#### THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1892 7.



The Safety Chief Invokes the Law to Answer Mayor Gourley's Letter.

## THE WORK OF THE POLICE

Is Pointed to With Pride by the Head of the Department.

HIS HONOR ASKED TO NAME A TIME

For Moving Against the Disorderly Houses of the City.

JUDGE FETTERMAN WRITESON THE LAW

The war between the Mayor and the De-

partment of Public Safety over the proposiion to suppress the disorderly houses of the city is still on. Chief Brown last night fired another shot in the controversy and while the struggle is prolonged the evil complained of flourishes substantially as it existed before the conflict was inaugurated. Chief Brown's letter is a long one. It was

not completed when the Mayor left his office at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Almost immediately after the Mayor left for his home Superintendent of Police O'Mara called upon the Chief Executive with Mr. Brown's letter carefully sealed in a large double column envelope. Learning that the Mayor had just left the head of the police department started on a run out into the street. He nesitated & moment at the City Hall steps, as if figuring out which

rection the Mayor had taken. Just then a patrolman saluted and assured the Supertendent that the Mayor had gone in the direction of Sixth avenue. In that direction Mr. O'Mara again started on a swift run. At Seventh avenue he overtook the Mayor, handed him the letter, and without a word wheeled about and returned to his office. What did the Mayor say when you

handed him the letter?" was asked the Superintendent

"We did not speak," Mr. O'Mara anawered. "His Honor was surprised and I was out of breath."

The Position of the Chief

Chief Brown's letter, with an opinion from ex-Judge Fetterman, now Assistant City Attorney and special attorney for the Department of Public Safety is appended:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 6. Unn. H. I. Gourley, Mayor, City of Pittsburg:

Desh Sin-In answering your communicaion of December 3 I would most respectally call your attention, first, to some of he facts, conditions and situations surounding the police department upon the gunization of the Department of Public and upon my assuming charge

nd-The policy of the Bureau of Pothe time has been in operation for the past we years and the law under which said polhas been continued as understood by opartment and is expounded by the al department. A copy of the opinion of

to the vice of prostitution. These have been Vigorously dealt with, confined, controlled and restricted to those sections of the city giving the least possible publicity to the same, and placed under strict police sur-THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Continued From Second Page

veiliance. The policy of all past administrations to raid these houses under the summary con-viction ordinance, as a proper remedy cited by Your Honor and recommended in your last communication, is wholly ignored by this department, as I am of the firm opinion that the raiding and dragring of these un-fortunate victims before a police manistrato for summary conviction and fine, and return to the same business, is a most memorius ad-ministration of police affairs. Not a New Police Not a New Policy.

The policy of this department, as herein stated and reiterated, is not a new one, not new to the public and not new to Your Honor-as in my four preceding annual re-ports this has been given to the public open-ly and submitted officially to Councils; and

in the last annual report, under my ap-proval and direction, the Superintendent of Police, Roger O'Mara, gave a complete, full and exhaustive statement of the social evil, its causes, regulation and effects, and that report, taken in its entirety, is a full and fair statement of the facts, so lar as the

report, taken in its entirety, is a full and police are concerned. Third-The Superintendent of the Bureau of Police and myself on my part, after flye years of most carreful study and Investigation, and the Superintendent after if years of personal experience and observation, are of the opinion that the enforcement of Section 21, page 366 or Thompson's Digest, to wit, the raid, the police magistry to sum the reof and spread this netarions business, which is now a local sore and plaque plaque split of the reach and court is superintendent of the police digest, to wit, the raid, the police magistry to sum the evil, but that it will only change the form thereof and spread this netarions business, which is now a local sore and plaque places, wholly beyond the reach and courts of surrellance and regulation of the police digest in the reach and courts and wholly indefensible, and I especially all Your Honor's attention to the fact that all Your Honor's attention to the fact that is all Your Honor's attention to the fact that is and operation so fires and operation so for the policy is concerned under a discretionary municipal law, the yeak of the social problems, but am forced to a practical test and operation so far as the place is no resort. The Piatform of the Policy.

