





Legislative.

HOUSE.

The house, after its recess since last Thursday afternoon, convened at 11 a. m. Tuesday. The speaker announced this committee on the part of the speaker; Davis of Buffalo, McCloy of Lancaster, Wintham of Cass, Jourdant of Boone, Bacon of Dawson, Gordon of Richardson, the last named being the fusion member of the committee.

graduates of private and normal schools to secure state certificates. By Hays, of Douglas, a bill to provide for two shifts of twelve hours each for South Omaha hotels. SIGNED. Lieut. Gov. McGill called the senate to order at 10:30 Wednesday and the blessing was invoked by Chaplain Flock. Senator Hart was the only member absent. Adj. Gen. Culver during the night had presented to Lieut. Gov. McGill a report that had been forwarded in the Philippines during the time the general was there, and this was used to the satisfaction of the knuckles of the presiding officer.

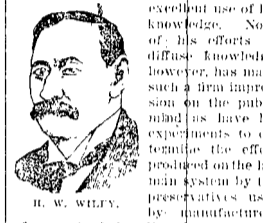
WASHINGTON GOSSIP. One of the most serious problems before Congress is the question what, if anything, can be done to regulate the operations of great corporations for the protection of the public without interfering with the legitimate development of capital or coming into collision with the reserved rights of the States under the constitution. Commissioner James H. Garfield of the Bureau of Corporations, in his first annual report, recommends the adoption of a system under which all corporations which do an interstate business should be required to have a national franchise or license. It would make conformity with all necessary requirements regarding corporate organization and management a condition for the grant of such a license and the making of all required reports and returns a condition to its retention, and would shut out from interstate and foreign commerce all corporations which did not hold such a license.

AFTER SURRENDER. Little yet known of conditions in Port Arthur. Japs Transporting Stopped Soldiers to Japan as Military Prisoners—Report that the Baltic Fleet Will Return—No Indications of Peace. Two weeks have passed since the fall of Port Arthur. The Japanese have been marching the Russian soldiers as military prisoners for Japan, and they have been pulling the city for six years. However, we have been notified to heretofore of the conditions that existed in the fortress during its last days of Russian power.

CONGRESS. A bill was passed by the Senate Friday authorizing the issue of obsolete ordnance to State educational institutions. The reading of the omnibus clause bill was completed. Mr. Bard of California spoke in opposition to the joint statehood bill on the ground that the people of Arizona and New Mexico do not desire union. Mr. Tillman also opposed the joint bill, saying it would subject the people of Arizona to domination of Mexicans and "crossers."

PROPOSED NEW STATES. Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona Seek Admission. With the admission of Oklahoma and Arizona to statehood, it is probable that the story of their population, wealth and resources will come as a great surprise to the general run of Americans. The story will surely be told, because the granting of State rights to the last of continental America, barring Alaska, is bound to attract widespread attention.

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN. One Hundred Years Ago. Letters of Marie and reprisal were issued by Great Britain against Spain. Mr. Livingston, American minister to France, left Paris for Rome on business. The tailors of New York City formed the first organization in that city having the character of a trade union. The dock yards at Cronstadt and Rivel were doing rush work and a formidable fleet was nearly ready. A desperate struggle took place at Antwerp between Spanish and American sailors, the former mistaking the Americans for English.



Professor Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington, is one of the most notable chemists in America, and he has made excellent use of his knowledge. Some of his efforts to diffuse knowledge, however, has made such a firm impression on the public mind as to have his experiments to determine the effect produced on the human system by the preservatives used by manufacturers of canned goods.

Return of the Baltic Fleet. The fall of Port Arthur is followed by a statement which is unofficial, but is said to be trustworthy, that the Baltic fleet now at Vladivostok is to return to European waters. It that be the case the question arises as to the reason for sending it to the east. If it was sent in the hope that it might reach Port Arthur before its surrender, the Russians must have been ill-informed as to the existing capacity of the fortress.

Upon the convening of the House Wednesday Speaker Cannon announced as the committee on inaugural economies Messrs. Dulzell, Paet, Crumpacker (Ind.), and Williams (Miss.). The army appropriation bill was taken up in committee of the whole. Mr. Bantell (Ill.) in the chair, he agreed that there should be three hundred men in the House, Mr. Hull (Iowa), having the bill in charge, explained the several changes which the committee had made in existing legislation, the principal items of which already have been published.

The House of Representatives Thursday devoted its entire session to discussing the impeachment charges against Judge Charles Swayne of the Northern district of Florida. A dramatic incident occurred when Mr. Littlefield of Maine called on Mr. Lammay of Florida, who filed the charges against the judge, to admit or repudiate an alleged interview with the former which tended to impeach the charges. Mr. Lammay, however, admitted giving an interview, but emphatically denied any suggestion from him that could be construed into advising assassination or murder. He said that although Judge Swayne was known to be the most lawless man in Florida, he had required evidence of his bodily harm. The impeachment resolution, which the committee on interstate commerce to investigate the Panama Railway Company was passed, after which the House adjourned.

