Slogan of the Marquette Club Banquet.

HE WAS PRESENT AND HAPPY

Prefers Private Life Rather Tha Vice-Presidency, and His Position Is Unalterable, He Says.

CHICAGO, April 26,-"Theodore Roose-velt, of New York, for President in 1904," was the slogan of the Marquette Club banquet tonight. Governor Roosevelt was there, and looked happy at its suggestion and its hearty indorsement of cheers from the 200 banqueters. Toastmaster Frank Lowden told the guest of honor that only a few years ago the Marquette Club had brought out William McKinley as a Presidential candidate, and when his remarks switched to "Roosevelt," "White House" and "1904," the 200 tried hard to make hemselves hoarse. Governor Roosevelt was the first speak-

er of the evening, because he had to leave early. He pleaded for high ideals in poll-tics, but said nothing could be accomplished unless things were gone at prac-tically and determinedly. He mocked at the "goody-goody man" who refused to do his political duty because he was "jos-

In an interview today, Governor Roosevelt declared that he would rather be in private life than be Vice-President of the United States. He said that his position for this office was absolutely unalterable He said he would be giad if the Republi-cans of New York should renominate him for Governor, and expressed the belief that he could be of more service to his party and the public in that position than

s Vice-President. In reply to a question as to how he re garded Admiral Dewey as a Presidential possibility, he said the Admiral was a personal friend of his, and he did not care to talk of him politically

BRYAN AND NEW YORK STATE. Elliot Danforth Says the Nebraskan Will Get the Electoral Vote.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Eliiot Danforth, hairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, says he feels confident that New York will go Democratic next Fall, and that Mr. Bryan will easily sweep the country, if he will agree to a platform as outlined in his Wasses, comb. outlined in his Kansas speech. Every day, he says, he received assurances that men who abandoned the party four years ago were returning now, because of the attitude of the dominant party in relation to trusts and imperialism and their confidence that the silver issue would be rele-gated to the rear in the coming campaign. If sufficient assurance could be given

that Mr. Bryan would be willing to conciliate Eastern Democrats by making trusts and imperialism the prominent is-sues, he said, he felt sure that 75 per cent of those who balked in 1896 would return to the party this year, and that the other 25 per cent would be more than compensated for by dissatisfied Republicans and "None of us expect that Mr. Bryan will

abandon the Chicago platform," Mr. Danforth said, "but we believe in hoping that he and the other National leaders would recognize the fact that other issues have come to the front since 1856, and that due tance should be given to them. If this is done, there is not any doubt that Democrats all over the country will get together, and that means a Democratic victory next Fall. New York State is doubtful when the party is unite At every election during the last 15 or 20 years, ti has been shown conclusively that there are more Democrats than Republicans in the state and that Democratvictory is entirely dependent on Demo-

cratic harmony." In relation to the attitude of the com-ing state convention, Mr. Danforth said that it was unlikely that it would instruct the delegates to the National convention to vote for Mr. Bryan's nomination or reaffirm the Chicago platform.

"Our delegation will vote for Mr. Bryan, though," Mr. Danforth added, we will take particular pleasure in doing so if a platform upon which we can all unite is adopted."

LONG FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

He Is Indorsed by Republicans in His Home State.

BOSTON, April 26.-The Republicans of

Massachusetts today elected delegates to the National Republican Convention Congressman Gillett, permanent chairman of the convention, delivered a long address. The platform presented by Attorney-General Knowlton was adopted unani-mously. The resolutions affirm adherence to the platform of the St. Louis convenrejection of free-silver coinage and the indorsement of the gold standard. They pledge the Republican party to support such amendments to the banking laws as will provide a flexible and sufficient me-dium of exchange, to the end that capital may obtain fair returns, that American commerce may be enlarged and labor may be assured of steady employment and of largest possible share of the fruits of "expanding trade." As to the inhabitants of the islands acquired by the treaty

of Paris, the resolution says:
"No greater trust than uplifting and educating these defenseless people, has been imposed upon the United States. The Republican party believes it to be the solemn duty of the Nation to accept sponsibility it involves, by retaining the slands and providing for their ade ent upon the principles of lib erty and humanity."