The Platform of the Policy.

This is the platform upon which the police day by day and month by month are con-troiling this orime, lessening and contracting its effects and keeping it under close police surveillance, regulation and control. It is a question that has affected all large cities in all countries and in all times. My

cities in all countries and in all times. My own observation, based upon a personal investigation of all large cities from Quebec to San Francisco and from Chicago to New Orleans, is, that the evil is regulated to-day in the city of Pittsburg the equal of any city in the United States. Fourth-Your Honer will observe our exact position from what bas been previous-ly said; but, if you are of the opinion that Section 2i of the Charter Ordinance, giving you a supervisory power is paramount to and over Section lik which gives absolute control of police affairs to this department, the Saperintendent and myself are willing to abandon the tried, and we believe the suc-cession policy. In regulating this vice, and adopt any new theory or new policy that Your Honor may desire to put into execu-tion during the brief time of your term as Mayor of this city. Mayor of this city. But we would most respectfully ask your Honor to clearly outline what your Monor to clearly outline what the said policy should be, fix a date op which you desire the same to be put in oper-ation and the manner in which you desire to have the same carried out and assume the responsibility for the success of failure

nsibility for the success or failur Very truly yours, J. O. Bnows, Chief Department Public salety. Ex-Judge Ectterman's Opinion. \*

Ex-Judge Fetterman's opinion on propo sitions submitted to him bearing on the controversy tollows:

PITTSEURG, PA., Dec. 6, 1892. . O. Brown, Esq., Chief Department of Public

This department. A copy of the opinion of the control of the second and made part of this communication to Your Honor.
Third—The judgment and belief of the Superinstendent of Police and myself, based appendent of Police and summary conviction before servation of our hitempts to control, restrict, regulate and enjoin the peculiar and patticular vice complained of.
Fourth—Our willingress to honestly and carry out and carry into effect any change or new policy that Your Honor wy deam wise, expedient and to the best mitterest of the city to inaugurate.
What the Dep intment Has Done.

requirement of the English regulations that live cattle arriving from the United States must be slaughtered at the docks had its origin in the claim that pleuro-pneumonia existed among American cattle, and the ex-

caution. There is danger that with the coming of spring cholera will again appear, and a liberal appropriation should be made at this session to enable our quarantine and port officers to exclude the deadly plague. An Epidemic Can Be Avoided.

and that amount was appropriated. A de-ficiency amounting to \$10,058,621 must be provided for at this assion. The estimate for pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, is \$165,000,000. The Commissioner of Pensions believes that, if the present legislation and methods are maintained and further additions to the pension laws are not made, the maximum expenditure for pensions will be at the highest June 30, 1894, and will be at the highest point, \$188,000,000 per annum. But the most careful and stringent quarantine regulations may not be sufficient ab-solutely to exclude the disease. The medi-cal and sanitary science has been such, how-ever, that if approved precautions are taken at once to put all of our cities and towns in the best sanitary condition, and a provision is made for isolating any sporadic cases and for a thorough disintection, an epidemic can, I am sure, be avoided. This work ap-pertains to the local authorities, and the re-sponsibility and the penalty will be ap-palling if it is neglected or unduly de-bared point, \$188,000,000 per annum. I adhere to the views expressed in previous

