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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

In anticipation of an increase in the merican tariff, Canadian distillers are shipping large quantities of whisky to the United States.

Senator Lindsay, from the committee on judiciary, has reported the bankrupt-cy bill substantially as it was reported by Senator Teller, during the last con-

Niccteen business buildings in Bloomington, Wis., were burned. The fire originated in a saloon at 1 o'clock in the morning. The total loss is \$50,-000, with light insurance.

The senate in executive session con-firmed the nomination of Willis Van-deventer, of Wyoming, to be assistant attorney-general; Charles Schaller to be major, ordnance department of the

Representative Evans, of Kentucky, has introduced a resolution in congress requesting the president to give notice that the United States would terminate at the end of twelve months the existing commercial reciprocity convention with the Hawaiian republic.

A draft of the treaties between the Transvaal republic and the Orange Free State have been concluded at Bloemfontein, the capital of the latter republic, and are published in Pretoria. They give the burghers in each state a fransition of the latter republic. sublics agree to support one another in ase of attack. The treaties must be ratified by the volksraads of both re-

The secretary of the treasury has au-thorized the collector of customs at Fer-dinando to issue clearance papers to the suspected filibuster Bermuda, now at that port. These instructions were is-sued upon receipt of an affidavit made by the captain of the Bermuda, pledg-ing himself not to enter Cuban ports nor transferred to another vessel on the high seas or to do any act in violation of the laws of the United States.

The strike on the Erie canal, at Pendleton, N. Y., has assumed a serious aspect. The stonemasons were attacked by sixty Italians, because they refused to quit work. Sheriff Kinney ordered to quit work. Sheriff Kinney ordered the Italians to return to their cabins. They refused, and were reinforced by Polacks, whereupon the sheriff and posses fired a volley at them. The men ran from the field. Three Italian padrones have been arrested and brought to Lockport. Twenty-five men are at work on the canal under guard of a dozen deputy sheriffs.

Samuel Cosines an old Yambill cons.

ty pioneer of 1848, died at his home... McMinnville, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Marcy Smith was dragged from cottage where her only boy, Harry, has been at death's door from pneumonia. The mother, worn out by much watchgradually lost her reason and was taken away by force to prevent her doing harm to those who had come to nurse

Police Telegraph Operator Harry Greenhoff, of the East Chicago avenue station, narrowly escaped death while making a heroic rescue of a child from beneath the wheels of an engine on St. Paul bridge. So near did he become to being crushed that his coat was torn off. The child he rescued was but 4 years old, and had wandered on the bridge in front of the fast freight train when Greenhoff saw its danger and rescued it, at the peril of his own life.

The question of opening the Cascade timber reserve for the herding of stock is creating a stir among prominent stockmen of Eastern Oregon. The vari-ous stock associations in Wasco, Gil-liam, Crook and Sherman counties pro-pose to raise a fund of \$500 to pay the expenses of a delegate to Washington to properly present the matter to con-gress. The question is a vital one to sheepmen, as the closing of the reserve to them means such a scarcity of range that successful sheepraising in Eastern Oregon will be impracticable on a large scale.

Theodore Durrant has by no means given up the fight for his life. George A. Knight has been added to his counsel, and is now preparing a petition asking the supreme court for a reflearing of the application previously made and denied, for a new trial. If this petition, which will be sumbitted without argument, be denied, as the district attorney anticipates, there will only remain the possibility of securing the interference of the federal courts in Durrant's behalf. Failing in that, only the action of the president can step between the condemned man and the gallows.