The resolutions strongly favor construcof a Pacific cable, and declare Congress should offer by appropriate legislation such reasonable protection and encourrevive, build up and strengthen our mer-chant marine; express "hearty and un-qualified indorsement of the Administra-tion of McKinley." and urge the nomi-nation of Secretary John D. Long for

Vice-President. Delegates-at-large were chosen by ac-clamation, as follows: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Samuel W. McCall, Willlam B. Plunkett and Walter Clifford. Congressman Dolliver, of Iowa, made a brief speech, and the convention ad-

DURBIN FOR GOVERNOR.

Named on Seventh Ballot by Indiana Republicans.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.-After a contest that lasted from 9 o'clock until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Colonel Winfield Taylor Durbin, of Anderson, was nomi-nated for Governor by the Republican State Convention today. The nomination was made on the seventh ballot, after Durbin had gradually drawn strength from the following of Griffiths, Hogate, Haggard, Posey and Dodge. The nominations for the state ticket follow:

Governor-Winfield T. Durbin Lieutenant-Governor-Newton Gilbert, Secretary of State-U. B. Hunt. Auditor of State-W. H. Hart. Treasurer of State—Leopold Levy. Attorney-General—W. J. Taylor. Superintendent of Public Instruction—F.

Judge of Supreme Court-First District H. Jordan; Fourth District, L. J. orter of Supreme Court-C. F. Remy State Statistician—B. F. Johnson. Delegates-at-large to National conven

ROOSEVELT IN 1904 United States Senator Fa'rbanks and United States Senator Beveridge, Governor Mount and Charles S. Hernly, chairman of the State Central Committee; alternates, Nathan Powell, T. H. Adams, F. ternates, Nathan Powell, T. H. Adams, F. A. Amsden, G. Brewer; electors-at-large, Hugh H. Hanna, Indianapolis; Charles Hugh H. Miller, Goshen.

The convention was one of the most harmonious ever held by the Republicans

Just before the convention adjourned a resolution was adopted extending to Sen-ator Beveridge, who is at Danville, N. Y., attending the bedside of his wife, the sympathy of the body and its earnest hope for her speedy recovery.

At 10 o'clock, after 13 hours of con

Colonel Winfield Taylor Durbin, the Republican nominee for Governor, was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., May 4, 1847. He

tional politics for many years. He is a member of the National Executive Committee. During the late Spanish War, Mr. Durbin was Colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana Volunteers. He went through the Civil War as a private in an Indiana regiment. Mr. Durbin is active in various enterprises in the Indiana gas belt, and resides at Anderson, Ind.

Indorse Bryan, but Not His Platform. MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 26. - The pleted the state ticket, selected delegates to the Kansas City Convention, adopted a platform, and adjourned. W. J. Samford, of Lee, was nominated

Senator Morgan, Frank S. White, A. H. Morrill and R. J. Lowe were named as delegates to the Kansas City Convention. The convention adopted a resolution indersing W. J. Bryan and instructing delegates from Alabama to vote for him for President. A second resolution in-structing the delegation to vote for the Chicago platform's reaffirmation was lost. The platform advocates the construc connection pays tribute to Senator Morran. The treatment of the Porto Ricans ed, and legislation is demanded that "will curb the influence of trusts

Mississippions for McKinley.

JACKSON, Miss., April 28.—M. A. Mont-gomery, H. C. Turley, John R. Lynch and James Hill were named by the State Re-publican Convention which adjourned here at 10 o'clock tonight, as delegates-at-large o the National convention at Philadelphia. The final session, lasting nearly five hours was a turbulent one. The Mont-gomery faction, otherwise known as the new white leadership crowd, captured the new white leadership crowd, captured the convention, and elected the four men chosen as delegates-at-large. H. C. Turley, of Natchez, was elected National Committeeman. He is a brother-in-law of Judge Thompson, President McKinley's former law partner. The resolutions indorse McKinley's administration, the Nicaragua Canal movement; declare that the financial question has been effectively and financial question has been effectively and finally settled; that the Porto Rican tariff bill is the wisest piece of National legis-lation that has been passed in recent years, and instructs the Mississippi dele-gates to cast a solid vote for McKinley's

