## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New county, Oregon, was sold for \$9,000. World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns, the Democratic ticket.

The Republicans elected 19 out of 85

aldermen in Chicago. Admiral Dewey has announced him-

self as a candidate for president. Genreal French has given up his chase after the retreating Boers.

Boston is agitating the question of prohibition of ringing church bells. The United States building at the

Paris exposition will be closed on Sun-Queen Victoria landed at Dublin,

Ireland, her first visit to the island in 39 years. A temperance movement has been

inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the increase of drunkenness Admiral Dewey's collection of curios

and trophies, at his request, will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute. Turkish tower at the Paris exposition

obstructs the view of the United States building and Commissioner Peck has protested against it. The Vanderbilts and Morgans now

have plans almost perfected which will give them absolute control of the coal supply of America. Forty-four young men of Thurston, Or, have petitioned the military board for the organization of a company of

the National Guard at that place. The mammoth auditorium in which the Democratic National convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground, entailing a loss

At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked men blew up two bridges and burned Isaac M. Wise, at Isaiah temple, Dr. two toll houses on the Logansport and Burlington pike at midnight. The road is the only pike in the county, and protests have been directed against to lift the debt on the Jewish Union high toll and the alleged bad condition

of the pike. The newly organized American Match Machine Company, a New Jersey corporation, is about to enter into competition with the Diamond Match Company, known as the match trust. The new company does not intend to confine its attention to the trade of the United States, but will make a vigor-ous fight for European trade, through the sale of rights.

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people

The Puerto Rican bill passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

The public debt decreased \$6,000,000 during the month of March.

A bill was passed to throw open Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

The legislative council of Trinidad

has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States. Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singa

pore papers mention the fact and publish short interviews with him. The plasterers of Minneapolis have been locked out, pending the settle-

ment of their dispute as to hours. Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands. will be improved and fortified and

made available for naval purposes. Mexico's army convicts will be abolished by the new secretary of war. Volunteer service is to be encouraged

The marine hospital service has sent an urgent request to congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight plague in various seaport towns.

since January 1, have been: Americans, 88 killed, 163 wounded; insurgents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured.

Great preparations for war are going on in Russia. All messages in regard to movements of troops are censored and all officers are denied leaves of

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chicago, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$10,000 to \$9,000,000.

The party of scientists under Professor A. Agassiz, who left San Francisco several months ago on an expedition to the South Seas, has returned. This scientific expedition went first to the Pomotos, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never be fore examined by scientists. After refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the remainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. After refitting at Suva, the Ellice, Gilbert and Marshall islands were explored and the island of Guam was

Gov. Smith, of Vermont, owns a private locomotive. It is fitted with luxurious accommodations for eight pas-

There is a scheme to construct a direct railroad from New York to Chicago, saving 300 miles and making

As chairman of the board of direc tors of the New York Central Railroad. Chauncey Depew draws the snug salary of \$60,000 annually.

More than \$30,000,000 worth of timber was destroyed in the recent forest fires in the state of Washington.

The foreign commerce of the port of Boston last year aggregated \$190,485,-000, surpassing all previous records. of the Colville Indian reservation, in Washington, will be thrown open for

settlement about May 1. asked to appropriate money for a Parkhurst, of Boston, for \$25,000 for statue of Justin S. Morrill, to be placed forcing him from the Enworth learns in the statuary hall of the capitol at secretaryship.

### LATER NEWS.

Webster Davis addressed an immeni pro-Boer audience in Washington.

The Copper Stain mine, in Josephine Cubans have confidence in General Gomez and entreet him not to leave the

The Edward T. Smith box factory at New York, was destroyed by fire; loss, \$250,000.

Ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is wanted for vice-president on

Boers claim to have captured 11 guns at Bloemfontein waterworks, instead of seven, as first reported.

Building tradesmen in Indianapolis have returned to work, their employers conceding to their demands. Generals in the Philippines are call-

ing for more troops. They cannot hold the rebels down with the present force. The Boers have succeeded in cutting off General Brabant's two or three thousand troops from all other British

The 65th anniversary of the birth of King Leopold, of Belgium, was appropriately celebrated throughout the kingdom.

The British North American and West Indies squadron is to be increased by one battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo hoats.

