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**LAST DAY OF THE
HOMEWARD TRIP**

President and Party Will Arrive
in Capitol at 7:30 Today.

ACROSS HIS NATIVE STATE

Train Stops Twenty Minutes at Canton and
Old Friends and Neighbors Greet the
President—Mrs. McKinley
Steadily Improving.

PITTSBURG, Penn., May 29.—When the president and party end their trip across the continent upon their arrival at Washington tomorrow morning, they will have traveled approximately 6675 miles.

The last day of the homeward journey was a ride across the president's native state, Ohio. Only four stops were made, the longest at Canton. Here the train remained twenty minutes to give Mrs. McKinley an opportunity to see her sister and niece. The president's old friends and neighbors who were at the train were overjoyed to learn that Mrs. McKinley's improvement had continued slowly but steadily.

Many stations along the line of the road through Ohio were decorated. At Lima, the school children were given a holiday to permit them to see the president.

Mrs. McKinley had a very comfortable day. It had been raining in Ohio for several days and there was no dust or heat.

The train arrived at Pittsburg at 7:35 p. m. and left for Washington thirty minutes later. It is due to reach Washington at 7:30 tomorrow morning.

MAY NOT BE VALID.

Concession in Island of Palawan May Conflict With Spooner Amendment.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—An important issue touching the validity of the concessions in the Philippines made before the passage of the Spooner amendment, was presented to Secretary Root today by Mr. Dos Passos, representing the Pacific Commercial Company, a New York corporation which has acquired whatever rights in the island of Palawan were held by Prince Poniatowski.

This nobleman contracted with the sultan of Sulu for a franchise covering all commercial, mineral and agricultural rights in the island of Palawan.

The question presented now is whether this concession is still in force since the passage of the Spooner amendment.

MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION.

Blunder of Last Legislature Laid Before Governor Rogers.

SEATTLE, May 29.—Prosecuting Attorney Fulton, of this county, today laid before Governor Rogers the facts regarding the blunder of the last legislature in amending the present law regarding the carrying out of capital punishment without adding a saving clause. It is thought possible that Governor Rogers may call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of correcting the error before the law goes into effect June 10th.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

MADRID, May 29.—General Weyler, minister of war, at a banquet at Leon yesterday evening described the plans for army reorganization. He said it is proposed to establish three army corps capable of repelling any invasion without recourse to extraordinary expenditures. There will be maneuvers of the troops twice each year.

The Correspondence says: "Difference exist among the ministers on the subjects of elections and the economic situation, but there is no cabinet crisis."

POLY MATCHES ARRANGED.

NEW YORK, May 29.—A cablegram has been received by James R. Keene from his son, Foxhall P. Keene, who is travelling abroad, announcing that the latter has practically completed arrangements for the proposed international polo matches between picked teams of Great Britain and America. The contests will probably be played late in July at Hurlingham. The trophy will be the cup won two seasons ago at Newport by the English team.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

President Jordan's Address Before the
Tenth Annual Commencement.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., May 29.—At the tenth annual commencement of the university today, a notable feature was the address of Pres. David Starr Jordan. It had an added significance owing to the controversy over the question of "Academic Freedom," which has raged in the university the past school year. The subject of President Jordan's address was Leland Stanford's views on "Higher teacher," Mr. Stanford said.

"Mr. Stanford would have the university free to grow with the coming ages. He would extend no dead hand from the grave to limit its activities or to control its movements. Mr. Stanford insisted on the vital principle, that the university exists for the benefit of its students, past, present and future. The greatest need of the student is a teacher," Mr. Stanford said.

"Compared with the character of the faculty, every other element in the university is of relatively little importance. Great teachers make a university great. The founders believed that freedom of thought and action would promote morality and religion."

HUNTING A NEGRO FIEND.

Citizens of Florida, With Dogs, Engage in the Sport.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 29.—A special to the Journal from Tampa, Fla., says: Business of Barlow, Fla., is partially suspended today, 1000 men, with dogs, being engaged in a hunt for Fred Rochell, a negro who is charged with assaulting and murdering Mrs. Rosa Taggart, of Barlow, yesterday. Rochell, it is alleged, cut off Mrs. Taggart's nose and otherwise mutilated her body.

The people of Barlow openly avow that they will burn Rochell at the stake in the public square of the town. It is believed Governor Jennings will order out the militia to protect the negro's life if he is captured.

THE CULPRIT CAPTURED.

Burned at the Stake at the Scene of His Crime.

BARLOW, Fla., May 29.—Fred Rochell, a negro 55 years of age, who yesterday criminally assaulted and murdered Mrs. Rosa Taggart, a respectable white woman of this city, was burned at the stake this evening in the presence of a throng of people. The burning was on the scene of the negro's crime, within 100 yards of the principal thoroughfare of the city.

NEWS FROM ALASKA.