messages, that the care of the disabled soldiers of the War of the Rebellion is a laved. We are peculiarly subject in our great ports to the spread of infectious diseases by reason of the fact that unrestricted immi-gration brings to us out of European cities soliters of the War of the Rebellion is a matter of national concern and duty. Per-haps no emotion cools sooner than that of gratitude, but I cannot believe that this process has yet reached a point with our people that would sustain the policy of re-mitting the care of these disabled veterans to the incidence accasise provided by gration brings to us out of European cities in the overcowded steerages of great steam-ships a large number of persons whose sur-roundings make them the easy victims of the plague. This consideration, as well as those affecting the political, moral and in-dustrial interests of our country, lead me to renew the suggestion that admission to our country and to the high privileges of its citi-zenship should be more restricted and more easily when a think a right and we a mitting the care of these disabled veterans to the inadequate agencies provided by local laws. The parade on the 20th of Sep-tember last upon the streets of this capital of 60,000 of the surviving Union veterans of the War of the Rebellion was a most touch-ing and thrilling episode, and the rich and gracious welcome extended to them by the District of Columbia and the applause that greeted their progress from tens of thousands of people from all the States did much to revive the recollections of the careful. We have, I think, a right and owe a duty to our own people, and especially our working people, not only to p out the vicious, the ignorant, the did much to revive the recollections of the grand review when these men and many thousands others now in their graves were welcomed with grateful joy as victors in a struggle in which the national unity, honor keep civil civil disturber, the pauper, and the con-tract laborer, but to check the too great flow of immigration now coming by further limitations. and wealth were all at issue.

Legislative Action Necessary.

Progress of the World's Fair.

The report of the World's Columbian Ex-position has not been submitted. That of the Board of Management of the Govern-In my last annual message I called attention to the fact that some legislative action was necessary in order to protect the in-terests of the Government in its relations with the Union Pacific Railway. The Comment exhibit has been received and is here-with transmitted. The work of construction and of preparation for the opening of the Exposition in May next has progressed missioner of Railroads has submitted a very the Exposition in May next has progressed most satisfactorily and upon a scale of lib-erality and magnificence that will worthily sustain the honor of the United States. The District of Columbia is left, by a defull report, giving exact information as to the debt, the liens upon the company's property and its resources.

We must deal with the question as we find it and take that course which will, under existing conditions, best secure the interests of the United States. I recomcision of the Supreme Court of the District, without any law regulating the liquor traffic. An old statute of the Legislature of the District relating to the licensing of mended in my last annual message that a commission be appointed to deal with this question, and I renew that recommendavarious vocations, has hitherto been treated by the commissioners as giving them power tion, and suggest that the commission be

by the commissioners as giving them power to grant or refuse licenses to sell intoxi-cating liquors and as subjecting those who sold without license to penalties; but in May last the Supreme Coart of the District held against this view of the powers of the commissioners. It is of urgent importance, therefore, that Congress should supply, either by direct enactment or by conferring discretionary powers upon the commissioners, proper limitations and restraints upon the liquor traffic in the Dis-trict. The District has suffered in its repu-tation by many crimes of violence, a large per cent of them resulting from drunkantion, and suggest that the commission be given full power. The report of the Secretary of Agricul-ture contains not only a most interesting statement of the progressive and valuable work done under the administration of Secretary Rusk, but many suggestions for the enlarged usefulness of this important department. In the successful chort to brack down the restrictions to the free inbreak down the restrictions to the free in-troduction of our meat products in the countries of Europe, the Secretary has been unturing from the first, stimulating and aidper cent of them resulting from drunken-ness and the liquor traffic. The capital of the nation should be freed from this re-proach by the enactment of stringent reing all other Government officers, at home and abroad, whose official duties enabled them to participate in the work. The total trade in hog products with strictions and limitations upon the traffic.

Protection of Railroad Employes.

The total trade in hog products with Europe in May, 1892, amounted to 82,000,-000 pounds, against 49,000,000 in the same month of 1891; in June, 1892, the exports aggregated 85,700,000 pounds, against 46,-500,000 pounds in the fame month of the previous year. In July there was an in-crease of 41 per cent and in August of 55 per cent over the corresponding months of 1891. Over 40,000,000 pounds of inspected nork have been exported since the law was In renewing the recommendation which I have made in three preceding annual mes-sages, that Congress should legislate for the protection of railroad employes against the dangers incident to the old and inadequate methods of braking and coupling which are still in use upon reight business, I do so with the hope that this Congress may take pork have been exported since the law was put into operation and a comparison for the action on the subject. Statistics furnished by the inter-State Commerce Commission four months of May, June, July and August, 1892, with the same months of 1801 shows an increase in the number of pounds of our export of pork products of 62 per cent and an increase in value of 661/2 per cent. The exports of dressed beef increased show that during the year ending June 30, 1801, there were 47 different styles of car couplers reported to be in use, and that dur-ing the same period there were 2,660 employes killed and 26,140 injured. Nearly from 137,900,006 pounds in 1889 to 220,500,-000 pounds in 1892 or about 60 per cent. 16 per cent of the deaths occurred in the coupling and uncoupling of cars and over 36 per cent of the injuries had the same origin.