Comparative Size of New State. Detailed area shows the outlines of the proposed State of Arizona, with the black lines as the boundaries of the State of Texas.

Thirty Years Ago. The trial of the action brought by Theodore Tilton against Henry Ward Beecher opened before Judge Neilson in New York. Emile Pereire, the famous Paris banker, died. The manner in which \$275,000 of the Pacific Mail subsidy had been distributed, it was alleged by Richard B. Jewin, was disclosed to the congressional investigating committee.

Twenty Years Ago. Grover Cleveland, President-elect, resigned as Governor of New York. The press of London declared that a formal declaration of war by France against China was imminent. The leading newspapers of England were demanding a change in the Gladstone ministry because of foreign policies. Reports from Madrid placed the casualties of the recent earthquake in Spain at 1,400 killed, 900 wounded and 43,000 homeless. The Gladstone family was given prominence in the English press by the announcement of the premier's confidence, Mrs. Gladstone's illness, and the son's approaching marriage.

Ten Years Ago. Toronto, Ont., was swept by a 600,000 fire. A hungry mob of unemployed men at St. John's, N. F., raided the government buildings and continued until the premier promised their employment. United States Senator Mitchell of Oregon made a speech in favor of the Nicaraguan canal. Emperor William II of Germany and the Kaiser of Russia met at Potsdam.







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**The Welcome Wag.**  
A gentleman was walking with his youngest son at the close of the day and in passing the cottage of a German laborer the boy's attention was attracted to the dog. It was only a common cur, but the boy took a fancy to him, and asked his parent to buy the animal for him, relates the New York Times.

Just then the owner of the dog came home and was demonstratively met by the dog. The gentleman said to the owner:

"My little boy has taken a fancy to your dog and I should like to buy him. What do you ask for him?"

"I can't sell that dog," said the German.

"Look here," said the gentleman, "that is a poor dog but as my boy wants him I will give you a sovereign for him."

"Yass," said the German, "I know he is very poor dog, and not wort no sh; but der ish you leetle ding mit di dog. I can't sell—I can't sell di dog of his tail ven I comes home at night."

**Arrangements of Books.**  
Have you ever tried putting together the books that suit special moods? The amusing books, the stories of adventure, the home stories being grouped so that when you feel like reading some particular sort you may at a glance see all your treasures that appeal to that momentary interest? It is not a bad plan. But the possibilities of arrangement are endless, and we all have our favorite plans. I wonder if there is any book lover who can refrain from putting in one row his most attractive bindings—the gay, gilded leather covers that make a little court of nobility? If there is any reader who can refrain from this harmless pignicinity, he must be the owner of an unusually logical mind, or else lacks the soul of order.—St. Nicholas.

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**EDITORIALS**  
Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

**A War of Giants.**  
THE deepest of the many impressions made on our minds by the nine days' battle on the Sado-ho is the immensity of the strength the combatants have displayed. As we are Europeans, take the Russian example first. In this country we are accustomed to think of Russia as a great power honey-combed with weaknesses, and all the defects inherent in autocratic rule; but what a mighty machine it is! At a distance of six thousand miles from its enemy, who is only accessible by land, the Government of St. Petersburg hurries upon him a quarter of a million soldiers as effective as any to be found on earth. It is impeded at every turn by corruption; but its commissariat on the spot is sufficient to keep that vast crowd in health; there has been no lack of munitions, though from the character of the war they have to be wasted as they have never been wasted yet; and, horrible as the slaughter is, sufficient reinforcements always arrive to keep up the army in equal strength to its opponent. The generals are selected by favor, are too old, and often entangled by a too luxurious life; but a man has been found for command-in-chief who is as competent as any one in history, except the few men of original genius who, so to speak, were not selected, but chose themselves through feats in war.

Out of an island which, measured by Asiatic scales of measurement, is but a little one, a monarch whose very title a generation ago suggested nothing but comedy, has poured an army organized within his own restricted domain, commanded by generals who never saw a European foe, and by officers, most of whom have had only academic training, and in a campaign of seven months against soldiers like Kurophathis, that army has never known defeat. Its generals, not men of genius, have fought at least as well as Napoleon's marshals; its officers have died as readily as their opponents, whose superiors they are in training and method of military life; its men—have they any equals as units on the field?—London Spectator.

**Race Troubles of Austria.**  
THE wonder is indeed that Austria does not have more race troubles. When we consider what an amazing pot-pourri of races that Empire represents—Germans, Hungarians, Czechs, Poles, Italians and Turks—the continual marvel is that it should hold together at all. It would not have held together if it had not adopted the principle of Federal Home Rule. These various populations hate one another, but they are held together by the common liberty of managing their own affairs. Thus it is that the Poles of Austria are happier than the Poles either of Russia or of Germany. The Czechs are a troublesome element in the Austrian Parliament, but in their own country they are gaining liberty and are settling down. It is the same all through that vast Empire, and it supplies the reason why all the prophecies of Austrian disintegration come to naught. The arrangement may be weak for Imperial purposes, but Austria is one of those happy countries that has no Imperial Mission. Her whole object as a nation is concentrated on the happiness of the people within her own dominions. That she achieves beyond any other Power in the East of Europe. On that rock she is securely built, and we believe that she will survive many Powers who play a more bouncing part in the world today.—London Daily News.

