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PORTLAND, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1900.

the board of agriculture. The casualties among General Buller's

forces in the fighting at Hussar hill, Monte Cristo hill and at other places, from February 15 to February 18, were: Killed, Captain T. H. Burney and 13 men;

THE RETREAT OF CRONJE.

March to Bloemfontein Harassed by

British Horse.

wounded, six officers and 154 men.

infantry kept hard at work.

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"Having thus passed the Modder under

marches Sunday. General Kelly-Kenny, moving from Kilp kraal drift, was en-deavoring to outlank the enemy and to cut them off from Bloemfontein, so as to

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Escaped ! LONDON, Feb. 21, 4:15 A. M .- The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrat-ing for the defense of their own. Sir Redvers Buller thinks they are about

BOERS FALL

to raise the slege of Ladysmith, and this is the large news of the day. General Clements reports that the force confron-ing him has been greatly diminished. Ten

Concentrating for Defense of

Their Country.

THEY WILL GIVE UP LADYSMITH

ing him has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are estimated to have gono from the \sim lessburg district alone. The Boers are also retracing their steps from Zululand. Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in order to assemble to oppose Lord Roberts. He is preasing on steadily towards Bloemfontein. This is shown by his inconsequential telegram from Pairdeberg, S0 or 60 miles away. Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers, and the next immortant news may be the coccupation of nt news may be the occupation of

Bioemfontetn, Nothing has been heard from the chase of Cronje for two days. Although the last words of the war office tonight were that there was no news for publication, there is a strong disposition to believe that favorable information has been re-ceived but is believe withheid until the ceived, but is being withheld until the operations culminate in something more conclusive. There is an equally strong disposition to think that General Cronje

G. Mack & Co. has got away. Owing to the lack of transports, the British are not likely to invade Boer ter-ritory except where Lord Roberts is opritory except where Lord roberts is op-erating. General Buller will have to stop at the Drakenslerg mountains. Probably a part of his 40,000 men will ultimately join the legions of Lord Roberts. If, as General Buller avers, the Boers are re-treating from him, then the news on every side is favorable to the Rritish. To Lease on Long Time ide is favorable to the British.

Novertheless, troops continue to go up. The war office thinks that the call to veternas to region the colors, together with the bounty, will bring 45,000 men to Deep water frontage. Astoria & Columbia River railroad main line passes through the home defense. The urgency with which home defense is pressed excites some wonder.

With the casualties just reported, the Eritish losses in wounded, killed and cap-tured are now 11,102. Centrally located. This property is in one body; no streets or alleys. Good local

FRENCH'S ENTRY INTO KIMBERLEY.

Inhabitants Were Panle-Stricken, Thinking the Boers Were Coming. MODDER RIVER, Monday, Feb. 18.-Although the rapid march of General French's division was marked by a number of conflicts, the entry to Kimberiey

was unopposed. When the British were still eight miles off the signalling corps intercerted a hello-graph message from the boleaguered gartison to Modder River, saying: "The Boers are shelling the town." The ad-vance column replied: "This is General French, coming to the relief of Kimberley." The garrison was incredulous, and thought the measage was a Boer ruse, and flashed the query: "What regiment are

The reply satisfied the defenders of Kimberley that the anxiously awaited suc-cor was at hand. A few hours later, Gen-eral French, at the head of a column, made a triumphant entry into the place, the people surrounding the troops and inter-mingling with them, cheering wildly, grasping the soldiers' hands, waving flags,

tock Bunbury, Second dragoons. Wounded. Captain Gordon and Lieutenant Bras-sey, Ninth lancers; Captain Tuson, Six-teenth lancers; Lieutenants Fordyce and Long, Second dragoons; Lieutenant H. M. Durand, Ninth lancers. FUSION The list of casualities again demonstrates, the fact that a number of mere boys are serving in South Africa. Lieutenant The Hon. W. McClintock Bunbury was the eldest son and heir of Lord Rathdonnell. He was born in 15%. Lieutenant H. M. Durand was born in 15%. He is the heir Will Hold Their Convention at Sioux Falls, May 9.

