expected that the President will very shortly make the report public, and that, as a result of a portion of it, a military inquiry will be ordered of the charges made by Gen. Miles concerning the quality of beef furnished the army by the contractors, during the war with Spain, which will give Gen. Miles an opportunity to substantiate his charges. If he can do so there will be very serious trouble for the contractors, if not, there will be trouble for Gen. Miles. While there is some personal enmity between Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles, it is not and has not been, at any time, shared by President McKinley, who is only anxious that the truth shall be shown so clearly as to leave no doubt in the mind of any unprejudiced man, and determined wherever wrongdoing shall be shown, that the guilty shall be punished, regardless of persons or consequences.

While nothing official has been announced concerning the finding of the Eagan Court-Martial, which is now in President McKinley's hands, there are reasons for the belief that the President has decided what action he will take, and that his action will be to modify the sentence of dismissal from the army to suspension from active duty.

Now that the treaty is out of the way, the Senate committee of Military Affairs will endeavor to push the Hull army bill, recently passed by the House to the front and keep it there until passed. One of the amendments to this bill agreed upon by the Senate Committee, provides for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant-General.

Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, who passed through Washington on his way home from a visit to New York, was impressed by the Iowa Republican Association, and persuaded them to attend a conference at Iowa Falls, Iowa, on the 10th inst. His remarks about the Phillips were right to the point. He said: "If annexation means that the Phillips should ultimately be

admitted its states, then there is not an expansionist in this country, if anti-expansion means that the archipelago should be returned to Spain, then there is not one anti-expansionist in America. If anti-expansion does mean that we should not deny the right of self government to people competent to govern themselves, then we are all anti-expansionists." In other words Governor Shaw told his hearers that the policy of this government would always lean toward the freedom rather than the enslaving of people notwithstanding the ranting of those who pretend to fear the contrary.

When the House adopts the resolution reported from the Judiciary Committee, declaring that the four Representatives who accepted commissions in the army, thereby vacated their seats in Congress, as it will, it will merely put on official record what has been practically accepted by the four gentlemen most directly concerned, neither of whom has performed any official duty in the House, or drawn any salary since accepting their army commissions.

The outlook for Nicaragua Canal legislation at this session, was brightened considerably when the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce made the amended Hepburn bill a substitute for the Moran bill, which has been passed by the Senate, instead of reporting it as an entirely separate bill. The early passage of the substitute by the House would send the bill to a conference committee, which ought to be able to agree upon a measure that would be fairly satisfactory to those who wish the canal built at once, and which would at least make sure that it will be built in the near future.

Representative-elect Long, of Kansas, who will succeed Jerry Simpson, and who is now in Washington, said of his state: "Kansas is now back in the Republican column, and though I am not an aspirant for prophetic honors, I feel free to state that it will remain there. The people have had their fill of populist heresy. In our banks there is more money in proportion to population than in any other state in the Union."

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### ELECTRIC LIGHTS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

**F. McCormack Meets With Our Village Council on Monday Evening.**

**Permission Granted to Erect Poles, and Four Arc Lights are Bargained For.**

On Monday afternoon Mr. McCormack, of Duluth, arrived in this village and met with our village council, at which time they granted him the privilege of erecting the poles, and an ordinance was passed to that effect.

Mr. McCormack left on Tuesday for Duluth to get his plant ready for shipment, and arrived the latter part of the week with the same. He will commence the erection of the building as soon as he can secure a suitable lot on which to locate the same. He says that if the weather moderates enough to enable the work to go ahead, he will have the plant ready to start up inside of two months.

Four arc lights were contracted for by the council, to be located by direction of a committee consisting of James Hurley, Robert Wilcox and Joseph Veverka. The lights will be located in the best places possible to give the whole of our residents the benefit. One of these lights will throw a good bright light about six hundred feet, and with that number the most thickly settled portion of the village can be fairly well lighted, and when the benefit derived from them are seen there is no doubt but what more will be contracted for by our village. Every business place in Pine City should be lighted with electricity, as it is cheaper in the long run than any other light. There is no danger of fire from lamps exploding. Do not wait to be urged, or wait until you see your neighbor's light, but come in with the first, and secure a good, bright light.

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 Feb. 14-16. Annual Convention Minnesota Grocery and Retail Merchants Association, St. Paul Minn.  
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PINE CITY, MINN.

Osteonorm Ira Schiever, of Canton, O., has just undergone a second amputation of his shortened leg in Chicago, in order that the cork leg he attaches to it may better resemble that which he can earn a high salary representing a Chicago artificial leg manufactory at the Paris exposition in 1900.

Since his return from Lewiston, Sergeant-Arms Ben. Russell has been getting in the bills for the funeral of Hon. Nelson Dingley. Mr. Russell says the cost of the funeral will be a little less than \$5,000. This amount is considered very reasonable for a state funeral such as Mr. Dingley's was.

JAPAN, with a population of 43,000,000, has 220 towns that have more than 100,000 inhabitants. In 1890 the number of such towns was 17. Osaka has increased from 600,000 to 2,100,000 inhabitants in ten years, Yokohama from 80,000 to 180,000, Kobe from 80,000 to 185,000. Tokio now has a population of 1,300,000.

The coal-burner bicycle in the world has just been finished at the run factory in Vienna. It will cost 500,000 gulden, which is a little more than \$75,000. The owner is a wealthy Viennese mining king and mine owner, who will present the machine to his wife on her next birthday. It is filled with precious stones and diamonds on every possible part.

THE X. L. T. ranch, in the extreme northern corner of the Panhandle of Texas, the largest ranch in the world, has an area of 3,500 square miles. Its herds of cattle aggregate 130,000 head, besides 1,500 horses, and the calf crop branded in 1897 exceeded 31,000. Surprising as it may seem, all the work on the ranch is done by 125 men, one man to every 21,000 acres.

CONSUL FOWLER, of Chicago, under date of November 29, 1898, writes in regard to the floods of the Yellow river. One million people, it is stated, are in distress and in many places have been deputed to devise some method to repair the damage to the embankments. It is understood that he has sent abroad for expert flood control. Fowler thinks that engineers in the United States could, no doubt, build a series of jettes that would prevent a recurrence of these disasters.

