WILL HOLD HIS JOB.

John H. Gear Reelected United States Senator from Iowa.

Started in Life as a Farm Boy and Rose to He a Man of Business, Governor of a Great State and a National Leader.

Years ago they called John H. Gear, just reelected to the United States senate from Iowa, "Old Business." He was then governor of the state (1878-1882), and he gave the affairs of the commonwealth an attention, a care, a discriminating fidelity such as few governors before him had done. The title has clung to Senator Gear ever since, although he has gone on to higher honors and has become a servant of the nation as well as of Iowa.

Senator Gear is New York born. He belongs to the generation of young men who abandoned farm life and small commercial pursuits in the early years of the nineteenth century and came west to find room for their ambitions and energy in which to work. Born in 1825, at Ithaca, he was 18 when he made his way to Burlington, Ia., taking all the chances of travel of that time and facing poverty for the reward which labor might bring in the years to come. He was a merchant in Burlington when Chicago was a struggling village, before the Union Pacific was constructed, when St. Louis was the commercial mart of the west, when the Missouri was to be the great navigable stream of the middle country, when there was not an operated railroad west of Ohio, not a mile of telegraph line, nor any means of transportation but steamboat, stages or one's own feet.

Burlington was a town of considerable importance at that time, having L wide trade and a class of merchants noted for their progressive ideas. Senator Gear, beginning with small capital, increased his field of operations until he was one of the best known merchants in the state. He was shrewd in driving · bargain, paid great attention to details, worked incessantly, paid his bills promptly and laid the foundation for



JOHN HENRY GEAR. Re-Elected United States Senator from the State of Iowa.)

he honorable nickname which he now He did not show an aptitude hen for political life, nor did he make iny effort to enter it. He was a repubican as soon as the new party was orcanized and uncompromising in his atitude on the questions raised during he civil war, but until 1863 he did not olicit the votes of the people, and then only to become the mayor of Burlingon, a position which he filled with

When his term expired he retired sgain to private life, from which he did iot emerge until 1872, when party exgencies demanded his election to the egislature, and he was sent to the jouse. In 1874 he was elected speaker of the house, and again in 1876 the same office was given him. His first term as peaker came at the end of the famous endlock in the grange legislature of 874. From the legislature he passed to he governor's chair, where he served our years. Retiring from the governr's chair, he became a private citizen gain until 1886, when he was elected to ongress and reelected in 1888, practially without opposition.

The landslide against the republican party in 1890 defeated him for reelecion to congress with four other conressmen of the state, but he served as ssistant secretary of the treasury for ome time. In 1892 his party again reurned him to congress, and in January, 894, he was elected to the United States enate as the junior senator from Iowa. lis present term will end March 3, 1901. le was conspicuous in congress for his vork on the committee on ways and neans, where he had charge of the ugar schedule. He is now chairman of he senate committee on Pacific railvays, and it was through his efforts hat the government was successful in ealizing \$117,000,000 from them instead f the \$20,000,000 offered.

Of Interest to Smokers.

The briar pipe is not made of briarwood at all. The word "briar" is a orruption of the French word "bruere," meaning "heath," and the wood used is really that of the heather. When these pipes were introduced into his country the tradesmen found that he French word was rather too diffiult for the ordinary smoker to get told of, and they soon twisted it into he familiar briar. The supply of this vood from France is now almost exausted, and is only found in any quanity in the Alpes Maritimes.

Also a Church Dignitary. It is but little known that in addition o being "defender of the faith" by virtue of her position of sovereign, Queen Victoria is also the oldest digitary of the church by virtue of her po ition of prebendary of St. David's athedral, Llandaff.

Lost Human Muscles. There are many muscles in the human body, control of which has been tost through ages of disuse.

CCNGRESSMAN REEVES.

Well-Known Illinois Legislator Has Openly Announced His Desire to Become Governor.

Walter Reeves, at present the representative in congress of the Eleventh congressional district of Illinois, was born in western Pennsylvania in 1848. He came to Illinois in 1856. After leaving school he taught school for several years in La Salle, Livingston and Marshall counties. He saved his money and was enabled to study law. He was admitted to practice in Streator, Ill., in

1875, where he had resided for 24 years. For many years he has been active in politics, and in 1894 when the Elev-



WALTER REEVES. Congressman Who Wants to Be Governor of the State.)

enth district was divided, the two leading candidates, Thomas J. Henderson and Henry Mayo, withdrew, and the party united on Walter Reeves. He defeated the democratic nominee for congress, Capt. Gibbons, by 4,982 votes, although at that time the district was believed to have a democratic majority of 2,000. In 1896 he was reelected by a majority of 6,251, and in 1898 he ran against ex-Attorney General Maloney and defeated him.