The Brooks locomotive works, Dunkirk, N. Y., has resumed on full time. The force has been greatly increased during the past week. It is expected the full force will be employed

in all the departments before April I. Sylvester Scovel, the correspondent, who was imprisoned in Cuba, has argreat deal of sympathy had been wasted on him, as he had been treated with great consideration and kindness. WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

The Yield of Last Year the Smallest in

Chicago, March 30.—The Times-Herald's Washington special says:
The world's wheat crop for 1896 was 2,428,838,000 bushels. This fact will be officially announced by the scoretary of agriculture in a report to be issued this week. Although the total wheat crop was 118,000,000 bushels less than in 1895, it was larger than earlier estimates indicated. This was largely due to an increase of 59,000,000 bushels in the final estimates of the central statistical bureau, over the November estithe final estimates of the central statis-tical bureau, over the November esti-mate of the minister of agriculture of that country. The crop for 1896 was the smallest in six years. Regarding the distribution of the crop of the United States for 1896, the

eport will state: The increase in price which began in the fall of 1898 so stimulated sales that many parts of the country are now left with only sufficient for seed. All secwith only sufficient for seed. All sections report an exceptionally small percentage on hand, the general average being 20.6, against 26.3 last year, and showing but 88,000,000 bushes in farmer's hands March 1. An unusually small amount of the crop of 1895 remains—but 3 per cent, against 4.7 per cent of the 1894 crop so held a year ago.

A larger proportion than usual must e retained for home consumption. The average percentage so retained is 48.5, against 41.1 last year, when the inducements to export were weaker.

TWO AMENDMENTS ADOPTED. House Proceeding Very Slowly With Tariff Bill.

Washington, March 30.—The progress of the house on the tariff bill today was even slower than yesterday. Only five more pages of the 162 pages of the bill were disposed of, making fourten pages in all in the two of the five days allowed for consideration under the five-minute rule. At this rate, only thirty-one pages of the bill rate, only thirty-one pages of the bill will be disposed of before the bill comes to a final vote. Only two amendments were adopted today, each an amend-ment on the ways and means commit-All the questions involved in the the realms of the financial theories, furnished fruitful topics for the mem-bers. Fully two hours were spent in the discussion of whether the foreigner or the consumer paid tax. This question bids fair to consume much more time before the debate closes.

Bailey, the leader of the oppostion, was absent almost all day, and Rich-ardson and McMillin bore the brunt of the hard fighting. The Democratic policy, so far as it has been disclosed, seems to be to attack the bill at every

The Illinois legislature is considering a bill giving free school books to all the bushel have been pouring in on the pupils of the public schools of the state. Washington, March 80 .- Letters by treasury department, asking for infor-mation concerning the new law in rela-tion to the passing of mutilated coin, although those seeking the information might, in a majority of cases, have se-cured it from the United States dis-

trict attorney or secret service officers of their respective localities. In brief, it may be explained that the law is in the main an extension of that against counterfeiting. It provides coins or the mutilation of defacement coins or the mutilation of defacement of coin for any purpose shall be held to be a criminal offense, punishable by imprisonment for a period of one to five years and a fine of \$100 to \$2,000. Under this law the practice of presenting ladies with coins of gold or silver, with the initials of the donor engraved thereon, to be worn as bangles, will be a simple offense.

a number of people who have made a living by purchasing mutilated coins at plugging up the holes so skillfully that the original mutilation could not be discovered. Even this kind of tampering with money will be regarded as an offense under the statute.

Philadelphia, March 80.-The mons filibustering steamer Laurada ar-rived in the Delaware last night, after having successfully landed the most important expedition yet sent from this country to Cuba, and tonight is anchored in the river below Wilmingad been practically abandoned by all except those connected with the Cuban

Perry, O. T., March 30.—Recent advices from Washington are that the Wichita country, owned and occupied by the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians, will be opened by May 1. The gold and silver excitement in the Wichita mountains has drawn hundreds on the border of this country, and the opening is expected to be of more note than any previous opening of the In-dian territory lands.

Washington, March 80 .- Suce the change of administration, over 80,000 applications for positions have been filed at the postoffice department. The number is said to be somewhat smaller than four years ago. All the papers have been recorded and classified and the cases made up to date. Up to the close of business today the appointment has recorded 1,000 applications for presidential positions under the interior department.

