# The Somerset Herald.

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JUST now Christmas shopping is the most popular occupation in the wide, wide world.

UNCLE SAM is going to find his red, white and blue stocking very full of good things on Christmas morn.

IN THE matter of presidential enthusiasm there is both a North and a South, only the South seems a good deal the warmer.

THE backwoodsmen wrecked expansion from a worse type of savages than any found in the Philippines. It is not worth while to hold up the barbarian bugaboo to men of American descent.

A CANVASS of leading newspapers throughout the country gives 505 for expansion and 183 against it. Every section of the country is for it except the South, and that is nearly a tie in newspaper sentiment.

THE Republican candidate for Congress in the Erie district has begun a contest to unseat his Democratic opponent. From all accounts he has a pretty good case, in which event he will get his seat. There must be no fraud in the election of Congressmen.

THERE is not the slightest danger of the Republicans having any difficulty in organizing the Legislature. The Republicans who won the party nomination and were elected on the regular ticket, who will refuse to abide by the decision of their brethren, will be few and far between. The caucus is a time-honored and convenient means of determining the desire of the majority, and for it there is no substitute.

THE chances that the Spanish-American treaty will get more than the requisite two-thirds vote in the Senate grow brighter and brighter every day. The confidence of the opponents of ratification is visibly waning. They now profess to have some hope that the Senate will modify the treaty in some minor particulars, as it has done once or twice in the case of treaties, but there is not the slightest chance that this will be done in the present case. A modification of the treaty would be more embarrassing to the country in this instance than it was in the other cases referred to. The opponents of expansion will discover this before the matter comes up in the Senate, and most of them are likely to be coerced into acquiescence. Senator Hoar himself will probably be among the supporters of the treaty when the voting takes place.

WHEN Democratic State Chairman Garman declares that 74 Democratic members of the House are ready to unite with 29 Republican members to organize the next House of Representatives he is talking through his hat, as usual, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. The seventy-four members of the House classified as Democrats will not all vote for a fusion candidate, as was very evident in this city this week, when only twenty-three of the seventy-four put in an appearance at the alleged conference held in the Supreme Court room. The other two thirds of the members on the Democratic side of the House stayed away from the conference, and made light of it. And as for twenty-nine of the Republicans voting for a fusion candidate—that is all bosh. The man who makes such a declaration simply does not know what he is talking about, and the people know that. The Republicans will organize the next House and the Democrats and independents will not even have a look in.

MR. BRYAN no sooner finds himself in a talking suit of clothes than he avails himself of a highly valued privilege. His remarks on expansion are not as free from contradiction as might be desired, but this is characteristic of Democratic remarks on the subject. Mr. Bryan does not advise a fight against the treaty. He would vote for it, $20,000,000 and all, and then manage to retire from the Philippines on some sort of conditions, retaining only a coaling station. He would turn even Porto Rico into a republic if the inhabitants insisted on it. He desires it to be understood that this country can never, without self-destruction, hold territory on a colonial tenure. It may well be asked how Mr. Bryan, with such convictions, can be willing to allow the treaty to go through. The best time to nip national and constitutional ruin is in the bud. The treaty is an expansion document. But when brought face to face with a practical question the Democratic plan frequently is to fall back to another line of works. Mr. Bryan knows that if he opposed the treaty he would be a used-up politician.

### It is Up to Wanny and Koontz.

IN TALKING of his deal to assist Wanamaker in electing his man Koontz speaker, Col. J. M. Guffey, the Democratic boss of the State, speaks of the minority members of the next House as his property, and pledges himself to hand them bound and gagged to Wanamaker whenever the bargain counter statesman can produce 29 independents, the requisite number to consummate the deal. Boss Guffey says:

I see no insurmountable obstacles to a fusion organization of the House. I have undertaken to supply 74 Democratic votes—the full Democratic membership—and I am advised that the independent Republicans can produce the 29 necessary to a majority. That they can do so appears entirely practicable, and it is my opinion that they will make good this promise. Where the 29 independent votes are to come from—that is, the names of the men—is something about which I have nothing to say. It is the duty of the party of the second part. My responsibility rests in holding the Democratic vote as a unit for fusion purposes, and I have not asked the independents to file a bill of particulars. I have their word, and that is sufficient.