A prescription must be made between inoculation for the prevention or mitigation of smallpox and vaccination, which is the grafting of cowpox, as a protection against the cowpox malady. Inoculation was practiced by Greeks, Greeks, Syrians and Christians long before Lady Mary Wortley Montague brought it to England. It was after this that Jenner made his so-called discovery of vaccination or inoculation with virus from a cow instead of from the human subject.

The International Paper Co. has just completed the biggest deal since its organization. It has purchased outright 14 mills engaged in the manufacture of paper and pulp, and the combination. These mills represent the chief opposition which the print paper trust has had to encounter. The trust has now almost undisputed possession of the print paper industry. The 14 mills purchased represent a capacity of 225 tons of print paper and 165 tons of wood pulp per day.

For many years all the guano of commerce came from the wild trees of Peru, but with the present great demand for the guano, the refined product obtained from the wild trees is not available in quantities to supply but a small proportion of the world's requirements. At the present time two-thirds of the guano used is produced in Java, an island of the East Indian archipelago, corresponding closely in size to Cuba, and having with it many natural advantages of soil and climate in common.

CHICAGO is getting ready for the census of 1900. She wants to make herself out a bigger city than New York. The plan is to make two distinct counties out of the territory now comprising Cook. The present city slightly expanded to constitute one and the outside territory the other. To make it an object for towns like Evanston and Oak Park to become annexed, it is proposed to adopt a graduated scale for taxing real estate. The city federation is hard at work and will ask for an amendment to the state constitution.

There is a recent strike of compositors and pressmen in Reno. A local newspaper called "Petit Blen" appeared without the help of a single printer as a result of the strike. The paper has been "set up" on a typewriter, and the single typewriter sheets and plates were printed on a large card-board corresponding in proportions to the size of the newspaper. Then the whole was reduced by photography to the actual size, and from the negative a print was made on a sensitized sheet of zinc. With the aid of electric acid type and illustrations were etched in, and the result was a complete, solid form ready for the press.

There will be no more use for the expensive apparatus known as the X-ray and extraction if the idea of John B. Kidd, of Des Moines, Iowa, can be carried into general practice. The X-rays for the purpose of power transmission an ordinary wire will do just as well. The apparatus which is now used for this purpose has been designed by him. The X-rays are arranged on its periphery as an angle so shaped as to unconsciously engage in the operation of the wire line. The construction of this wire line is extremely simple and cheap, and can be made to sustain a great strain.

PROVE THE REBELS WROG.

The Americans Rout the Filipinos in a Desperate Battle at Night in the City of Manila.

CONFLICT LASTS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

Troops Under Gen. Otis Repulse the Enemy-Devises a Ship Ruse to Enable the Insurgents with Deadly Effect - President McKinley Decides to Force the Fighting.

Washington, Feb. 6.—12:15 A. M.—The following dispatch from Gen. Otis has been made public:

"Manila, Feb. 5.—The Adjutant General's Insurgents in large force opened fire on the city at 10:15 P. M. during the evening, renewed attack several times during night. At four o'clock this morning the fighting ceased. At 11:30 P. M. the daybreak advanced against insurgents and have driven them beyond the line they formerly occupied, capturing several villages and their dwellings. Insurgents lost in dead and wounded large; our own casualties far estimated at 75, very few fatal. Troops exhausted and weary. Navy did splendid execution on banks of enemy city built in check and absolute quiet. Insurgents have secured and are burning rifles, a few field pieces and quick-loading gun, with ammunition, during last month.

Quoted "OTIS."—The following dispatch was received at 1:15 this morning:

"Manila, Feb. 5.—The Adjutant General's situation most satisfactory, no apprehension need be felt. Perfect quiet prevails in city and vicinity. Troops exhausted and weary, but will be forwarded soon as possible. Troops in excellent health.

Quoted "OTIS."—The following dispatch was received at 1:15 this morning:

"Manila, Feb. 6.—The long-expected rupture between the Americans and

estimated at present, but they are known to be considerable. The Ypocates, armed with bows and arrows, made a very determined stand in the face of a hot artillery fire, and left many men dead on the field. Several attempts were made in this city Saturday evening to assassinate American officers.

Will Force the Fighting. Washington, Feb. 6.—The warfare in the Philippines will be forced to a speedy end. The president and his cabinet on Sunday decided that inasmuch as the trouble was the choosing of the natives, the American policy



GEN. E. S. OTIS.

must be shaped to meet the emergency. The surrender of the insurgents will be demanded, and Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey were Sunday ordered to proceed against the forces of Aguinaldo with a view of demonstrating to the insurgents the hopelessness of their cause. The president is determined that the majesty of the United States shall be respected in the Philippines, whether the islands are annexed to this country or not.

Latest Reports. Washington, Feb. 7.—The latest reports from Manila put the American

MAP OF MANILA AND VICINITY.



The above map shows the eastern and southern suburbs of Manila. The rebels have been encamped in a semicircle around the city, extending from Malabon on the north to Santa Ana and Mandanaya, their forces near the shore of the bay being situated between the two points. It was the force to the southeast of Manila which forced the recent fighting.

The Filipinos have come at last. The former are now engaged in solving the Philippine problem with the utmost expedition possible. The clash came at 5:40 Saturday evening when three Filipino companies met the Nebraska regiment pickets at Santa Mesa, but retired when challenged. They repeated the experiment without drawing the attention of the city.

Almost immediately afterward the Filipinos' line, from Calocan to Santa Mesa, commenced a fusillade which was ineffectual. The Nebraska, Montana and North Dakota troops replied vigorously, and held their ground until reinforcements arrived from the city. In the meantime concentrated at three points, Calocan, Gagalangin and Santa Mesa.

Enemy Opens Hot Fire. At about one o'clock the Filipinos opened a hot fire from all three places simultaneously. This was supplemented by the fire of two siege guns at Balibatik, and by advancing their skirmishers at Pasco and Pandacan. The Americans responded with a terrific fire, but owing to the darkness they were unable to determine its effect. The Utah light artillery finally succeeded in silencing the native battery. The Third artillery also did good work, as we were left. The engagement lasted over an hour.