Cause of Increased Exports. The Civil Service Commission asks for an increased appropriation for needed clerical assistance, which I think should be given. I extended the classified service March 1, During the past year there have been ex-ported 394,607 head of live cattle, as against ported 394,607 head of live cattle, as against 205,786 exported in 1889. This increased exportation has been largely promoted by the inspection authorized by law and the faithful efforts of the Secretary and his efficient subordinates to make that inspec-tion thorough and to carefully exclude from all cargoes diseased or suspected cattle. The extended the classified service March 1, 1892, to include physicians, superintend-ents, assistant superintendents, school teachers, and matrons in the Iudian service, and have had under consideration the sub-ject of some further extensions, but have not as yet fully determined upon the lines upon which extensions can most properly and usefulls for wade and usefully be made.

Abuses and Frauds in Elections.

Tribute of Respect

Tribute of Respect. MANUTACTURENS & MENCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE 417 WOOD STRAINT PITTSBURG, P.A., December 6, 1890 At as pecial meeting of the Board of Di-fectors of this company, held this day, the following minute was adopted, viz: WHENES, Our Heavenik Father has sud-following minute was adopted, viz: WHENES, Our Heavenik Father has sud-following minute was adopted, viz: WHENES, Our Heavenik Father has sud-doney called from earthly labor Capitalia Joseph Walton, and Whoreas, by this dispensation of Provi-prising, valuable citizen its company and intelligent, attentive and earnest director. Therefore, while bowing in humble sated willingly afflict the children of men, be it Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the tamily of decensed, and to the com-pany; and seeks to pay in part a debt of to the family of deceased, and to the com-pany; and seeks to pay in part a debt of reverence and regret by critering this resolu-tion spread upon the minutes of this com-pany and a copy thereof transmitted to the family. By order of the Board. WILLIAM T. ADSIR, Secretary.

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watches of solid gold. Sold else where at \$10; at \$10 50. Ladies' genuine diamond Marquis rings, with tarqoise, opal, emeraid and ruby cen-ters, at \$24; sold by exclusive dealers at \$45. Solid gold baby rings, plain or chased, as 20c each; worth 50c. Gents' solid gold initial rings, with gold raised initials, worth \$7; soldat \$5. Gents' solid gold initial rings, with gold raised initials, set with six genuine dia-monds, sold else where at \$10, at on; \$7. Souvenir spoons of remains sterling silver, with fancy handles and gold bowls, at only 79c: worth fully \$1 50. Elegant pen and pencil holders of solid silver at only \$1 50; worth \$3 50. Mat marks of sterling silver, at 50c. Name engraved free.

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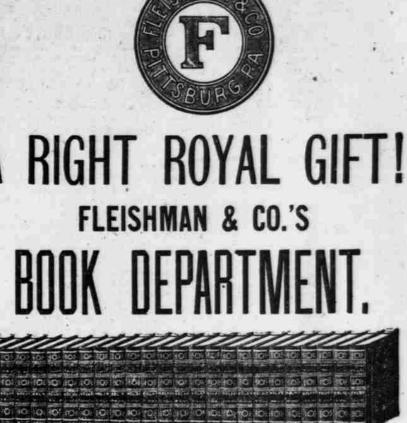
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rion few facts: y was intested with faro banks,

