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NEBRASKA PRAIRIE AFIRE. One Ranch Wiped Out and Others Six Trestles on One Line Are Out-

Threstened. VALENTINE, Neb., April 28.-Word disastrous prairie fires are raging there: that the buildings of one cattle ranch other ranches are threatened. Details are very meager, and it is impossible to learn the name of the ranch which has suffered the loss of its buildings, which is

STORM IN ARKANSAS.

received from the southwestern part of and hall storm visited North Arkansae this (Cherry) county, is to the effect that last night. Six trestles and four miles of have been entirely wiped out and that is severed. Great destruction is reported.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 26.-The heaviest rain on record fell here this morning, about .60 miles from here. The report the precipitation in one hour being 1.67 sups that the fires started about 4 o'clock inches. Lightning tore the German Thursday afternoon and at 10 o'clock last Evangelical Church and killed John C. night were still raging. They are traveling rapidly northward under three sep. miles south, three inches of rain fell within two bours and congested the

REVISION OF CREED

The Presbyterian Committee Makes Its Report.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON

Recommends That a Commission Be Appointed to Prepare Amendments to the Articles of Faith.

PITTSBURG, April 26.-Harmonious action was taken by the committee on re-vision of the creed of the Presbyterian Church at its session today at the Mo-nongahela House, and a unanimous report was formulated late in the afternoon for submission to the General Assembly, which will meet at Philadelphia, May 16. Rev. Dr. Vandyke, of Princeton Univer-sity, when handing the report to the As-sociated Press representative, said: "The action taken cannot be emphasized too strongly for it will have

"The action taken cannot be emphasized too strongly, for it will have to endure comment and criticism in every Presbyterian home and community in the United States. Ten members signed it, and we are assured that every one of the other four will attach his signature. It was the full committee that met, and not a subcommittee. Professor William R. Crabbe, of Pittaburg, was prevented by illness from being present. Benjamin Harrison is dead, and that leaves Rev. Samuel J. Niccol, of St. Louis, and Elders John M. Harlan, Justice of the United States Su-Harian, Justice of the United States Su-preme Court; John E. Parsons and Daniel N. Noyes, of St. Paul, to sign. The report s a compromise to satisfy the two great classes of opinion among the great Presbyteries. A large number wish the reinstatement of the creed, and the others wish a revision of the whole. The question of foreordination and predestination is treated of in chapter 3, and the com-mittee recommends that these subjects be amended by a committee to be appointed by the General Assembly." The report which the committee will

make to the General Assembly is as fol-"Your committee finds, on examination

of the returns from the presbyteries, the following facts: "L That the returns indicate that the church desires some change in its creedal statement.

"2. That the returns indicate that no change is desired which would in any way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the confession of

The returns indicate that it is the mind of the church that the confession should be interpreted throughout in harmony with the teaching of Scripture that God is not willing that any one should perish, nor is it the decree of God, but the wickedness of their own fearts, which shuts come men out from the salvation freely and lovingly offered in Christ Je-

ity of the presbyteries desire that changes should be made by some new statement of

"5. The returns also indicate a desire upon the part of many presbyteries for of the present confession especially in chapter 3, chapter 10, section 3; chapter 16, section 7; chapter 22, section 3; chapter 25, section 6, with an additional statement concerning the love of God for all men and for all missions. "In view of these facts, we recommend that a commission, as provided by the form of government, chapter 23, section l, be appointed by this assembly. We recommend that this committee be in-structed to prepare a brief summary of the reformed faith, bearing the same re-lation to the confession which the shorter catechism bears to the larger catechism, and formed upon the general mod-el of the consensus creed prepared for the assembly of 1892, or the 'articles of faith' of the Presbyterian Church of Eng-land, both of which documents are appended to the committee's report and subto the committee that may be appointed. "This summary is not to be a substi-tute for the confession and is not to affect the terms of subscription, but 'to vindicate and clear the doctrines of the church from all false aspersions and misconceptions, to give a better understand-

ing of what is surely believed among us, and is in no sense to impair, but is rather to manifest and maintain the inof the reformed faith.' 'We further recommend that this com-

mittee be instructed to prepare amend-ments to chapter 3, chapter 10, section 3, and chapter 16, section 7; chapter 22, section 3, and chapter 25, section 6, of our confession of faith, either by modification of the text or by declaratory statement, so as more clearly to express the mind of the church, with additional statements oncerning the love of God for all men, missions and the Holy Spirit. It being un-derstood that the revision shall in no way impair the integrity of the system of doctrines set forth in our confession and taught in the holy scripture."

