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PERSONAL. Hon. S. S. Jones, of Carbonate, was in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Kerr left yesterday afternoon for their new home in Trenton, N. J.

WATER BILL HELD UP. Auditing Committee Wants Company to Furnish All City Water. The bill of \$1,000, rendered by the Scranton Gas and Water company for water furnished for city purposes for the month of December, was last night held up by the joint auditing committee of council.

TABULATING NEARLY DONE. Assessors Will Be Through Work Next Week. The board of city assessors will have completed the work of tabulating and tabulating the assessment for the next fiscal year on January 15, and it will then be possible to ascertain accurately just how high the tax levy will need to be to raise an amount equal to that raised this year.

THEY DEBATED IMPERIALISM. TWO CONGRESSMEN MET IN LYCEUM LAST NIGHT.

Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri Took the Ground That Imperialism Is Wrong and That We Made a Serious Mistake When We Took the Philippine Island—Hon. C. B. Landis of Indiana Aably Handled the Other Side of This Great Question.

Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri and Hon. C. B. Landis, of Indiana, two of the most noted speakers of congress, met in joint debate at the Lyceum last night, on the subject, "Imperialism."

Expansion was the main question discussed. That it was thoroughly and interestingly discussed goes without saying. A resume of their arguments can do them scant justice. Each was rich in apt illustrative stories, ready of wit and possessed in a rare degree of the essential ability of making his point and driving it home.

IS OF SLOW GROWTH. "Fitness for American citizenship is, like confidence, of slow growth. The declaration of independence didn't make us free and fit. The battle for human freedom began even before the time of Alfred the Great. The declaration of independence was simply one of the luminous milestones marking the progress of our march from barbarism to our present civilization.

WHAT FILIPINOS ARE. "I want it to be understood that I am not wasting any sympathy on the Filipinos. They are mere lumberers of the earth, as far as I know. But this is one thing sure. They are either fit for self-government or unfit. If they are fit, why in the name of heaven do we not let them govern themselves? If they are not fit for self-government, we do not want them for fellow-citizens. Let Mr. Landis take either horn of that dilemma and invade himself. We surely do not want them for fellow-citizens. We have 3,000,000 natives who are not steady members.

SLAVERY EXTIRPATED. "The Republican party started out forty years ago to extirpate slavery and polygamy. It succeeded at a great cost. While we were bawling Bismarck Roberts from congress, General Bates entered into an agreement with that eminent Republican statesman, the Sultan of Sulu, that insured the protection of the United States to his practice of polygamy and slavery. The Sultan of Sulu is on the pay roll of the United States. If it was wrong to have black slaves in Missouri, it is wrong to have brown ones in Sulu. Wrong doesn't become right by trans-

fering it from one hemisphere to another. "If you ask a Republican why we possess the Philippines he will answer 'Destiny did it—and they pay.' He will also tell you it is our duty to carry the blessings of settled government to the ends of the earth, on our bayonets. I say no. Let us attend to our own business. With our lynchings, burnings at the stake, flogging and feathering of monsters, debauched politics and the like can we well claim to be in a position to carry the blessings of settled government to the ends of the earth.

REV. JOSEPH H. ODELL. Enters Upon His Duties as Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church Early in February. Rev. Joseph H. Odell, of Fulton, N. Y., who will enter upon his duties as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of this city early in February, and whose picture is presented here-

GAMBLERS OUT OF BUSINESS. TWO GAMING RESORTS ARE CLOSED DOWN. Proprietors Feared That Superintendent Day Would Raid Them and They Shut Up Shop Voluntarily—Manhattan Club One of the Places Closed—Several Poker Rooms Are Still Doing Business. Crusade Against Disorderly Back Rooms Has Been Successful.

with, was born in London, England, and is the son of Rev. Joseph Odell of Birmingham, England. As a boy he attended the public schools in Brooklyn, N. Y., and first attended the public schools in this city. He was educated at the Queen Elizabeth grammar school, Leicester, England, and then at the famous King Edward VI's school and Mason college both at Birmingham. His theological education was obtained at the East Keswick seminary and later he married the daughter of President Kendall of that institution. Rev. Odell came to this country as the protégé of the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and in January, 1894, became pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fulton, N. Y. He is a graceful and scholarly speaker and has shown great talent for the work that devolves upon a pastor during the period he has been at Fulton.



OFFICE HOLDERS KICK. Do Not Want to Be Discriminated Against, Even in a Trivial Matter. If arbitration or some other effective interference does not come between the county commissioners and the other office-holders in the court house, the board of health is likely to have occasion to make an official visit to the temple of justice.

FOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. Two Civil Service Examinations Have Been Ordered. The United States civil service commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill an existing vacancy in the grade of watchman-fireman at a salary of \$600 per annum in the custodial service at Scranton, Pa. No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon the elements of age, character as a workman, experience and physical condition, as shown by the answers made to the questions and vouchers in the application. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

Indian River Oranges, 35c Per Dozen. Special on Fancy Fresh Stringless Cut Beans, 12c per can. Sifted Early June Peas, 12c. Sweet Sifted Sugar Peas, 15c; \$1.50 per dozen. Coursen's Tiny Lima Beans, 18c \$2.00 per dozen. Canned Spinach (better than fresh) 15c per can. Asparagus, 25c and 29c, long cans, 2 1/2 lb. Finest Imported Sardines, 15c. York State Sugar Corn, 10d. Olives full quart, 35c.

E. G. Coursen. Select Councilman Will Seek Democratic Nomination. Select Councilman D. W. Vaughan, of the Nineteenth ward, yesterday publicly announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for city controller.

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