Bryan Won't Be at Kansas City. LINCOLN, Neb., April 26.-William J. Bryan returned to his Lincoln home today, and, with the exception of a week's campaigning in Michigan and Northern Ohlo, beginning next Monday, will remain here almost uninterruptedly until after the Democratic National Convention, Mr. Bryan said this period of rest and quiet was not necessitated by his state of health, which was excellent, but was in pursu ance of a programme mapped out some months ago. He said he saw no reason to change a plan perfected some time since, and that he would not attend the Kansas City convention.

ANOTHER CHINESE CRISIS. "Era of Widespread Horror and Bloodshed Not Far Off."

YOKOHAMA, April 7 .- (Via San Fransampo incident and the fears of Russian encroachments in Corea, are today put entirely in the shade by the tidings which indicate serious trouble in China and the approach of another of the crises of which the Empress Dowager's reign has been so

It is qutie evident that this restless female intriguer has another coup in con-templation, and it is as evident that this time the western powers are resolved by concerted action to prevent it as is evi-lenced by the presence of their fleets. The China Gazette, in a recent editorial, has deciared that "if the present policy of the Empress Dowager inspired by her evil advisers, Kang Yi, Prince Ching, Li Hung Chang and Hsul Tong, on the one hand and by the Russian and other Continenta political wire pullers on the other, is no peedily restrained, an era of widespread horror and bloodshed is not far off. The people and even many of the Mandarins in almost all the provinces, most certainly in the middle and south, are ready to rise and throw off the strangling yoke that

Indian Repartee.

"Reminiscences of the Bishop of Minnesota" An Indian agent, who was a militia Colonel, desired to impress the Indians with the magnitude of his dignity. He dressed himself in full uniform, with his sword by his side, and, rising in the counfl. told them that one reason why the Great Father had had so much trouble with his red children was that he had ser civilians to them. "You are warriors," he said, "and when the Great Father saw me he said: 'I will send this man, who t a great warrior, to my red children, who are warriors, and they will hear his words." An old chief arose, and, surveying the speaker from head to foot, said caimly: "Since I was a small boy I have heard that white men have great warriors have always wanted to see one. I have ked upon one, and now I am ready to

They Are Simply Antis.

Woodburn Independent. Some so-called Populists squirm alt with middle-of-the-road anti-fusion ideas. Having been former Republicans, now soreheads, they are less Populists han anti-Republicans. They would rather lefeat the Republican party than eat. Populist principles and perpetuation of arty organization are of secondary con-ideration to them. With them it is any old thing to beat the party that would not give or keep them in office.

Train Robbed by a Negro.

LITTLE ROCK, April 27 .- A southbound senger train was held up by a negro bandit near Higginson, 50 miles north o Little Rock at 1 o'clock this morning The negro had no visible confederates and confined his operations to one pas senger coach, compelling the passengers to hand over their valuables at the point of a pistol. The bandit escaped

Albany Herald. The Corvallie Times publishes a ma-licious and slanderous attack upon Con-gressman Tongue, using all kinds of cheap billingsgate and hard names. Such mud-slinging is as much out of place in politics as anywhere else, and will not tend to strengthen the fusion nominee for

New York Hotel Burned. NEW YORK, April 26.-The Gramatan Inn at Bronxville was destroyed by fire today. The guests got out in safety. Loss ed at \$150,000, partly insured,

NICARAGUA HAS CANCELED THE COMPANY'S PERMIT.

The Government Was Willing to Arbitrate, but the Corporation at Last Failed to Act.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-The Nicaraguan Government has finally canceled the concessions to the Maritime Canal Com-

Nicaragua.

