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**FOSTER OFF TO PARIS**  
There Will be no Secretary of State Appointed to the Vacancy.

**THE COURT OF ARBITRATION.**  
Foster's Experience Specially Fits him for the Position.

**ELECTRICITY MAY BE CHEAPER.**  
A French Improvement on Faraday's Disk Likely to Work Wonders—Other News.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.]  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Secretary of State John W. Foster will lay down the portfolio of state on February 1st, and leave for Europe. His objective point will be Paris, where the court of arbitration in the Behring sea controversy will hold their sessions. Some months ago, before Mr. Foster was appointed to succeed Mr. Blaine, the president had selected him to represent the United States as special council before the court of arbitration. It was expected after Mr. Foster became secretary of state that another gentleman would be chosen as special counsel. The president, however, feels that Mr. Foster's experience fits him especially to discharge the duties of the place, and that at his suggestion Mr. Foster will leave the state department in time to attend the first meeting of the board. From the time of his departure until the 4th of March next Mr. Wharton will discharge the duties of secretary, a work for which his long connection with the department has admirably fitted him. Mr. Foster will be accompanied to Europe by Mrs. Foster, and after the court of arbitration has closed its sittings the secretary and his wife will travel on the continent for some months, returning to the United States some time during the coming autumn.

**May Cheapen Electricity.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—[Special.]—Two French scientists have recently discovered an entirely new property of Faraday's disk, and the result may be an important improvement in the dynamo. It will be remembered that Faraday discovered the principle of the dynamo when he attached one end of the wire to the center of a copper disk revolving between the poles of a magnet and the other end at the circumference. A current of electricity was thus produced on the wire, and this simple experiment resulted in the commercial dynamo. Instead of the Faraday disk, the French scientists employ tin plates of a certain constitution not made public. These plates are composed, in the direction of their thickness, of a very magnetic and highly conducting metal, and are so placed that the lines of force of the field of the magnet are perpendicular to this direction of thickness. Thus it is said, the flow of induction which proceeds from the north pole of the magnet is divided into several sheets of parallel lines, which are very close together and which only traverse the magnetic portions of the bimetallic conductors. The discoverers of this property constructed a small machine employing this principle, and it was found that the available energy of the machine increases at a rate which is practically proportional to the height of the conductors. The results achieved are remarkable, and are believed to indicate a valuable discovery of great commercial importance.

**Gov. Nelson There.**  
ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—In joint session the legislature listened to the address of retiring Governor Merriman and the inaugural address of Governor Nelson. The latter recommends the extension of the manufacture of binding twine at the state prison; calls attention to the necessity for action looking to uniformity in public school text-books; suggests a constitutional amendment for the taxation of the gross earnings of mining, express, parlor and sleeping car companies; recommends the state inspection of all elevators.

**The Massachusetts Senatorship.**  
BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The legislature assembles this afternoon, and from now on the senatorial fight will wax fast and furious. Congressman Cotapo has a strong and enthusiastic support. The legislature on joint ballot stands 198 republican to 81 democratic.

**Has Passed Both Houses.**  
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The constitutional amendment bill postponing the election until November has passed both houses.

**The New Members Sworn In.**  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—The legislature met at noon. The new members were sworn in. It then adjourned till tomorrow. Caucuses for the nomination of officers will be held tonight.

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**Republican Victory in Colorado.**  
DENVER, Jan. 4.—The republicans have organized the house, and will probably control the senate. In the house, Platt Wickes, after a bitter fight, was chosen temporary speaker by a vote of thirty-three to thirty-two. Ammons will be chosen permanent speaker by the same vote. The result was achieved over a democratic-populist combination. The senate adjourned without action.

**The Deadlock in Nebraska.**  
LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4.—The deadlock in the senate remains unbroken. Frank Wilson, republican, was chosen temporary secretary, but it was a pre-arranged plan to make a show of progress. The members were regularly seated and sworn in, after which they adjourned till this afternoon. The house continued the work of organizing, the independents taking all the offices except one.

**Populists Not In It.**  
TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—The supreme court this morning decided two of the four legislative contests argued yesterday, one in Jackson county, the other in Republic county, both against the populists. A further hearing will be had in the two other cases. If James Wilson, independent republican, will act with the party, the republicans can organize the house, even if one of the undecided cases go against them. The republicans claim he will do so.

