

Talk about there being a "Hot Time in the old Town To-night," but what about Springfield next month.

Mr. Mallory, of Lacon, the gentleman who so ably managed Senator Fort's campaign last fall, is a candidate for superintendent of the reformatory at Pontiac.

The year 1901 will be ushered in on us next Tuesday morning, and it is certainly full of responsibilities collectively and individually. As a nation we are grander and greater and indeed the greatest on earth. New responsibilities have come and are coming all the time and greatest questions being met and handled satisfactorily. Great duties confront us and the individual is growing greater as well as the nation. There is a certain pride which makes us all strive to keep up the pace in all lines, and assume responsibilities with less difficulty. May the nation and the state and the people continue to be prosperous is the wish of the STAR AND HERALD.

There bids fair to be a red hot time in Springfield from about Jan. 7 to 8, when the houses of representatives are organized. Judge Sherman is certainly the popular candidate for speaker and a strong favorite for speaker, but it seems that many of Judge Yates' close friends are inclined toward Mr. Shanahan, of Chicago, for the good work he done for Mr. Yates at the time of the stampede at the Peoria convention, which resulted in Judge Yates' nomination. Judge Sherman is one of the ablest men in Illinois, a brilliant orator and a fine speaker and no one ever left the chair more highly respected than he, and his record will go a long way to land him a winner. It is not claimed that Judge Yates is taking a hand in the fight, and it is quite probable that Sherman will be speaker, unless some compromise is made. No one says anything against Mr. Sherman and it rather looks as if the best compromise to make would be to elect him unanimously. In the senate the factions are still warring and both confident. These contests and the senatorial fight, and the hotter than all contests—those for jobs under the administration—will make Springfield about the hottest place politically in the country, no matter how the thermometer stands.

CONGRESSMAN REEVES INTERVIEWED.

From the Free Press. Congressman Reeves, who returned on Saturday for the holiday vacation, was seen by a Free Press reporter this morning. Mr. Reeves says he expects to remain at home for about two weeks.

"I see, Mr. Reeves," said the reporter, "that great interest has been awakened in the Rivers and Harbors bill, which comes from one of your committees. Will you tell us something of this matter?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Reeves, "the work of the Rivers and Harbors committee effects interest all over the country. Hence the great interest taken in it by so many persons. Our committee was in session constantly every day and nearly every night since the convening of congress. The projects for River and Harbor improvements which have received the approval of the chief of engineers will require, to complete them, as nearly as we can estimate, between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000. The problem for the committee to solve is to keep the appropriations within proper bounds and apply the same where it will do the commerce of the country the greatest good.

"After selecting projects with the greatest care possible, we found, when through, that our bill would carry over \$78,000,000. This was more than the committee felt should be appropriated at one time. We thereupon again revised the bill, reducing the amounts where we could, leaving appropriations where they were most needed, until our bill was reduced to \$59,990,605, of which amount something over \$22,000,000 will be cash and the balance deferred as the work progresses but authorized to be expended. I notice it is reported in some of the paper that no provision was made for the Hennepin canal and other similar projects. That is an error due to the misunderstanding of the correspondent. The bill of June, 1896, authorized the completion of the Hennepin Canal, and the money for the work is appropriated by the committee from year to year, as required on the estimate of the Secretary of War."

"You have been reported as objecting to the British flag being used in decorating the hall of the House of Representatives at the Centennial Celebration of locating the Capital at Washington. What about it?"

"This is simply ridiculous; entirely so. I have not seen the publications but I have heard of them. The facts are these: On the day of the celebration, the Senate and House were to meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the hall of the House of Representatives.

About 10 o'clock in the forenoon I was passing through the House on my way to my committee room. A reporter stopped me and asked me if I knew what was going on about the British flag. I answered No, I knew nothing about it, and asked what it was. The Reporter pointed to the men decorating the hall and to the fact that the British flag was suspended about one-half over the executive gallery, and said that the reporters were sending out "yards of stuff" to the effect of an effort being made to connect the executive department of our government in especial affiliation with the British government, as against all others, or, in other words, to hint at an alliance between our country and Great Britain; that "yards of this stuff" was being sent all over the United States, that it was a shame and ought to be stopped.

