COOPERSTOWN. - N. DAKOTA

Walrus skin is the latest thing to be used for covering the hundred and one things necessary for man's happiness. The very handsomest memorandum books, desk pads and card cases come from the skins of the North sea animals, and one and all are completed with silver corners of dull, old-looking metal.

Harboring venomous reptiles, caressing them, loving them, teaching them tricks, and attending to their needs and comforts quite as eagerly as other girls look after their cats, dogs or canary birds, is the strange fad with Miss Lillian Sanderson, who lives among the beautiful, oak-covered hills just back of Nordhoff, Cal. She has a room full of rattlers, tarantulas and Gila monsters.

A curious example of the reward of excessive virtue is the case of certain British pickle manufacturers who have been making their pint bottles hold a little more than a pint, to be on the safe side of the British law. When tnese pint bottles arrived at Canada they found that there was a law in operation which provides that any package measuring more than a pint must pay duty as a quart!

The aborigines of Venezuela dwell in huts built of palm leaves. Each family has its little garden, the chief crop of which is cassava root, useful for bread. These people are among the nakedest on earth, neither men nor women wearing any garment except a small rectangular scrap of beadwork hung in front and fastened by a string. The beadwork is very beautiful, and is always of a particular pattern.

Americans in Alaska are discovering that great profits may be found in reindeer farming. The animals are useful in so many ways. They are cows, for their milk is wholesome; sheep, for their flesh is eaten and clothes made from the skin; horses, for they are the only reliable means of conveyance in the Alaskan region. From their antiers are made tools; from their skin harness and from their sale good Alaskan gold.

The mighty peaks of the Himalayas, several of which rise far above the loftiest elevation attained by any other mountains on the globe, have long challenged the mountain climber with impunity. Sir Martin Conway got to the top of one, 21,000 feet in height, in 1892, but the real giants rise more than a mile above that level. Now Dr. Jacot Guillemot, with a party of two Austrians and three Englishmen, has started for India to attempt the ascent of Mt. Goodwin-Austen, formerly known as Mt. Dapsang.

It appears that Great Salt Lake, in Utah, is doomed. Weather Bureau officials announce that the waters of the lake are rapidly receding, and that unless there is a large increase in the rainfall of that region the lake must eventually dry up. Local observers declare that even an increased rainfall would have no permanent effect in staying the drying-up process. The lake in the last ten years has receded seven or eight feet. Wet seasons do not seem to have made much differ-

With sixty feet of water above them and but a steel film and ten feet or so of mud between, a little group of human ants is toiling day after day, scooping out beneath the North River the path of the new trolley tunnel from Jersey to New York. Within a few feet of them ocean steamers are passing. For 28 years men have been trying to dig that tunnel, and it is more of living persons without their conthan three quarters completed, and it sent. is promised that the cars shall be run. ning through it in 18 months from

All the women who have written to the bachelor governor of Kansas proposing marriage will receive courteous replies, but not from the pen of Gov. Bailey. His private sceretary has begun declining with thanks the offers. saying to each that Gov. Bailey is not in quest of a wife. About fifty photographs will be returned to the senders. Sixty-six declinations will go to New York women and more than 100 to New England states. Not one of the proposals came from a Kansas woman.

A recent analysis of the water of the Dead sea shows that there is over 24 per cent. of solid matter in it. The greatest part of this-over 9 per cent. -is chloride of magnesium. Next in quantity comes common salt, and then chlorides of lime, potash, iron and aluminum in decreasing amounts, with traces also of salts of ammonium, stl- will shington, Jan. 10.-Friday was ica, sulphur, etc. After a person bathes in the water his body becomes | 144 bills were passed, none of especial instantly covered with a thin layer of these salts. The water is extrenely irritating to the eyes.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, who died recently, had known every president of the United States since Jackson. She knew, and knew well, Mrs. Dolly Madison, Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, Queen Victoria, the Empress Eugenie and a host of the most famous women of both continents. A belle of Washington at 14, the bride of a runaway marriage at 17, the wife of the first republican candidate for president in 1856, for years she had lived in quiet and obscurity in a little rosebowered cottage at Los Angeles, Cal., will cast the formal ballot of eleceared for by her devoted daughter.

Both Branches of Congress Resume Business in Washington After a Rest of Fifteen Days.