Mr. Reeves has served in congress with distinction. He was a member of the committees on rivers and harbors and patents. He was one of the members chosen by Speaker Reed to confer with the senate committee regarding the river and harbor bill. Mr. Reeves efforts on that joint committee secured an investigation of the whole Nicaragun canal project. He has been greatly complimented for securing this action. which enabled congress to move intelligently in the matter.

Mr. Reeves has announced his candidaey for governor, and has been making a canvass openly for some months. declaring that he represents no faction.

In 1876 Mr. Reeves married Marietta N. Coggswell.

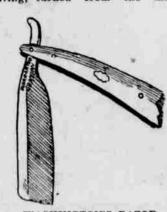
WASHINGTON'S RAZOR.

The Blade Once Used by the Immortal George Now the Property of a Missouri Lady.

The centenary of the death of George Washington has called forth the fact that a Missourian, Mrs. Julia E. Maus, of Linneus, is the possessor of a razor that was the property of the Father of His Country during the revolution, and which he used last on the morning following the battle of Brandywine, says the St. Louis Re-

A well-known colonial character and especial friend of Washington's, Maj Vivian Brookin, who was taking leave of his superior officer, said to the commander: "Gen. Washington, I want you to give me some trivial thing as a token of our friendship, and which may retain as a keepsake."

The general, then just finishing shaving, turned from the mirror



WASHINGTON'S RAZOR. (Now in Possession of Mrs. Julia E. Maus, Linneus, Mo.)

handed Brookin the razor and replied: "Here, take this, and I assure you that with pleasure it is given.

When Maj. Brookin died, several years later, in Petersburg, Va., the razor was left to his grandson and namesake, Col. Vivian Brookin Holmes. who has relatives in Linneus and Centralia. Mo. The blade, after the death of Holmes, passed into the ownership of Mrs. Maus, who still retains the interesting relic.

Upon the blade of the razor, which is of a peculiar shape, the words: "Warranted Gratian," are found near its heel. The handle, on account of its great age, has almost decayed, only about half of the original remaining In the center is a small ornamental carving.

South African War News.

The news from South Africa starts at Cape Town, is sent to Delagoa bay thence to Mozambique, to Zanzibar, to Aden. There it is repeated to Suez, a distance of over 1,400 miles. From Sues it is repeated 143 miles to Alexandria where it is repeated again, this time un der the Mediterranean, 925 miles, to Malta. From Malta it goes to Gibraltar, and thence to Lisbon, the great cable center, 383 miles. At this point it plunges under the Atlantic, 800 miles. to Penzance, and so on to London, and the rest of the world.

AN ELASTIC CURRENCY.

THE PLAN SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY HON. JOSEPH C. SIBLEY.

A Proposition That Would Enable Money to Be Secured Independent of Bankers in Times of Financial

The currency bill introduced in congress by Hon. Joseph C. Sibley deserves the careful consideration of our national lawmakers, and all who are interested in stability of prices and prevention of financial panies, injuriously affecting, as they do, all legitimate interests. The bill provides that any holder of government bonds may deposit them with the United States treasurer, and receive therefor 80 per cent of their face value in treasury notes of the same debt paying power as now granted to the notes issued by national banks. During the period of deposit the interest on the bonds shall cease, or be covered into the United States treasury. Upon the surrender of the certificate of deposit, together with payment of treasury notes equal in amount to the sum advanced, the bonds may again be converted to the use of their lawful owner. The merits of such a measure briefly are as fol-

IT AFFORDS ELASTICITY.

It provides for a currency that would automatically expand and contract ac-Within the last few weeks money has loaned in New York as high as 186 per cent. During the panic of 1893 money could not be borrowed with government bonds as security. Under the provisions of the bill introduced by Sibley in time of financial distress the currency could be expanded, if necessary, more than \$400,000,000. The reason for naming 80 per cent of the face value of the bonds is that the government shall not be put regularly in the business of loaning money, but merely to lend its power to prevent excessive rates of interest or financial disaster. When money is worth more in the open market than the interest on 80 per cent of the face value of the bonds, money would flow out into circulation. When the interest upon 80 per cent was worth less than the interest upon the face of the bonds, the currency would flow back into the treasury and the bonds be withdrawn. Mr. Sibley's statement being that both a scarcity of money and a redundancy of money may possess danger, the scarcity hindering business and paralyzing industries, while a too redundant currency might provoke speculation and overtrading, which would in the end inevitably invite disaster. Mr. Sibley states that he is not wedded to any fixed percentage to be advanced by the treasury, but any percentage from 50 up to 80 would be satisfactory, as the wisdom of the house may determine. This measure has received a great deal of attention among lawmakers and bankers, one and all agreeing that it has features which entitle it to careful consideration. No one has yet been able to offer a valid objection, but these perhaps may come when the bill is analyzed by the committee on bank-

ing and currency. PITY THE POOR BANKS.