Durand was born in 1876. He is the heir of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, British minister at Teheran, Persia. Licutenant W. Long was born in 1878. He is the heir of Richt How COMMITTEE MEETING HARMONIOUS of Right Hon. Walter Long, president of

Bryan and Caldwell Suggested for the National Ticket-No Sympathy for the Bolters.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—The next na-tional convention of the populisi party will be held in Sloux Falls, S. D., May 2. Representation is based on the vote for General J. B. Weaver for president in 1827, or, if any candidates for state office has since polled a larger vote, that voto shall be the basis. Two delegates-al-large are given each state. This was the declar shall be the onsis. Two delegates at any are given each state. This was the decla-ion reached in a somewhat extended but harmonious meeting of the fusion wing of the national committee, which concluded shortly after 1 o'clock this atternoon.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, thus describes General Cronje's retreat with the Boers at Magersfontein, on learning of General French's success: "Thursday at midnight, headed by Gen-eral Cronje, 5000 Boers, with their heavy runs and ov success successible the Ma-The feature of the meeting was the manimity with which the members ac-epted and indersed the declaration of Senator Allen, of Nebraska, that William guns and ox wagons, evacuated the Ma-gersfontein lines. At dawn Friday the retreating Boor army was seen from the British haval gun shation on Klip drift J. Bryan would be the candidate of both the populist and democratic parties, and the coupling of his name with that of Judge Henry Caldwell, of Arkansas, as kopje trekking eastward across the Brit-ish front, at a distance of 5000 yards. Our guns opened upon them, and a force of mounted infantry, crossing the river, made a dashing charge in the attempt to cut off the head of the enemy's column. But in haif an hour their whole force had the logical and most promising vice-pres-idential possibility. Senator Allen went so far as to say that he had positive knowledge that, if Judge Caldwell were gained shelter under a line of kopies. "Meanwhile two of our batteries had come up and the Oxfords, Buffs, West-ridings and Gioucesters. Our infantry crossed the drift and for three hours nominated by the populists as Mr. Bryan's running mate, he would be acceptable to the democrats, and the fusion national ticket would be Bryan and Caldwell. The Texas delegation asked that May 9 engaged with the enemy, while our bat-teries shelled his position. The mounted to permit a committee to fix the time and place was opposed vigorously by the Texas delegation as "cowardly and truck-ling to the democrats." Senstor Alien "Unable to withstand our galling fire. the enemy retired, disputing every inch of the way, and took up a second posispoke in favor of harmony, and naming a date by the whole committee. "Bryan will be the nomines of both It

tion on the kopies to the eastward. It was a magnificent spectacle to see the Boer army thus at bay. Their rear guard, 2000 strong, fought us, while the main body trekked further east and then brought their guns into action while the rear guard retired. The action insted throughout the day. Our infantry fought splendidly, but the enemy held his ground under the continued bombardment. "Later on the Boer commander ventured on a bold stroke. Leaving 2000 of his man under cover, he withdrew the rest from by an will be the nonsness of both democrats and populists," said Senator Allen, "and the question of date makes little difference anyhow." The amendment to refer to a committee was voted down, and Wednesday, May 9, the same date as that of the middle-of-

the-road convention at Cincinnail, was decided upon. Kansas City, Sloux Falls, S. D., and In-

dianapolis presented claims for the convention. The ballot resulted:

under cover, he withdrew the rest from his main position and headed for Klip kraal drift, six miles to the east. This Before the result could be announced, changes were made in rapid succession to Sioux Fails, and the choice of that city movement was soon discovered. Our mounted infantry came back across the drift and marched along the south bank to endeavor to head off the enemy. When was made unanimous.

they reached the neighborhood of Klip kraal drift night had fallen, and half the Boers were already across the south side. Our mounted infantry hurassed their movements After deciding on the apportionment of delegates to the national convention, the committee, at 10:25, adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The call of the chairman. Chairman Butler, in a statement to the Associated Press at the conclusion of the meeting, said he had no regrets for his declation of yesterday, which led to the holt of the middle-of-the-road man. "It was a bolt here or at the conven-tion," said Semitor Butler, "and we pre-ferred that the disturbers should abow their hands early in the fight."