It is now up to Wanny and Koontz. Guffey has his 74 Democrats in hand. They are ready to vote for Koontz. Now let Wanny and Koontz produce their 29 votes from the Republican ranks if they can. We venture the prediction that they can not produce three, including Koontz's own vote. We are assured that he can not get the vote of a Republican member from this Congressional or Senatorial district. As a fusion candidate Koontz can not command the support of his colleague from his own county—who is a Republican, and does not measure his politics with a yardstick. A pretty spectacle. Representative Koontz—elected as a Republican—the Democratic candidate for Speaker, and wholly without Republican support.

### A Pitiful Showing.

Harrisburg Telegraph.

A handful of Democratic members of the next Legislature who gathered in Harrisburg on Wednesday to arrange to form a fusion with the alleged Independent Democrats with a view to organizing the House, presented a pitiful appearance as they rattled around the Supreme Court Room. They resolved that in the interest of good legislation they would form a fusion party, but for good legislation please read the spoils of office, for that is what they are after, and they are willing to let the Independent Republicans have the Speakership if they are given the clerkships and the minor offices. The entire game is very thin—so thin, in fact, that it is not fooling anybody. The other two-thirds of the Democratic members of the House refused to go into the conference, even refused to come to Harrisburg, for they know very well that fusion can never be accomplished at the next session, that there will not be found sufficient Republicans so recreant to the trust reposed in them as to betray their constituents. It was a most pitiful showing of hands, and even those present realized it when they sought to apologize by saying that there were many who could not come, but had written letters endorsing any action taken. Why were the letters not read? For a good reason. They are not in existence. The remarkable gathering, however, served one good purpose—it showed the alleged Republicans who are trying to make mischief in the party that they can rely on only a beggarly one third of the Democratic members of the House to aid them in their nefarious schemes. The Republicans of the House will organize the House; fusion is dead, and the end of it came when that alleged gathering of Democrats adjourned on Wednesday. That fizzle killed fusion.

### Fusion Out of the Question

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Fusion between the Democrats and the so-called Republicans who wear the cheap collars of the Wanamaker bargain counter is out of the question. The Van Valkenbergs and bargain counter agents of their ilk are obliged to make some showing for their money, but the plot to distract the Republican party upon the eve of the meeting of the Legislature is a farce upon which the curtain has been rung down.

There will be no fusion for the very good reason that the Republicans are in the majority and have been sent to the Legislature for the sole reason that they are Republicans. They are expected to organize the House and to shoulder the responsibilities for all legislation. Any negligence of the duties intrusted to them would be resented. They will follow the custom of all sessions and agree among themselves as to organization and be governed by the decision of the majority.

Majorities rule in this country, and the Republican party, which represents the people, can not and will not quarrel with majority sentiment.

### Showing its Gratitude.

Johnstown Tribune of Saturday.

The Philadelphia *Press* of yesterday copies an article from the Somerset *Standard*, heading it "Gen. Koontz at Home; How a Leading Legislator is Regarded by His Neighbors," said article being very laudatory. As Gen. Koontz is generally (no pun intended) credited with putting some money into the plant to locate it, and spending more to keep it going, it would be the hight of ingratitude if the *Standard* didn't "stick up" for Koontz now, when the General has for years "come down" for it.

### As to Fusion.

Uniontown News-Standard.

The "reformers" who tried to hand the governorship of Pennsylvania over to the Democrats at the recent election now have another scheme which promises to be equally successful. It is to organize the lower House of the Legislature on the fusion basis. The Democrats and anti Quay members are to elect Gen. Koontz of Somerset Speaker and parcel out the offices and the committee chairmanships among themselves. Col. Guffey agrees to deliver the 75 Democrats in a body to this fusion plan and the Quay haters on the Republican side are to furnish the 28 additional votes needed to control the election of Speaker.