"I went into the speaker's room, told him what the reporter had said, and suggested that it might be well to look at it and avoid an opportunity for this character of criticism. The Speaker at once sent for the deputy sergeant-at-arms and told him to so arrange the flags as to show no partiality toward any other country; that if any of the flags were placed around the diplomatic gallery, to put them all there, so as to avoid any sign of favoritism anywhere. The deputy sergeant-at-arms so adjusted the display as to avoid criticism. This is all there was of it from start to finish. Neither the deputy sergeant-at-arms nor any other person ever thought of discriminating among the flags of various foreign countries. The whole thing was ridiculous from beginning to end."

In reply to an inquiry as to the general work of congress, Mr. Reeves said: "Congress is very actively at work. The democrats accept, in good part, the verdict of the last election, and say they do not propose to filibuster in any way, but simply wish to state their position on the different questions as they arise. It will be a very busy, active session of congress."

"What about the deep water way from Chicago to St. Louis?" "Our committee on Rivers and Harbors has placed an item of \$200,000 in the bill for a complete survey, plans and specifications, and an estimate of costs for a 14-foot channel from the end of the drainage canal at Lockport through the Desplaines, the Illinois and the Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. This is what was asked by the Illinois Valley Association. Of course, I can not tell what the fate of any part of the bill will be in the House and Senate."

THE CAPE RISING GROWS.

Lord Kitchener Seems to Be Unable to Stem the Invaders in the Colony.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS TO BE SENT.

The Boers Have Occupied Britstown—A Military Crisis Impending—Squadron of Yeomanry Captured and Several Britons Killed—London Press Optimistic.

London, Dec. 22.—The Boer invasion of Cape Colony is still causing alarm and more troops are to be sent to South Africa from Great Britain and the colonies to crush the burghers.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch says the Boers have occupied Britstown, but Lord Kitchener reports his forces active and hopeful.

Military Crisis. London, Dec. 26.—Advices say that Cape Colony is near a military crisis, the situation depending on arms and ammunition in the hands of Boer sympathizers.

Renewed Anxiety. London, Dec. 27.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December, and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

Cape Town Dispatches. The following dispatches are published by the papers from Cape Town: "A squadron of yeomanry which had been following the Boers from Britstown is reported to have been entrapped. There were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured."

Mysterious Dispatch. A Burghersdorp dispatch has a mysterious reference to "an unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's horse, which resulted in the sounding of 'Cease fire' and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament."

Success Doubtful. Gen. Clements' success against the Boers in the Magaliesberg region is also doubtful, the last dispatch reporting that "it was considered advisable not to force the Boers from their positions."

Press Optimistic. The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such immense tracts of country even when the Boers shall be finally subdued.

Lord Roberts Reaches Madeira. Funchal, Island of Madeira, Dec. 27.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board, arrived here Tuesday evening, receiving a salute of 19 guns on entering the port. Wednesday morning Lord Roberts was tendered an official reception by the authorities, and at noon, aboard the Canada, he proceeded to Gibraltar.

To Recruit for the Navy. Washington, Dec. 27.—A plan of recruiting sailors for the United States navy from the farms and the country towns is now under consideration at the navy department. The recruiting now is carried on outside of the large cities, but it has not reached the interior sections remote from large centers.

Execs His Conscience. Washington, Dec. 27.—The secretary of the treasury has received from a town in the south a conscience contribution of \$200. In the course of his letter the sender says that he defrauded the government out of revenue taxes on tobacco to that amount in 1871-2-3.

Has Recovered. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Russian minister of the interior, M. Sipagin, who arrived here from Livadia, where Emperor Nicholas is convalescing, asserts that the czar is now completely restored, being able to take long walks and drives daily.

Indian Schools Improve. Washington, Dec. 26.—Miss Estelle Reel, general superintendent of the Indian schools, in her third annual report announced increased enrollment and gratifying improvements over previous years in the Indian schools.

Estate Is Worth \$246,000. Boston, Dec. 27.—The estate of the late Roger Wolcott represents, according to an assessor's book of Boston and Milton, about \$246,000. The real value would be considerably in excess of that amount.

Attacked by Yaquis. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mexican troops in Sonora, Mex., were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians and four officers and about 30 men were killed outright.