SUMMARY OF THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Coal Situation Predominates in the Senate - Omnibus Statehood Bill Comes Up and Senator Nelson (Minn.) Opposes the Measure-Nothing Done in the House.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The senate recommended yesterday, after a recess of 15 days, a concurrent resolution providing for the preparation under the direction of the attorney general of a compilation of all laws enacted by the various states relating to trusts or to combinations in restraint of trade and for the regulation and reorganization of corporations. Senator Culberson (Tex.) introduced a joint resolution providing for the admission of anthracite coal free of duty. Senator Lodge (Mass.) introduced a bill suspending for a period of 90 days the duties on coal imported into the United States. Senator Mason (Ill.) introduced a bill providing for the temporary operation of coal mines. Senator Nelson (Minn.) addressed the senate against the omnibus statehood bill and in favor of a single state composed of Oklahoma and Indian Terri-

Washington, Jan. 7.-The day in the senate yesterday was eventful because of a notable speech by Senator Hoar on his bill regulating trusts, and an attack by Senator Vest on protected industries through the operation of the Dingley law. Senator Hoar said in concluding his remarks: "If this bill shall become a law and prove effective, no corporation engaging in the commerce which is within the jurisdiction of congress can keep its condition a secret. No such corporation can do business on fictitious capital or watered stock. No corporation can oppress any rival, whether corporate or individual, by any unlawful practices. If it do, it will be on the condition that every one of its managers become personally liable for its debts and its acts, and will be liable also to heavy criminal liability. This bill depends for its validity on the constitutional power of congress to regulate international and interstate commerce.'

Washington, Jan. 8.-The senate yesterday discussed the bill for the reorganization of the militia and also the statehood bill. A resolution was adopted for an immediate investigation into the entire question of coal supply and the relation between wholesale and retail prices in the Dis-

trict of Columbia. Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Vest's resolution to put anthracite coal on the free list was debated in the senate yesterday, Senator Aldrich (R. I.) | fiercely for a few minutes that the vicspeaking against the resolution. Sen- tims were unable to escape, three being ator Nelson (Minn.) continued his overcome in the building, while the remarks against the omnibus statehood bill. A few minor bills were passed, and the senate adjourned until Monday.

House Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 5.-At noon vesterday the house reconvened after the holiday recess. Many members had not yet returned from their homes and there were not over 100 members on the floor when Speaker Henderson called the house to order. DeWit C. Flanagan, of New Jersey, who was elected to succeed the late Representative Salmon, appeared at the bar and took the oath. The bill to create a general staff for the army was debated, but no action was taken. Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.) introduced a bill to prohibit advertisers from using the names or pictures

Washington, Jan. 7.—The house yesterday passed the bill for the creation of a general staff for the army by a vote of 153 to 52. A number of bills of a minor character were passed, the most important being one to increase the pension of soldiers totally deaf from \$30 to \$40 a month.

Washington, Jan. 8.—In the house yesterday the senate bill for the redemption of the silver coinage of the Hawaiian islands and its recoinage into United States coin was passed and a resolution was adopted to request state authorities to cooperate with the census office in securing a uniform system of death registration

Washington, Jan. 9.-Two tration measures, drawn by torney General Knox and aimed control trusts, were introduce? .. the house yesterday. They produce for publicity and a commission with ample power to enforce its demands. Mr. Griffith (Ind.) introduced a bill limiting the individual wealth of any man to \$10,000,-

...ivate pension day in the house and importance. Mr. Russell (Texas), the successor of the late Mr. De Graffenreid, criticised the house for undue haste in the consideration of private pension legislation and precipitated quite a debate. He called attention to the fact that since the civil war 10,000 special bills had been passed by congress, over 1,000 of these in the first session of the present congress.

Nominated Unanimously. Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 7 .- Senator H. C. Hansbrough was on Tuesday chosen by the republican caucus to succeed himself as United States senator from North Dakota. The nomination was unanimously made. The legislature tion on January 20.