Great Damage Done in the Vicinity of Austin.

LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

Were Split Asunder by

Austin, Tex., March 30 .- Today the city and country was visited by a cy-clone that did great damage. The wind came from the southwest, and blew at a rate of about sixty miles an hour for nearly twenty minutes, tearing down trees or splitting them asunder with terrific force. Several electric towers vere blown down, and quite a number of houses in the residence portion were blown down, and in several cases parrow escapes from death are reported.

The new unoccupied residence of Burt McDonaly was blown down, striking against the residence of William Vining, knocking in one side of the building. Two children who were in the room playing narrowly escaped. The roofs of a number of residences were torn off, and in addition to doing much damage to the state university, the wind blew off the entire roof of the adjoining dormitory. Great damage was done to the building, and the property of the 20 students therein, many of whom fled for their lives when the roof was carried away. The roof was carried 100 yards, crushing the roof of a cottage in which four people were seated, but none were even injured, though they were entombed by falling debris.

A church just to the north of the university had the entire east side blown in and was unroofed, the wind carrying the roof a block away. The residence of Dr. Graves, immediately north of the church, was lifted from its foundation and twisted completely

foundation and twisted completely around and set down in the same place, so badly damaged, however, that none of the doors could be opened to permit the escape of the frightened inmates.

The small town of Clarksville, nearthis city, was swept by the wind, and many horses were killed by flying de-

bris, while a number of small houses were blown down, though fortunately the inmates were not killed. Several were badly maimed, however. With the terrific wind came a driving rain, that was little short of a flood, and swept everything before it.

Persons arriving on the evening trains bring reports from the surround-ing country that the storm was general in this section.

The small town of Bua was roughly,

handled by the storm, quite a number of houses being blown down, and one or two persons killed, though their names are not obtainable, owing to the fact that most of the telegraph wires

are down, and news is very meager.

This is the worst storm that has ever visited this section, and it has laid waste everything in its track, but for-Samuel Cozine, an old Yambill counpioneer of 1843, died at his home in
The Penalty for Passing Defaced The storm was over in an hour, and the sun came out as brightly as though the sun came out as brightly as the sun came out as the sun came out as brightly as though

Calvert, Tex., March 30 .- Late de tails of the storm show that the loss of Many fine dwellings were demolished. At Calvert an old lady and two children were in their house and were fa-tally injured by the collapse of the building, which was partly burned, notwithstanding the torrents of rain. The loss to property in and around Calvert is estimated at \$100,000. Many roofs and chimneys were blown down. People living here for twenty-five years say they never witnessed such a fearful storm. All telephone as well as telestorm. All telephone as we graph lines were prostrated.

Bad Fire in Portsmouth, Virginia Norfolk, Va., March 30 .- A fire oc curred at Portsmouth this morning, making many families homeless and causing \$100,000 damage. Fire originated in Whitehirst's hall, corner of Green and Glasgow streets, and burned the block to London street. A high wind swept the flames southward, and church, three blocks away, caught fire from a brand. In less than half an hour the edifice was in ruins. The flames spread to a row of residences on High street, and, while they were burning, the flying sparks caused an-other blaze in Newton, about a mile away. Assistance was rendered from Norfolk and while the fire was at its height the militia was called out to protect property and aid the firemen.

San Francisco, March 30 -The Mer-London announcing the arrival of the British ship Militiades, which sailed from this port on December 29, making the trip in eighty-four days. This is the fastest time on record for a sailing vessel between San Francisco and Lon-don. The Miltiades was grain laden, chartered by G. W. McNear.