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

"Having thus passed the Modder under cover of darkness, the Boers trekked through the night in the direction of Bioemfontain. General Kelly-Kenny, with the Sixth division, pursued them at day-light, General MacDonaid, with the High-drive them back into General MacDon-Donald reached Klip kraal drift by forced marches Sandar. Concert Kally Kenny In Joint Session They Ratified Turner's Action on Contests.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 20.-The demo-cratic senate at 11:59 took a recens till 2 o'clock, and at noon the republican senate, presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Marshall, convened, but remained in sea-sion only five minutes. The house adopted the Allen resolution manual by the senate vectoriar suffying

passed by the senate yesterday ratifying former proceedings by which Goebel and

ple to demand a change in the method LOOKS LIKE DEFEAT I am quite confident that the demo platform will carry such a resolution Bryan at Tampa, Bryan at Tampa, TAMPA, Fia., Feb. 20.-W. J. Bryan spent a busy day in Tampa. The morning was devoted to sightsceing, and at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Bryan held an infor-mal reception in the rotunda of the Tampa Bay hotel, where thousands of people groeted him. At 5 o'clock Mr. Bryan held a reception for ladles only, and made a short address. At 7.20 o'clock tonight, Mr. Bryan spoke to an inamense crowd in the courthouse plane. use plaza. Democratic Congressional Committee

the democratic congressional campaign committee tonight elected the following officers:

Chairman, Representative J. W. Rich-ardson, Tennessee; secretary, James Kerz, Pennaylvania; treasurer, James L. Norris, Washington, D. C.; sergeant-at-arms, George Rae, Texas, and assistant sergeant-at-arms, W. W. Marmaduke, Washing-ton, D. C. ton, D. C.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

House Rafused to Reopen the Inquiry Into the Jameson Raid.

LONDON, Feb. 30,-In the house of commons today, David Alfred Thomas, liberal, moved the reopening of the Jame-son raid inquiry. Mr. Chamberlain said there was absolutely nothing in what had happened since 1897, which could be raised as ground for a second inquiry. He then proceeded to review the whole story of the committee, and repeated his previous declaration, especially referring to the Hawakaley telegrams. Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain sald:

Mr. Chamberiain said: "If this matter had not been compli-cated by political matters and personal animosities, no man in this house would have said there was a shadow of ground for such an inquiry. The object of these personal aliacks is to prevent me from marileinating in the Transman settleparticipating in the Transvaal settle-

participating in the Transvaal settle-ment." Mr. Chamberlain further declared, as to the telegrams exchanged between Mr. Rhodes and his agent, that they were sent confidentially and he returned them, say-ing he had no objection to their publica-tion. Since June 5, 1886, he had not seen the telegrams, which were produced and arguing he the computing de to the examined by the committee. As to the letters, Mr. Chamberlain said they were stolen from Mr. Hawaksley's desk, and Dr. Leyds offered to pay £100 for them. They contained nothing unknown to the committee. Mr. Chamberlain confessed that at one time he full hitterly against such insinuations, which "those repeating should be brought against me after 28 years' membership in the house of com-mons." them did not dare to assert they belleved

Continuing, he said he was not hopeful that anything ne or the house could say would silence his foreign critics, but no one in Great Britain for whose epinion he cared would be affected by the charges. The manner of conducting the busin of the committee and the closing of the inquiry, he declared, were both carried out as suggested by Sir William Vernon

Harcourt, who certainly did not desire to shield any one in the colonial office. Mr. Chamberiain further said that the hon-orable members opposite did not want an inquiry.

They want an execution," he added. "Let them do their worst. I am perfectly ready. I rely upon the good sense and generosity of the house and country. The attack will recoil upon those who made it."

governor. The lieutanant-governor will be a republican, the understanding being that if Butler is to be re-elected to the At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Chamberiain was heartily cheered by the ministerialists.

senate, the lleutenani-governor comes in for the governorship. This set of a mix-ture is due to the fact that the populizing of North Carolina believe in many of the Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who was an active member of the parliamentary committee which inquired into the Jame-son raid, followed. Sir William Vernon

republican principles and especially in ex-Boa rais, followed. Sir William Vernon Harcourt said: "On the very face of it, the former committee's report did not find that there had not been a full inquiry, as, indeed, there had not been. The suspicions ment barring the negroes from voting in the state.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- A meeting of WASHINGTON, Feb. 28-It is stated that Bishop Bowman, of Chicago, has had a plain talk with the president, in the course of which he urged him to stand firmly for free trade with Puerto Rico, Bishop Bowman comes in contact with representativas of the German-Americans