The State Brings \$100,000 in Bullion—Scarlet Fever Aboard.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 29.—The steamer State of California arrived from Alaska today bringing fifty passengers and \$100,000 in bullion.

A case of scarlet fever was found aboard and the vessel was sent to quarantine for fumigation.

The State brings news that the Yukon river is gradually rising and at all points preparations are being made for an unusually high water.

WON ORATORICAL CONTEST.

WALLA WALLA, May 29.—Arthur Hauerbach, of Whitman college, tonight won the oratorical championship of three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, by defeating Elwood Minchin, of Pacific college, Newberg, Oregon, W. T. Laube, who was to have represented the University of Washington, did not appear. Hauerbach took as his subject "Twilight of the Revolution," and Minchin spoke on "Wendell Phillips, the Agitator."

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

MEMPHIS, May 29.—R. B. Houghton, of St. Louis, was elected commander-in-chief of the Confederate Sons of Veterans today.

DEATHS FROM THE PLAGUE.

LONDON, May 29.—During the week ending May 25, there occurred in Hong Kong 187 deaths from bubonic plague.

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TORONTO, Ont., May 29.—"Reports from all parts of the United States are favorable—those from the Pacific coast are better than I expected," said President O'Connell, of the International Machinists' Association today.

"Already 130 firms in New York City have granted the men's demands and the remainder, it is expected, will fall into line soon."

President O'Connell denies the report that he has the power to order out the railway machinists. Only by the request of a three-fourths majority of all the men can a strike be ordered.

GENERAL STRIKE TO BE TRIED

CHICAGO, May 29.—All negotiations for a settlement by arbitration of the differences between the National Metal Trades Association and the International Association of Machinists, were called off tonight and a general strike throughout the country will be tried.

LITTLE BUSINESS DONE.

DENVER, May 29.—Little was done by the conventions of the Western Federation of Miners and the Western Labor Union today.

The forenoon session was chiefly devoted to addresses and reports, and in the afternoon the delegates met jointly to listen to an address by George H. Maxwell on the irrigation and reclamation of arid lands.

REVIEW OF GRAIN EXPORTS.

Annual Report Submitted at Meeting of New York Produce Exchange.

NEW YORK, May 29.—In his review of the year, submitted at the annual meeting of the New York Produce Exchange, President Barrows, in discussing trade conditions, says that special interests on the floor have shared in the general prosperity of the country, but that the individual business of the exchange at large is not in a satisfactory condition. In the export of wheat, he continues, New York shows a loss of four per cent as compared with last year, Boston gaining three per cent; Philadelphia three per cent and Newport News two per cent, while Baltimore, New Orleans and Galveston show losses of four per cent, one per cent and two per cent respectively.

In corn, New York shows a gain of three per cent, Philadelphia three per cent and New Orleans one per cent, while Boston, Baltimore, Newport News and Galveston show losses of one per cent, one per cent, three per cent and two per cent respectively, thus with the exception of Philadelphia, which seems to have enjoyed unusual advantages as to rail rates, the losses and gains have been about equal in the aggregate of grain exports. In the total value of all exports this city shows a loss of 1.70 per cent; Baltimore 1.17 per cent and the Virginia ports 0.69 per cent; while Boston shows a gain of 0.98 per cent; Philadelphia 0.11 per cent; New Orleans 2.22 per cent and Galveston 0.25 per cent.

RATE REDUCTION GRANTED.

BOISE, Ida., May 29.—Secretary Mahon, of the International Mining Congress, which meets here July 23, 24 and 25, has received a letter from the chairman of the Western Passenger Association, at Chicago, announcing that the lines have agreed on a rate of one fare, plus \$2, for the round trip for the occasion.

THE KEARSARGE ASSIGNED.

Will Fire Salute Today Over Grant's Tomb at Riverside Drive.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The battleship Kearsarge has been assigned to fire the salute off Grant's tomb at Riverside drive tomorrow. She will then go to Newport to be presented at the opening of the naval war college on June 3. All the work in putting the new 12-inch gun in the forward turret has been completed.

The gunboat Newport will leave for Newport today with four Spanish 12-centimeter guns which Dewey captured at Manila. They were taken from the Isla de Cuba and the Don Juan de Austria and were brought to Brooklyn on the training ship Buffalo. They are to be mounted as trophies at the training station at Newport.

A commission of naval officers has just visited the Erie Basin and inspect-

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"Mr. Yerkes' principal plan is to change the Metropolitan District Railway's motive power from steam to electricity. At present the tunnel is dark and filled with gases from the locomotives. Mr. Yerkes will change all this.

"His plans are prepared for the erection of an electric station on the Thames at Chelsea to supply the power. The walls of the tunnel will be painted white and arc lamps will be placed at regular intervals and the odors will be banished. While he was away on his visit to America, Mr. Yerkes organized the Metropolitan District Electric Traction Company with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, all of which was taken by himself and his friends.