BOER FORCE CAPTURED. Lieutenant Reid and a Small Party Surrounded Them.

LONDON, April 27.-The War Office has ceived the following dispatch from Lord

"Pretoria, April 26.-Since yesterday the olumn reports the Boer losses to be 12 killed, 20 wounded, 47 captured and 42 urrendered. In addition to the foregoing. Lieutenant Reid, with 20 Bushmen, cap tured southeast of Commisie Drift, Oliphant's River, Commandant Schoeder and 41 Boers, together with a Maxim. Reid's

en crept up and surrounded them before dawn, and opened fire, the Boers Immediately surrendering." In a later message forwarding advices from General Kitchener, his brother, the

commander-in-chief, says:
"General Kitchener reports from Spar-dee Platz 18 Boers killed, 14 taken prisoners and 3000 cattle and many wagons cap-

Merriman Nearly Mobbed. EDINBURGH, April 26. - J. X. Merriman, ex-Treasurer of Cape Colony, who, with J. W. Sauer, is now representing the Afrikanderbund in Great Britain and urging the immediate federation of South Ar-rica into a self-governing community under a flag, addressed a meeting of 2000 today in Waverly Market, Edinburgh, Be. fore he could proceed it was necessary to suppress organized disturbances by electing a large number of cat-callers and howlers and arresting several persons for assault. Eighty policemen were needed to keep order inside the hall, while a large force of mounted police outside prevented them from raiding the hall. Several persons were injured in the scrimmages. Fifteen thousand people waited to see Mr. Merriman when he emerged from the building, but he managed to make his exit

The Boers' Peace Terms. LONDON, April 27.—Henry Massing-ham, writing today in the Daily News,

trol of foreign affairs,"

Milner's Work Will Not Be Undone. LONDON, April 25.—Mr. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, informed a ques-tioner in the House of Commons today that the government did not propose to inaugurate a full scheme of civil administration in South Africa suring Sir Alfred Milner's absence, which would be of short duration. The work of reorganization would proceed, however, on the lines laid down by Sir Alfred, whose place as Brit-ish High Commissioner would be temporarily filled by Lord Kitchener.

CONSUMPTION CURE.

Medical Men Skeptical of the Argentine Discovery.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: "Dr. Carlos L. Villar, an Argentine army leged cure and the serum treatment."
Dr. George F. Shrady, of New York
City, in an interview published in the
Herald, commenting upon the disputch,
said that the medical profession did not

dice the medical profession against it. A remedy designed to benefit the human race should be as free as air or water."

CYCLONE IN PHILAPPINES Barracks Destroyed at Polloc, Eastern Mindanao.

WASHINGTON, April 26. - Admiral Kempff, at Cavite, cabled to the Navy ing the terms of Napoleon Davis and Department today that a cyclone struck George W. Davis, as clerks of State Land Polloc on April 23, destroying the barracks and rendering the hospital unfit for use. No casualties are reported.

Board, were examined. It is shown that there was a shortage of \$30,978 33 during the latter's term, but that the books of

Superintendent of Manila Normal of general superintendent of W. Atkinson, Director-General of Educa-tion at Manila. Professor Bryan will accept.

to continue their struggle against American sovereignty to the bitter end.

ONE SHAFT BROKEN.