of Wisconsin, Minnesota and other North-western states, and R is understood he warned the president to be very current in handling the new insular possessions or he might allenate from the republican party enough of this vote to give the

democrate two or three states which were carried by McKinley in 1886. It is rather an interesting fact that re-ports are coming in from every section of the country and from republicans saying that they believe a great minute is being minic from a party standpoint if this 25 per cont tariff is to be charged against the Puerto Rican products. In the house there is a greater effort being made than ever to whip the realitirant republicans into line. The apposition of republicans into line. The apposition of the Pacific coast men having become known, leaders of the house have been insisting that Tongue. Cuthman and Jones must not break away from the party. To further the interests of the bill, the statement is being made that Littlefield will make a speech against it and vote for it. But this is denied by men-ciose to Littlefield. It is being stated by the friends of the

It is being stated by the friends of the measure that Secretary Boot drafted the bill, and that it was done on the reprecontations of General Davis, that a tariff on American goods going to Puerto like would be necessary for a revenue for the shands. The probabilities tunight are that the bill will be recommitted, which would practically mean its defeat.

Dockery Not a Close Observer.

Ex-Representative Dockery, of Missouri, who was once a leader in the house and a candidate for governor on the democratis ticket, mays that the proceedings of this congress are arouning no interast, and declares that the people seem to un-derstand that the republican machine is so well organized that any measure put forward by the majority is sure to be forward by the majority is sure to be carried. Dockery has not been observing what has been yoing on here when the appearances are decidedly against the shipping subsidy bill, all of which were festered by the majority of the republi-can side. It is not believed that anything but absolutely necessary legislation will be passed at this ression.

North Carolina Politics. While Butler, of North Carolina, is out in Nebraska arranging to turn the pa-

tional populist party over to the demo-crats and Bryan, suithentic information is received from North Carolina to the ef-fect that the populists and republicans of that state will nominate and elect Butler

Puerto Rican Tariff Bill May Be Recommitted. GROWING OPPOSITION TO IT

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Leander J. McCormick Dead.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.-Leander J. McCormick, member of the famous harvester machinery firm and founder of the Leander McCornick observatory of the univer-

28 "Alumnico" is a comparatively

new composition of metal for spectacle frames. It is light and strong. It has every appearance of a sliver frame, but will not get out of shape so easily. It is better than a steel frame, be cause it is tougher and harder to break. It will neither rust nor tarnish. It is the same all the way through, and will always look like new. The cost is the same as steel.

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THEY THAWED DYNAMITE. Explosion at a Gravel Pit Killed Two

Men and Mangled Three.

DENVER, Feb. 19.-A special to the Republican from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: A fatal dynamite explosion occurred in the Union Pacific gravel plt, 30 milies west of Cheyenne, at moon today. The dead

John Boulanges, laborer, disemboweled, Robert Parker, laborer, both legs blown off; died shortly after the explosion. The injured are: George Parfrey, legs shattered, skull crushed, will die: Phil Forgan, legs mangled and back injured, may recover: James Edwards, neck hadly incorated, will probably recover.

Incertated, will probably recover. The five men, were employed in blasting out rock at the gravel pit, and while thawing frozen dynamite with hot water the explosion occurred. The laborers were blown from the pits and a consid-erable distance away from the track. A number of other men who were at work number of other men who were at work some distance away were knocked sense

iess by the concussion and slightly injured by flying pieces of rock. The accident was at once reported to headquarters, and at once the potent to mean darrents, and surgeous were sent from Laramic to care for the injured, who, with the dead, were picked up in the meantime, carried on board a special truln and sturied for Laramin. Railroad property was dam-ared bere slichtly. aged but slightly.

a hundred ways the intensity of their joy. The inhabitants had been on short raons for some time, eating horse flesh and living in burrows under heaps of mine refuse. Diminishing rations were served daily at 11 o'clock in the market square, under the shell fire of the enemy, whose ms opened on the square whenever the habitants assembled. No house food was ft. Throughout the siege Cecil Bhodes .129d rovided the natives with work and food.