"He has other extensive schemes in view. The meeting of the stockholders of the Metropolitan District Company to pass on Mr. Yerkes' schemes is fixed for June 6, as Mr. Yerkes and his friends now hold a controlling interest in the stock, a transfer will be effected as once."

OUR POLICY APPROVED.

London Post Lauds American Administration in Cuba.

NEW YORK, May 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The Post draws the attention of Englishmen to the annual report of the military governor of Havana and remarks on the surprising measure of success that has been attained by the American administration in a short period. The experience of Havana during the first year and a half of American supervision proves, says the Post, that a government under the authority of an American executive would be incomparably better than anything that Spain had been able to give and than anything that the Cubans could create for themselves.

LUTHERANS IN SESSION.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 29.—About 200 delegates to the fortieth convention of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, were in attendance at the opening session this evening.

CONSCRIPTION REJECTED.

STOCKHOLM, May 29.—Aftenbladet learns that a Russian council of ministers has rejected the proposal for conscription in Finland adopted by M. Kuropatkin, the Russian minister of war.

PREDICTS PROSPERITY.

HAVANA, May 29.—La Discusion says the country generally approves the acceptance of the Platt amendment and predicts the beginning of an era of prosperity.

ARRIVES AT DAWSON.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 29.—The steamer Islander, from Skagway, brings news that the steamer Sealander had arrived at Dawson, the first boat down the river.

DESTRUCTIVE WINDSTORM.

REDDING, Cal., May 29.—A wind storm, which swept over the northern portion of Trinity county Saturday destroyed timber estimated to be worth a million dollars. The storm lasted but five minutes.

EUROPEAN GOLD SHIPMENTS.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The engagements of gold for shipment to Europe today amounted to \$3,950,000.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, May 29.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 59@60.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Wheat, December, 103½; cash, 97½.
CHICAGO, May 29.—Wheat, July, opening, 73½@73½; closing, 73½@73½.
LIVERPAUL, May 29.—Wheat, July, 5s. 11½d.

**WAS NO MATCH
FOR M'GOVERN**

Herrera Is Put Out Early in the
Fifth Round.

THE END CAME QUICKLY

Believed McGovern Could Have Eged Battle
Sooner but Allowed His Antagonist
to Stay Four Rounds—Rattling
Preliminary Bout.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Terry McGovern had an easy victory over Aurelia Herrera tonight at the Mechanics' pavilion. Terry had the ambitious aspirant for championship honors at his mercy and from a disinterested standpoint it looked as if he allowed Herrera to stay four rounds and then put him out early in the fifth.

While McGovern rained blows on his man at all times, it was not until the beginning of the fifth that he put his strength and weight behind them. The end came quickly after that, as at the first lead of right and left on the jaw, Herrera went down for the count. He came up gamely only to go down again. The last time he was unable to get on his feet at the end of the count, and was declared out.

The preliminary between Danny Dougherty and Kid McFadden, was a rattling contest. The men fought from start to finish, and the decision went to Dougherty on his cleverness.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

SEATTLE, May 29.—Seventy-seven degrees were conferred and diplomas presented to the 1901 graduates of the state university today. The baccalaureate address was delivered by Congressman W. L. Jones and Governor Rogers made the address to the class.

BEGINS ITS SESSIONS.

PITTSBURG, May 29.—The general synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of America began its sessions this afternoon, with over 200 delegates present. Every section of the United States and Canada is represented. Rev. D. C. Martin, of Pittsburg, was elected moderator.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

LONDON, Ky., May 29.—The case against Jule Webb, charged with killing C. Hall, both members of Girard-White feud in Clay county, but on opposite sides, was given to the jury this evening. After being out five minutes the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal.

TRIAL OF MAJOR DAVIS.

MANILA, May 29.—Lieutenant Tomlin, in his testimony today, admitted that he asked a contracting firm to contribute to Captain Reed (formerly depot commissary at Manila) \$2000 and a percentage on the future business toward covering Major Davis' shortage. The defense is that the motive was purely to shield a brother officer.

OFFICERS TO BE PROMOTED.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Hall has decided that all second lieutenants of cavalry, who were such on February 20th last, and all second lieutenants of infantry who were such at the date of organization of the volunteer army in 1900, shall be at once promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

NEW OIL DISCOVERY.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—An oil gusher of mighty proportions was brought in today, according to a special to the Daily State, on the Terre Bonne plantation, forty miles from New Orleans. Excitement runs high.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENED.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 29.—The National Woman Suffrage Association opened the thirty-third annual convention today.

APPOINTED WEATHER OBSERVER.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Chas. C. Garrett, of Boise, Ida., has been appointed observer in the weather bureau service with a station at Spokane, Washington.

RE-ELECTED COMMANDER.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29.—General John B. Gordon was re-elected commander-in-chief by the United Confederate Veterans today.

BASTBALL SCORES.

PORTLAND, May 29.—Portland, 4; Seattle, 2.
SPOKANE, May 29.—Spokane, 9; Tacoma, 5.

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