QUEENSTOWN, April 26.-The Cunard liner Campania, Captain Walker, from New York, which arrived here about 8 o'clock, reported having passed the American liner New York, Captain Roberts, from Southampton April 20, at noon Wednesday, in latitude 35.3 north, and that the New York signaled that her port shaft was broken. The Campania stopped for five minutes to take further signals, but nothing was given beyond the announce ment that apart from that all was well. The New York proceeded westward, making good progress with one engine. A strong northwest wind was blowing at the time, and the sea was rough.

since March 15, and awaited Mr. Hill's return to make the transfer.

the late Justice A. Holman, of the Indiana Supreme Court, and a cousin of the late Congressman William Shotman, of Indiana, confirms the report that she is engaged to Guglielmo Marconi, the inven-tor of wireless telegraphy. Signor Mar-coni is now on the way to Europe, and it is said that the marriage will take place in the Autumn.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 26.-A local sen

shallow stream. The Arkansas River, some distance further on, has been draggged, without result. Recess of the Supreme Court.

SCHOOL FUND STEAL

Ex-Clerk Davis' Shortage Is \$30,928 33.

BOND COVERS \$5000 OF AMOUNT

Experts Report That the State Treas urer and School Land Board Could Have Easily Detected Defalcation.

SALEM, April 26.-The clerks employed trict.

most cases the promisors are excution-proof, and fur the further reason that in all cases the state keeps the land until the notes are paid.

It is probable that in many instances

purchasers have kept possession of the land for 20 years and secured some revenue from it, and yet have not paid even the interest. In some cases the timber may have been removed from the land and then the devastated tract left to the state, along with the unpaid note. The State Land Board may bring suit on any of the notes, but has never thought best

Loan notes, given to evidence a loan from the school funds, are secured by mortgages, and none of this class now on hand can be called worthless

Davis' Whereabouts Unknown. Attorney-General Blackburn was asked today what his next step in the land office matter will be. He said that the cierks will now examine the books of the terms of W. H. Odell and M. L. Chamberlain. So far as concerns criminal proceedings against ex-Clerk George W. Davis, Judge Blackburn says he will leave the matter to the Prosecuting Attorney of this dis-

by Attorney-General Blackburn, under Mr. Davis left Salem a day or two after authority of the Legislature, to examine the defalcation was discovered, early in

SHERIFF'S ORDERS IGNORED

Courts Decide the Case.

Mr. Davis left Salem a day or two after

today when 22 wagons loaded with ties were driven up to the right of way by order of Superintendent Young. The first team was promptly stopped by the Clirk forces. Sheriff Johnson then demanded that the teams be allowed to pass over the public road, but the Clark forces again refused to allow the teamsters to proceed. The teamsters then attempted to force their horses through, but the Clark men heavily reinforced and armed with show-eis and pick handles, rushed to the horses' heads and again stopped them. For two hours the argument was kept up, several of the teamsters in the mean-

Finally, the Clark forces asked for an armistice and an agreement was reached by which the wagons are not to be un-

THE WASHINGTON RELICS.

Will Be Restored to the Present Hend of the Family.

Dowell, then in command there, by a agreement of the Lee family. The General sent them to the Patent Office for safe, keeping, whence they were transferred to their present place of deposit, the Smithsonian Institute. Says the President:

tion to give direction for the restoration to the present head of a historic family of these cherished heirlooms of the Father of His Country.

Lipton's Plans Not Fixed.

BOSTON, April 28.-Sir Thomas Lipton has cabled the Hull-Massachusetts Yacht Club that at this time he cannot say whether or not he will bring the Shamrock to Boston for the race against the Independence and possibly the Constitution. The owner of the Shamrock says he will wait until he comes to New York before giving a definite answer.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

leneral Ludlow is coming home sick. Page 1. A cyclone destroyed the barracks at Polloc, Mindanao. Page 1. The Madrid Junta encourages the Filipinos to

The Chinese Empress appoints a board of national administration. Page 2. Boxers are pillaging in the vicinity of Pao

Ting Fu. Page 2 A great famine exists in Shan Si Province

First estimates of the losses in the Frankfort, Germany, disaster were exaggerated. Page 3. Algerian natives broke out in revolt. Page 3. Domestic.