hats and handkerchiefs, and exhibiting in

and thus kept them quiet. The miles of convoy bearing provisions for the relief of the column and the own, slowly winding its way across the slain in the direction of Kimberley, was the gladdest sight which greeted the eyes of the besieged for four months. General French's march was so rapid

and the heat so intense that many of his horses died of exhaustion. At the crossing of the Modder river the

Boers holted, leaving their tents, guns, wagons and large quantilies of ammuni-tion in the hands of the British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stem the advance, but General French turned their flank and reached his goal with insignificant losses-seven men killed and 35 wounded during three days, from Wednesday, February 14, to Friday, Feb-ruary 15. After a night's rest at Kim-berlay, General French's column pursued the Boers to Brontveld, surrounded the kopies on which they were camped and shelled them until nightfall, when the Boers fied, leaving many dead. General Cronje left his tents, food and clothes at

FROM ROBERTS AND BULLER. Advices From the Front to the Brit-

Magerscontein.

ish War Office. LONDON, Feb. 20.-The war office has issued a dispatch from Lord Roberts, the main importance of which is the fact that it is dated Puardeberg, 7:06 P. M.

Monday. Paardeberg is 30 miles east of Jacobsdal. The dispatch announces that the railroad to Kimberley is open, and that General Methuen will proceed there with reinforcements for them forthwith, and large supplies will be forwarded to the town. the town.

The following dispatch was received at

The following dispatch was received at the war office from Buller: "Blows Farm, Tuesday, 619 P. M.-The funilier brigade resterday took Hinngwa-na hill, on the right of the enemy's posi-ilon and commanding Colenso, the rest of the force advancing towards the Tu-gela. This morning the enemy has with-drawn all troops north of the Tugela and had practically evacuated Colenso. "Today Hart occupied Colenso after a very slight resistance by a weak rear guard, and we hold the Tugela on the south side from Colenso to Easle Next.

south side from Colenso to Eagle Nest. The enemy ecem to be in full retreat and apparently are only holding the position they occupy across from Colenso to hold

the Ladysmith railway, where it is closed to the Tugela, with a weak rear guard. Hart's advance guard is croasing at Co-lenso. Our casualties yesterday and today have, I hope, been few."

BRITISH CASEALTIES. Officers Killed and Wounded With

Buller's and French's Columns.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- The war office an nounces the following casualties among officers during the rellef of Kimberley: Killed, Lieutenant Heskith, Sixteenth hancons; Lieutenant The Hon, W. McClin-

drive them back inot General MacDon ald's hands. When I left the front Gen-eral Kelly-Kenny had not come up with the enemy." American Gunmaker Killed.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-A dispatch to the Standard from Modder River, dated Monday, February 19, describing the relief of Kimberley, says that the maker of the gun christened "Long Cecil" at the De did not vote. Beers worshops was an American nan George Labram. He was afterward killed by a Boer shell, which fell in his room

at the Grand hotel. CHICAGO, Feb. 2L-George Labram was an expert mining engineer and machinist. He was well known in the copper and iron districts of Northern Michigan, and was located for some time at Houghton, in that state. He had been connected with the De Beers diamond mines at Kimberley for about 10 years. His wife and son are at present in Aurora, Ill. Mr. Labram had a sister living in Butte, Mont.

Disaster to Plumer's Force

BULUWAYO, Monday, Feb. 12.-Colo-nel Plumer sent Major Bird, with 200 colonials, to attempt to capture the Beer 12-pounder on a kopje near Crocodile pool 12-pounder on a kopje near Crocodile pool, Major Bird met with such a terrific rific and shell fire that he considered the po-sition too strong, and ordered a ratire-ment, Colonei H. F. White was slightly wounded; Major Straker was severely wounded, 19 privates were wounded and Captain Sumpson French and nine men are mission. are missing.

In the Caves of Mafeking.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking dated Friday, February 5, says:

February 3, says: "All business here is being conducted underground. The resident commissioner has sumptious apartments in a subter-ranean 'bomb-proof.' The Cape police have a large ball, with a piano. The Mafeking hotel dining-room seats 40. All these have been dug out and are impervious to shells.

No Boers Around Kimberley.

KIMBERLEY, Sunday, Feb. 18 - The country is all free around Kimberley. The Boers have evacuated Dronfields, Saltpan, Spyfontein and Sholtz' Nek. Another 12pounder, with ammunition, was captured, as was also their langer at Dronfielde, which was abandoned Friday night, Raila are being laid to the Modder river, Several herds of cattle have been captured Cecil Rhodes is in excelle ent spirits.