This decision is the result of proceed Inis decision is the result of proceedings covering a period of nearly five months. The original concession would have expired October 5 last, but the company applied for an extension of the period. This was refused by the Nicaraguan Government, and then the company, contending that it had been prevented by cir-

NEW COOS COUNTY CORPORATION Proposes to Engage in Railroading and Logging-Fine Timber Tapped COQUILLE CITY, April 26.-The County Clerk has received the articles of incorporation for the Biue Ridge Railway & Navigation Company. The business enterprises proposed by the corporation are viz: The building, equipping, maintaining and operating of a railroad from the mouth of Daniel's Creek, on Coos Bay to a point at Roseburg, Douglas County the building of steamers, terephone and telegraph lines, and the carrying on of a general merchandise business. The prin-cipal office or place of business will be at North Bend. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000, divided into 1000 shares. The incorporators are: L. J. Simpson, W. H. Kriebel and T. B. Carey. The main purpose of the corporation is to engage in purpose of the corporation is to engage in logging on Daniel's Creek. They already

IT IS FAR EASIER TO REGISTER.

If Oregonians who desire to vote at the Jane election and for President in November, wish to save themselves a lot of trouble on election day, let them register now. The books close

It should be borne in mind that any one who has not registered (no matter how clear is his title to citizenship) must secure six freeholders (owners of real estate in fee simple) to make affidavits that the statements in his own affidavit are true. The difficulties of securing a x such irrebouct.

The form of affidavit as prescribed by the new registry law is

State of Oregon, County of ---, ss. I, the undersigned elector, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name and signature as signed below is my true name and signature. If I have not personally signed it, it is because ——, and it was signed

at my request by the attesting officer; my age is — years, and occupation — ; naturalized or declared my intention in court. in — County, in State, on ---, 15--, as appears by the naturalization papers exhibited

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We, the undersigned witnesses, do swear that our names and signatures are genu ine; that we are each personally acquainted with the elector and his residence as stated; that we believe all his other statements are true, and that we are each free

(Note.-If unable to sign, let the officer sign his name, and so state.) We, the undersigned witnesses, do swear that our names and signatures are gen uine; that we are each personally acquainted with the elector and his res stated; that we believe all his other statements are true, and that we are each free-

Subscribed and sworn to by the elector and the two witnesses before me - day of ----, 189-(Erase one title to suit.)

Justice of the Peace for - District. Notary Public for Oregon (or other office).

ing out its contract, had resort to an arti-cle in that contract providing for a set-tlement of differences between the company and the Nicaraguan Government by means of arbitration. The Nicaraguan Government admitted the obligation to arbitrate the matter and appointed its arb tratore. The company was invited to do likewise, but being notified that, in accordwith the common laws of nations, ! must name Nicaraguans as arbitrators, it failed to do so. On January 31 the Nicaraguan fiscal solicitor appeared before the Superior Court and asked for a judgment against the company by default. Since that date the matter has been held under inat date the matter has been held under consideration, and the United States Min-ister to Nicaragua, Mr. Merry, has been at Managua, eeeking to effect a just set-tlement of the issue. Information has just reached here that, the courts having lecided against the company's claims, the tend the period of time allowed for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal by the Maritime Canal Company, and has

FIRST OF THE RIOT CASES. Jury, After Being Out 15 Hours, R

turns Verdict of Guilty.

vacated its concession.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 26.-in riot case today the jury brought in a ver-dict of guilty against Charles Green, the first of the nine defendants to be tried. The jury was out 15 hours before a ver-dict was reached.

The postmasters at Chehalls, Forest Agate, Alpha and Sharon, in this county, have united in a petition to the department asking for a loop in the mail-car-rier's route, so that he will take in Forest on the outward trip and Sharon on the return trip from Alpha, thus giving all of these offices a daily mail from Chehalt wihout additional cost to the Government

PROHIBITIONISTS' CONVENTION. They Nominate a County Ticket for Tillamook County.

TILLAMOOK, Or., April 25.—The pro-hibitionists held a rally in this city last evening and held a county convention today for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, which was as follows:
Joint Representative—R. Y. Blalock.
County Clerk—Alva Finley.
Sheriff—F. L. Buell.
Commissioner—W. F. Campbell. Treasurer-A. E. Imbler. Assessor-S. F. Moon. Surveyor-W. Petteys. Coroner-W. T. Doughty.