Gunsback Take Part. The United States cruiser Charleston was stationed at the mouth of the bay. Malabon, opened fire from their secondary batteries on the Filipinos' position at Calocan, and kept it up vigorously. At 2:45 the American fleet sailed along the entire line, and the United States sea-going double-turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire on the enemy from Malabon.

With daylight the Americans advanced. The Callaghan and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the Filipinos from the villages of Pasco and Santa Mesa. The Nebraska regiment also distinguished itself, capturing several prisoners and one howitzer, and a very strong position at the reservoir, which is connected with the water works. The Kansas and Dakota regiments compelled the enemy's rifle companies to Calocan. There was intermittent firing at various points all day long.

The American losses are estimated at 20 men killed and 125 wounded. The loss of the Filipinos cannot be

THE PEACE TREATY WINDS.

The United States Senate Gives Its Approval to the Agreement Made with Spain.

HAS ONE MORE VOTE THAN IS REQUIRED.

Fifty-seven Declare to End the War, with Twenty-seven in Opposition—Senators Leave the Executive Session and Announce the Result—The Vote in Detail.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The treaty of peace negotiated between the commissioners of the United States and Spain was approved by the United States Senate, the vote being 57 ayes to 27 nays, or one vote more than the two-thirds majority necessary to secure ratification. The ratification of the United States Senate, the vote being 57 ayes to 27 nays, or one vote more than the two-thirds majority necessary to secure ratification. The ratification of the United States Senate, the vote being 57 ayes to 27 nays, or one vote more than the two-thirds majority necessary to secure ratification.

The Vote Taken. Promptly at three o'clock the vice president interrupted Senator Money, who was then speaking, to announce that the hour had arrived for a vote. But one amendment was offered—that which provided for the placing of the Philippines on the same footing as Cuba in the treaty. In the temporary agreement Senator Vest it was presented that the Philippines should be an amendment proceeded quietly and as all the senators were present it was soon disposed of. The votes of senators were counted and for papers on the approaching vote on the treaty itself. The only vote considered as all significant of a change favorable to the treaty was that of Senator McHenry, who voted against the amendment, Senators Jones, of Nevada, McLaughlin and Ketter voted for it.

The following is the way the senators voted: Yes—Alford, Allen, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Butler, Carter, Chandler, Clark, Gray, Gurney, Harlan, Hoar, Johnson, Jones, Ketter, McKim, Mitchell, Moody, Murphy, Paoli, Patterson, Rawlins, Ross, Smith, Tillman, Turley, Turner, Vest—27. No—McHenry, Jones, Nevada, McLaughlin and Ketter voted for it.

The ratification of the pending treaty will be the first step toward incorporating the inhabitants of said islands into citizenship of the United States. The ratification of the pending treaty will be the first step toward incorporating the inhabitants of said islands into citizenship of the United States. The ratification of the pending treaty will be the first step toward incorporating the inhabitants of said islands into citizenship of the United States.

News Sent to Otis. Washington, Feb. 7.—The news of the ratification of the peace treaty reached the president, at his direction it was called by Gen. Otis at Manila, who promptly acknowledged the receipt of the message containing the information.

Jumped to His Death. Columbus, O., Feb. 7.—Y. Hassell, Jr., son of Secretary Bassell, of the Columbus board of trade, jumped from the window of his room on the fourth floor of the Great Southern hotel Monday night to the pavement and was instantly killed. The family claim that the young man, being sick, raised the window, falling out accidentally.

The Whisky Trust. Chicago, Feb. 7.—The attorneys of the whisky trust announced Monday that the new combination will be formed by the purchase of the Pennsylvania company with a capital approximating \$50,000,000. The American Spirit Manufacturing company is the assured almost absolute control of the entire whisky trade of the country.

Historic Character Passes Away. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 7.—Col. H. B. Howe, who died at his home in Pleasant Hill, Monday, was one of the historic characters of the state. He served in the Mexican war, and was present at the battle of Cerro Gordo. He served in the Missouri secession term.

Dreyfus Return Ordered. Paris, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the Paris government from the French government that orders have been received there for the return of Dreyfus to France, with the statement that a vessel will be sent to bring him.

Oppose Seating of Roberts. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 7.—In the assembly Monday night there was a long discussion of the seating of Congressman-elect Roberts, who was elected from the New York district.

Wrecked a Village. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 7.—A cyclone whose path was 80 yards wide, wrecked the village of Dale and killed three persons and injured 20 others.

COMES TO TERMS.

Gen. Gomez Agrees to the Disbanding of the Cuban Army and Accepts the \$2,000,000 Offered.

REMEDIO, PROVINCE OF SANTA CLARA, FEB. 4, VIA HAVANA, FEB. 5.—Gen. Maximo Gomez, the commander in chief of the Cuban army, placed himself squarely in position Wednesday as an active ally of the United States government in the work of the liberation of Cuba.

As a result of the conference which Robert P. Porter, the special commissioner of President McKinley, has had with Gen. Gomez, the latter called to



GEN. MAXIMO GOMEZ.

President McKinley Thursday afternoon assuring him of his cooperation in disbanding the Cuban army and in distributing among the Cuban soldiers the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of enabling them to return to their homes. Gen. Gomez also telegraphed to Maj. Gen. Brooke saying he would accept the latter's invitation to go to Havana.

In brief, the compact is as follows: First—The Cuban officers in each province shall assist the American officers in distributing the funds. Second—That these officers shall at once meet at some convenient point and devise what will facilitate the disbandment of the army, as a relief of suffering and an aid in getting the people to work.

Third—That the sum paid to each man shall not be regarded as part payment of salary or wages due for services rendered, but to facilitate the disbandment of the army, as a relief of suffering and an aid in getting the people to work.

Fourth—The Cubans shall surrender their arms to the Cuban assembly or to its representatives. Fifth—The committee on distribution shall use best endeavors to distribute it among the population so that all may receive a share.

Sixth—That the \$2,000,000 shall be placed in the hands of Gen. Brooke and that action in the matter shall be immediate.