COAL STRIKE HEARING.

sales Besumes Work in Philadelphia and Hears Negunion Side of the Controversy.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—After a recess over the holidays the anthracite coal strike commission resumed its work yesterday of hearing the nonunion men's side of the controversy in the great industrial war in the anthracite coal regions during the past year. The entire day was taken up in hearing the stories of intimidation, boycotting and personal violence, the commission earned nothing new the evidence being mostly cumulative.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—A clash be tween President Mitchell, of the Miners' union, and Chairman Gray, of the coal strike commission, was the feature of yesterday's hearing. Exception was taken by President Mitchell to a remark make by Chairman Gray that he would like to see mire that is around the baser part of plied that he did not wish to indict the organization, but hoped it would disentangle itself entirely from the violence and lawlessness committed during the strike.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.-After occupying eight days, during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the nonunion men, who are a party to the arbitration agreement, closed their case yesterday before the coal strike commission. The coal companies will open their case to-day. Gen. Gobin, of the Pennsylvania militia, testified yesterday that the troops were barely able to maintain

A MICHIGAN TRAGEDY.

Estranged Couple Meet in Adrian and Husband Kills His Wife and Himself.

Adrian, Mich., Jan. 10.-William B. Chio, aged 45, of Toledo, on Friday afternoon, shot and killed his wife Elizabeth, aged 35, and then fired the revolver at his own breast. Both victims were dead, the woman with a bullet wound through her heart. when a crowd of people, who heard the shots, broke into the parlor of Platt's hotel, where the tragedy occurred. The couple had been living apart and the woman was an employe of the hotel. She had charged that her estrangement from her husband had been due to the latter's abusive treatment of their 14-year-old daugh-

FOUR PERISH.

Mother and Three Daughters Lose Their Lives in a Hotel Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Fire in the Hotel Somerset, Wabash avenue and Twelfth street, caused the loss of four lives-Mrs. Margaret Perry and her three daughters-at an early hour. The flames were confined to five rooms on the fifth floor, but they burned so fourth jumped from a window and was killed.

Ex-Congressman Dies.

Denver, Col., Jan. 10 .- Ex-Congressman H. P. H. Bromwell died in this city Friday. He was born in Baltimore, was admitted to the bar at Vandalia, Ill., in 1853, was for four years county judge there, and after removing to Charleston, Ill., was elected to congress, serving from 1865 to 1869. He came to Denver in 1880 and engaged in the practice of

Michigan Legislature. Lansing, Mich., Jan. 8. - Both branches of the Michigan legislature met at noon yesterday and organized Gov. Bliss' message was read to a joint session of the house and senate this morning. January 20 the legislature will elect Senator R. A. Alger, of Detroit, to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator James McMillan.

Dropped Dead,

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.-Capt. Benjamin H. Ferguson, president of the Springfield Marine bank, dropped dead in his office at the bank shortly before noon Wednesday. He was reading a newspaper when a clerk near him saw him drop the paper and fall back in his chair. He died before a doctor could be summoned.

Has 4,000,000 Members.

Boston, Jan. 8.—The twenty-second anniversary of the formation of the first Christian Endeavor society, February 2 next, will be celebrated by at least 4,000,000 members in all parts of the world, according to expectations of the officers of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

In Memory of McKinley. Columbus, O., Jan. 10.-Gov. Nash has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Ohio to observe January 29 with exercises in all schools, colleges and universities commemorative of the sixtieth anniversary of the late President McKinley's birth.

Storm Fatal to Men and Cattle. Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 9.—Ed Stewart and Dan Bronson lost their lives in the storm, near Arlington, S. D., being crushed under ruins of a barn. Over 100 head of stock was also killed.

Killed by Gas. Chicago, Jan. 7.-H. Finkelstein and his wife and two children were asphyxiated by gas at their residence in

this city.

Village Destroyed. Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 8.-The town of been des royed by fire, Loss, \$25,000. 11, ap-

President Bringing Pressure to Bear for Enactment of Anti-Trust Law by Present Congress.

HE CONFERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES.

Goes Over Skinstion in House with Speaker Henderson and Grosvenor -No Particular Measure Discussed -Views of President Expressed by Attorney General Knox.

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt had a conference Wednesday with Speaker Henderson and Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, with regard to proper anti-trust legthe Miners' union come up out of the islation. The conference lasted for a considerable time, the situation in it into the sunlight. Mr. Gray re- the house being discussed thoroughly. It is understood that the president impressed upon his callers who went to the executive offices at his request his desire that some legislation dealing with the trust question should be enacted at the present session of congress. No particular measure was under discussion and, of course, none was agreed upon. Difficult to Handle.

"The trust question is a most difficult one to handle in a legislative way," said Gen. Grosvenor, as he left the executive offices, "but I think into politics when his age was 27, and some measure will be enacted into has had a checkered career. During

MISS DUNLAP ACQUITTED.