If Quay should undertake to deliver 75 Republican members to a given program it would be denounced as insufferable bossism, but when Guffey agrees to deliver 75 Democratic members it is pure and lofty reform.

There will be no fusion organization of the Legislature. Both branches are strongly Republican and Republicans will organize them in the regular and usual way. The Democrats and a few disorganizing Republicans need not worry themselves about any responsibility for the conduct of the coming session. That charge has been entrusted by the people to the Republican party, and that party is fully competent for the trust.

The Legislature will be promptly organized by the Republicans, and the session will be short and business-like.

### The Quay Prosecution.

From the Lancaster Inquirer.

Senator Quay would have shown neither self-respect nor manliness had he submitted to be tried by his accusers with all the machinery of the law in the hands of his bitter and malicious enemies. He has shown both by promptly taking it out of their hands, and placing it where he has a chance for a fair trial and will not be lynched under the forms of law.

District Attorney Graham whose hatred of Quay amounts to a mania, would have practically controlled the selection of a jury which would have been packed with Quay's enemies. Judge Finletter had already given evidence that he would decide, when there was any possibility of doing so, against the accused. Under these circumstances it would have been midsummer madness for the Senator to have walked into the trap his enemies had prepared for him.

To say under such circumstances that he seeks to avoid a trial is simply a bold perversion of the truth. He seeks a fair trial, a thing his enemies never intended he should have. We do not believe that in the history of this country there was ever a more malignant persecution of any public man. If this trial is not as speedy as could be desired, his enemies are to blame for it; they could have brought the accusation months ago.

### Ex-Senator Brice Dead.

Calvin S. Brice, former United States Senator, died on Thursday at his residence in New York, of pneumonia, after an illness of one week, starting with a severe cold. He was fifty-eight years old, having been born in Ohio, the son of a Presbyterian minister. He left college to enlist in the Union Army during the Civil War, and was given a commission as Captain, and later as Lieutenant Colonel, but was never mustered in. In the financial world he was well up, having a fortune running into millions. Mr. Brice represented Ohio in the United States Senate as a Democrat from 1891 to 1897, and there was much dissatisfaction felt in some quarters, where it was claimed that he came nearer being a resident of New York than of Ohio.

### Prince Gives $1,000 to Cuba.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The largest individual subscription yet received by the Central Cuban Relief committee, of this city, was forwarded to it yesterday. Charles A. Schieren, treasurer of the committee, received a letter from August Belmont & Co., enclosing their check for $1,000 from Prince Louis Sapieha, a Russian nobleman, who lives in Paris, "to be used for the purpose of relieving the distress of the inhabitants of Cuba."

The committee has now received cash subscriptions amounting to $200,000, and also contributions of supplies amounting to 6,000 tons, which, if counted at cash value, makes the total amount given to the committee about $400,000.

# M'Kinley Captures Atlanta.

### The President and a Party Visit the Peace Jubilee There Last Week.

### SPEAKS TO LEGISLATURE AND AT BANQUET

The President and suite visited the Atlanta peace jubilee last week. The legislature was in joint session to receive him. He spoke to them as follows:

It is an uncommon pleasure to be thus greeted by these representatives of the state of Georgia, and it affords me much gratification to be here and rejoice with you over the signing of the treaty of peace with Spain.

Sectional lines no longer mar the map of the United States. Sectional feeling no longer holds back the love we bear each other.

Fraternity is the national anthem, sung by a chorus of forty-five states and our territories, home and beyond the seas. The Union is once more the common atlas of our love and loyalty, our devotion and sacrifice.

The old flag again waves over us in peace, with new glories which your sons and ours have this year added to its sacred folds.

What cause we have for rejoicing, saddened only by the fact that so many of our brave men fell on the field or sickened and died from hardship and exposure, and others, returning, brought wounds and diseases from which they will long suffer! The memory of the dead will be a precious legacy, and the disabled will be the nation's care.

A nation which cares for its disabled soldiers as we have always done will never lack defenders. The national cemeteries for those who fell in battle are proof that the dead as well as the living have our love. What an army of silent sentinels we have, and with what loving care their graves are kept!