**After The Detectives.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Senator Chandler introduced a bill today making it unlawful for any body of men numbering 10 or more to assemble, drill or bear arms as a military body unless called for by the properly authorized civil or military officers. It makes it the duty of the president to disband and disperse any such organization. This bill is aimed at the Pinkerton and semi-military anarchist organizations. Senator Chandler also introduced a bill to restrict immigration. It designates four new classes of excluded persons, provides for information regarding immigrants, the issue of certificates by a United States consul, requirement for more cubic space for immigrants aboard vessels, and a new naturalization clause requiring 60 days' notice of the application.

Probably the French crisis will slowly fritter away in the outbreak of multifarious duels.  
A young man was on top of a building in Salem shoveling snow during the recent storm. He didn't know there was a skylight in the roof until he incidentally stepped into it and found himself in a drygoods store fifteen feet below.

At the coming session of the legislature a bill will be introduced providing for an additional judge in the 6th district. This is a large district, and the two judges are kept "on the jump" to dispatch the steadily accumulating volume of business.

Mr. Villard is the latest democrat to make application for membership in the society of gentlemen who don't want cabinet positions. Mr. Villard does not think it would be well for him to go into Cleveland's cabinet. Mr. Villard should not think entirely of himself; he should give some thought to his railroad and its stockholders. Nobody would be so glad to see Mr. Villard in the Cleveland cabinet as the stockholders of his road, whose property has been depreciating since Mr. Villard again took control.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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**SENSATIONAL STORY.**

The Mystery of the Murder of A. J. Snell in Chicago.

TASCOTT IS NOT THE MURDERER.

He Furnishes an Interview in Alaska Shaded with Romance.

CAN BE HAD WHEN HE IS WANTED.

Tascott Only Personates the Actual Murderer, Who is Believed to Be a Man of Wealth.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.]  
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—It is said there is the substance of fact in the story which comes from Spokane respecting the whereabouts of William B. Tascott wanted in this city for the murder of millionaire Snell. Full particulars have been sent for, and the narrative is substantially this, as told by Jules Beauvais, a well-known and reliable mining man, now in Spokane from the Slocon country, where he is developing some fine properties. Last summer he was prospecting in Alaska, and states with every indication of truthfulness that in Sitka, Juneau and other places he saw and conversed with William B. Tascott, who is accused of the murder of Snell, the Chicago millionaire. "I knew him in Chicago," said Mr. Beauvais, "and I can not possibly be mistaken. He has changed very little in appearance, only he is slightly more rugged now and shows some signs of dissipation." Mr. Beauvais related further that Tascott has been in Alaska nearly all the time since the murder, and makes no pretense of concealing his identity. He has made a little money at times prospecting and dabbling in mining properties, but during the past summer he was hard up and drinking heavily. Mr. Beauvais gave him money on several occasions, Tascott stating that the mystery of the murder will soon be cleared up and then he will have plenty of money. He dislikes to talk about the murder, but when questioned on the subject answers without hesitation, but quickly changes the drift of conversation into other channels. The theory prevailing in Alaska is that Tascott did not kill Snell, but that the murder was perpetrated by some one of wealth and influence, and he having been of a romantic and adventurous disposition accepted a bribe to take upon his own shoulders the odium of another's crime. An officer will be sent to Alaska from Portland to bring Tascott to Oregon, where an officer from this city will meet them and bring the prisoner here for a trial, which may prove to be the greatest sensation of modern times. Detective Dyer, who probably knows more than anybody else regarding the murder of Snell, says the real murderer hired Tascott to go with him to rob the Snell residence; that Snell heard them and came down stairs, and that the man mentioned killed him. Tascott, he declares, could have been arrested many times over if he really was wanted.

**Fond Hopes Realized.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—The 38th general assembly of Illinois convened at noon. Long before the hour of meeting the galleries of both houses were crowded with spectators. Among the visitors were many prominent leaders of both parties, but the most conspicuous in the throng were a dozen or more veteran democrats, who came from all parts of the state to witness the realization of their dreams for a quarter of a century, the opening of an assembly democratic in both branches; with a democratic executive at their back. Caleb Johnson was chosen temporary speaker. Clayton E. Crofts, dem., was elected permanent speaker. Senator Coppinger was chosen president of the senate pro tem.  
A fine lot of furniture going very low at Crandall & Burget's new store.