Jury at Aledo, Ill., Finds Young Voman Not Guilty of Murder of Allie Dool.

Aledo, Ill., Jan. 5.-Antoinette Dunlap was Saturday acquitted of the charge of poisoning her chum, Allie Dool, by means of chocolates containing strychnine. The jurors worked over the testimony all of the night. The case is one of the most interesting in the criminal annals of Illinois

On the night of August 7 Miss Dunlap purchased some chocolates and shared them with Allie Dool, her closest friend. Miss Dool was immediately taken ill and died shortly afterward in great agony. In her dving statements she practically accused Miss Dunlap of poisoning her. At the preliminary hearing Miss Dunlap was dismissed, but subsequently the grand jury indicted her and she remained in jail three months pending the trial which has just concluded and which occupied five weeks.

SAGASTA IS DEAD.

Former Premier of Spain Succumbs to Attack of Reonabitis and Gastrie Trouble.

Madrid, Jan. 6 .- Former Premier Sagasta died at o'clock Monday night. At half past six he had an attack of heart failure, and it was then thought he was dead. He rallied, however, and lived for four hours and a half.

Sagasta was 76 years old. He drifted

HE IS WITH US AGAIN



And Other Issues Are in the Shade.

law at this session. It will be neces- his life he had been a leader both of sary to steer a middle course between the desires of the radical anti-trust people and those who profess to see little evil in trusts or combinations of capital. That such cre. a course will be adopted by congress

I have no doubt." Attorney General's Views.

Washington, Jan. 7. - Attorney General Knox's views of the position of the administration on the trust question provide for the prevention and punishment of discriminations in rates of trans-portation; prohibiting interstate commerce entirely in products manufactured by illegal combinations; the creation of a commission to supervise the regulation of the trusts substantially similar to the interstate commerce commission in its relation to the railroads, and provision for the expedition of suits against trusts and llegal combinations.

Indiana Legislature Meets. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 9 .- The Sixty-third regular session of the general assembly of Indiana convened Thursday. Both branches met at ten o'clock and were regularly organized by the election of the slates indorsed Wednesday night at the republican caucus. A cordial reception was given to Henry W. Marshall, of Lafayette, as he took the speaker's chair. The senate adjourned after it was organized and met at 11 o'clock with the

Illinois Legislature.

house to listen to Gov. Durbin's mes-

sage.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.-Both houses of the Forty-third general assembly convened promptly soon after noon Wednesday. In the house, after the swearing in of members, the first business was organization, and John H. Miller, being the choice of the republican caucus, was elected speaker and the other officials on the slate were also approved. Gov. Yates' message was read in both houses.

Spent \$12,000,000.

New York, Jan. 6.-Twelve million dollars is the sum expended by the American Young Men's Christian association in 1902 for its work. The membership list has overtopped 300,-000 and the number of associations exceeds 1,600.

Boy Aged 17 Years Hanged. Camden, N. J., Jan. 8 .- Paul Woodward, aged 17 years, was hanged in the jail here Wednesday for the mur-Vista, in sentheastern Oklahoma, has der last Octaber of John Coffin, aged Jennings, aged 14 years. | consideration.

revolutionists and monarchists, and was forced to fly the country twice. He was blamed by Americans as being responsible for the Virginius massa-

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Result of a Passenger Train Crashing Into Rear End of a Freight at Cochrane, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.-As a result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad to-night at Cochrane station, just above Duquesne, seven men are dead, one is dying and five others are injured.

Following is a list of the dead: C. E. Stroud, baggage master, Elizabeth accommodation, Homewood; C. M. Boehner, brakeman of accommodation, Pittsburg; John Stewart, passenger, residence unknown; two unknown foreigners, killed outright; two unknown foreigners, died on way to hospital.

To Honor His Memory.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10 .- The citizens of Carlinville have started a movement looking toward the erection in that city of a monument over the grave of Gen. John M. Palmer, former governor of Illinois and United States senator from this state and the gold democrats' candidate for president of the United States in 1896. The present monument is but a small slab.

Eighteen Drowned. Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 7 .-News of the wreck of the Norwegian bark Prince Arthur and the death by drowning of 18 of the crew was re ceived Tuesday. The scene of the di aster is two miles south of Ozett on the Washington coast, 15 mil from Cape Flattery.

