THE NEW WARSHIPS

Naval Construction Board Decides on Four Awards.

SCOTTS WILL GET A CRUISER

Moran Bros. May Yet Build a Battle Ship-Cramps, Newport News Company and Fore River Company Successful.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The Board of Naval Construction, considering the bids for the construction of battle-ships and cruisers, has settled on these points: One of the big armored cruisers shall go to the Cramps, one to Newport News, and one to the Union Iron Works, in California. One battle-ship will go to the Fore River Engine Works, at Quincy,

This leaves seven ships to be disp of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the board is to be held it is not possible to make the pre-diction with absolute accuracy, the indi-cations are that these will be distributed as follows:

One cruiser and one battle-ship to the Cramps, making three for them; one cruiser and one battle-ship to Newport News, making three for them; one cruiser and one battle-ship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them, and one battle-ship to the Bath Iron Works. There is still a possibility that Moran Bros., of Seattle, may get the battle-ship slated for the Union Iron Works or the Bath Iron Works.

GERMAN PROHIBITION.

Heavy Import Duties May Be Laid on Grain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Agrarian party in Germany, having successfully brought about a law at the last session of the Reichstag prohibiting, in effect, the importation of American canned meats, is now using its powerful infuence to increase heavily the import duties on all grains entering the empire, notably on wheat, reports United States Consul Dietrich, at Bremen, to the State Department. The aim of the Agrarians, according to the Consul, is to make Germany entirely independent of all countries for its breadstuffs and food supplies. It is difficult to see, says Mr. Dietrich, "how the proposed national legislarich, "how the proposed national legisla-tion can have any other effect in the long run than to enhance the price of the daily bread so needful to every man, woman and child in this country." It is impossible to understand, he says, how the pro-posed duty can increase the crops of wheat throughout Germany, or decrease the appetite of the German people. At present, however, says the Consul, there seems little doubt that the proposed law will be passed by the Reichstag. As a large portion of the importation of wheat is American-grown, this will seriously affect the interests of the American farmer. "A duty of 40 or 50 cents on every bushel of wheat," concludes Consul Dietrich, "cannot fall to be well-nigh prohibitive, and the consequence will be more limited

markets, flercer competition and lower prices to the producers." NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT. J. M. Patterson to Be Postmaster at

The Dalles. WASHINGTON, Dec. IR.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

John C. A. Lushman, of Pennsylvania, now Minister of Switzerland, to be Minister to Turkey; Arthur S. Hardy, of New Hampshire, now Minister to Greece. Rou-mania and Servia, to be Minister to Switz-erland; Charles S. Francis, of New York, to be Minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia; Clarence L. Thurston, of Ne-braska, to be Secretary of the Legation at Buenos Ayres; Benjamin S. Warren. of Alabama, to be assistant surgeon in the Marine Hospital Service; J. M. Pat-terson, to be Postmaster at The Dalles,

nfirmations were made by the Sen Daniel H. McMillin, of New Mexico, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico; John W. Yerkes, of Kentucky, to be Commissioner of In

Porto Rican Claim on Cuba

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-The State Department has rendered an opinion to effect that the United States Govern-ment cannot intervene in favor of Perto Rico in the matter of her claim against Cuba for \$2,500,000. The Spanish Go ment raised a loan to this amount for the Porto Ricans to help prosecute military operations in Cuba, basing the loan upon the revenues of the latter Island. In substance, the decision of the United States Government is to the effect that. leaving aside the question of equity in this case, to sanction the collection of this claim against Cuba would now be to open the door to numberless other and larger claims, which would exhaust the financial

It is known to the authorities that most of the claims sought to be included in the treaty of peace at Paris, but reso-lutely excluded by the United States Commissioners, are not regarded by the claimants as dead by any means, but are sim-ply held in abeyance to be presented and enforced by the full powers of foreign governments, if they can be evoked by the dalmants as soon as the United States'

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.-At today's of the industrial Com John Carbutt, a manufacturer of gelatin dry plates and films for photographs, tes-tified concerning the combination of capital in his business. Chairman Clarke asked Mr. Carbutt if his goods came into Chairman Clarke competition with other products of a similar nature. In reply the witness said that in 1878 Mr. Eastman, of the Eastman Company, went to Germany and secured, as he thought, control of a certain paper used in the development of photographs. On his return several photographic supply houses entered into a combination known as the General Aristo Company, Dealers, Mr. Carbutt mid, were compelled by this company to sign an agreement to sell no paper ex-cept that produced by the General Aristo Company, under penalty of refusal to furnish them with other supplies. Mr. Carbuit asserted that he was discrimi-nated against in violation of the law.