ch were openly operated in various sec-is of the city. Poker rooms were numer-and notorious in all sections-Diamond ring almost entirely given up to the player and gambler. The pool seller in his operations in various sections ity, having direct lines of communition by wire with all the principal cities the United States, and bets and gambling the United States, and bets and gambling nees were taken on sporting events of all is and character; and in the lawant in this department had with the pool-ers it was proved that thousands of per-sing here on that thousands of per-ticle piol room. Folley shops in ested ry ward and section of the city, there be-ne less than 50 well known polley shops a city at that the. These games were it is solved with two for five cents easily with sheet over from children, charces as low ats two for five cents ested. Dives inferied every section of city. Whole blocks, such as the Mus-condition, were given up entirely to conditions, were given up entirely to neutrious business. Beer gardens unded, frequented by common prostiice and street-walkers.

#### Dives That Have Been Suppressed.

Other outrageous dens and joints existed, uch as "Oyster Paddy's Block," dive of Bill erion, the Tanbark Yard on Seventh avene, operated by Young McGraw, opinm ints on Grant street, houses of prostituon run by men. Old avenue scenes and Ion run by men, Gid avenue scenes and sater street dens. These are only a sample a the whicespread vice of this character. Chole wards were terrorized by lawless avdres, notably the Seventh, being over-an by the netarious "Owl Gang." who led almost supreme, in violation of all wand order; the interminging of white the backet as carried on in State alley.

lacks, as carried on in State alley. as openly charged that some of the administrations levied toil on the

a administrations levied toil on the noisers, proprietors of pool rooms, policy is and boases of prostitution, and that same was collected in large sums and it there were many, many cases of out-icous blackmail. There seemed to be no her or enforcement of the law or munici-regulation so far as public affairs were pereraed. It is true that the common anknid was arrested, fined and impris-ed, but the outrageous vices which af-ted the body corporate were not inter-ed with or molested.

d with or molested. der the wigorous policy of the present ce bareau, Your Honor is sware that a is no fare bank, poker room, pool a, policy shop, tenement house orgies, parden, al-night saloon, Sunday sa-or opium j.int. As to the dives them-or opium j.int. So houses of prostitution had alluring pling tobacco stores in front. Street wass feature of the town, the young k being enticed and invegled into ens in every conceivable mauner, ee dens in every concervation manner, pe and form, by music, song and dance. ring sizes were on many of the avenues, wing distinctively and clearly the char-er of the houses and of the business car-ro it the houses and of the business car-ion therein and thereat. These are all ted, abolished and are no more.

### The Policy of the Department.

second-As to the law and policy of the stiment: Upon the organization of this mriment, assisted by the Hon. Carence leigh, now District Attorney of Alleeny county, then special attorney of this partment, the policy of the department And this opinion herefontation the various vices, absolutely hereinbefore mernted, save and except certain forms

What the Department Has Done.
As to the first proposition: What was the condition and situation of affairs surround-ing the Police Department at the organiza-tion of the Department of Public Salety?
Your Honor, as a municipal officer, being besident of Select Council for many years, and being intimately associated with mu-leinal affairs and those in authority at City and the mathemate of the Coulifions sur-mending the Police Department prior to the riming the Police Department of Fublic are embrance of the coulifions sur-mending the Police Department prior to the riming the Police Department of Fublic and to bring such above described person whom the Mayor shall adjudge guilty of maintaining such houses, and in default of such person offense, and in default of such years and costs, shall be fined to the Department of Fublic ments, as well as since that taite. I need any refer to niew facts: The offense mathemates.

statement was justified, and that by a con-tinuance of the inspection and quarantine now required of cattle brought into this country the disease can be prevented from again getting any foothold.