The machinery is being taken out of the wrecked steamer Laguna, which went ashore on the north spit of Tillamook bar.

Freeze Was Slight, and So Far X

Damage Was Done to Fruit. LA GRANDE, Or., April 26.-Snow fell here yesterday to the depth of six inches. It disappeared entirely today, except from the hillsides and mountains. The freeze last night was slight, and orchardists think that no damage has been done the fruit. But it is still and clear this evening, and if it grows colder some loss is certain to follow.

CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE.

s a Consequence, Dissatisfaction Is Felt Among Dallas People.

DALLAS, Or., April 36.-Yesterday the mail contractor from Derry to Dallas received notice that his contract would expire May 14, and that the mail would be
sent via Independence by motor to Dallas, which makes the noon mail 20 minutes late, and the mail from the south 114,
hours late, The people here do not understand why the department makes such
an order, for it costs the Government 220
more by the motor, and does not give as more by the motor, and does not give as Agent, 25 Morrison street, corner Third.

umstances beyond its control from carry- have a force of 150 men building the rail road, which will tap one of the finest bodies of timber on the Pacific Coast.

Appointments Not Made Public.

ALBANY, Or., April 26.-Census Superout notifications of appointment as enu-merator for the 176 districts in his juris-diction. He had strict instructions from and the same can be secured only from the appointees themselves. The only Will V. Merrill, a prominent member of the Hospital Corps of the Second Oregon Regiment, for West Albany, exclusive of the city. The Supervisor expects to re-ceive an order releasing the list within a is that no one connected with the assess ment of the county has received an aphave been in the habit of giving them false

Lehman Blum's Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.-The death an Blum, a rich merchant of Portland, who came to this city a fee days ago to have a surgical operation performed, was announced today. Mr. Blum had been an excessive smoker

during his life, and his heart had become so weakened that the administering of an anesthetic preliminary to the operation proved too much, and the patient failed to recover consciousness.

Joseph Sees the Secretary. to the S

WASHINGTON, April 26.-Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces Indians, was introduced to the Secretary of the Interior today by General Miles. Chief Joseph asked if his band would be returned to their old reservation in Oregon. The Secretary stated that the Indian Bureau had made an adverse report on this petition, but he would personally investigate the subject.

Ashland Odd Fellows Celebrate. ASHLAND, Or., April 26 .- The 81st anniversary of the establishment of the dependent Order of Odd Fellows was celebrated here today with special exercises at the opera-house and a grand buil in the evening. Large delegations from Gold Hill, Medford and Jacksonville were

J. H. Bowerman, of Newberg. NEWBERG, Or., April M .- J. N. Bow berg, a well-known fruitgrower of New berg, died at his home near town last evening, of paralysis, at an advanced age. evening, of paralysis, at an advanced of The remains will be taken to Eugene burial, in the family burying grounds, on

Government Ment Inspection. TACOMA, Wash., April 26.—Government inspection of meat was inaugurated at Tacoma today, Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of Portland, starting the work. There are only three other cities on the Coast where

Santa Fe's Terminal.

POINT RICHMOND, Cal., April 26.— The machine shops and terminal round, house of the Santa Fe are to be located here. The plans have been prepared and work will soon begin. The company has already completed its waterworks and the freight slips and wharves are near-ing completion. Roadmaster Thomas says ing completion. Roadmaster Thomas says the tracks will be ready for passenger traffic by the 15th of May, but the train service will probably not begin until some time later.

A TWIST OF THE WRIST

In the night will turn on the electric berth light in the Pullman Standard Sleeping Cars, on the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited. Two lights in each section. Get a North Coast Limited leaflet. A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger

ALL CENTERS IN THE RUNNING FIGHT IN THE FREE STATE.

The Burghers Are Retreating From the Southern Part and the British Are Following Closely.