A Cruiser for the Lakes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-A special from Vashington says the cruiser Dorothea has been donated by Secretary of the Navy Long to the Chicago militia for has been donated by Secretary of the Navy Long to the Chicago militia for use as a naval training-ship. It is also stated that in order to escape the pro-visions of the treaty with Great Britain forbidding the passage of warships through the St. Lawrence River into the Great Lakes the Navy Department is con-sidering the advisability of dismaniling the Dorothes, which is now at the League Island navy-vard, and again soutoning Island navy-yard, and again equipping the vessel with guns for practice upon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—At the re-quest of the Secretary of War, the House committee on Insular affairs today reported a bill increasing the salary of the Commissioner of Education of Porto Rico

Brumbach, of the University of Pennsylvania, accepted the position at the urgent request of the President and Secretary Root, it was with the understanding that his salary should be increased. He re-ceived \$500 at the University of Pennsyl-

ceived \$5000 at the University of Pennsylvania, and only accepted the position in Porto Ricc out of a sense of public duty. The insular committee today considered the advisability of reporting a bill to make it clear that under the present law only Congress shall have the power to repeal, alter or amend charters in Porto Rico. Some questions had arisen as to whether this nower was lodged in Congress. whether this power was lodged in Congress or in the Executive Council of Porto Rico. The committee favors such a bill, but no formal action was taken.

The War-Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The war-reve WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The war-revenue bill received brief consideration at the hands of the Senate committee on finance today, but there was no discussion of the merits of the measure. Some suggestions were made looking to the holding of meetings during the Christmas holdings to consider the bill, but no action was taken in that direction. There was no result except an increase of the uncertainty as to when the bill would uncertainty as to when the bill would be taken up for formal consideration by the committee. Some of the members in-dicated a desire for time thoroughly to examine the bill, with the view of sug-

Duty on Christmas Presents WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The War De-partment has issued an order providing for the admission into Cuba and the Philippines free of duty of packages and articles clearly intended as Christmas presents for the officers and enlisted men of the Army and Navy and for other amployes of this Government now serving

in these islands. The provision will terminate as to Cubs Pebruary 18, and as to nes March 15 next. Payne for a Cabinet Place. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A Washington special to the Press says: This week all, or nearly all, of the members of the executive committee, the managers of the campaign in the two headquarters, Chicago and New York, will be in Washington.

ers, the Republican committee will press upon the President. That the will press

upon the President. That is for the ap-pointment of Vice-Chairman Payne to a place in the Cabinet. Ambasador Choate Returning. NEW YORK, Dec. 18-A dispatch to the ournal and Advertiser from London says Ambassador Choate will, it is said, sai either Saturday or the week afterward for the United States, the death of his partner, Charles C. Beaman, having ren-dered his presence in New York neces-sary. It is believed here that Ambassa-

Equipping the National Guard. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Nel-son, of Minnesota, today offered an amendment which he will propose to the Army reorganization bill, providing for the insuance by the Secretary of War to the Governors of the states and ter-ritories of Krag-Jorgensen rifles and equipment for the National Guard.

dor Choate will not return to London.

New Mint Regulation WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate ommittee on finance today authorized a committee on finance today authorized a favorable report on the House bill giving the Superintendents of Coinage at the mints the right to exchange gold bars for gold coin free of charge or with charge, at their discretion. The present law makes the charge mandatory.

NOT A MONOPOLY.