To Abolish Capital Punishment passed the Engley bill providing for the abolition of capital punishment. The bill recently passed the house, and now only awaits the governor's signa-

New York Hotel Mystery, New York, March 30.—Anthony Marshall, who was found unconscious yesterday in the Marine hotel, while two women were lying dead in the same apartment, all having been over-come by illuminating gas, died today in the hospital where he had been taken, without recovering his senses. The two women were identified by rela-

Dr. Koch is said to have discovered

House Democrats Tried to Amend th

Washington, March 29.—The tariff bill was thrown open for amendment under the 5-minute rule in the house today. Seven weary hours of work only served to dispose of nine pages of the 162 pages of the bill. All the amendments offered by the Democrats were rejected. Three slight amendments by the committee, were adopted, and also an amendment by Mahaney to increase the duty on white lead from 2½ cents to 3 cents per pound, the rate in the act of 1890. The present duty is 1½ cents Mahaney said the increase was asked for by a concern which was independent of the lead trust. It was adopted by a strict party vote.

The discussion covered a wide range of political topics, and at times was interesting. Washington, March 29 .- The tariff

interesting.

By far the most important feature of the day was the attempt of Dockery, Cooper and others, backed by the entire opposition, to secure a vote on an amendment offered in a multitude of forms, which provided that in case it should be shown to the satisfaction of the president that any article made dutiable by the bill was controlled by a trust or combination, the duty upon such article should be suspended. Ding-ley made the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the duamendment was not germane to the du-tiable list, and would not be in order until the free list was reached. For almost three hours this point of order was gone over and made the subject of criminations and recriminations. The Democrats contended that if the amendment was ruled out it would never be voted upon, as the free list, in all human probability, would not be reached before the final vote was taken. The chair sustained the point of order. An appeal was taken, but the chair was sustained by a strict party vote-158

Washington, March 29. - Another brief discussion of the civil service bill occurred during the open session of the senate today. Mr. Gallinger presented several forms issued by the civil serv-ice commission to substantiate his recent statement that certain applicants for office were required to hop on one foot for twelve feet. He said his statement had been challenged by several penny-a-liners and by one member of the civil service commission. The sen-ator read the "hopping provision" and several other questions as to the weight and height of typesetters, which he characterized as absurd. Referring to the size and weight requirement, Gal-

"Phil Sheridan could not have served the government if the civil service commission could have got at

The latter was referred to the civil

service committee.

A resolution was adopted asking the president for information as to the death of American sailors at Santiago de Cuba; also resolutions asking the attorney-general for information of any proposition to sell the Union Pacific railroad.

laws applicable to railroads, it was determined to print the majority and mi nority opinions as a senate document

Large Sum to Charity. New York, March 29 .- The World confirms the report that Baroness Hirsch is about to expend \$1,500,000 in ex-minister to Turkey and trustee of the Baron Hirsch fund, which expends for charitable and educational purposes the income of \$2,400,000 annually, says that Baroness Hirsch has appropriated a sum sufficient to buy land and put up a building for the Baron Hirsch

She has further appropriated \$1,000,-000 for the building of model houses for the poor in the tenement district or wherever the trustees of the fund may determine. In addition she will build to those of other homes she has built

cational alliance, whose work is chiefly among the Russian Hebrews, to pay off at her expense the \$100,000 mortgage on its property.

Probably a Murder.

Tacoma, Wash., March 29.-Peter Olson, a horse trader, who always carried large sums of money on his per-son, was struck on the head tonight with a large cold chisel, by some perin a lonely part of the city, and was not found till about 8:80 P. M. Just how long he had been lying there is not known. When found, there was only a \$10 bill in his watch fob, but near his body was a 50-cent piece and his keys. The police have no clue fur-ther than the cold chisel the deed was done with. The doctors say Olson cannot recover nor regain consc the weapon was driven in his head to the base of the brain.