Has Served Many Yearm Oil City, Pa., Jan. 10.-G. W. P. nam, aged 84 years, probably the cest postal character the country, dead at his HN MORestfield, N He was app.

Licoln's first and a clean shave and held class hair cut. to his that positio me a call. death.

Resis ROO President. Washington . 9.—Senator Mc-Laurin (Miss.) lled on Postmaster General Payne Tursda and urged him to reopen the state of post of fice. Mr. Payne told him that the case now rested with President Rocevelt. who was giving the question Areful

The Philippine Commission Urg Congress to Give the Islands a Stable Currency.

WANTS BANKS OF ISSUE ESTABLISHED

Admission of Limited Number Chinese Skilled Laborers Is Ret ommended-Insurrection is Ende and People Are Enjoying Civil Government.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Philippine commission in its annual report made public here urges congress to establish a gold standard in the islands at once and to authorize 'the establishment of banks empowered to issue circulating notes.

The commission's report is a companied by a separate report by Gov. Taft, who reviews the results accomplished by the civil administration of the islands during the fiscal year 1902.

Recommendations.

The report of the commission concludes with the following recommendations:

The establishment of a gold standard in the islands, and of banking corporations empowered to issue circulating bank notes under proper safe-

The reduction of at least 75 per cent. of the Dingley rates of duty upon goods imported into the United States

from the Philippines. An amendment of the Philippine act so that the limit upon lands which may be sold or be held by individuals or corporations from the public domain shall be increased to 25,000 acres, or in the alternative so that the government shall be given the power to lease for 60 years upon competitive bidding tracts from the public land aggregating in any individual or corporate lesser not more than 30,000. It says this legislation is necessary to the development of the islands, and that as the government owns 65,000,000 out of 70,000,000 acres in the archipelago, there is no danger of concentration of ownership in individuals or corpora-

Chinese Labor Needed: That an amendment be made to the . Chinese exclusion act giving power to the government by law to admit a fixed and limited number of Chinamen into the Philippine islands, who are certifled to be skilled laborers, on the bond of he employer that for every Chinese sk-led laborer employed he will employ a Filipino apprentice, and that he will return the Chinese skilled laborer/thus introduced within five years after his admission to the country.

Insurrection Over. Inferring to conditions in the islands

the commission report says: "The insurrection as an organized attempt to subvert the authority of the United States in these islands is elirely at an end, and the whole of the Christian Filipino population, with vention of a few thousand pe in the Moro country in isolated towns, are enjoying civil government.

American Soldiers Idle. Since the civil government was completely established in the Philippine Provinces throughout the archipelago in July of last year, the governor says, an American soldier has not been called on once to fire a gun, the country having been policed by the constabtlary, a force of 5,000 or 6,000 men.

Gov. Taft says the figures show that for the year ended June 30, 1902, the imports, exclusive of quartermaster's stores, of all goods, were \$41,000,000. while the exports were about \$27,000,-1000.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

One Trainman Dies and Others Are Hurt in a Collision Between Trains at More, Ift,

St. Louis, Jan. 10 .- Two express rains running at full speed came into collision at nine o'clock Friday night near Moro, Ill., on the Big Four. A fireman whose name har not been ascertained was killed. Engineer Henricks and Mail Clerk Thomas Corrigan were probably fatally hurt. All the ers but two left the track, but so far s known none of the passengers was eriously hurt. The trains were Nos.

All Barriers Removed.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Confirmation was received here of the reports from Caracas to the effect that all barriers in the way of a settlement of the claims of Great Britain, Germany and Italy against Venezuela had been removed by the last named country yielding to the demands of the European allies.

His Second Term.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 6.-Gov. La Follette was inaugurated for his second term as governor of the state of Wisconsin at exactly 12 o'clock Monday. The ceremony took place in the assembly chamber of the state capitol. Following the governor the new state officers were sworn in.

Burning Fruit and Shade Trees. Marshall, Mo., Jan. 10.—A coal fam-ine prevails in Marshall and the yearby towns. Slater sent to this city for coal, which is scarce here. Many families are burning their fruit trees and shade trees. Cut wood is selly ing for eight dollars a cord, and such

fuel is very scarce. Cherokee, Is., Jan. 9.—John Miller, a leading merchant of Larrabee, was burned to death Wednesday night in flames communicating to his night clothes from a kerosene lamp.