Associated Press Sustained in Suit Brought by St. Louis Star.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 18.—The Supreme Court of Missouri, at Jefferson City, this morning handed down an opinion in the case of the Star Publishing Company vs. the Associated Press, of Illinois, deciding the case unanimously in favor of the Associated Press. The Star Company was engaged in publishing an evening news-paper in St. Louis, known as "The Star," and it brought suit for a writ of man-damus to require the Associated Press to serve it with the evening news report on the same terms on which service was being rendered to the Post-Dispatch, which was a member of the Associated Press. The Star Company claimed that it was not able to secure from any other source as satisfactory a news report as was furnished by the Associated Press, and that the agreement of the Associated Press with the company publishing the Post-Dispatch not to furnish the re Post-Dispatch not to furnish the report to any other paper was illegal and in violation of the anti-trust laws of the United States, of the State of Illinois, and of the State of Missouri. The Asso-ciated Press answered that, while it is in form a corporation, it is essentially a co-operative society, based upon an agree-ment between its members to gather and furnish news to each other than the furnish news to each other; that it is not engaged in news-gathering as a com-mercial enterprise, and that it carries on its business without any effort at profit-making. It denied that its so-called exclusive contracts are in violation of the laws of the United States. State of Bil-

nois or the State of Missouri.

The opinion sustains the Associated Press at every point. It holds that the that it does not violate the anti-trust law of the State of Missouri. Further than this it could not go, holding that the anti-trust laws of the State of Illinois vere not in force outside of that state and that the anti-trust law of the United States was to be construed as enforced in the courts of the United States. The sult has been pending for a long time, having been brought in December, 1887. The Star Company took the testimo Melville E. Stone, William M. Laffan and other newspaper men, and men familiar with the business of news-gathering, and the case was tried entirely on the testimony taken by it,

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Directors of the American Smelting & Refining Company met today and declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% per cent on the preferred stock. No action was taken in the matter of a dividend on the common shares. It was admitted by an official that the matter of accurates the company of the compan that the matter of acquiring the Guggeu-heim properties or consolidating with those interests was informally discussed, but that nothing definite was done. 1t is admitted by insiders that negotiations looking to a union of the interests have been carried on more or less earnestly for many months, but that nothing more for many months, but that nothing more than a tentative proposition has come from either side. Report has it that the Guggenheims have placed a valuation of from \$55,000,000 to \$32,000,000 on their prop-erties, and that these figures were being considered by the other side

Clark Not Interested in Mexico

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—W. A. Clark, president of the United Verde Copper Company, in a recent interview assected that he had no interest in the silver and that he had no interest in the silver and gold mines in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. He denied that he had pur-chased these mines, said to have been offered to him by the Rosario Mining Company, of Fort Worth. Texas, for

Senator Sullivan Married

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-United States Senator W. V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Mary Newman Atkins, of this city, were married today at the parson-age of St. Stephen's Church. The brine daughter of the late Dr. Newman

Are You an Ale Drinkert Do you like a crisp, nappy ale with a general felicity of taste? Evans' Ale makes a banquet of delight for the critical eye

MISUNDERSTANDING DUE TO CABLE COMPANY'S ERROR.

merican and British Ministers in Pekin Took Opposite Views, Though Governments Agree.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Choate, the United States Ambassador, had a long conference this afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently, Henry White, Secretary of the United States Embassy, paid a visit to the Foreign mounts, parameter secrecy is main-nined as to the outcome of these consul-ations. What could be learned from British and American sources varied considerably, the former expressing annoy-ance and anxiety, the latter maintaining that nothing serious was developing. Some explanation, however, was gataered by a representative of the Associated Press of the extraordinary tangle in which the Chinese negotiations have recently been mixed up and some recond tion of the contradictory telegrams that have emanated from Pekin and various European capitals. It appears that over a week ago the powers came to an agreement to eliminate the word "irrevocable from the joint note. Then, when it was believed that everything had been settled, objections were raised, and Great Brit-ain, for the sake of harmony, although ain, for the sake of harmony, although much against her will, sgreed to insert the "irrevocable" clause. In this it is believed she was supported by the Unites States. Once more the joint note seemed on the verge of signature when a misun-derstanding arose in Pekin. This con-fused the governments and formed the subject of the dispatch from Secretary Hay which We Cheste seemed the Hay, which Mr. Choate transmitted to the Marquis of Lansdowne today. As the result of the interview, Mr. Choate has sent a long cablegram to Secretary Hay, in which he attributes the latest misunderstanding to an error in forward-ing instructions, which occurred presum-ably through the cable company, which caused Mr. Conger and Ernest Satow, the British Minister in Pekin, to take oppo-site views, although their home govern-ments were perfectly agreed. The United States Embassy, while non-