Constantinople, March 29 .- It is as serted here tonight, on what is regarded as reliable authority, that in conse-quence of the refusal of Lord Salisbury to join in a blockade of Greek ports, Germany has given notice to the

The Dalles, Or., March 29.-From ashes in a paper box was started a fire in the corset factory over the Van Norden jewelry store at 3 o'clock this morning. Prompt action by the fire department prevented serious damage. Van Norden's loss amounts to \$200,

A great international congress of science will be held at Dover, England, and across the channel at Boulogne, GENERAL DEBATE ENDS

days' general deabte in the house on the Dingley tariff bill closed tonight. The bill will now be open for debate under the five-minute rule for five days, when

the vote will be taken.

Bailey, the opposition leader, who was to have closed the general debate for his side today, was unable to make his speech, owing to a sore throat, and a mutual arrangement was made for an hour's debate on each side just before the final vote is taken.

The speech-making today was not of a very lively order, but the crowds in

Five members of the ways and means committee spoke today—Tawney, Dalzell, Russell, Payne and Stone. The other speakers at the session were Tal-bert, Clark, Maguire, Gunn, Cox, Mc-Rae, Grow, Simpson, Curtis, Burke, Lentz, Colson, Hawley, De Armond and

The Routine Report. Washington, March 27.-This was the last day of the general debate on the tariff bill in the house. Talbert, Democrat, of South Carolina, in the presence of a scant audience, opened the debate. The house rapidly filled. Talbert talked a great deal about robber

followed. He said as a Democartic politician he rejoiced in the passage of the pending bill, because after it had become a law every storekeeper would be obliged to make a Democratic speech every time he made s sale. The passage of this bill, he said, would give the Democrata s handsale. mocrats a hundred majority in the

After brief remarks by Maguire, Dem ocrat, of California, and Gunn, Populist, of Idaho, Tawney, Republican, of Minnesota, member of the ways and means committee, took the floor for twenty minutes. Tawney defended the lead schedule, which had been attacked

lead schedule, which had been attacked by Gunn. The latter said he had no criticism to make of the rates. He only asked that they be collected. Tawney asserted the classification of this schedule was such that the duties could not be evaded. The purpose of the framers of the schedule was to give American labor employment in smelt-ing Mexican and Canadian ores, and at the same time fully protect the American lead miner.

Simpson, Populist, of Kansas, enter-tained the house for five minutes. He read from McKinley's speech at the Minneapolis convention a declaration foreigner paid the tax, which copies of the recent decision of the su-preme court sustaining the anti-trust were to be increased to pay for extrava-gance. The foreigner should be glad, he said that the last congress had not been a two-billion-dollar congress. If the taxes of the foreigner could be sufficiently increased, he observed sarcastically, the surplus could be distributed among our people and every day would be Sunday here. (Laughter.)

who farmed farms, not farmers. If the Republicans had desired to do somehe asked, had they left hides on the free list? Simpson announced himself

Cox and McRae of Arkansas followed. The latter ridiculed the idea that pros-perity had existed under the McKinley aw, or would exist under the Dingley

general speech in favor of the theory of protection. The latest Democratic cry of more money and less taxes, he said, was preposterous. Dalzell reviewed the results of the

Wilson and McKinley laws and denounced the ad valorem system as giv-ing opportunity for immense underval-

Washington, March 27.—The senate had a half-hour open session early in the day and then was four hours in executive session on the arbitration treaty and resumed the open session to go on the bankruptcy bill. The latter measure, generally known as the Torrey bankruptcy bill, was read at length and Nelson offered a substitute differing in a number of particulars from the com-mittee bill. The debate has not yet

opened.

Amended credentials were presented in behalf of John W. Henderson, appointed by the governor of Florida to the seat vacated by Call. It brought out a statement from Hoar, acting chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, that action on the pending election cases was delayed by the un-certainty as to the committee organiza-tion in the senate. The revised cre-

Spooner suggested that the question had already been elaborately argued and settled—settled both ways.

"The inference from that suggestion," pursued Stewart, "Is that we

vote on these cases according to our "The manner of settling this is by

means of an international agreement for the free coinage of silver," remarked Hoar, facetiously. "When that is accomplished, the senator from Nevada will have no further objecALL GOING TO PIECES.