LONDON, April 26 .- All the interest in the South African war is now centered in the running fight in progress between the burghers retreating from the southern portion of the Orange Free State and General French's horsemen, and the infan-fantry of Generals Pole-Carew, Chermside and Rundle. But the British hope of conciusive results is small at present, the Boers escaping unburt and having accomplished an immense amount of damage. They clung to their positions as long as was safe to do so, and they have apped off, to hold the next commanding ridge, through a broken country admir-ably suited for a rear-guard defense. Dispatches from Aliwal North under date of Wednesday, April 25, say that the Boers left Wepener so hurriedly that many of the dead were left in the trenches

unburied. Commandant S. Cronje is reported to have been killed. According to advices from Bloemfentein the attempt of the Boers at Brandfort to get in touch with the command at Thabanchu was frustrated by a force dispatched by General Tucker from Glen. A dispatch from Pretoria reports the arrival there of Lord Rosslyn as an un-

wounded prisoner.
In the House of Commons today, George Wyndham, Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, replying to questions, de-clared that Lord Roberts had made no comment whatever on General Lord Methuen's Magersfontein operations. James Lowther, Conservative, was heartly cheered when he gave notice that he would call attention on May 22 to Lord Roberts' recent Spionkop disaster and move the production of further papers on the subject

Rundle Pursuing the Boers. LONDON, April 26.-A special dispatch from De Wet's Dorp, dated yesterday,

"Owing to the approach of General French and to General Rundle's persistent shelling, the Boers relinquished positions last night, retiring with thet guns in a northerly direction. Generals French and Rundle joined hands east of De Wet's Dorp this morning. General dle is pursuing the Boers in forced

Report from Mafeking. LONDON, April 26.—1:53 P. M.—The war office has received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April M.—Good news from Baden-Powell up to April 10. Mc-Laren is much better. All the wounded are doing well. The Boers captured sev-eral native women who are eral native women who were trying to escape from Mafeking, but these were re-

DEVELOPMENT OF CUBA.

Big Concern for That Purpose In corporated in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, April 26.-Representative American capital has been enlisted in a scheme for the rehabilitation and development of the railway system of Cuba. A newly formed corporation, "The Cuba Company," is to undertake this work, and although its existence is chiefly due to the labors and enthusiasm of a Canadian, Sir William C. Van Horne, William C. Whitney and other prominent members of the Whitney syndicate, Ex-Governor Levi P. Morton, John W. Mackay, of the Commercial Cable Company; James J. Hill, the Western rallway magnate; Gen-eral Samuel Thomas and other well-known American financiers, are to employ their brains and money in pushing the

ides the men already mentias subscribers, the list includes H. M. Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate; Edward H. Harriman, of the syndicate now in charge of the affairs of the Union Pacific Railroad; Thomas M. Ryan, P. B. Widener and W. L. Elkins, of the Whitney syndicate; E. J. Berwind, General Grenville M. Dodge, H. Walters, George G. Haven, H. M. Whitney, G. B. Hop-kins, William Lanman Bull and Charles T. Barney. The Cuba Company may devote itself

In some measure to developing the natural resources of the Island of Cuba, but will chiefly attend to developing the Cuban Sir William C. Van Horne said last

"The western half of Cuba, geographically, is well supplied with railroads al-ready, and but little more in that way is now needed there But the eastern half, Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago, is still in an almost wholly undeveloped state. To the southward, the mountain ranges lies near the coast, as they do in ertain portions of the coast els and in consequence but few railroads having been built there, and those of an insignificant character, the population has not penetrated far inland, and the interthese provinces remains in an undereloped state. Some small investments 1 and in Cuba led me there first to look after them, but with no intention of in any way increasing them. This problem presented itself to me, and I became interested in its working out. One thing more led me to take it up was that I found the Cubans not only willing to work, but to do work well and with in-

"I also believed them, after close obserration, to be capable of self-government and found that the better classes among them were anxious and would use their influence to render capital invested in Cuba as safe as that invested in other countries, and while occasions may arise calling for the interference of the United States in the future, I don't think they