ommittal, hears that today's conferences will clear up the muddle and bring about a signing of the joint note in Pekin with-in a few days. On the ether hand, the British Foreign Office is not quite so hopeful. Officials there profess to be at sea as to whether the conditions are to be irrevocable or otherwise. Indications point to their being irrevocable. British officials admit that they gave in under protest, and with a distinct reservation that, although the demands are irrevoca-ble, this in no way necessitates an enforcement of the demands of European troops. Such a court Great Britain car-not and will not agree to. Consequently, in compilance with the "Irrevocable" clause was somewhat of a farce on the part of Great Britain, and this feature of the case becomes more interesting when taken in conjunction with the state-ment authoritatively made here that Great Britain and the United States are in the same boat in the joint negotiations.

Hay's Conference With Pauncefote. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay had a conference for a short time this morning with Lord Pauncefote, devoted solely to the Chinese situation. The result was to clear up, so far as that can be accomplished in Washington, some ob-scurity as to the Pekin agreement, and source and unless comes from some other source, neither the State Department nor the British Embassy has any reason to apprehend further delay in the consummation of the agreement.

A misunderstanding appears to exist as to the British attitude according to off. to the British attitude, according to officlais here. So far from holding out for more severe terms and harsher measures generally, it is stated that the British Government is in thorough accord with our own policy, as developed in the lat-est Pekin negotiations and the exchanges est rekin negotiations and the exchanges that have taken place between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote. The United States Government itself has taken every precaution in making its contribution to the agreement to insure its binding force, and at no time has the British Govern

POLICING PEKIN. Large Force of Chinese Under Gen-

for the agreement.

eral Ma in Shan St. PEKIN, Dec. 18.—Count von Waldersee has issued an order assigning certain dis-tricts in the neighborhood of Pekin for supervision to the representatives of the various powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of the French and American troops can be de-pended upon is a matter to be determined

by agreements made with the Generals manding these forces. Under the plan, the United States troops will super-vise the district southwest of Pekin from the road to Shan Tshang to the road ex-Count von Waldersee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chi-nese, under General Ma, in the northern part of Shan Si, and another south of Shan Tshang, but during the severe Win ter that has now set in he does not ex-pect any aggressive Chinese movement. On the other hand, wherever the allies leave a district for any length of time, bands of robbers and Boxers will gregate. For this reason the Field Mar-

It is now understood that a meeting of the foreign envoys will be held ton

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Great Britain's proposed alteration in the preamble of the join note has been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Pekin corespondent of the Dally Mail, wiring Monday. Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly de fined, but the acquiescence of America is anticipated, and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries within three or four days. The German Minister has warmly supported the British proposal."

The Power Behind the Throne. LONDON, Dec. 19 .- "It is rumored from LONDON, Dec. 18.—"It is rumored from Sinan Fu," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that the real director of the Grand Council is the Empress Dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Yeung, who was erroneously reported dead last April. He is responsible for the general confusion and indecision. His latest suggestion is that the court should proceed to Nankin. General Tung Fuh Hsiang is said to be still at Sigan Fu. Hslang is said to be still at Sinan An imperial decree authorizes the Gov-ernors of the Provinces of Shan St and Shen SI to sell titles and decorations for the benefit of sufferers from famine."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—General Chaf-fee's latest casualty list is as follows: At Pekin—December 8, Sergeant John L. O'Connor, Ninth Infantry, pneumonia: December 8, Samuel Wolack, Ninth Infantry, oedemia; December 14, Knox, Ninth Infantry, pneumonia.

Prance Will Restore Loot. PARIS, Dec. 18 .- In addition to the order directing that the cases filled with Chi-nese loot, sent to President Loubet and another by General Frey, commandanother by General Frey, command-er of the French marine forces in China shall be embargoed at Marsellies, whe

be seized by the French expeditionary force in China, shall be restored, whether belonging to the Chinese Governmen or to private individuals.