First Train for Kimberley,

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 19.-Repairs to the railway have sufficiently advanced to enable the disputch tonight of the first tra to Kimberlay, laden with coal. Af After that the military requirements will be the first consideration; second, Foodstuffs, and then passengers, which latter train it is anticipated will start Wednesday or Thursday.

Gage Was the Guest of Honor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 .- Secretary of the Treasury Gage was the guest of honor at a dinner given this evening at the Auditorium by the National Association of Merchanis and Travelers. More than

30 members of the organization and in-rited guests were present. There was no formal programme of toasts, and the ad-dress of Secretary Gage on "The Out-ter of Secretary Gage on "The Outook" was the only formal speech of the evening.

seckham were declared in offipublicans refused to vote on the original call, hoping to break a quorum, but, seeing that it had carried, went on record. Orr, Grider, Hinton and Blair, demoorats,

The democratic members of the two houses met in joint session this evening, and by a vote of 74 to 2 ratified the former proceedings by which Goebel was declared governor and Beckham leutenant-gover-nor, and through which Beckham, since the death of Goebel, claims the office of governor. The republican members remained away from the joint session, hav-ing decided in caucus not to attend. The senate having adopted the resolutions yesterday, and the house today, the adop-tion of them by the joint assembly from the democratic standpoint puts the finish-ing touches to its action on the contest. In the joint assembly, Senator Triplett and Senator Grider voted against the rati-fication of the resolutions. Mr. Grider, in explanation of his vote, said he bad hoped there would be a full and fair in vestigation of the contests, and that he hoped to be able to vote with the democrats, but he could not satisfy his own conscience and do so in this manner. Mr. Orr aimo declined to vote. He said he had voted with the democrats in their former action and did not think ratificstion of those former proceedings neces-ary now. The lobbies were crowded, and when Speaker Trimble announced the vote in the joint assembly there was a mild outburst of applause.

PHILADELPHIA ELECTION.

Ten Republican Candidates for Magistrates Out of Sixteen Successful,

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. E.-Returns from Tuesday's municipal election are coming in slowly from the 41 wards of the city. At 3 A. the returns show the election of 19 republican magistrates, and of the six other magistrates the indicaof the six either magistrates the indica-tions are that the municipal league has elected three, the democrats one, that O'Brien, democrat and municipal league fumionist, has been elected, and that one is wholly in doubt. The heavy vote cast was the result of the efforts of the re-formers to defeat the candidates of the two regular parties. Although 15 magis-trates were to be chosen each elector was trates were to be chosen, each elector was milified to vote for but 10, the law thus providing for minority representation. The republicans had in the Geid 10 candidates republicans had in the used is candidates and the democrats six. The municipal league, in opposition to both regular par-ules, placed 10 candidates on their ticket. One, O'Brien, was also on the democratic ticket. The league ticket also included Peromen and Nell (republicans, and Lad-ner and Elsenbrown (democrats), who are present magistrates, but were turned down for recommination by their respective marks for renomination by their respective party leaders. There was fleree cuiling of lick-ets throughout the city. The five men named above were especially favored by the independent voters.

Another emocratic Plank.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.-A special to the Post from Washington, says: Election of United States senators by direct vote of the people by constitutional amondment will be one of the planks in the platform of the democratic party, according to Chairman Jones, of the demo-cratic national convention. "I have no doubt the election contests

and the commentaries on the present syn-tem of electing senators, which have re-cently been offered, have aroused the peo-

against the colonial office were not the work of political adversaries, but rather of men who, for their own objects, stop at nothing in the way of mendacity, for-

gery and fraud. The authors of those suspicions were the agents of Cecil Rhodes. To cover their own guilt they sought to assert the complicity of the cogery and fraud. onial office. Dr. Jameson told Sir John Willoughby, a man of unquestioned honor that the government was behind the raid, and Dr. Jameson has not denied it." Mr. Chamberian-Yes, he has,