Left to Official Discretion. The value to the cattle industry of the This ordinance empowers the police of United States of this achievement can hardly be estimated. We cannot, perhaps, at once insist that this evidence shall be the city to execute the provisions thereof. but makes no provisions as to the manner accepted as satisfactory by other countries; but if the present exemption from the disin which the arrests may be made, and therefore, there being a discretionary power ease is maintained, and the inspection of our cattle arriving at foreign ports in which our left to the officer as to the time, manner and place of encorement of the ordinance, it cannot be claimed as a mandatory one. For, as said in Potter's, Dwarris on statutes, page 224, "When the terms of a statute leave room for an administrative discretion to be exercised it cannot be interpreted to be mandatory;" but in the enforcement of the law in the absence of any provision as to the enforcement thereof a certain discre-tion is necessarily left with the officer whose duty it is to enforce such laws as to the time and the place and the manner in which he will execute his duty, and so long as he excretises sound judgment and discre-tion within the prescribed limits of the law in the enforcement thereof he will be pro-tected, and beyond that he does it on his own individual responsibility and without the protection of the law; in other words, he is simply a trespasser upon the rights of the place of enforcement of the ordinance, it veterinarians participate confirms it, we may justly expect that the requirement that our cattle shall be slaughtered at the docks will be revoked as the sanitary restrictions on our pork products have been. It our cattle can be taken alive to the interior the trade will be enormously in-creased. Agricultural products constituted

78.1 per cent of our unprecedented exports for the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1892, the total exports being \$1,030,278,030, and the value of the agricultural products \$793,717,676, which exceeds by more than \$150,000,000 the shipment of agricultural products in any previous year. is simply a trespasser upon the rights of the . Introducing Corn in Europe.

gress shall legislate.

A Valuable Achievement.

citizen. In answer to your second proposition, I would state that section 21, page 366, of Thompson's Digest, commonly known as the "raiding ordinance," provides the manner in which the ordinance shall be enforced, and it cannot be enforced in any other man-ner. the benefit of the American farmer has the benefit of the American farmer has been begun through agents of the Agri-cultural Department in Europe, and con-sists in efforts to introduce the various products of Indian corn as articles of human tood. The high price of rye offered a favorable opportunity for the experiment in Germany of combining commeal with rye to produce a cheaper bread. A full degree of success has been st. The system of raids that has been in vogue in Pittsburg previous to the new charter going into effect is wholly wrong, and with-out law to sustain it.

#### Two Ways to Enforce the Law,

A fair degree of success has been at-tained, and some mills for grinding corn for food have been introduced. The Secretary is of the opinion that this new use of the There are but two ways in which you and your officers can enforce the penal ordi-nances and laws of the city of Pittsburgeither by warrant issued upon information properly made before a magistrate, desigproducts of corn has already stimulated exportations, and that if diligently prosecuted nating the parties upon whom the warrant large and important markets can presently is to be served, and served by proper of be opened for this great American product. The suggestions of the Secretary for an ficers, or the officer himself, on view of mistlemeanor or felony being committed, to make the arrest and take the person befor are commended to your favorable considera-tion. It may, I think, be said without challenge that in no corresponding period has so much been done as during the last four years for the benefit of American agria magistrate for examination and punish-ment if found guilty of such an offense. Neither you nor your offleers have any right whatever to invade the house of any culture

right whatever to invade the house of any person of the city where it is quiet and orderly without a warrant; nor have you or your officers any right to order the innutes of any house to remove from their residences for any supposed offense. The ordinance under consideration is a piece of remarkable legislation. It goes far beyond the common or statute haw in defin-ing offenses, and the indiscriminate enforce-ment of which in the power of iznorant or unserupulous men would menace the most cherished rights secured the citizens by the Constitution of the State and the United States. States. Columbia.