Situation Not Improved. LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, dated December 17,

says:

The situation has not improved by the representatives of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited, and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of treals. check the transmission of supplies of munition of the Chinese. Tung Fuh thus has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the Empress and controls the whole movements of the troops. It will be necessary to give the military operations of the ailies

ROME, Dec. 18 .- A Pekin dispatch, dated today, says the Ministers at Pekin will meet tomorrow, when probably a final agreement will be reached as to the text of the joint Chinese note.

May Agree Today.

GAME EXHIBITION.

McFadden Got the Decision Over

Leon After Twenty Rounds. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 18.—In one of the gamest exhibitions ever witnessed in a Memphis prizering, Kid McFadden, of San Francisco, was given the decision over Casper Leon, of New York, at the end of 30 rounds of fierce fighting before the Phoenix Athletic Club. Both men entered the ring in the pink of condition. McFadden had a slight advantage in weight, while Leon had height in his favor. McFadden promptly took the ag-gressive, forcing Leon around the ring, but landing a few effective blows, while the New York man worked slower and more effectively. It was give and take with hardly a shade of advantage either way up to the 15th round, when McFadden's youth and strength began to tell. Leon was forced to take the count twice in this round, but fought gamely, came up for the 16th strong again. McFadden fought savagely for a knock-out in each succeeding round, but Leon's staying qualities and ring generaliship enabled him to make almost as strong showing in the final round as he did in the initial one. McFadden's aggressiveness, however, gave him the decision.

THE DAY'S RACES.

Races at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.-The victory

of Lomond, a 10-to-1 shot, in the third event, was the surprise of the day at Tanforan today. He took the lead soon after the start, and was never headed. Weather fine, track slow. Results: Five furlishes, purse—Duckoy won, Mac-Laren second, Formatus third; time, 1:03. Six furlishes, purse—Brutal won, Mare-chal Neil second, Argregor third; time.

Seven furlongs, selling-Lomond won Good Hope second, Isailne third; time Seven furlongs, selling-Boundlee won, lee second, Cyril thire; time, 1:314.

Five furlongs, purse-Anjou won, Bam boulla second, Herculean third; time Six and a half furlongs, selling-Ber-nota won, Galanthis second, Dandy Jim third; time, 1:21%,

Races at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Weather, fair; track good. Donna Rita's win in the first race was such a surprise that the stewards suspended Tony Licalri, owner, and W. Hurley, trainer, pending an investigation. Results:

an investigation. Results: Selling, one and an eighth miles—Donna Rita won, Phidias second. Pacemaker third; time, 1:57. Five furlongs-Tonicum won, Admira Pepper second, Choice third: time, 1:00 One mile; selling-Lillian Reed won, Lin-den Ella second, Sir Gatian third; time,

Seven furlongs, handlcap-Tom Kings-ley won, Alex second. Georgie third; time, Six and a half furlongs-McGrathian Prince won, Handcuff second, Terralene Prince won, Hande third; time, 1:22%. One mile, selling-Little Boy Blue won,

Elsmere second, Rodd third; time, 1:40%.

Iowa Will Play in California. IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.-The Iowa University football team today accepted propositions to play games with the University of California Christmas day, and with Leland Stanford University New Year's day. The lowa team went into practice today, and will leave for the West tomorrow night. The two California nii teams guarantee the expenses of the

Country Bank Blown Open.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Ken-nedy's Bank, at Hope, south of here, was entered at 2 o'clock this morning, the safe blown open with nitro-giycerine and \$15,000 carried off by two men, who were seen to leave the building by might operator in the telephone exchange.
The robbers had a confederate posted outside with a carriage, in which all escaped.
A posse has been organized by the citizens of Hope, and has started out after the robbers. Hope is only five miles from Fint Rock, where the safe in the post-office was bluwn open early Monday morn. ing and \$200 taken. It is presumed that the operators in both cases are the same.

Return of Sick Soldiers. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.-Within a few days more than 1000 sick soldiers will be on their way home from the Philippines. The Grant and Sherman are now en route with 650 men, and the Sheridan is scheduled to leave December 22 with 500 more. The rush will tax the general hospital at the Presidio to its utmost capacity The convalescents will be mustered ou as soon as possible after they arrive, and if the 867 available beds at the hospita become overcrowded, a tented annex will be built to accommodate the overflow.