**Japanese Language Reform.**  
PRINCE FUSHIMI's announcement that Japan will soon inaugurate a reform through the adoption of the English alphabet is calculated to cause mingled gratification and distress. The commercial world will be glad to see the progressing little Empire of the Far East start on such a course, but every lover of the picturesque will regret the enterprise. Japan is in a rapidly transitory state. The people are adopting the Western costume. The architecture of the larger cities is showing signs of an evolution toward European and American models. And if the English alphabet is adopted the very street signs will

be almost stunned at its appearance. They had not thought it possible for any help to reach them in the winter. All was excitement and relief in the camp. Their provisions were sadly low, and sickness was prevalent. No time was lost getting the men into new quarters, feeding them well, and forcing them to keep clean. Then they waited through long months until the Bear could make her way to their relief.

**HER IDEA OF LUXURY.**  
Three fine gold medals have recently been struck at the Philadelphia mint and forwarded to officers of the United States Revenue Cutter Service for a deed of heroism performed during the winter of 1897-98. As it came at a time when the United States was interested in records of war—the achievements of army and navy against Spain—the exploit has not received the attention it deserves. The story has been told before, but it is well worth the repetition which the Washington Post gives it.

In November of 1897 the owners of whaling vessels of the Pacific coast received information that eight whalers were caught by the early closing in of the ice pack, and that there was danger of starvation if food were not sent to them at once. The President ordered a relief expedition to be fitted out, and the cutter Bear was chosen for the service.

The overland expedition was put on shore at Cape Vancouver. There was a train of four sleds carrying supplies and camp equipment, and drawn by forty-one dogs. At the start the snow was deep, and all the party traveled on snow-shoes, while four Eskimos went ahead to break the trail.

The storms and gales were furious, but the little company pressed on until they had completed the journey of sixteen hundred miles. The travelers did not, as they are supposed to do, sit back on a sled and comfortably crack a whip over the heads of the dogs. The men of this outfit had not merely to walk, but to push, haul, and sometimes to harness themselves to the sleds.

At first the officers found the work almost killing, but they gradually grew accustomed to it. For half the distance they drove a herd of nearly five hundred reindeer, a no light piece of work in itself. A small Lapp dog circled round the outskirts of the herd, and kept the deer from straying.

The last part of the journey was most trying, and often it seemed as if disaster must overtake them. Blizzard followed blizzard; packs of wolves troubled the herd; heavy snows obliterated beacons and landmarks, and the whole company suffered painfully from the cold. At one time one section of the party was separated from the rest. Food ran low, and the men were left for the dogs was a little "flour soup." The poor creatures became so ravenous that they ate the lashings of their sleds, and even the clothes of the men were not safe from their appetites.

On March 20th the train drew up at the Point Barrow settlement. The officers and men of the wrecked ves-

sel were almost stunned at its appearance. They had not thought it possible for any help to reach them in the winter. All was excitement and relief in the camp. Their provisions were sadly low, and sickness was prevalent. No time was lost getting the men into new quarters, feeding them well, and forcing them to keep clean. Then they waited through long months until the Bear could make her way to their relief.

President McKinley, in a tribute to the brave officers who made the overland journey, said, "The expedition is a victory of peace the results of which cannot well be magnified, and the dauntless courage of the men stamps them as true heroes."

**Letter from Chaplain Hale.**  
The Accusation Against Gen. James Wilkinson—Spelling of Kansas.

**Save by His Manners.**  
The superintendent of the National Zoological Park at Washington told of an amusing act of apparent politeness on the part of a monkey that had a most peculiar effect upon a dog belonging to the superintendent.

The official in question says that one day, while he was walking down Pennsylvania avenue, accompanied by his favorite fox terrier, an Italian street piano player, with a trained monkey, pulled up at a cross street and began to play.

The monkey was attired in the regulation jacket and cap, and seemed to be an unusually bright little fellow. While the man was grinding out the music, the monkey hopped down from the piano where he had been sitting.

This was enough for the fox terrier. He immediately made a dash for the monkey, which awaited the onslaught with such composure that the dog halted within a few feet of him, evidently to reconsider. Both animals gazed long and steadily at each other, then, with a sudden movement, the monkey raised his paw and gracefully saluted the enemy by raising his cap. The effect was magical. The dog's head and tail dropped, and he retired in confusion.

**Slump in Skeleton Market.**  
War has one curious effect; it always brings on a slump in the skeleton market. A good skeleton is worth a good deal of money, but the high death rate in the war in the East has brought the prices down rapidly. They went up quickly after the slump during the Boer war, but during that trouble they were quoted at only \$17.50.

**Man a Little Reserved.**  
Fond Father—Heaven bless you, sir, for rescuing my daughter from a watery grave. Think of the risk you ran!

Life Saver—No risk at all, sir; I'm married.—Answers.

A man is fortunate if he has passed 50, and can talk without having to stop every minute and grab in the air for a word.



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