Death of Roger Wolcott. Boston, Dec. 22.—Roger Wolcott, governor of Massachusetts in 1896, 1897 and 1898, died at his home in this city, aged 53 years. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death.

Strike Declared Off. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.—President Dolph, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, has declared the strike of the operators on the Santa Fe off.

Nine Drowned. Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The sailing ship Iverra was wrecked near Goeteborg, southwestern Sweden, and nine of the crew were drowned.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Set Free. Patrick Furlong, who was convicted of murder at the January term, 1899, of the Cook county criminal court and sentenced to the penitentiary for 25 years, has been given his liberty through a commutation issued by Gov. Tanner. The recommendation of Judge Gary and of the jury prompted the governor's action. Charles Nelson, of Chicago, who was convicted at the November term of the criminal court for the murder of his wife and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 25 years, was also discharged on commutation papers.

Killed in a Runaway. William Hanna, aged 73, a manufacturer, was killed in a runaway at Monmouth. He was the principal owner of the Monmouth Mining & Manufacturing company, the Maple City soap works and the Monmouth Pottery company, all large enterprises. He was also the builder of the Peoria & Farmington railroad, now the Illinois part of the Iowa Central road; the owner of a 25,000-acre ranch in Texas and a large stockholder in the Nelson gold mining tunnel at Creede, Col.

Took His Own Life. Harry P. Rogers, one of the most widely known hotel managers in southeastern Illinois, committed suicide at the Lindell hotel in Shelbyville by shooting himself. His action is attributed to despondency over business reverses and domestic troubles. His wife was divorced from him eight months ago and remarried. Rogers conducted hotels at Arcola, Ramsey, Charleston and other cities.

Hanged for Murder. Preserving to the last the silence with which he has shrouded his identity, John Owens, alias Radcliffe, was hanged at Paris for the brutal murder of James F. Hogue, of that city, on September 22. Some hours after the execution of J. Owens a card was found in his cell stating that his father's name is T. H. Wolsam, and that he resides six miles south of Middleboro, Ky.

Appointed Delegates. Gov. Tanner has appointed the following delegates at large for the state of Illinois to the national live stock convention to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 15 to 18, 1901: Representative William Thiemann, Arlington heights; D. W. Wilson, Elgin, and George F. Bucher, Mount Carroll.

Told in a Few Lines. Dr. Henry T. Woodruff, who for 45 years had practiced as a physician in Harvard, died at the age of 61 years. He was surgeon in the One Hundredth Illinois regiment in the civil war.

Louis A. Rowley died at his home in Galena, aged 51 years. He was a son of Gen. William R. Rowley, a member of Gen. Grant's staff.

John D. Rockefeller's Christmas present to the University of Chicago is \$1,500,000, making his total gifts thus far \$9,202,374.

Policeman Grady shot and instantly killed John, alias "Red," Corbett, a notorious Chicago criminal.

Illinois is the largest manufacturer of oleomargarine in the country, with an annual output of 39,000,000 pounds, or 46 per cent. of all that is made in the United States.

After a separation of two years John Snyder, a butcher in La Salle, went to Chicago and fatally shot his wife and killed himself.

Mrs. Solried committed suicide in Metropolis by shooting herself. It is supposed that she was mentally unbalanced.

Dr. Ephraim Ingals, pioneer physician and benefactor of Rush medical college, Chicago, died at the age of 78 years.

The case of Mrs. Josephine Hilger, charged with the murder of her husband, has been continued to the February term of court in Kewanee. Mrs. Hilger will soon become a mother.

The Crane Manufacturing company in Chicago divided \$100,000 among its 3,000 employes as a Christmas gift.

John W. Marshall, aged 84, died at McLeansboro from the effects of a fall from the steps of his residence. He settled in Hamilton county in 1830 and served as county clerk from 1848 to 1872.

William Dooley, aged 20, who killed Charles E. White in a quarrel in Peoria, was found guilty of manslaughter, the jury fixing the penalty at indeterminate punishment in the state reformatory.

Gov. Tanner has appointed Philo B. Miles, of Peoria, a commissioner for the Illinois asylum for incurable insane at Peoria to succeed E. P. Easton, resigned.