Body of a Train Robber Found. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Detectives found today the body of one of the rob-bers who last Thursday night held up, within the city limits of New Orleans, the Chicago mail train on the Illinois Central, shot Conductor Kinnabrew, and escaped with a number of registered packages. The watch of Conductor Kinnabrew, which was found on the dead man, leaves no doubt of his identity as

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.-Andrew White Brown, a young man staying at the Palace Hotel, has been arrested on a dispatch from Fuiton, Oswego County, Y., stating that he is wanted the for grand larceny. On registering at the hotel a few days ago he claimed to be the son of a New York millionaire, and said he was making a trip around the world. Details of his alleged crime have

Jessie Morrison to Be Released ELDORADO, Kan., Dec. 18.—Judge Shinn today agreed to admit Jessie Mor-rison to ball in the sum of \$5000, pending her second trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle. The prisoner's father ex-presses hope that he will be able to secure bondsmen within a few days. Miss Morrison's release will probably end the case. It is said she will go to her old

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Associate Supreme Court Justice George C. Ludiow, ex-Governor of New Jersey. Iled today at his residence in New Brunswick, N. J.

Test for Yourself the Wonderful Curative Properties of Swamp-Root

To Prove What the World-Famous Discovery, SWAMP-ROOT, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of "The Oregonian" May Have a Sample Bottle Free.

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SIXTY-FIFTH POLICE PRECINCY,

GREATER NEW YORK, Oct. 11, 1900.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.: Gentlemen.—In justice to you, I feel it is my duty to send you an acknowledgment of the receipt of the sample bottle of Swamp-Root you so kindly sent me. I had been out of health for the past five years with kidney and bladder trouble. Had our best physicians prescribe for me. They would releve me for the time being, but the old complaint would in a short time return again. I sent for a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, and I found it did me a world of good. Since then I have taken 8 small bottles bought at my drug store, and I consider myself perfectly cured. It seemed as though my back would break in two after stooping. I do not have to get up during the night to urinate, as I formerly did three or four times a night, but now sleep the sleep of peace. My back is all right again, and in every night, but now sleep the sleep of peace. My back is all right again, and in every way I am a new man. Two of my brother officers are still using Swamp-Root. They, like myself, cannot say too much in praise of it. It as boon to mankind. We recommend it to all humanity who are suffering from any kidney, liver or

My brother officers (whose signatures accompany this letter), as well as my-

self, thank you for the blessing you have brought to the human race in the or pounding of Swamp-Root. We remain, yours very truly, JAMES COOK,

HUGH E. BOYLE, JOHN J. BODKIN,

DIDN'T KNOW SHE HAD KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

"You have no idea how well I feel. I am satisfied that I do not need any more medicine, as I am in as good health as I ever was in my life." So says Mrs. Mary Englehardt, of 2835 Madison street, St.

Officers of the 65th Police Precinct,

Greater New York.

Louis, Mo., to a reporter of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"For more than 10 years I had suffered with what the doctors termed female trouble; also heart trouble, with swelling of the feet and timbs. Last Summer I felt so badly that I thought I had not long to live. I consulted doctor after doctor and took their medicines, but felt no better. took their medicines, but felt no better. The physicians told me my kidneys were not affected, but I felt sure that they were the cause of my trouble. A friend recommended me to try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and I must say I derived immense benefits almost from the first week. I continued the medicine, taking it regularly, and I am now in splendid health. The pains and aches have all gone. I have recommended Swamp-Root to all my friends, and told them what it has my friends, and told them what it has done for me. I will gladly answer any one who desires to write me regarding my case. I most heartily indorse Swamp-Root from every standpoint. There is



it goes right to the weak spots and drives MRS. MARY ENGLEHARDT. everywhere.

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It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood that is their work.