Tariff to Be Discussed in Five-Minute Speeches.

Chicago, March 29.—The Chicago & Northwestern, the Missouri Pacific and the St. Louis & San Francisco filed notices of withdrawal today from all the traffic associations of which they were members. The Louisville & St. Louis Air Line also withdraw from the Southern States Association, of which it wa

A meeting of executive officers of Western roads was held today at the office of the third vice-president of the Santa Fe to talk over the situation. At

Santa Fe to talk over the situation. At the close, however, it was announced that no concerted action had been decided upon, and none was likely to be.

The more the decision of the supreme court is considered, the more clearly does it appear that not a vestige of ground is left traffic associations, as they have heretofore been conducted, on which to stand. All that now remains for the roads to do is to direct on which to stand. All that now remains for the roads to do is to direct their energies toward securing legislation that will open some way for them to conserve their interests and prevent their revenue from being dissipated.

None of the associations attempted to do anything today. No circulars were issued by any one of them, and no attempts were made to enforce observance of agreements. As yet, no rate-

tempts were made to enforce observance of agreements. As yet, no rate-cutting has been resorted to as a result of the action of the association. The roads are attending to routine business, and seem to be afraid to take aggressive action of any kind.

A mass meeting of passenger men, representing the Western, Transcontinental, Ohio river and Southern lines, was held today. It was entirely in-

was held today. It was entirely in-formal, no resolutions being adopted or concerted action of any kind agreed to.

BRYAN'S ROYALTIES.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—W. J. Bryan will give half the royalties from the sale of his book, "The First Bat-tle," to the cause of bimetallism, and has appointed a committee, whose duty it will be to properly expend the funds reserved for that purpose. The com-mittee is composed of the following per-sons: Senator J. K. Jones, of Arkan-sas; Senator H. M. Teller, of Colorado; Senator Allen, of Nebraska, and A. J. Warner, president of the National Bi-metallic Union.

Conkey & Co., Chicago, stating that \$16,000 was due him as royalty on the first month's sales, Mr. Bryan at once instructed them to forward \$4,500 to Mr. Jones; \$1,500 to Warner, \$1,500 to Allen and \$500 to Teller, and certified

day.

Mr. Bryan based his division on the vote he received from the four parties represented by the gentlemen named.

About a year ago George Holmes began paying attentions to Miss Higgs, and was favorably received. Last Christmas his brother Calvin returned from college and met the young lady at a neighborhood dance. They at once seemed smitten with each other, and this aroused the jealousy of the girl's lover. Nothing was known of his feels, however, until Sunday night en Miss Higgs jilted him for his

brother, and a quarrel ensued.
Yesterday the brothers met in the road. They quarreled and struck each other, when Calvin fired. Several shots were exchanged, when George dropped dead. Calvin is wounded over the heart.

Constantinople, March 29. — The Greek patriarch issued an official report that there were 700 persons, including a number of Greeks, killed in the recent massacres at Tokat. The porte, fearing an outbreak here, has arrested eight Armenian suspects.

It is stated that the sultan is solicit-

ing an explanation, through the Turkish ambassador at St. Petersburg, of the concentration of Russian troops upon the Turkish frontiers. On the other hand, the rumor is revived of the existence of a secret treaty, by the terms of which Russia undertakes to uphold the integrity of Turkey, who leged there can be no other reason for Russia's unexpected attitude toward

Tacoma, Wash., March 29.-Officer Desmond, while partolling his beat to-day, heard a child screaming. On in-vestigation he found a half-starved child chained to the wall of a foul cellar. Frank Younn claims to be the father of the child. The child was turned over to the Society for the Pre-vention of Cruelty ot Children and the police are investigating the matter and will probably arrest Yocum.