THE PEACE STILL ON.

All Proceedings Broken in the Matter of Volume of Business in January. New York, Feb. 4.—The weekly review of trade as published by G. Dun & Co. says:

"The volume of business during the month of January has been far beyond all precedent. Exchanges are through clearing houses have been 46 per cent. larger than last year and 20 per cent. larger than in 1897. The volume of business in the stock market was 300 per cent. larger than in 1897. The volume of business in the bond market was 300 per cent. larger than in 1897. The volume of business in the commodity market was 300 per cent. larger than in 1897.

Bankers Arrested. Nellville, Wis., Feb. 7.—John Shafer and John H. Spengler, who have been arrested in connection with the business at Dorchester and running a private bank in connection, and who made a voluntary assignment a month ago, were arrested at Dorchester Monday charged with accepting deposits in their bank after knowing of its insolvency. The assets in the bank amounted to about \$15,000, and it is claimed that the assets will not exceed \$5,000.

Wages to Be Advanced. Johnston, Pa., Feb. 7.—It is announced that a general advance of wages has been ordered for the employees at the Cambria Iron company's works. The increase amounts to ten per cent, and took effect February 1. It is a voluntary advance, and benefits about 5,000 of the 5,000 men employed at the works.

Mrs. Botkin Sentenced. San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin on Saturday was sentenced to serve the term of her natural life in the San Quentin penitentiary for the murder of her husband, John Botkin, by Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., whom she had married in a box of poisoned candy, sent through the mails.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Work Being Done by Our National Law-Makers in the Fifty-Fifth Congress.

SUMMARY OF THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Peace Treaty Occupies Most of the Time in the Senate—Appropriation Bills Passed—in the House—Important Measures Are Passed and Others Suspended.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate yesterday further discussed the policy of this country to be pursued in the Philippine islands. A bill was passed granting extra pay to officers and men of the temporary force of the army. In executive session the peace treaty was considered.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The army reorganization bill passed by the house yesterday and referred to the committee on military affairs. In executive session Senator Teller made a speech in support of the peace treaty and Senator Hoar replied. A joint resolution reviving the rank of Admiral in the interest of Rear Admiral Dewey and extending the time of his retirement ten years was reported favorably.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Spooner (Wis.) made a notable speech in the senate yesterday in favor of the peace treaty, and in executive session the status of the Philippines with reference to citizenship was discussed.

Washington, Feb. 4.—For more than five hours yesterday the senate listened to arguments in opposition to expansion and in opposition to the ratification of the peace treaty. The speakers were Mr. Money (Miss) and Mr. Daniel (Va.). A joint resolution was passed appropriating \$10,000 for a monument to the sailors and marines who lost their lives by the explosion of the Maine.

Washington, Feb. 6.—In the senate Saturday Senator Chilton (Tex.) spoke against expansion and Senator Wolcott (Col.) in favor of it.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The peace treaty was ratified by the senate yesterday by a vote of 57 to 27, one vote more than two-thirds of the total cast.

House. Washington, Feb. 1.—The bill to reorganize and increase the standing army to about 100,000 men, but giving the president authority to reduce the size of infantry companies and cavalry troops to 60 men each, thus fixing a minimum for the several regiments, passed the house yesterday by a vote of 168 to 123.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The house voted upon the consideration of the river and harbor bill yesterday and disposed of 50 of the 86 pages.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The river and harbor bill, carrying slightly more than \$30,000,000, was passed in the house yesterday by a vote of 100 to 7. A resolution was introduced to repeal the law which on February 15 of each year the United States flag on all government buildings is displayed at half mast in commemoration of the destruction of the battleship Maine and the loss of 266 lives in the harbor of Havana. A bill was introduced to repeal the law which prevents an ex-Confederate soldier from sitting on a federal jury.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Most of the time of the house yesterday was consumed in filibustering against relief bills on the private calendar. The conference report on the diplomatic appropriation bill was adopted. The committee on judiciary has decided that Messrs. Wheeler, Robbins, Colson and Campbell, the members of the board who accepted commissions in the army, vacated their seats.

Washington, Feb. 5.—In the house on Saturday the military appropriation bill, carrying about \$60,000, was passed and the bill providing for a national military park on the site of the battle of Gettysburg. A bill was introduced to authorize the president to appoint Gen. Wheeler a major general in the army and a resolution was introduced for a constitutional amendment providing that no bill shall be ratified by a majority of the senate.

Approved in Canada. Montreal, Can., Feb. 7.—Agonilla, the Filipino representative, arrived in Montreal yesterday. He and his secretary are being watched by two agents supposed to be United States secret service men.

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LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP

Our Special Correspondent Tells of the Solons' Doings.

The Work of Introducing Bills, Both Public and Private, is Merely One of the Duties of the Solons...

St. Paul, Feb. 22.—No bill named by the senate and two by the house...

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MINNESOTA NEWS.

Pneumatic Straw Stacker. A company has been formed at Maple Bay, Polk county...

Doag Show. Managers of the Northwestern Kennel club are greatly encouraged...

Sudden Death. William Donaldson, of the Glass Block in Minneapolis...

Promoted. Cadet John E. Lewis, a member of the class which graduated from the Annapolis naval academy...

Arrangements have been completed for a visit to the state of Wisconsin...

Eastern capitalists are desirous of building an electric line from St. Paul to Stillwater.

For impersonating an officer, Edward Fairbank, a blackman of St. Paul...

Joseph Beecher went to the police headquarters in this city...

Each branch of the legislature passed one bill. The senate...

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St. Paul, Feb. 13.—The senate yesterday passed the bill...

St. Paul, Feb. 14.—The senate yesterday passed the bill...

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending Feb. 7. A slight earthquake shock was felt at Warsaw, Ind.

James Edwards (colored) died at Missouri, Ill., aged 119 years.

Gen. Count von Capri, the former chancellor of the German empire, died at Berlin.

Retaliation against Germany for its unfeeling action against American products is now almost an assured fact.

Porter Warner, the oldest and best-known newspaper man in the Black Hills, died suddenly at Rapid City, S. D.