So when your kidneys are weak or out of order you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty. If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the famous new discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are reponsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, and if permitted to continue fatal results are sure to foilow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dixxy, restless, sleepless and Makes you pass water often during the day, and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Causes or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles, makes your head ache and back ache, causes indigestion, stomach and liver trouble; you get a sallow, yellow complexion; makes you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

The cure for these troubles is Dr. Klimer's Swamp-Root, the world-famous kidney remedy. In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and genile aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand 24 hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling; or if small particles float about in it, your kidneys are in need of immediate atten-

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recom-mended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors them-selves who have kidney aliments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney, liver

most successful remedy for kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dellar size bottles at the drug stores

EDITORIAL NOTICE—Swamp-Root, the great Kidney. Liver and Biadder remedy, is so remarkably successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of The Oregonian who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent absolutely free by mail. Also a book telling all about kidney and bladder troubles and containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured by Swamp-Root. Be sure and mention reading this generous offer in The Portiand Daliy Oregonian when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

HAZING AT WEST POINT

COURT OF INQUIRY BEGINS ITS HEARING AT MILITARY ACADEMY.

Cadets on the Witness Stand Denied That Any Brutal Treatment Had Been Given.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.-The military court of inquiry, which began tak-ing testimony at Bristol, Pa., yesterday, arrived at the Military Academy at 1 o'clock this afternoom. At 2:30 this after-noon it resumed the investigation of the charges of hasing and brutal treatment made by the parents of Cadet Oscar L. Booz, who died recently at his home in Book, who died recently at his home in Bristol. Generals Brooke, Bates and Clous and Captain Dean questioned the witnesses as to the practice of husing in the academy both in camp and barracks. Sixty-eight members of the class of 1902, to which Book belonged until he resigned in September or October, 1898, were summoned to the court and were brought. moned to the court, and were brought in squads and kept in ante-rooms in the

academic building.
Four of the 68 cadets of the second class were examined during the afternoon, and all of them who knew Booz declared that his attanding with his classmates was not very high, as they looked upon him as a coward. The story of his fight with Kellar in 1898 was told by Cadet O. N. Tyler, who seconded Booz. When asked by the court why he did so, Tyler said:
"Well, Booz asked me to be his second, and I could not well refuse. I was

present at the fight." "Who did you see there?"
"Cadets Kellar, Hayden, Spaulding, De Young, Herd and Brownell." "Who refereed the fight?"

"I don't remember, sir."
"Was there a knockout blow delivered." "Yes, sir, Booz was hit in the region of the stomach, and when he was on the ground he said the wind was knocked out of him."

Was there any blow delivered in the region of the heart?" "No, sir."
"Was it a fair fight?"

"Were there any marks on Booz after "Yes, sir. He had a black eye and a cut over the left eye."

"Did he complain to you at any in-furies after the fight?"
"No, sir. I told him that I did not think he acted fair in the fight. The other man was smaller and lighter." In reply to a number of questions by Generals Clous and Brooke, the witness said he had never been made to take hot sauce, but he had seen it given in the mess hail. It was given in a spoon, but not more than three or four drops. He never saw it given to Booz. He never knew of any one in his class being in

"Did you know of any hot grease being dropped on the body of any of the men of your class?" asked General Brooke. Yes, sir, At night sometimes one would come into the room and re-move the clothes of the feet of the men in bed, and on examining the feet so drops of candle grease would fall on

"Was this dropping accidental or in-

ntional?"
Well, I think it was intentional, but it did not hurt much," was the reply.
Edmund I. Zane, when asked if he
were ever hazed, replied:
"Tes, sir. I was subjected to athletic "Did you ever know any one to faint from hasing?" asked Captain Dean.

"I have heard such reports, but I think schemes. What are we here for? What the men only pretended to faint."

do we make Congressmen and Senators
Later, the wivness said that he had and Presidents and other had breaks for? made Cadets Caldwell and Orr sit in a strained position on a chair for a couple of minutes about two days ago.

"Why did you do this?" asked General Brooke essert before the first-class men,"

the prompt reply.

Cadet Robert R. Ralston answered a number of questions as to the practice of making fourth-class men sit in a constrained position at a table, and he defined this as a "correctional measure," which was not hazing. He described the order in which the men were served at the table, which was according to their

"Then," said General Clous, "If a man helped himself before an upper-class man it would be considered an act of rudeness and impoliteness?"
"Yes, sir."

hazing or exercising, has there been any visible loss of manliness among men?" asked General Bates.
"No, sir, I think not."