Sir William Vernon Harcourt continued: "The insurrection was promoted by the foulest frauds. Was there ever anything so abominable as the Rhodes telegram to fameson, two days before the raid, putting it in his mouth to lie about the ob-

jects of the raid? When the colonial sec-retary, after the raid, asked for an in-spection of the telegrams. Hawaksley wrote back that this was unnecessary, as the colonial secretary knew all. There-fore, suspicions were set affoat by the agents of Rhodes, but then there was no uggestion that they were covered by the omplicity of the colonial office. That is what I wapt to have shown up. I want the transactions of these men brought to light. Rhodes has deceived everybody. The raid was made by gold and les." The house rejected the motion to reonen the inquiry by a vote of 286 against 152. In the house of hords the motion of the Earl of Wemeyss favoring an amended

militia ballot act was rejected by a vote of @ against 42. MRS. CRAVEN'S TESTIMONY

Regarding Her Secret Marriage With Senator Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. D.-Mrs. Nettle R. Craven was subjected to a searching cross - examination today in her- suit

against the Fair estate, though the ceedings were not marked by anything startling. The examination covered the period prior and subsequent to the alleged contract marriage of Fair and Mrs leged contract marrage of Fair and mrs. Craven. She stated that in his proposal of marriage to her, 'Mr. Fair said that he was getting old and needed her help to carry on his affairs. Questioned as to why the marriage was not given publicity. Mrs. Craven said that the senator objected to publicity at that time, because It would interfere with certain husiness transactions. Mrs. Craven told of her anxiety to have the contract marriage paper recorded; that Semmor Fair was anxious for its recording, "if she found it necessary," and how, on consulting a lawyer, she found that it would be more binding and legal; that it was acknow ledged before a notary, though not placed on his records, because such act would ave necessitated making news of the

Almed at the Paper Trust.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20-Representa-tive Richardson, of Tennesse, today in-troduced in the house a resolution alming at the paper trust on the lines of his resolution against the sugar trust. It prohibits the transportation of wood pulp and printing paper soitable for the printing of newspapers, periodicals or books, for six months, until the interstate com-merces commissioners are suitsfied that such articles have not yielded to the manufacturers thereof a profit of more

Jones and Bryan.

The approaching meeting of the demi oratic national committee again causes discussion as to what Jones, of Arkansus, will do in the next composign. It is be-lieved he will make a quiet fight to retain the chairmanchip. As a matter of fact, it might he well understood that Bryan will name the next chairman. His grip upon the party is so strong that whatever he wants will go through

Passed Indian War Pension Bill.

The senate today passed the McBride bill for pensioning the Indian war vot-erans. Representatives Moody and Tongue are already engaged in making a can-vame of the bouse to see if they cannot get consideration of it.

Portland Postoffice Extension.

Chairman Archer, of the house commit-ee on public buildings and grounde, spoke very favorably today about the Portland bought a favorable report would be made store very long. Representative Moody will appear before the committee to make an argument in favor of the bill.

Objections to Quar.

Strong efforts are again being made to get up the Quay case as soon as the Hawaiian bill is disposed of, but equally strong objections are being made by those who oppose the scaling of Guay and who do not want it brought to a vole. It is almost cartain that Foruker will prease his Puerto Rico bill as soon as the Huwalian measure is passed.

THE CABINET MEETING.

Spanish Railroad Claim Discussed-The Army Hill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-At today's binet meeting there were three ab-ntees, Secretaries Gage, Long and Wil-n, Among the matters discussed was the Spanish claim, involving the proceeds of the sale of a railynad made by the Spanish authorities after the treaty of Paris had been signed. This queston was considered at some length, and it will be the contention of this government that the fullread property was included in the transfer of title by Spain to this government in the sum of \$30,000,000, and that Spanlah authorities had no power to trans-fer it. Railroad materials unused and held in reserve may, however, be considered, under the treaty, as belonging to

The army reorganization plan, submitted to congress by Secretary Root, was also discussed and met with the approval of all of the members present. The Ma-crum incident was also alluded to.

Charges of Misconduct.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-Charges have been preferred bofore the commissioner of patents allegins misconduct on the part of General R. G. Dyrenforth, in connecof General R. G. Dyremitorin, in comme-lion with a pairent case. General Dyrat-forth is an ex-assistant commissioner of patents, and is commander of the Union Veterans' Union. A pasent firm of this case was held before A. W. Greely, as assistant commissioner of patents, and a decision will be reindered within a week or 10 days. or 18 days.

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