Eight big car companies scattered throughout the United States have combined under the name of the American Car and Foundry Company...

Five Men and a Woman Killed by a B. & O. Freight Train at McKeesport, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—Two horse wagon loaded with furniture and on its way to the city...

Reading, Pa., Feb. 7.—A Philadelphia company has placed a large order with a Reading iron plant...

Flag Over Southern Schools. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 4.—The issue of race that has been the subject of the national flag is hoisted over every schoolhouse...

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—The ship Princess Edward, which left this port for Europe...

THE MARKETS. LIVE STOCK.—St. Paul, Feb. 7. Cattle—Native...

WHEAT.—St. Paul, Feb. 7. No. 1 Hard—\$1.05 1/2. No. 2 Hard—\$1.00 1/2.

GRAIN.—St. Paul, Feb. 7. No. 1 Hard—\$1.05 1/2. No. 2 Hard—\$1.00 1/2.

CATTLE.—Native Steers—\$1.00 1/2. Cattle—Native Steers—\$1.00 1/2.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Five new Presbyterian churches have been erected in the Adirondacks the past year.

In 1886 the expense of Prussia for each child in school was six dollars; in 1896 it was nearly nine dollars.

The highest church in Europe is St. Maria de Zelt, above Solus. It is 2434 meters above sea level...

The Methodist Episcopal church board of missions appropriated \$1,174,206 to foreign and domestic missions for 1900...

Bishop Hurst is enthusiastic over the American Hurst of which he is the head, and declares that it will get \$1,000,000 from the Methodists of Pennsylvania...

In Frankfurt, Germany, there is a "reform gymnasium," or high school, which is attracting much attention.

Philo Nono bequeathed to the church 50,000 francs. He was a Frenchman, but he has almost doubled that sum...

ODD AFFAIR IN BANKING. Peculiar Manner in Which a Chicago Depositor Indulged in Charity.

"There isn't a great deal of romance in my business," remarked a prominent Chicago banker...

"I happened to be in the city when one day I received a personal letter from our depositor...

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**CHIPS AND SHAVINGS.**  
Great Chips Picked up Around Town and Shavings Chipped from the Sawmills.

—Carlson has another new advertisement this week.  
—Elliott Beale has gone to Hinchley to work on the Kaeraria.  
—Wanted—A few cords of wood on subscription—at this office.  
—Logs are still coming to the mills in this place, notwithstanding the cold weather.  
—On account of the extreme cold weather the schools closed on Wednesday and Thursday.  
—Four residents of Pine City attended the funeral of Orville Cox at Hinchley on Monday last.  
—If you have any wood for sale call on Louis Petrick. He wants all the wood he can get. Terms, cash.  
—A marriage license was issued by Clerk of the Court, H. J. Rahl, to James Haspodarsky and Mary Fierz.  
—Quite a large number of our residents were tipped with frost on Wednesday, to remind them that it was cold.  
—Quite a number of our young people will take in the masquerade given by the Rush City fire department this evening.

—Services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening as usual, moving and evening. You are invited to attend.  
—A few more cords of wood wanted on subscription at this office. Hurry up with your load, before advertisement is demoted.  
—For Sale—A good farm of 227 acres within one mile of this village. A snap for some one—Enquire at this office for particulars.  
—For Sale—A good house in fair condition, together with six double lots, cheap. Apply for particulars at store of A. Pennington. 714  
—See Carlson's new advertisement in another column. Mr. Carlson means business, and those who patronize him will see money.  
—It has been predicted that we would have this same kind of weather for the balance of this month, and then we would have a cold wave.  
—Rev. F. E. Higgins, of New Duluth, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening. Everybody invited.

—Mrs. Ed. M. Edwards and little daughter Alberta, arrived in this village on Wednesday, and will make this place their future home.  
—Fifty degrees below zero is nice snug winter weather. The thermometer has not been above 20 any morning for the past three weeks.  
—Do you want repairs for your stove? F. E. Smith, the Hardware man, will furnish you repairs for any stove made in the United States.  
—Mrs. Haley returned to her home in Duluth on Sunday last, after spending a few days visiting at the residence of her mother, Mrs. M. L. O'Brien.  
—A famous fish for breakfast—keeps the whole family well—costs only 35 cents—lasts 30 days—one package of Rocky Mountain tea. J. Y. Breckenridge.  
—Sinned—Don't figure on marrying a model wife unless you are a mind reader and know for certain that she takes Rocky Mountain tea. J. Y. Breckenridge.  
—We are sorry to note that Mr. M. O. Gupta, who resides on the town line road, two miles east of Beroun, is very sick. It is hoped that his illness will be of short duration.  
—I have for sale at my residence in Hazel Park, on the north side of the river, 35 pounds of nice carpets that I will sell for eight cents per pound.

**MRS. M. GAMMEL.**  
—James Bauer has just received over \$400 worth of mouldings and an \$13 machine for manufacturing picture frames. He has forty-seven different kinds of moulding on hand, and is prepared to make all kinds of frames on short notice.  
—STeady employment for a good, reliable salesman, handling our Lubricating Oils, Boltzins, general Mill and Thresher supplies from catalogue and samples. Liberal terms and profitable commissions. Address—Crown Supply Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

—Call for the "Red Cross," "Manhattan," or the "Globe Knight"—the leading ten-cent cigars on the market.  
—Services as usual at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. In place of the evening services a concert will be given by the Sunday school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.  
—More precious than pure gold because it never fails to cure your headache, indigestion, constipation, stomp, and blood. A great system regulator. Rocky Mountain tea. J. Y. Breckenridge.  
—The burning question is, "When can I buy the right kind of a stove at the right price?" F. E. Smith, the hardware man, has them. Acorn Cooks and Steel Ranges, \$8.00 to \$40.00. Heating stoves, \$2.00 to \$25.00.  
—Mr. Didloff Grandt, who lives down near Chongvanna, on the government road, has a quantity of hay to sell at reasonable rates. Those wishing to buy should communicate with Mr. Grandt, Pine City, Minn.  
—Pumps!  
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When you want a Wood Pump, an Iron Pump, or anything in the Pump line, call on F. E. Smith, the Hardware Man—Miller Block—Pine City, Minn.  
—For photographs call on me at my new gallery south of the railroad depot.