"Cuba will. I believe, be ultimately a nexed to the United States, not on account of self-government there, but be cause her interest lies so clearly in that direction that she herself will probably some day request it. But in any I have no fear of investing capital there account of the Cubans, for, even if on account of the Cubins, the United States has pledged herself to give them an even stronger pledge to the world that she will maintain order in Cuba, which insures the safety of investments made

new company is that it is the first investment on a large scale of American capital in Cuba. We propose to develop these three great provinces that in ter-ritory are half the size of the entire island, but which as yet only hold a third of the population. They are wonderfully rich agriculturally, in minerals and in timber, and the first work in their de-velopment will be to build railroads. We shall not stop there, but shall do any and everything that seems to us wise to promote development in agriculture, mining, timber and manufactures."

McKinleys at Their Old Home CANTON, O., April 25.-President Mc-Kinley had a business conference this orning with several men, who look after interests here, and later he was visited by a number of friends and neighbors.

President and Mrs. McKinley paid another visit to the North Market-street home dur-ing the morning. Soon after noon an in-formal luncheon was served at the Bar-

ber home, to the Presidential party, Cap-tain and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ewing Brooks, of Sewickley, Pa. At 4 o'clock the party left on a special train for Washington.

NAVIES OF GREAT POWERS Cut This Out and Save Writing

Letter of Inquiry. Chicago Times-Herald. If any one questions the wisdom of the increase in our own navy contemplated in the report of the naval committee of the House, he should study the subjoined ta ble of the navies and naval programmes of the leading powers of the world. The figures are based on a recent parliamen-tary return made to the British Commons, and indicate that the United States ranks sixth in order of naval strength, really midway between Japan and France The returns for the seven leading pow on seven classes of war vessels are

follows:

CLASS. Great Britain-

Unprotected cruisers.
Armored coast defense vessel
Torpedo-boat destroyers.
United States— Unprotected cruisers.
Armored coast defense vessels
Torpedo-boat destroyers.
Torpedo-boats Battle-snipe
Armored cruisers.
Protected cruisers.
Unprotected cruisers.
Torpedo-boat destroyers.
Torpedo-boats

It will be perceived that in Naval It will be perceived that in Navas strength Great Britain stands in a class by herself. The united fleets of any two of the other nations are not equal to her single navy. Excluding torpedo-boats from the reckoning, the British fleet is not far from being equal to those of France, Bussia and Germany combined.

Russia and Germany combined. Our strength afloat, building and conpractical level with Italy, and not so very much behind Germany and Russia, stil so far in the rear of France that and Russia, bu cept for the probable superiority of the American man behind the gun, we would not be in the same class. most significant feature of the

bove grouping is that the four European navies are outnumbered by th three outsiders, and also that the first, sixth and seventh in order are stronger than the second, third, fourth and fifth 'n When it is considered that in any Euro

pean complication the navy of Italy is more likely to line up with that of Great Britain than with those of France, Russia The Cuba Company has been incorporated in New Jersey with \$8,000,000 capitaliand Germany, the impotence of Europe to and Germany, the impotence of Europe to dietate to England in any matter beyond the Continent is apparent. The sovereignty of the sea is with the Anglo-Saxon, and they who rule the sea rule the world. From this time on the

United States should steadily increase it:

with its vast resources and extending

power until this is commensurate

BUTTONS NEARLY READY. Volunteer Badges Will Soon Be

sued.

Work on the bronze medals to be pre ented by the state to the Volunteers i progressing very fast. All the medals have been struck off and will very soon be ready for delivery. The date for the commencement of distribution origin fixed by Governor Geer was May 1, which is nearly due. The Governor will shortly announce the method of distribution, which will probably be that the men entitled to medals shall call or send to given place a written request. For th eceased volunteers arrangements will be made for delivering the medals to their nearest relatives who will apply for the same.