Every soldier's grave made during our unfortunate civil war is a tribute to American valor.

While, when those graves were made, we differed widely about the future of this government, the differences were long ago settled by the arbitrament of arms; and the time has now come in the evolution of sentiment and feeling, under the providence of God, when, in the spirit of fraternity, we should share with you in the care of the graves of the confederate soldiers.

The cordial feeling which now happily exists between the North and South prompts this gracious act, and, if it needed further justification, it is found in the gallant loyalty to the Union and the flag so conspicuously shown in the year just passed by the sons and grandsons of these heroic dead.

What a glorious future awaits us if unitedly, wisely and bravely we face the new problems now pressing upon us, determined to solve them for right and humanity!

At a banquet held after the close of the jubilee, Wednesday evening, the President responded as follows to the toast—Our Country:

"I am not a stranger to your hospitality. You have always given me a courteous and cordial reception. My first visit was under the auspices of your fellow-citizen, Captain Howell, and another distinguished Georgian—the brilliant Grady—since called from the field of activity when he was at the height of his usefulness, and when the whole nation could ill spare him and sorrowed at his untimely death.

"Then we were engaged in an economic discussion, in which honest differences of opinion prevailed, and heated discussion ruled the hour. I do not forget that then, although advocating the theory of taxation, seemingly opposed to the majority sentiment of your State and city, you accorded me an impartial hearing. Stranger as I was to all of you, you made me feel at home, and from that hour Atlanta won my heart. My subsequent visits have only served to increase my admiration for your enterprising city.

"Four years have gone since I last met the people of Georgia in public assembly. Much has happened in the intervening time.

"The nation has been at war—not within its own shores, but with a foreign power—a war waged not for revenge or aggrandizement, but for our oppressed neighbors, for their freedom and amelioration.

A DECISIVE WAR.

"It was short, but decisive. It recorded a succession of significant victories on land and sea. It gave new honors to American arms. It has brought new problems to the Republic, whose solution will tax the genius of our people. United we will meet and solve them with honor to ourselves and lasting benefit to all concerned. The war brought us together; its settlement will keep us together.

"Re-united—glorious realization. It expresses the thought of mind and the long-deferred consummation of my heart's desire as I stand in this presence. It interprets the hearty demonstration here witnessed, and is the patriotic refrain of all sections and of all lovers of the Republic.

"Re-united—one country again, and one country forever. Proclaim it from the press and pulpit; teach it in the schools; write it across the skies. The world sees and feels it; it cheers every heart North and South, and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity?"

### McKinley's Popular Speech.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—President McKinley's statement at Atlanta that the time had come when the nation should care for the Confederate as well as for the Union dead, met with practically universal approval among Senators and Representatives to day. The ex-Confederates and other Southerners in Congress said that it would do more than any other one thing to wipe out the last traces of sectional feeling, and that it would make President McKinley the most popular man in the country.

The Republicans generally echoed these sentiments, and agreed that whatever legislation was necessary to carry out the President's suggestion ought to be enacted. If this is done, it is suggested by Southerners that the Confederate Memorial day be changed to May 30, the Union Memorial day, so that all the graves of all the men who fell in the civil war might be decorated together.

### Picked up a Fortune In Land.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 16.—Major William F. Aull, manager of the Denny estate, has just secured by State patent, land in the Fifteenth ward valued at over $150,000, which has for years been without an owner. It has long been considered as a part of the Denny estate, and has been rented for years by the Carnegie Steel Company, whose Thirty-third street mills are now located on it. The property contains five acres, and it was generally supposed to belong to the Denny estate, but Major Aull found that the heirs had no title to it. He then quietly made application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for a patent to the property and secured the title in his own name after proving that no claimant existed.

Major Aull says the matter will be adjusted and later conveyed to the Denny estate. The only cost of securing the patent was about $400, and the Carnegie Company or any other person who knew of the status of the property could just as easily have obtained possession of it.


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### DEWEY CAN WHIP ANY ONE.

### Says He Can Hold Manila Against the Earth.

MANILA, December 16.—Regarding the possibility of international complications, Rear Admiral Dewey said to day "Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."