The only objection that has yet been made is to the effect that the banks are their profits therefrom, and should not be subjected to competition through loans made by the government. reply to this objection Mr. Sibley urges that under the new currency bill which has recently passed the house bankers are enabled to issue money up to the full face value of their bonds, at the same time receiving interest upon the bonds so deposited, and to give to the holder of bonds the privilege of losing his interest, and drawing 60, 75 or 80 per cent of the face value of his bonds does not subject the bank to any unfair competition, and that the bankers themselves, under stress of financial circumstances, might be great beneficiaries, which would enable them to convert their securities into cash during the prevalence of a panic, which would make a run upon their resources. Mr. Sibley urges that under the provisions of a law such as this there could not again occur a great financial revulsion, and that the advantages would not be centered in New York or in any great city, but would benefit locally, throughout the entire United States, the community where there might be a scarcity of money which would force rates abnormally high and threaten to create a panic. Secretary Gage declares that the worst characteristic of our financial system is its rigidity, and Mr. Sibley's plan certainly would overcome this to considerable extent at least.

Senator Hoar's resolutions are giving the imperialists more worry than they can stand, and with one accord they are trying to find relief by declaring they are in favor of them but are opposed to their enforcement.—San Francisco Call.

Now it is said that Mark Hanna will be chairman of the Republican national committee after all. The administration has evidently recovered from its fear that the presence of the high brahmin of trusts on the committee would be dangerous.—Boston Traveler.

The charge that McKinley and his official advisers are under the thumb of the money trust can be proved, if the charges are pressed home and the facts are forced into the light by de-termined and persistent action of the Democratic members of congress.— Kansas City Times.

The amount of the appropriations for purposes other than usual government expenditure introduced during the first 12 days of the present session of congress reached \$280,845,366, or at the rate of nearly \$24,000,000 per day.—Philadelphia Record.

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MODERN MEANING OF GUN.

The Word Is More Often Applied to the Great Engines of Death.

"The evolution of the word 'gun' forms an interesting study in up-todate etymology," remarked one of a party of newspaper men, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "A dozen or so years ago we all understood gun to mean a fowling piece-a shotgun as distinguished from a rifle or a musket. Heavy and light ordnance, in fact all pieces of artillery, without regard to size, were known as cannon. That, of course, was where people made an effort to speak English. Out in the frontier the word gun was applied exclusively to pistols.

"Nowadays the nomenclature has curiously changed. By degrees the good old word gun has become monopolized by the long, slim, murderous machines that constitute our modern artillery. We speak of quick-fire guns, eight-inch, ten-inch, twelve-inch guns, and the word seems singularly apropos. They are not cannon. 'Cannon' immediately suggests the big, lumbering, black-throated, smooth-bores of the past. The word conjures up all sorts of curious antique pictures - swabbers naked to the waist, motionless men holding lighted matches, frigates lashed together and firing into each other's ports, Sepoys bound to the muzzle, neat geometric pyramids of cound shot in neat geometric forts, the charge of the Light Brigade, and lots of other things too numerous to men-

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

tion.

Should Lord Salisbury Retire from Office, He Would Become Minister of Great Britain.

Repeated rumors of the retirement of Lord Salisbury lend interest to the report that the duke of Devoushire is to be the next prime minister of England. It is pointed out that Hon. Schomberg K. McDonnell, Lord Salis-



DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE. (Possible Successor to Lord Salisbury as British Premier.)

bury's principal political secretary, has volunteered for service in South Africa and that this action would not have been taken if his principal intended to remain in office for any length of time. The duke of Devonshire is the leader of the liberal unionists. He is now 66 years old and has been prominent in politics for more than 40 years. Though a lifelong liberal he is one of the richest noblemen in England, owning nearly 200,000 acres of land, in addition to coal and other mines. He split with Gladstone on the question of home rule, but afterwards declined to join Lord Salisbury's cabinet after the secession of Lord Randolph Church-Ill. In addition to his house in London he owns no less than seven castles and country seats. He is a brother of that Lord Frederick Cavendish who was assassinated in Phoenix park, Dublin, in 1882.

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