**JONAS LOBANSON,**  
Rush City, Minn.  
—The Woman's Reading club have secured Governor Lind as one of their lecturers. The Governor will be here some time in February, the exact date not yet having been decided upon.  
—Dinner—On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Mrs. C. W. Harris, at Ellinoyson. Funeral services were held on Thursday, by Rev. H. Taylor, of this place. The remains were laid to rest in the Sandstone cemetery. The PIONEER extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.  
—The Ladies of the Riverside Circle will give a dancing party in Hurley's Hall on Monday Evening, February 13th, and will serve an oyster supper at the Pioneer House. The North Branch orchestra have been engaged to furnish the music. Tickets including supper only one dollar.  
—On Wednesday afternoon A. E. Webber paid eighteen dollars for one white oak log. Last winter Mr. Webber paid more for a load of logs than was ever paid before in Pine County, and this the most ever paid for a single log. A. E. is bound to keep in the lead in regard to oak timber.  
—A Farmers' Institute will be held in this village about March 20, in Court House hall. A full corps of instructors will be present. Every farmer should attend, as it is for the farmers' benefit, and their alone. Watch these columns for exact date and further particulars, or call on Robt. Greig, president, or Robt. Wilcox, secretary.

—The Ladies of Riverside Circle will give a social trip in Hurley's hall on next Monday evening. Everybody in this place is cordially invited to be present and enjoy a pleasant evening. Tickets, including an oyster supper at the Pioneer house, \$1.00. The celebrated North Branch orchestra will furnish the music.  
—G. A. Carlson, of Rush City, has the largest and finest stock of Clothing, Dress Goods, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, Carpets, Rugs, and in fact everything that comprises a first-class dry goods stock, which he is selling at great bargains. Do not go to the cities to buy before you look over his stock and get prices.  
—F. H. Wade, of West Duluth, stopped off at this place on his way to cities below, on Tuesday noon and spent the time between trains in visiting old friends and making new ones. Mr. Wade is an old St. Croix Falls (Wis.) boy, and spent the greater part of his time while in this place in the PIONEER office talking over old times with Z. M. and Ed. M. Edwards. While in the village he was the guest of Will Lambert.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors, and especially to the Maccabees, and A. E. Webber and wife, during the illness and death of our son and brother.  
J. W. AXTELL,  
And Family.

**Pine County Teachers' Association.**  
As advertised for the past three weeks the Teachers' Association of Pine County met in the court-house hall on Saturday afternoon. There were about thirty-five of the educators present, and the afternoon was passed very pleasantly with the reading of papers, speeches, and other matters of interest and profit to teachers. The following is a synopsis of the work done in the afternoon:  
Supt. Blankenship had expected Prof. Bryant of St. Paul to deliver an address, but the gentleman could not be present, so the members of the Association depended entirely on their own efforts for the program, which proved helpful and enjoyable. Papers were read by Misses Aronquist, Wosner and Goswold, and Prof. H. C. Dash, followed in each case by helpful and pointed discussion. The teachers expressed their special desire for the presence of W. J. Gentry at the dinner in the evening by a resolution to that effect, Col. Stone made some remarks and the meeting adjourned, Hinchley being selected as the next meeting place.  
Sandstone—Misses Mabel Parish, Hilda Dalquest, Emma and Edna Wosner, Nannie McCormick, Albin Marchessault and Sara Kendrick, Messrs. Sam Scott, Rollo Russell, Thos. Shanley and Dr. McEadern.  
Hinchley—Misses Edna Aronquist, Maggie and Esther Hawley, Messrs. Hoff and John Hawley.  
Willow River—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davidson, Misses Eva Wood, Lou and Eva Thompson, E. Mortenson, Agnes Low, Mrs. Broas, Messrs. H. C. Dash, Earl Wood, Ed. Barrett, Dr. Smolt, W. H. Atwood, Jas. McGary, Stephan Skjaland and D. C. Stewart of Minneapolis.  
Rock Creek—Misses G. Hamilton and Lizzie Badger.  
Rush City—Mrs. Malcolm, Jennie McCormick and Cain McGuire.  
Rutledge—W. C. Devereaux.

In the evening a dancing party was held in court house hall, at which the teachers and those who were favored with an invitation passed a very pleasant evening until 12 o'clock, when lunch was served. The music was furnished by Ed Kendall, Lee Fairbanks and Z. M. Edwards. The invitations read, "Yourself and ladies are cordially invited by the citizens of Pine City," and yet there were a number of the citizens who did not get an invitation. As we see it the invitations were only intended for those out of town, as this was a reception tendered by the citizens of Pine City to the teachers of the association and their friends. And yet invitations were sent to but a select few, when there are others that are more citizens of this place than those issuing them, who failed to get one. Why was not a meeting of the citizens called to list out whether or no they wished to entertain the teachers, and not two or three of the teachers and county superintendent take it upon themselves to issue invitations in the name of the citizens to citizens?

**A Fire Narrowly Averted.**  
On Tuesday evening J. Adam Bede, who occupies the rooms in the rear of the PIONEER office, in the Hurley building, took up the ashes in his stove before he went to supper, and on returning found the rooms filled with smoke. Upon investigation it was found that the floor under the ash pan was on fire, there having been live coals in the ashes. Mr. Bede at once secured an axe, and cut up the floor, and with a couple of pails of water the fire was extinguished. It was a close call for the Budget, J. D. Vaughan and the PIONEER.

**List of Letters**  
Remaining unclaimed in the post-offices at Pine City, Minn., month ending January 31st, 1899.  
LADIES.  
Bennett, Mrs. Edith Rindel, Mrs. A. Redli, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Miss Anna E.  
Smith, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Ida Goldbandson, Mrs. Regna.  
GENTLEMEN.  
Hanson, H. Waite, J. B. (2)  
Hanson, Joseph Crocker, A. G. Heisel, Henry Ever, T. D. Steinberg, Erick Ljosonak, Isakok-Richsen, Mark, (2)  
Franson, John A. Nelson, Peter O. Stalls, William Spier, M. C. Thomas, E. W.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised," and give the date of this list.  
J. Y. BRECKENRIDGE,  
Postmaster.  
—Call for "Silver," "Dovey," "Lone Cabin," "Little Boquet," and "Country Girl" the best five-cent cigar in town.