The ordinary rule of law in the construct

The ordinary rule of law in the construc-tion of penal statutes is that they should be construed strictly and always against the power enforcing the same. I doubt very much the validity of the ordi-nance under consideration and woold ad-vise you in the enforcement of it that you give it the strictest construction and keep strictly within its provision. Respectfully, C. S. FETTERNAN, Assistant City Attorney, Name Courder coast last bight preserving

Mayor Gourley spent last night preparing an answer to Chief Brown's letter. At 1 o'clock this morning the Mayor said he had completed his work and that his answer would be submitted to the Chief some time

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I have, in each of the three annual mes istence of the disease could only certainly sages which it has been my duty to submi to Congress, called attention to the evil-and dangers connected with our election be determined by a post mortem inspection The Department of Agriculture has labored with great energy and faithfulness methods and practices as they are related to the choice of officers of the National Govto extirpate this disease, and, on the 26th day of September last, a public announce-ment was made by the Secretary that the disease no longer existed anywhere within RINGS. ernment. In my last annual message I endeavored to invoke serious attention to the evils of unfair apportionments for Con-gress. I cannot close this message without the United States. He is entirely satisfied, after the most searching inquiry, that this again calling attention to these grave and threatening evils.

I had hoped that it was possible to se cure a non-partisan inquiry by means of a commission into evils the existence of which is known to all, and that out of this

might grow legislation from which all thought of partisan advautage should be eliminated and only the higher thought ap-pear of maintaining the freedom and purity of the ballot and the equality of the elector without the guaranty of which the Government could never have been formed, and without the continuance of which it cannot continue to exist in peace and prosperity It is time that mutual charges of unfairness and fraud between the great parties should cease, and that the sincerity of those who WATCHES, profess a desire for pure and honest elections should be brought to the test of their willing. ness to free our legislation and our election methods from everything that tends to im pair the public confidence in the announced

result The Necessity Emphasized.

The necessity for an inquiry and for legis lation by Congress upon this subject in emphasized by the fact that the tendency of lation by the legislation in some States in recent years has in some important particulars een away from and not toward free and fair elections and equal apportionments. Is it not time that we should come together An interesting and a promising work for upon the high plane of patriotism, while we devise methods that shall secure the right of every man qualified by law to cas a tree ballot and give to every such ballo an equal value in choosing our public officers and in directing the policy of the Government?

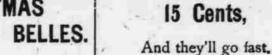
Lawlessness is not less such but more where it usurps the functions of the peace officer and of the courts. The frequent lynching of colored people accused of crime is without the excuse which has sometimes been urged by mobs for a failure to pursue the appointed methods for the punishment of erime that the accused have an undue influence over courts and juries. Such acts are a reproach to the community

where they occur, and so far as they can be made subject of Federal jurisdiction the enlargement of the work of the department strongest repressive legislation is de-manded. A public sentiment that will sus-tain the officers of the law in resisting mobs and in protecting secused persons in their custody should be promoted by every possible means. The officer who gives his life in the brave discharge of this duty is worthy of special honor. No lesson needs

CONCLUDING FEATURES. to be so urgently impressed upon our peo-ple as this, that no worthy end or cause can be promoted by lawlessuess. Cholera, Quarantine and Immigration Are Briefly Discussed - Some Remarks on

Retrogression Would Be a Crime. Election Abuses - Restriction of the This exhibit of the work of the Execu-Liquor Traffic in the District of tive Departments is submitted to Congress and to the public in the hope that there will The subject of quarantine regulations, in-spection and control was brought suddenly to my attention by the arrival at our ports in August last of vessels infected by cholera. Quarantine regulations should be uniform at all our ports. Under the Consti-tution they are plainly within the exclusive Federal jurisdiction when and so far as Con-The subject of quarantine regulations, in-Federal jurisdiction when and so far as Con-

us. There is no reason why the national in-fuence, power and prosperity should not ob-serve the same rates of increase that have observe the same rates of increase of these events into the future. There is no reason why in many lines of production we should not surpass all other nations as we have already done in some. There are no near frontiers to our possible development. BENTAMIN HAMMON, Des. 6, 1892. In my opinion the whole subject should be taken into national control and adequate power given to the Executive to protect our people against plague invasions. On Sep-tember 1 last I approved regulations establishing a 20-day quarantine for all vessels bringing immigrants from toreign ports. This order will be continued in force. Some loss and suffering have resulted to passen-gers, but a due care for the homes of our people justifies in such cases the utmost pre-



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