The Presbyterian committee on creed revision reported. Page 1. A clash between Short Line and Clark people occurred on the Nevada grade. Page 1. The Cuban commissioners had another confer-

Secretary Hay has secured an expression from Senators on the canal question. Page 6. Pacific Const. Shortage in Oregon school land frauds during

Poetland's protest is almost certain to put an posed survey of Bull Run forest

Man giving his name as Simeon Day arrested in Washington on auspicion of being Bus murderer. Page 4.

gon, Valley. Page 4. Saw mill men protest against new Oregon law giving persons control of unnavigable streams if they improve them. Page 4.

Portland market quotations. Page 11. Domestic and foreign commercial news and quotations. Page 11. New York stock market quotations. Page 11.

Weekly review of New York stock market.

ounty Judges resolve to hid in property to be sold for taxes in July. Page 8. dependent telephone companies planning to build long-distance lines on the Pacific

cessful as a modeler in clay. Page 8.

at Valparaiso, returns to Portland. Odd Fellows celebrate the eighty-second anniversary of the founding of their order.

John F. Caples, formerly United States Con-

ite offered at University Park for the Lewis

Visitors Always Welcome.

ROBES AND WHIPS

Great Loss Reported. SELIGMAN, Mo., April 26 .- A fierce rain track on the St. Louis & North Arkansas Railroad are out. Wire and rail connec tion with Eureka Springs and points east

"The Boers are greatly worn and harassed, and they yearn for a settlement, but they will not trust any settlement on Chamberlain-Milner terms. They would, however, surrender the whole Jo-hannesburg and Rand gold fields district to Great British, on condition that Inde-pendence be restored to the Orange Free State and that the Transvalers be al-lowed to found a republic in the wild and uncultivated north, subject to British con-

surgeon, has just published a report of the treatment of 50 cases of tuberculosis with his serum at the military hospital in this city. The treatment extended from December 2, 1900, to April 20, 1901. Tuberculosis in the early stage, says Dr. Villar, was cured within 40 days. Patients whose cases were more advanced, but without complications, he reports, were all cured within 20 days. Of those patients where the cases were far advanced, all were cured except those who could offer very little resistance to the disease. Dr. Villar did not divulge the character of his serum, but it is a yellow liquid. Hypodermic injections are made varying in quantity every second, third, fourth or fifth day, according to the individual case. Argentine physicians have been invited to investigate the al-

place much confidence in the serum treatment of tuberculosis. He said:
"The medical profession now holds, afthe medical profession how holes, at ter centuries of experiments, that the proper treatment for tuberculosis is a change to dry, pure air. The impression that men are not cured of consumption is a prevalent and an erroneous one. There have been many thousands of cures. The fact that Dr. Villar does not give the formula of his remedy would preju-

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.-The position schools for the Philippines, at a salary of \$3000 a year, has been offered to Elmer Burrett Bryan, professor of philosophy and pedagogy at Indiana University, Bloomington. The offer comes from Fred

Filipinos Encouraged. MADRID, April 27 .- The Filipino Commission here adopted a resolution calling ipon their countrymen in the Philippines

American Liner New York Proceeding With One Engine.

Hill Retains His Paper.

ST. PAUL, April 26.-L. A. Rosing, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, who in February secured from J. J. Hill a written option on the St. Paul Globe newspaper, capitalized a company, with ex-Governor John A. Lind as one of the directors, and accepted the option before its expiration, was notified by Mr. Hill today that he had decided not to part with the property. Mr. Rosing has een preparing to assume charge of the

Engaged to Marconi. NEW YORK, April 26.-Miss Josephine B. Holman, of Indianapolis, a daughter of

Pueblo Teacher Disappears. ation is caused by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Mertle Buerger, who for 12 years has been a teacher in the Pueblo schools. Bloodhounds followed a trail from Mrs. Buerger's house to and under a bridge over Fountain Creek, a

WASHINGTON, April 26.-In accordance with the announcement by the Chief Jus-tice last Monday, the United States Supreme Court today suspended the call of cases for argument until the reconven-ing of court next October. The court will et next Monday to announce opinions, and then will take a recess until May 13.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF GENERAL LUDLOW.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL WILLIAM LUDLOW.