Through the manufacture of the buttor

for aiding the monument fund, a report has gained credence to some extent that t e n. . . . are to be sold to the soldiers. This is not the case. The medals are the gift of the state, and nothing what ever is charged for their donation. To aid the monument fnud General Summer conceived the idea of utilizing all the bronze taken from the cannon and not required in the manufacture of the medals will be sold. These buttons are of two kinds; one for the Volunteers themselve and one for the public. Volunteers will be rather claborate, hear ing the coat of arms of the state, with appropriate lettering, and being coated with blue enamel. They will be sold to the soldiers only, for 50 cents each, 25 cents of which pays for their manufacture and 25 cents will go to the monument fund. The buttons for the public are of plainer design, costing in their manu facture only two or three cents, and will be sold for 25 cents each, all the proceed going to the fund.

As the buttons will be ready for sale before long, General Summers has called a meeting of the Administrative Council of the Veteran Association, to organize a society to manage the work.

This council consists of General Summers. Colonel of the regiment, Lieutenant C. A. Murphy. Lieutenant-Colonei; Captain C. E. McDonell, Major of the First battailon; Lieutenant Robert S. Houston Major of the Second battalion; Captali Sandford Whiting, chief surgeon; Chap-lain W. S. Gilbert, and General C. U. Gantenbein, regimental Adjutant. General Summers also requests Captain R. E. Davis, inspecting officer and Chris A. Bell. Judge Advocate, to attend . The meeting will be held in Adjutant-General Gantenhein's office Menday evening at 7:38 o'clock. The association organized there will take charge of the buttons and arwill take for their sale, as well as appoint a treasurer and secretary to handle the funds and conduct correspondence.

Fairy Tales of Weyler Regime. New York Journal of Commerce The Cuban census is a surprise

respects; the population is larger than was supposed, and the blacks are a smaller porion of it than they have been estimate The present population of 1,572,797 is as large as any of the estimates of it before revolution broke out five years ago. Since that time it has been confidently stated that 300,000 or 400,000 persons had perished in the insurrection and among the ncentrados. Either the estimates of LABASTINE is the original and only durable wall coating, entirely different from all kai-somines. Ready for use in white or fourteen beautiful tints by adding cold water.

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population have been very much too low or the fatalities of the war and of Captainor the fatalities of the war and of Captain-General Weyler's policy have been esti-mated very much too high. The colored people have been represented as constitut-ing about half the population, and some of the estimators put them at more than half; they prove to be \$65,243, or less than onethird. The females are in a majority of 30,842 among the blacks and of 15,554 among the native whites; the foreign whites are mostly males. Whether this predominance of females can be attributed. predominance of females can be attributed to the casualties of the insurrection is not certain, but that is probably a partial explanation, and it may be a complete one. Twenty-eight per cent of the population can read and write, and as the total population includes the small children, the per-centage of those over 10 years who can

are not satisfactory, but they are much better than was expected. DELAYED TRAINS.

Great Northern and Northern Pacific

read and write is much larger. Forty-

three per cent of these are "literate," which presumably implies the ability to

write as well as to read. These figures

Both Affected. transcontinental trains westbound were delayed yesterday in their arrival at Portland. The Great Northern's train No. 2, due here at 8 A. M., did not reach until 12 o'clock, noon-4 hours late. e Northern Pacific's westbound train No. 1, due here at 5:50 P. M., Wednesday, did not reach Portland until 1:45 P. M. yesterday. Neither of the above companies' representatives here are advised s to the cause of these delays.

Prospect of Settlement.

LONDON, April 27 .- The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail saye:
"In addition to rebuilding the American structures at Kharput, the Sultan has found a way of paying the indemnity States, the cost of which will include the hopes to shelve the question of principle. and thus avoid giving the powers a pre-text for pressing their claime."

The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:
"The Turko-American difficulty is in a fair way of settlement, the Sultan having

promised satisfaction.
"It is asserted that the Porte has revived the project of building a cruiser in the United States to disguise the payment of indemnity, and Ahmed Pasha is going to

New York to negotiate with the Cramps

on the subteet" Illinois Bank Robbers.

COULTERVILLE, III., April 26.-Burglars blew open the vaults of the bank of Coulterville with dynamite early this norning, secured \$5000 nearly all in currency, and escaped. The burgiars muf-fled the sound of the explosion so well that nothing was known of the robbery until the cashier opened the doors of his office this morning.

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