Robbers wrecked the Bank of Longview, but the terrific explosion aroused the villagers and the gang fled without securing the \$8,000 in the broken safe.

Gov. Tanner has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of an unknown man who shot and killed Michael Corcoran, an aged citizen of Griggsville, Pike county, December 11 last.

Rev. John Stowers, aged 80 years, for half a century a pioneer Methodist minister, died at his home at Paradise. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Mrs. Sarah A. Whitecomb, an old and wealthy resident of Morrison, died suddenly of pneumonia at Colorado Springs, Col., while returning home from a visit to California.

James P. Bellinger, of Alton, who killed Mrs. Hattie Watson, was convicted of manslaughter.

Benjamin F. Perksier, chief of police of Mattoon, died from hemorrhage of the lungs, aged 37 years.

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RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The river and harbor bill has been completed, and Chairman Burton gave out a statement showing the amounts appropriated. The total is approximately \$60,000,000. The items of interest to the northwest are:

- Indiana—Michigan City, outer harbor, \$15,000. Illinois—Waukegan, \$100,000 cash; contract \$245,000. Michigan—Charlevoix, \$30,000; Frankfort, \$54,500; Grand Haven, \$10,000; Grand Marais, harbor of refuge, \$70,000; Manistee, \$42,000; Holland, Black Lake, \$75,000; Muskegon, \$75,000; Ontonagon, \$8,000; Pentwater, \$20,000; Portage Lake, refuge, \$33,800; Sand Beach, refuge, \$7,500; St. Joseph, \$100,000; South Haven, \$22,000; White Lake harbor, \$15,000; Marquette, \$28,000; Ludington, \$35,000; Petoskey, \$15,000; Saugatuck, \$15,000; Menominee harbor, Michigan and Wisconsin, \$5,000; Cheboygan harbor, \$8,000; Monroe, \$2,000. Wisconsin—Ahnapee, \$10,000; Green Bay, \$10,000; Kenosha, \$9,500; Kewaunee, \$11,000; Milwaukee, harbor of refuge, \$19,000; Milwaukee harbor, \$1,000; Port Washington, Sheboygan, new project, \$48,100; Ashland, \$40,000; Two Rivers harbor, \$20,000; Sturgeon Bay canal, harbor of refuge, \$11,000; Oconto, \$5,000; Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship canal, \$73,500; Manitowoc, \$8,000; Manitowoc breakwater, \$37,000; Port Wing, \$25,000. Illinois—Calumet river, Illinois and Indiana, \$75,000; Illinois river, below Vincennes, deep waterway, \$200,000. Indiana—Wabash river, below Vincennes, \$35,000. Michigan—Saginaw river, \$40,000; Black river at the mouth, \$2,500; Rouge river, \$5,000; St. Joseph's river, \$700; Grand river, \$125,000; Detroit river, \$500,000; St. Clair Flats canal, \$330,000; West Nausib, \$500,000. Wisconsin—Fox river, \$60,000; St. Croix river, \$2,000; Menominee river, \$7,500. Minnesota—Red River of the North, \$10,000.

HOLIDAY RECESS.

Both Branches of the Fifty-Sixth Congress Adjourn Until the 3d of January.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The senate was called to order yesterday by Senator Fairbanks (Ind.), and after prayer, in which the sudden death of the wife of Senator Frye (Me.), president pro tem. of the senate, was feelingly referred to, an adjournment was taken until Thursday, January 3.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The house was in session only 25 minutes yesterday, when it adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Wise, of Virginia. The customary of Mr. Wise, of Virginia, and a committee of 17 members was appointed to attend the funeral. Under the concurrent resolution adopted a few days ago the adjournment was until January 3.

Shoots Hogs, Then Himself.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 26.—Word was received here of the suicide of R. W. Burrus, a wealthy cattle man of the Caddo country, near Mountainview. After shooting about 50 hogs for his ranch meat supply, he turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his brain. He had been warned a few days ago by a physician that he showed symptoms of Bright's disease.

Unable to Locate Pai Crowe.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The local police have been unable to locate Pai Crowe, wanted for kidnaping young Cudaby in Omaha. Two officers declare they saw Crowe here a day or two after the kidnaping, but he could not be located now. Some believe Crowe is being secreted by persons here who are known to be friendly to him.

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