**Allie Astell Dead.**  
It was somewhat of a shock to the citizens of Pine City on Tuesday morning when it was announced that the above named young man had passed away at about 7 o'clock on that morning. Although he had been quite sick ever since Christmas Eve it was reported that he was actually improving since the operation that was performed some two weeks ago, and when the messenger of death came he did not seem to realize that he was nearing the end, and talked freely with his parents and the doctor until he passed into that sleep that knows no awakening.  
Albert E. Axcell was born in New London, Wis., in October, 1879, and was therefore in his twentieth year. He moved to this place with his parents fourteen years ago last fall, and has grown to manhood in our village. Besides his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Axcell, he leaves two brothers and four sisters to mourn the loss of an obedient son and loving brother.  
The deceased was a model to set before the rising generation. No one knew him but to love him, and when once you saw him you saw him as he always was. Bad company was shunned by him, and he had none of the vices that today cause our young generation. His parents have lost a hard-working, good son, his brothers and sisters a loving brother, and the village a model young man.  
Deceased was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, having been a charter member of Lake Tent No. 97 of this place, and was insured for \$1000. He also was a member of the Pine City Volunteer Fire department, and the flag was placed at half mast over the engine house. The funeral services were held from the M. E. church at 1 o'clock on Thursday, and was attended by a large circle of friends, despite the extreme cold weather. The ceremonies at the grave were conducted by the Maccabees.  
The funeral was one of the saddest that has been held in this place for many months, for all of our residents mourned the loss of one they loved. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the whole community in their hour of affliction.

**1899 Columbia Calendar.**  
The Pope Mfg. Co., of Hartford, Conn., has issued the Columbia Desk-pad Calendar for 1899. This handy reminder has been for years one of the most pleasing of special advertising features. We note that the new calendar is very similar in design and make-up to the 1898 calendar, although it has more artistic covers and is more profusely illustrated.  
Any person may obtain a copy by applying to the nearest Columbia dealer or by sending five-cent stamps to the Calendar Department, Pope Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn.

**DON'T BE FOOLED!**  
The market is being flooded with worthless imitations of **ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA**. To protect the public we call special attention to our trade mark printed on every package. Beware of the genuine. Sold by the Sale by J. H. Gregg, Inc.

**Why does one boy hate the beer?**



He doesn't—he loves it because it is Hamm's delicious brew. It is the medicine his kind daddy has mixed in it that he dislikes. Never mind he is to have his share of it here and there afterwards to take the bad taste away.

**Hamm's Beer**  
St. Paul  
Drink a beer you know is pure.  
Theo. Hamm Brewing Co.  
Tel. 972 on St. Paul, Minn.  
Agents Everywhere.

**ED. M. EDWARDS,**  
ARTISTIC  
...House Painting and Sign Writing...  
Paper Hanging and Decorating a Specialty.  
Hardwood Finish, Kalamazooing. Leave orders at The Pine County Pioneer Office.

And when the Sun has sunk to rest,  
The Vermans took from East and West,  
And standing up in equal line,  
Praised the very latest sign.

**CALL ON**  
The Pine County  
**PIONEER**  
For Your  
**Job Printing!**  
**THE BEST**  
Is always  
**CHEAPEST.**  
**OUR WORK**  
Is always  
**THE BEST!**  
Call and See.





NEW NAVAL STATION. MILLES OF STAMPS.

The Old Spanish Arsenal at San Juan, Porto Rico.

A Valuable Acquisition to the United States, Which the Spaniards Surrendered on Their Evacuation.

Part of the government property handed over to the United States when Spain evacuated Porto Rico was the old arsenal, as the Spaniards call it, which is to-day occupied by the Americans at San Juan as a navy yard. What the future naval station at this point will amount to has not yet been announced. When we have absorbed Porto Rico's exports and are supplying the greater part of her imports when questions of money tariffs and government have been determined, when the commercial and political education of the people of this island is well under way, when the restless curiosity of American adventurers is satisfied and our people at large have been told what Porto Rico amounts to, and when the winter tourist trade is regularly established—when all this has been done, the value of this new possession as a naval station will have been recognized and there will be established here a navy yard sufficient to meet the needs of the location. In the meantime certain navy officers have been sent down here to take official possession of what the Spaniards turned over.

On the north side of the island there is the city of San Juan, and reaching out into the harbor is a large stretch of low, made land. This area is given over to foundries, gas works, coal yards, storehouses and the navy yard. The Spanish arsenal was built many years ago and to-day, when the additions are considered, the yard is a confusing collection of thick-walled one-story houses. The ground is only about three feet above the level of the bay; consequently the houses are damp and for the most part musty and ill-smelling; the sun and air have little chance to reach the inner rooms and passages, and the place is oppressive. The shadows of heavy trees and thick scrubby around the commandant's house give pleasing variety to the white walls, and the Roman Catholic chapel on one side of the small square in the center of the clump of buildings, and the curious belfry and clock on the other, are both picturesque and novel. The main entrance to the yard faces the north; it is a large white portal in the center of a white wall. This portal leads on high the royal arms of Spain and is decorated with the signs of the Zodiac. Above each arch and device floats the American flag, brilliant against the intense blue sky behind it.

The Spaniards were never known for hygienic or proper living and the condition of the arsenal when we took possession was proof of this statement. The place was filthy. All drains were choked by the accumulation of years and hundreds of cart loads of dirt had to be removed before our men could contemplate living in these quarters. The Spaniards never had any sanitary conveniences; water and refuse were allowed to sink to the ground, so the earth of the entire yard can be regarded as polluted. There has been yellow fever here within the last three years, and there is no doubt but that the place is to-day unhealthy.