MANILA, April 26 .- Owing to his iliness, the appointment of Brigadier-General William Ludlow to be Military Governor of the Department of the Visayas has been revoked. A board of surgeons has made an examination, and reports that General Ludlow suffered from an attack of grip and localized congestion, which has developed into a dangerous case of tuberculosis. General Ludlow will return to the United States by the first transport.

the books of the State Land Office, to-day filed their report. The report does not show anything of a material nature in addition to that reported by the Leg-leiative Committee. The books kept dur-NEARLY A DEFEAT. Small Government Majority in the Napoleon Davis are correct. The total amount of defalcation of George W. Da-vis was \$30,952 08, but Mr. Davis had made errors in favor of the state amount-ing to \$23 75, reducing the amount still due the state by that sum. The sureties on Davis' official bond were George G. Blingham, and E. P. McCornack, the amount of the bond being \$5000. Attor-

out any litigation, but inquiry of the gentlemen most interested elicits the information that neither knows what action will be taken. In any event, the state stands to lose nearly \$25,000. In closing the report on the books during this term, the clerks present this indictment against the state officials: "The State Treasurer or State Land Board could have ascertained very east-

ney-General Blackburn stated that he un-derstood that the bond will be paid with-

ly whether or not these statements were correct." The report does not set out in detail the manner in which each item of defalcaeffected, but gives the total from each fund. The report of the clerks for the term of

Napoleon Davis shows that during that

gentleman's incumbency as clerk of the board, he collected moneys aggregating \$1,173,859 45, and turned over to the State Treasurer the same amount. The clerks also say that they were unable to find a cash book in which swamp and tide land receipts were entered, though the book is frequently referred to in the ledger containing this account. Not being able to check up the ledger

with the cash book, they compared the receipts shown in the ledger with the original deeds. It is also stated that the printed report of Napoleon Davis' term does not respond entirely with the records, and number of errors are cited. It appears however, that these errors are probably

ypographical, and were overlooked in proofreading. On the subject of prompt payment of money, the report says:
"It is evident from a careful examination of the work that the money was not turned over promptly, and at the close of the first year of his term the clerk had some \$40,000 which he had not turned over to the Treasurer. At the end of the second year he paid up to within about \$10,000, and then ran behind again, and so on until the close of his term. During all this time he had given but a \$5000 bend."

Lot of Worthless Notes.

The investigating clerks did not examine the books of the present clerks of the board, but went out of their way to give this piece of advice;
"The present clerk has a lot of old and worthless notes on hand, and some disposition should be made of them. It is not justice to hold him responsible for the safe-keeping of such a mass of

The notes referred to are known

'state land notes," and were given by

worthless rubbish."

purchasers of school land in part pay-ment of the purchase price of the land. There are hundreds of these notes in the State Land Office, Many of them date back to 1880 and interest payments are indorsed up to 1891, but when the hard times came, the purchasers became delinquent and failed to make their payments. The purchaser has a certificate of sale, and has possession of the land. The State Land Board has received a part payment in cash and several years' interest. The board has the right to cancel the certificate at any time, and always does so when a new purchaser can be found for the land. The original purchaser cannot secure title to the land until he pays the balance due on his note and secures a deed from the board,

The board has never brought suit on one coolred persons died of the plague.

House of Commons. LONDON, Apjril 27.-The unstable character of the government majority received a pointed illustration last night the House of Commons during the division on many votes. Numerous divisions were taken in a thinned he the government majorities ranging from 40 to 60. In one case, that of the reduction of the salary of the Attorney-General, the government majority fell as low as 33. At this, the Liberals cheered jubilantly for although, as Herbert Gladstone, the chief Liberal whip, said in a speech at Leeds last night, "the govern-ment shows all the symptoms of senile decay, but it is impossible to think of another general election or alternative move," the Liberals are pleased to see so speedly a result of the government's war and financial policy. The National ists were greatly disappointed at the outcome, because when this particular di-vision was taken, 21 of their members were absent. It is evident that unless the government is really riding for a fall