To the suggestion that if the natives prove to be obstreperous, perhaps they might be handed over to the Germans or other ungentle land-grabbers, the Admiral said he believed the Germans now have entirely abandoned their designs in the Philippine Islands, though formerly, he said, the German attitude here had caused him indescribable anxiety.

The Admiral is greatly interested in the movement among the American volunteers to obtain their discharges here and engage in pioneering enterprises. He believes there is a practically unlimited field for planters, farmers and miners here.

Admiral Dewey was strongly convinced that the Filipino insurgents deserve acknowledgement. He is a believer in the practicability of liberal measures in the direction of local autonomy.

According to recent information received here, the Filipino insurgents are endeavoring to maintain a brave show for the purpose of securing the best terms possible from the Americans. It is the opinion of our Admiral that it would be advisable for the United States to pay the insurgent troops their arrears of wages. The whole amount would be a comparatively trifling sum, and the payment of the troops would have a valuable effect, and might save incalculable trouble.

Admiral Dewey always believed that the insurgents were friendly, especially since the war-ships of our fleet have visited the different ports of these islands, and since some of our officers have made tours inland, carefully investigating popular sentiment, and judiciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere with highly satisfactory results.

A few influential Filipinos, in an ambitious attempt at self advancement, are clamoring for independence, though unable to realize its true meaning. They are utterly ignorant of the difference between the name and the reality.

The agitators here invariably admit that they would be unable to stand without American protection. But, in spite of this, they continue their meaningless outcry for independence, and may possibly create trouble.

The Admiral, however, believes this to be improbable at the present juncture, though every trifling incident counts. However, every day that passes without a conflict means so much gain, because the friendly feeling is steadily increasing, the incipient roughness is disappearing, and the agitators are weakening.

The newspapers of Manila are doing particularly valuable work in the simultaneous publication of conciliatory articles printed in Spanish and English.


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### A Great Business Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "December is adding a surprising close to the most surprising year of American history. November had surpassed all other months of the century in volume of business and production, and thus far December is doing even better in payments through clearing houses, in railroad earnings, in foreign trade, in output of pig iron, and in activity and strength of securities. But that is saying a great deal, for in all these and other tests November was far the best month of American financial history.

Bradstreet's says: "Likening the general business of the country to that of a water course, it may be authoritively stated that nearly all the channels of seasonable trade are at the present time running full, and in some lines of business the stream is virtually out of the banks. This is particularly the case in iron and steel, where production and consumptive demand are alike going on at an unprecedented rate, at a time, too, when it is usual to look for quietness and even dullness in this industry.

"Nothing like the present activity in this branch of trade has been seen for many years past, if, indeed, it has ever been equaled. Advices from all the leading centers of iron production are of an exceptionally eager demand for the crude and manufactured products and of advancing prices, the only anxiety expressed being that by buyers desiring early deliveries.

"Probably never before in the country's history has it been possible for an American steel company to refuse a profitable order for rails for foreign account on the plea that its mills were already fully occupied so far ahead as to preclude its trying for the business. The prices for pig iron, steel billets, soft steel and all sorts of car material is at its maximum. Shipbuilding, too, contributes its portion of activity to the iron trade by its urgent calls for material.

"In other lines of business the situation as regards prices is a favorable one, notably among the advances reported being nearly all the cereals, cotton, coffee, lumber, copper, lead and a variety of other less prominent staples. Following the slight recession shown in wheat values of last week, an improved demand for export has again developed, which is evidence of the fact that stories of keen competition from Argentina and Russia have been more or less discounted, the United States remaining, as for some time past, the principal source of supply of the world."

### Killed or Starved to Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The terrible state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown in a report received by the war department from General Davis, in which the latter says that he will to-morrow raise the flag at Pinar del Rio, that the treasury is empty and that the only means of replenishing it is by a system of taxation amounting almost to a confiscation. The country he finds to be of great fertility and beauty, but ravaged almost to destruction, and he is assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one half the former population has been killed or starved to death.