Much can and is being done to improve its conditions; the entire place is being thoroughly cleaned, all floors are being newly cemented, and cracks in walls are being sealed up, to prevent poisonous emanations from the soil under the buildings. A distilling plant with a daily capacity of 5,000 gallons is being erected; until this is completed the station will get distilled water from the collier Casar anchored in the harbor. Sleeping quarters for 40 marines are laid with board floors 12 inches above the new cement, so that fresh air can circulate freely under the boards. The commandant's house, which is in better condition than any other building in the yard is now used as offices by the American occupants.—Collier's Weekly.

Some Fur Hints. For those who do not wish to cut up their handsome seal or other expensive fur wraps to make them conform to the peculiar style of garments worn this season—shapes which may change entirely by another winter—a fur-edged cloth coat in some of the handsome and becoming shades so much in vogue is a very stylish and satisfactory garment with which to tide over to the spring season. Still more economical—if economy is necessary—would be a plain or stole-fronted pelmine of deep russet, Russian green, pansy or plum-colored cloth, edged with a narrow band of Persian lamb, mink or other fur. As cloth is very wide, but little material would be required to make the small wrap which would look exceedingly well over any black or dark costume, the high, flaring Melin, Robespierre or Russian collar making it very effective. Very graceful and novel shapes of any number of different pelermes, shoulder capes, candyed collarettes, etc. are furnished at all the pattern houses of the city, and anyone able to give a tailor finish to a garment could easily make the wrap.—N. Y. Post.

On a Hot Sabbath. This story is told of a prominent preacher: On a hot Sabbath as he was preaching he took from his pocket what he thought was his handkerchief, shook it out and wiped his face, intently talking all the time. To his surprise a broad smile was on every face in his audience when he discovered that what he had had in his pocket for a handkerchief that morning was a pair of his little child's drawers, the legs of which were quite visible as he wiped the perspiration from his face.—Homiletic Review.

Many Millions of Them Were Issued Last Year.

Some Mathematical Genius Has Figured It Out That Fifty One on the Other They Would Reach to a Height of Twenty-One Miles.

Uncle Sam printed just a few postage stamps during the year 1898. The one-cent stamp issued during the year was worth 2,000,000,000. Such stamps, obviously, is beyond the grasp of the human mind, but perhaps they may be made more clear by a simple exercise. If a one-cent stamp is exactly one inch long. From this fact, by a little calculation, it is easy to discover that a number of stamps of this denomination issued in 1898, placed end to end would extend a distance considerably in excess of 20,000 miles. In other words, if you would make a continuous line of stamps, each one adhering with its gum to the father of his country, it would reach a height more than once and one-half times the equator.

Of course, though the two-cent stamps are not precisely needed there are 100 cents. Although one-cent postage stamps have been issued during the year 1898 to stretch from New York by way of Europe and Asia, to Bombay, India, if similarly arranged in a line. All other stamps, as to production and sales, are of minor importance. Comparatively speaking, but it is interesting to know that almost exactly one million of one-dollar stamps were manufactured for the demand of 1898. Of five-dollar stamps the production was equivalent to a little more than half a million, or about one-fiftieth of a million.

Now, if all the postage stamps printed by the United States government in 1898 were placed one on top another as neatly as might be without putting them under pressure, how high do you suppose the pile of them would be? There is no one guessing; you would never get it nearly right, unless you went to work to calculate it for yourself. The 3,250,000,000 stamps of denominations printed during the current year—the statement, of course, is approximate—would tower to an elevation of 21 miles. This is more than three times the height of the highest mountain in the world—Mount Everest, in the Himalayas. If the same number of stamps was piled up in the form of the ordinary sheets of 100 each, it follows that the stack would be over a fifth of a mile high.

During the year 1898 the number of special delivery stamps sold was about 5,250,000. It is only reasonable to suppose that the average journey of the special delivery messenger is half a mile. Indeed, that is an absurd underestimate, but let us go on that. On this assumption the total distance traveled for special delivery in 1898 was about 2,625,000 miles. That is a very considerable space to traverse, as may be realized when it is considered that a messenger boy, in order to accomplish that total distance, would have to go about 1,100 times around the world, or five times to the moon and back.

It appears, from figures furnished by the post office department, that the average person in Massachusetts, including men, women and children spends \$2.30 on postage per annum. New York comes second with an expenditure of \$2.27. The District of Columbia third with \$2.16. Colorado is fourth with \$1.93, and Connecticut is fifth with \$1.80. The states ranking lowest in this regard are South Carolina, with 25 cents per capita; Mississippi, with 34 cents; Alabama, with 35 cents; Arkansas, with 37 cents; and North Carolina, with 41 cents.—Washington Star.

A Bear on a Tree. Some animals are imitative creatures, and have the poor taste to copy mankind's weaknesses. They fall prey to other things besides the hunter's rifle occasionally too. For instance, Patrick Walters, of Brackley, Pa., is "out" several gallons of hard cider, but "in" a full-grown bear. Walters' farm adjoins a strip of woods, which is inhabited by wild animals and deer. One day recently Walters set a kettle of hard cider indoors to boil it down. While at work in the barn he was weighing 200 pounds apiece from the woods and snuffing the fragrant dilution, tipped up a good part of the cider. On the approach Walters the bear hurried to the woods. A search was made for him and he was easily tracked through the light snow. It was no time that after the first half mile his tracks grew unsteady and finally the searching party found him lying stone blind drunk beneath a bush. He was decapitated and cut up, then and there. His flesh was taken to Brackley and sold at the market, while the hide was disposed of for \$25.—Philadelphia Press.

The Prince of Wales' Post Bag. The daily post bag at Marlborough house contains some extraordinary letters. By one post there arrived the following: A request for the loan of £1,000 to enable a student of entomology to start for Africa; a petition from a poor old lady to provide a dowry for her daughter, who is about to be married; a pressing letter from a French inventor of a new diving dress, begging the prince to do it and give into the Seine when he next visited Paris; and a calm request for money to redeem a workman's tools. Of course, few of these curious missives ever reach the prince, for his experienced secretaries sift the correspondence with care and knowledge.—Temple Magazine.

Indeed Royal. The German emperor designed the dresses in which the emperor appeared at Jerusalem.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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