"Were you a fellow communicant of Cadet Booz?" "Yes, str." "And has your attending to your re-ligious duties lowered you in the estimation of your classmates or caused any

one to speak disrespectfully of your read-ing your Bible?" was the next question put by General Bates. "No, sir, it has not," was the earnest

Stephen D. Vernon said he did not see the fight between Booz and Kellar, but saw Booz afterward, and his face was

"He was considered a coward, and his standing was not very high."

General Clous made a motion that, from
the scope and character of the investigation, it appeared to him that the Commandant of Cadets and Superintendent of the academy should be present, as the evidence might involve their standing in the academy. General Brooke then sent orderlies for Colonel A. L. Milla, the Superintendent, and Lieutenant-Colonel O. L. Hein, Commandant of Cadets, and they were furnished with separate tables

and chairs.

John C. Pegram, of the class of 1898, said that Boos was looked upon as a coward by his classmates, but was not interfered with on account of his religious actions or belief.

The inquiry is expected to take up the greater part of this week. The hearing will be resumed at 9:30 o'clock tomorrov

Rally in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Record says: Five hundred Chicago ministers will usher in the 20th contury with a grand Christian rally. Clergymen of all denominations will assemble in the Meth-odist block, Clark and Washington streets, on the morning of January 1, and will devote the entire day to the saion of religious progress during the 19th century.

High Price for Stock Exchange Sent. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-Records in price Exchange seats have smashed, \$50,500 having been paid for a membership. This compares with \$13,-500, the lowest record made in 1833, and \$47,500, the old high record made a few

Past Finding Out, Neighbor.

Prairie City Miner.
The Miner suggests a convention of country newspapers to demand of Congress a recognition of their rights to a rake-off on some of these subsidy

CONTRADICTORY VIEWS.

Opinions of English Correspondents NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: If the English people were bent on taking a serious view of the Nicaragua Canal question, as apparently they are, they would not be confused by the contradictory views of the New York correspondents. who, as far apart as the north and south

poles, are utterly irreconcilable. The Westminster Gazette takes the Standard correspondent as a guide, and seeks to interpret the action of the Senate for the benefit of the English readers. It his reached the conclusion with the most be-nevolent motives toward America that the treaty cannot be abolished by being described as being inconvenient or out of date, and that the only practicable method of settling the vexatious canal question is that of arranging some kind of compensation for the abrogation of the convention of 1800.

The Alaskan boundary question is named as a quid pro quo and the For-eign Office was urged to take up this method of adjusting all outstanding is-sues with the United States. This suggestion is made by the friendliest Eng lish journals. This was considered a great gain for the American Government before Premier Laurier stepped aside and allowed the question to be adjusted between Washington and London without interfer

ence from Ottawa.

The best thing that the friendliest critics now have to offer is an omnibus settlement in which the abrogation of the

ment in which the abrogation of the treaty of 1850 is the single entry with ample offsets to balance the account. The Standard in referring to the Nicaragua Canni question thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between Engiand and America should be weakened. Much has happened of late, it says, to warn Amercans as well as Englishmen that they may have to rely Englishmen that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual as-sistance and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

The Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-At the Cabi-WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—at the cam-net meeting today, it was announced that Captain Asa A. Rodgers, of Petersburg, Va., would be appointed Collector of In-ternal Revenue, to succeed the late Col-onel James Brady. Nothing of importance transpired at the meeting.

Fenriess Put In for Supplies. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 .- Advices to the Merchants' Exchange state that the whaling steamer Fearless put in at Marshfield, Or., today for provisions. The Fearless was built in Norway, and has

been out two years on her maiden cruise, Fire at Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18.-Wilkes, barre Pier, at East Providence, the property of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Raliroad Company, was burned today, and 2000 tons of coal was de-stroyed, causing a loss of \$200,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Dr. Ephraim Ingals, one of the founders of the Republican party, and during the early days of that political organization a leader in its chunsels, died at his home in this city tooling ared 28.

Twenty-Round Draw.

TOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 13.—Billy Ryan, of Syracuse, and Jack McClellan, of Pittsburg, fought a 20-round draw be-fore the Mahoning Athletic Club tonight.