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Mr. J. H. Stonesifer, City Sewer Inspector of Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My kidneys were out of order for years, and every one who has had it knows a lame back is a mean thing to be troubled with. I did not pay much attention to it at first, but it kept troubling me more and more every year until it caused a great deal of suffering. I had to leave my work a number of times to go home, lie down on account of the aching, and when in this condition a urinary weakness annoyed me, particularly at night. I took a number of remedies, but they only relieved me temporarily. I was induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me. They do all that is claimed for them, and I will recommend them every time occasion offers, for they merit it."

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### Twelve Years For Bank Wrecker Marsh.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13—Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the wrecked Keystone national bank, was to-day sentenced by Judge Butler, in the United States district court, to an imprisonment of twelve years and three months and to pay a fine of $500.

The Keystone bank failed in March, 1891, and President Marsh and Cashier Lawrence were placed under arrest charged with conspiracy in making false entries in the books and issuing false reports to the comptroller of the currency. The cashier stood trial and was convicted and imprisoned, but Marsh disappeared and his bail of $20,000 was forfeited.

After wandering over the world for seven and a half years the fugitive president returned on November 3 last and surrendered to the authorities. He pleaded guilty when arraigned for trial.

It was thought probable that Marsh might, when brought up for sentence, make a statement implicating others in the wrecking of the bank, but he merely informed the court that his predecessor in the presidency of the bank had left a defalcation of over a million dollars and that he, Marsh, had never profited a dollar through the bank's losses. He broke down in making this statement and was unable to proceed further.

### Heard His Funeral Sermon.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec 15.—Seaborn Bell, a prominent citizen of Emanuel county, celebrated his 85th birthday yesterday by having his pastor preach his funeral sermon in the court house in Swainsboro. Mr. Bell is an Adventist, and belongs to the old school of gentleman who scorn even an approach toward dissimulation. He declared last night, in speaking of the proposed sermon:

"I will sit to-morrow among my friends to hear my funeral oration. I shall listen attentively, and should the minister, by design or oversight, strain the truth regarding my character or any incident of my life, I will stand up before them all and declare the statements untrue."

Mr. Bell says that during his long life he has seen so much post-mortem deception and undeserved praise accorded the most hardened sinners that he proposes that nothing but the truth shall be spoken about him.

### Sailed For Home.

SOUTHAMPTON, England, December 17—To the interviewers who besieged the American peace commissioners here today before they sailed for New York on board the American line steamer St Louis, the commissioners said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain.

Whitelaw Reid and Judge Day were much interested in the interview of the Manila correspondent of the Associated Press with Rear Admiral Dewey, but they would not discuss either that matter or the protest made by Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader. Judge Day said the treaty of peace would probably be delivered to President McKinley on December 24, but he added it was impossible to say whether it would be presented to the present Senate or that which comes into office in March next. This, the judge added, is a matter which the President will decide.

### Law of Moses for Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., December 15.—C. W. Walters, Populist, a member of the Kansas House, declares that if an extra session of the Legislature is called he will again seek to have the Ten Commandments added to the laws of Kansas.

Walters is a well to-do farmer of forty, residing in Labette county. He is deeply religous. In 1897 he became imbued with the idea of having the affairs of the State managed on the principles laid down by Moses, and made his campaign on that platform.

The people of his district laughed at his Bible theory, but elected him because his opponent was unpopular. Walters came to Topeka with his bill of ten sections, each section a Commandment, and made strenuous efforts to have the Legislature regard him seriously.

His bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Public Roads. Tabhurt Walter's feelings, but he went to work with a will to have the committee give the measure favorable consideration. The committee never reported on the bill, and Walters went home believing the Legislature was past redemption.

### Pay No War Tax Stamp.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has modified his former ruling on the subject and now holds that releases of mortgages and deeds of trust considered as mortgages are exempt from the stamp tax under the war revenue act, no matter in what form they are executed, whether with the solemnity of a deed, a certificate of satisfaction, or simply as an entry of satisfaction on the margin of the record book in which the released mortgage or deed of trust is recorded.

The Commissioner says that the Attorney General and the Courts have ruled that the writers of telegrams should pay the tax on them.


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