An electric roller for massage pur poses is composed of plates of copper and zinc and generates its own elec-

Salem, Or., March 29.—The state board of agriculture held a meeting here today. The members of the board claim that the act creating the board carries the appropriation, and Secretary of State Kincaid was waited upon to warrants would be drawn for the agri-

**Cvidence of Steady Growth** and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

the Thriving Sister States

About forty tons of corn are being shipped from Nebraska to Dallas.

The principal of the Jacksonville public schools is paid \$1,000 a year.

Eleven hundred sacks of potatoes were shipped south by the latest steamer out of Coos bay.

An eagle was shot on the Sinslaw last week that measured seven feet from tip to tip and weighed ten pounds.

The grand jury in Douglas county re-ported that the county jail in Roseburg is insecure, for the safe custody of pris-Frosts in Umatilla county have in

places taken off the tops of the grain a little, but no serious damage has been Farmers in Sherman county have about finished plowing and are now waiting for the ground to dry enough

A boy living near Centerville, in Washington county, a few days ago shot a hawk on the wing that measured four feet six inches from tip to tip.

Lambing has begun on some of the sheep ranches in Sherman county, and, in spite of unfavorable weather, a good percentage of the lambs is being saved. Commissioner Lee, of Fremont, Neb.,

who at one time made annual purchases of sheep in Grant county, has returned again this year, and will buy a band. The sheriff of Crook county preventand a jail break last week by discovering in tmie a hole in the jail wall that one of the prisoners had dug out with a case-knife.

Coyotes are increasing so fast near Hayes' hill, in Josephine county, that the number of quail, large gray squir-rel and other small game is rapidly disappearing. The county court of Harney, at its

recent session, ordered the new Burns road opened. The road is to extend straight westward from the bridge near Sayer's mill, to the south end of the town of Burns. It costs Car city of Pendleton about \$50 every time a fire alarm is turned in, whether the fire amounts to anything or not, and it is suggested that some more economical arrangement should be made with the firemen.

Brothers Fought a Duel.

Greensburg, Ind., March 29.—Go and Calvin Holmes, brothers, fought a duel to the death near Moore's Hill, yesterday. They were twins, 22 years old. They were members of a prominent and wealthy family.

Miss Higgs, over whom they for its 20 years old.

The plan of spreading disease among the squirrels by inoculating some of them and turning them loose will be tried in Adams county. The severe weather and a lack of feed of stock dying, one man losing at the rate of seven head a day.

Scarcely any plowing has been done around Oakesdale, but as the snow is now rapidly melting, and the grou is not frozen, a large acreage will put to wheat.

The commissioners sent to North Yakima to treat with the Yakima Inlians for the sale of their lands have mplish anything. The Indians along the Sans Poil are busy pulling up the location stakes that were driven on the Colville reservation

A band of horses and cattle has be started from Rock creek valley for the bald hills of the St. Mary's, where there is plenty of feed. The farmers

Taxes are being paid into the county treasury in Spokane at a rate that may make it unnecessary for the county to negotiate a loan for \$36,000 with which

meet to the number of about 100, and drive Fox island, from end to end, on April 17, for the purpose of slaughter-ing coons and other "varmints" on the island.

Gin Pon, a Chinese, who was convicted of murdering Lee Tong in Spo-kane, has been denied a rehearing by the supreme court, and will now be re-sentenced to hang, unless there should be an appeal to the United States su-

A sawmill and box factory is being rected near the Great Northern depot erected near the Great Northern depot in Wenatchee. This location will be convenient for fruit shippers this season as they can unload their fruit, and, without going out of the way, take on a load of boxes for the return trip.

Tacoma's lumber manufacturing con-cerns are unusually busy just now. The St. Paul and Tacoma mill is running day and night to get out the orders. The Wheeler-Osgood Company began to run day and night last week. The company has recently been getting out the largest order ever placed with a Pacific Northwest firm for lumber for Africa. The Tacoma mill is kept busy turning out the fir lumber.

The printers' copy of the sens journal of the recent legislature is rea to be turned over to the state printe