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The vote from wards shows, as far as it has been counted, that the republicans have elected 11 aldermen and the democrats nine. The contest in several wards is very close and an actual count will probably be necessary to determine the result. The city council has been composed of 45 democrats and 23 republicans, and the democrats will without doubt retain a working majority.

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THE OCCASION WILL BE MADE A NOTABLE EVENT.

Prominent People to Participate in Festivities in Laying of Corner Stone of Chicago's New Postoffice.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Postmaster Gordon has returned from the east and announced the result of his efforts in behalf of the corner stone festival of the new postoffice which will be held on Chicago day, October 1, 1901.

On behalf of the parade committee, Dr. Gordon secured the promise of General Wesley Merritt, to act as grand marshal and of General Joseph Wheeler to act as the commander of one division of the great parade. On behalf of the festival committee, he secured Secretary Long as one of the speakers, and got Justice White of the supreme court to consider a similar invitation.

He induced Postmaster General Smith to promise an address at the laying of the corner stone. He invited Chief Justice Fuller to deliver an oration on that occasion and he will do so if he returns in time from the Venezuela commission's session in Paris. Mr. Gordon's invitation to attend the exercises was accepted by Senators Chandler, of New Hampshire; Daniel, of Virginia; Jones, of Nevada; and Warren, of Wyoming; Adjutant General Corbin, Postmaster Vanhorn, of New York; Postmaster Knight, of Richmond, Va.; Governor Tyler, of Virginia; and Henry Watterson.

Mr. Gordon is making a vigorous effort to have the corner stone festival the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone. The matter will be laid before Governor Roosevelt when he visits Chicago next week to speak before the Hamilton club. He also thinks of making an effort to secure the presence of the cadet corps from West Point.

The president's secretary, Mr. Porter will present the formal invitation to Mr. McKinley early in June. The architect informed Mr. Gordon that the corner stone of the new postoffice was a block of granite 12 by 4 by 2 feet in size, having a cavity in the center 12 by 9 inches for the insertion of a stone. The corner stone will be laid on the southeast corner of the Jackson boulevard front, six feet from Dearborn street.

HEAVY CUSTOMS BUSINESS. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The Examiner says: During the past few months there has been an unprecedented increase in the volume of exports and imports at San Francisco. The business of the customs house has reached such magnitude that the present force of employees is wholly inadequate, and Collector Jackson has petitioned the treasury department to appoint additional customs inspectors.

During the last month many vessels from foreign ports were delayed in discharging their cargoes because the customs house had not sufficient men to perform the work required by the United States import laws.

TO DEVELOP ORIENTAL TRADE. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Ho Yow, the Chinese consul general in this city, suggests the formation of an international trading company between this country and China to take advantage of the present favorable conditions for the development of American trade in the orient. He has submitted the idea to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. It is Ho Yow's plan to form a company which shall handle manufactures and natural products of all kinds, establish depots and agencies in the treaty ports and other points in China, with a capital of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and strong enough to compete with the syndicates of England and Germany.

CANDIDATES USED THE MAIL. CHICAGO, April 4.—The present majority campaign has been a record breaker in the volume of mail sent through the post office. More than 2,000,000 pieces have been sent out. The present majority campaign has been a record breaker in the volume of mail sent through the post office.

HOW TO RELIEVE THE OREGON. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The Examiner says: The battleship Iowa, at present at the Union Iron works undergoing repairs, has been ordered to proceed to Manila to relieve the Oregon. The Oregon has been ordered to proceed to San Francisco as soon as the Iowa appears. Repairs in progress on the Iowa will take three weeks or more to accomplish. She will be the sole to Port Orchard to be docked. It is said that she sprung a slight leak by bumping into a pier in New York harbor, and that one of her steel plates will need to be repaired.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS INSANE. SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—William A. Phillips, an accomplished scholar, and the son of J. N. Phillips, a famous missionary of Indiana, has been placed a ward of the reformatory hospital to be held until the question of his sanity has been decided. He was taken in charge in the Oakland public library rooms by Sergeant Green, who found the demented student armed with a Colt's pistol and his pockets filled with cartridges. Over study is believed to have affected the young man's mind.

AFFAIRS IN ARGENTINE. NEW YORK, April 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso says: The Puna de Atacama commissioners arrived so late last night that the threatened hostile demonstration did not start until President Broussard will start in a few days on a trip through the northern provinces. The feeling against the award of Mr. William I. Buchanan, United States minister to Argentina, Puna de Atacama district, is subsiding. Counterfeiting of \$1,000,000 notes has been discovered. The gold premium is 25 per cent.

ESTATE GOES TO MRS. HINCKLEY. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—A dispatch received from court of the United States dismissed the appeal of the Kentucky or "Gypsy" Blythe in their suit for part of the estate left to Florence Blythe-Hinckley by her father, the late Thomas H. Blythe. This decision confirms the title of Mrs. Hinckley to the estate, which consists chiefly of property in this city, valued at about \$5,000,000.

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Physicians Say That Vile Odors Rose From the Meat After It Was Embalmed.

PROPOSITION FROM MILES Wishes to Furnish the Court With Witnesses, but His Offer is Not Yet Acted Upon.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The army court of inquiry again heard Dr. Duly in regard to the character of the beef furnished the army during the late war. He reiterated his former statements. He reiterated his former statements. He reiterated his former statements.

Dr. Nicodemus, of Philadelphia, who now serves in Porto Rico, corroborated his testimony, comparing the smell of the beef to the odor about a disarming room. The day brought out a proposition from General Miles to supply the court with a large number of witnesses, and that he had February offered official reports of 15 officers as testimony, but that the court had not indicated its acceptance of the matter. During the afternoon the board sent a reply to General Miles, saying it would take the matter of his proposition to supply more witnesses under consideration, but intimating that the board did not require further testimony relating to canned roast beef.