in order to pevent an unpleasant sur-The incident caused much annoyance to the government, especially as it is under-stood that an urgent whip was sent to Conservative members to be in attendance in anticipation of the votes. Four Con-servatives voted against the government and several Conservatives purposely abstained from voting, there being considerable feeling against the extravagant sums now paid to the law offices of the crown. Under the last Liberal government, the Attorney-General and Solicitor General were paid fixed salaries of £19,000. Last year these two officers together

received £30,000 in salaries and fees. Butte Mine Litigation.

HELENA, Mont., April 26.-The Supreme ourt today rendered two important decisions in the case of the Pennsylvania mine, of Butte. The mine is being operated under a provisional injunction of the Sliver Bow court by the Montana Ore-Purchasing Company. The latter com-pany petitioned the court to vacate the injunction, and this motion the court denied. Application for an increase of the Montana Ore-Purchasing Company's bond, which was made by the Boston & Mon tana Company, the opposing litigants in the sult, was granted, and the court ordered that a supplemental bond of \$300,-000 be filed on or before May 10. This is one of the suits in which Senator W. A. Clark appears upon the bonds of F. August Heinze, president of the ore-purchas-ing company, and who yesterday was de-nied the right to withdraw as surety.

Canal Enterprises in Austria. VIENNA, April 26,-The Imperial Gov ernment has submitted to the Reichsrath a bill authorizing the construction of four canals in the Danube, Moldau, Elbe and Vistula districts. The work of construction is to begin in 1904, and will be com Hon kroner, at 4 per cent, are to be borrowed before 1912, and further funds for the construction of these four canals will be borrowed when necessary,

No Attempt on King Charles' Life.

truth in the report that an attempt has been made on the life of King Charles.

BUCHAREST, April 28,-There is no

A lunatic recently threw stones at the window on the ground floor of the pal-ace, but he was promptly arrested, and has been placed in an asylum, New Plague Cases at Cape Town,

CAPE TOWN, April 26.-Eight cases of pubonic plague were reported here today. four of which were European and four colored persons. Two Europeans and three

In the Right-of-Way Dispute

in Nevada.

With Supplies Prevented From Reaching the Grade-An Armistice Agreed to Until the

UVADA, Utah, April 26.-The first clash between the Oregon Short Line and Sen-ator Clark forces for possession of the disputed Utah & California grade occurred time succeeding in breaking through and getting their wagons upon the right of

loaded and the Clark forces are to retire to their second line of defense at the barbed-wire trochs, two miles down the grade, pending a determination in court of the respective rights of the claim-ants. This action, it is believed, removes the danger of a further clash between the rival forces.

WASHINGTON, April 26-Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, several days ago addressed a letter to President McKinley, Indorsing the application of General George Washington Custis Lee, submitted by him in behalf of Miss Marie Custis Lee, his sister, for restoration of the relics which he (General Lee), became owner upon the death of his mother, who was the wife of General Robert E. Lee. President McKinley has written Senator Daniel a letter setting forth that the relics were turned over to General Me-

"All the Government did was to accept the trust of their custody at a time when the owner could not protect them. and they were consequently exposed to risk of destruction. The need for such protection having ceased and the trust voluntarily assumed having been dis-charged, it will afford me great satisfac-

Phillippines.

their whips need constantly to be alert continue the struggle. Page 1. china.

> Foreign. Kitchener reports the capture of another Boer

ence with Secretary Root. Page 6.

George W. Davis' term as Clerk reaches \$30,982 33. Page L

Grading will commence about May 1 on 40-mile irrigation ditch in Rogue River, Ore-

Commercial.

oun's and Bradstreet's weekly trade reviews. Portland and Vicinity,

Const. Page 12. lambling games running. Page 12. F. Durphy, charged with polygamy, held to answer before the grand jury. Page 10. Mes. Martin, Homer Davenport's elster, suc-

and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition. Page 8.