SHAPTER TO GIVE EVIDENCE. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—General Shapter has been summoned to appear as a witness before the beef inquiry court, now sitting in Washington.

BLAMES THE CONTRACTORS. Inspector General Brockbridge's Opinion of Beef Furnished the Army. NEW YORK, April 4.—Inspector General J. C. Brockbridge, who has just returned from Porto Rico, is quoted in the World interview as saying: "It is my opinion that the government intimated to furnish the army with food, the like of which had never been seen by the army of any country. I think that the contractors, to use a vulgar term 'trug in a cold deck.' The canned beef was largely unfit for food. It had no nutrition. I put some of the canned beef in my saddlebags and carried it over to General Lawton's headquarters. I gave it to the natives, and officers and remarked 'here is a treat for you.' He at once opened one of the cans and the appearance of the food and the odor emitted nauseated him."

"Our men, both at Porto Rico and Cuba, seemed to be in excellent spirits, and the presence of the regiments had an excellent effect on the natives. I do not know that it is necessary for me to say anything about the campaign in Cuba. That is not only ancient history, but according to General Shapter's reports, I took no part in the campaign. Still I have a very decided impression that the contractors, to use a vulgar term 'trug in a cold deck.' The canned beef was largely unfit for food. It had no nutrition. I put some of the canned beef in my saddlebags and carried it over to General Lawton's headquarters. I gave it to the natives, and officers and remarked 'here is a treat for you.' He at once opened one of the cans and the appearance of the food and the odor emitted nauseated him."

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"I see that in New York you have been burying some of the poor fellows who died on Cuban soil. Do you think the removal of the bodies was a great sensation?"

"We ought to establish national cemeteries, both in Cuba and Porto Rico, for many more Americans will die there. The exhuming of the bodies seemed to lack discretion. The corpses were practically shoveled into the coffins. They had not been buried long enough to become skeletons. They had been interred too long to warrant their satisfactory removal from one coffin to another."

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How To Gain Flesh. Persons have been known to gain a pound a day by taking an ounce of SCOTT'S EMULSION. It is strange, but it often happens. Somehow the ounce produces the pound; it seems to start the digestive machinery going properly, so that the patient is able to digest and absorb his ordinary food, which he could not do before, and that is the way gain is made. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health; if you have not got it you can get it by taking Scott's Emulsion. You will find it just as useful in summer as in winter, and if you are thriving upon it don't stop because the weather is warm. Scott & Downe, Chemists, New York.

PRIZEFIGHTING LICENSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The new law which makes prizefighting legal in California has been brought to the attention of the supervisors by Dr. Foran, who has introduced an ordinance fixing a license of \$500 a year on prizefighting or conducting boxing contests.

In explanation of his measure the supervisor stated that the power of granting permits for fights need no longer in the hands of all that now remained for the supervisors was to regulate the sport by fixing a license as a police measure. The matter was referred to the city and county attorney for a legal opinion.

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW. DENVER, April 4.—The Colorado legislature in its closing hours passed an indeterminate sentence law. It provides for a minimum and a maximum sentence, and gives the penitentiary commission the right to parole prisoners after the minimum term has expired.

GENERAL ANDREW'S DEAD. BROOKLINE, Mass., April 4.—George Leonard Andrews, brevet major general, United States army, retired, formerly professor of modern languages at the West Point Academy, died of heart trouble at his home in Brookline today. He was 79 years of age.

MINING COMPANY INCORPORATED. TRENTON, N. J., April 4.—Articles of incorporation of the American Refining Company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, were filed with the secretary of state today. The company is empowered to mine, smelt and refine ores, minerals and metals.

COLUMBIA WILL BE REPAIRED. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The steamer City of Columbia, which recently went on the reef at Honolulu and was subsequently sold for \$150,000, is to be repaired and placed on the route between Hawaii and China.

LILLY POST BECOMES VIOLENT. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Lilly Post, the opera singer, has been adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Agnew. She was so violent that the attendants were compelled to bind her limbs in order to keep her from harming herself.

THE OLD WAY. Of Treating Dyspepsia and Indigestion by Dieting is Dangerous and Useless. One. We say the old way, but really it is a very common one at the present time and many dyspeptic and physicians as well consider the first step to take in attempting to cure indigestion is to diet, either by selecting certain foods and rejecting others or to greatly diminish the quantity usually taken, in other words, the starvation plan is by many supposed to be the first essential.

The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proven time and again, but still the moment dyspepsia makes its appearance a course of dieting is at once advised. All this is really doing is to weaken the stomach and to starve it to a man suffering from dyspepsia, because indigestion itself starves every organ and every nerve and every fibre in the body.

What the dyspeptic wants is abundant nutrition, which means plenty of good wholesome food and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to assist the weak stomach to digest it. This is exactly the purpose for which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are adapted and this is the method by which they cure the worst cases of dyspepsia. In other words, the patient can eat a wholesome food and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets digest it for him. In this way the system is nourished and the overworked stomach rested, because the tablets will digest the food, whether the stomach works or not. One of these tablets will digest 200 grains of meat or eggs.

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The only representative of the Vanderbilt family, according to the New York World, who offered his services as a soldier in the recent war, is William Howard Vanderbilt, a resident of Tacoma, Washington, who enlisted as a private in the First Washington Volunteer. He is a grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt, and was made a corporal soon after his enlistment.

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