The body of an unknown young man was found in the Willamette river near Oregon City, with his head entangled in a fish net. It is a case of deliberate suicide.

H. H. Pitcher, banker of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide by blowing his brains out. Pitcher was trustee of an estate valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court.

The United States supreme court decided the case of Grundling vs. the city of Chicago, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional. The opinion of Justice Peckham held the ordinance not

to be unconstitutional. In his address at the memorial services held in memory of the late Dr. Emil G. Hirsch made an appeal to the Jewish people of Chicago to raise \$500.-000, which is the amount yet required College, in Cincinnati. By so doing, Dr. Hirsch said, the great work which was begun by Dr. Wise, and carried forward by him under difficulties. could be fully accomplished.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died at Stamford, Conn., aged 36 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio, A German scientist has invented a east of Kimberley, as follows:

The German flag has been raised over the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono, Apolima and Saru.

Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is dead at Boston, aged 86.

The statue of Mand Adams will not be admitted to the Paris expositon because it is a personal exhibit.

department store was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over a \$1,000,000. Another brother of President Steyn,

of Orange Free State, was captured at Karee Siding, and is now at Bloem-The squadron of the United States

navy, recently formed in Chinese waters, is to have its headquarters at Hong Kong.

Forty people lost their lives at Austin. Texas, due to an overflow of the Colorado river. Property destroyed ex-

Walter E. Groffe, the defaulting ashier of the Adams Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, who left the city October 6 last, taking with him \$3,000 of the corporation's money, has been arrested in San Francisco.

The sitution in Ashantee is unchanged. A Coomassie runner reports that all the Ashantee tribes are in arms, the king of Bekwal alone remaining loval. It is believed that the Ashantee golden stool has been found and that the rising is due to the endeavor of the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with a capital of \$50,000,000. This company is composed of well-known platelass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manu-

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported the bill providing for the utilization of a part of the proceeds of the sales of pubic lands in support of schools for mining in the public land states. It provides for the appropriation of \$10,000 annually for the present in each case and the gradual increase of the amount

A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25. The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Ha-

At Lady Lansdowne's concert in London, Mme. Patti is said to have worn diamonds worth over \$1,000,000. Gen. John J. Elwell, a hero of the civil war, died at Cleveland, O. His nilitary service extended from 1861 to

Commander Richard Wainwright has assumed his new duties as superintendent of the naval academy at An-

Queen Victoria has more living descendants than any other monarch in Europe. She has seven surviving chil-

Rev. Edwin A. Schell has sued Rev. loseph F. Berry and Rev. H. C. Jennings, of Chicago, and Rev. Charles forcing him from the Epworth lesgue

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

SURROUNDED BY LARGE FORCE

leneral Villebois Marcull, a Frenchma in the Dutch Army, Killed in a Fight With Methuen's Forces.

London, April 9 .- Lord Roberts re orts that five companies of British roops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following his the text of his dispatch to the war office, nnouncing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, April 9 .- Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regi-ment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the ene-

my, with four or five guns. 'The detachment held out from noon of April 3 until April 4, at 9 . M., and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the

news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed I dispatched the Cameron Highlands hence to Bethanie. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 A. M., without opposition, but could get no news of missing detachment. There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners."

The lost companies are probably part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethanie, 30 miles south of Bloem fontein. The Boers are evidently oper ating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the lines being interrupted for a brief period at any time. As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The Boers were in force yesterday five miles from Jagersfontein, situated 60 miles up from Bloemfontein. They had a brush with British patrols.

Gen. Villebois Marenil Killed. London, April 9.—The war office re ceived the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 9:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof. was destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000. in the Orange Free State, a little north-Margull and a body of Boers today, and they could not escape. Villehois and seven Boers were killed, eight worken

> WORK OF REVOLUTIONISTS. American Consul Strung Up by the

Chicago, April 9 .- A special to the Record from Washington says: Edward Gottfried, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., late consular agent of this government at Truxillo, Peru, in a sworn statement which he has filed with the state department, asserts that in the summer of 1898 at Hnamucho, 50 or 60 Peruvian revolutionsists dragged him half dressed to the public square, where they demanded that he produce 5,000 sols (between \$3,000 and \$4,000) and 25 rifles within 15 minutes or submit to chastisement in what is termed

in Peru the "flying stocks." Gottfried says he protested that he was unable to comply with the demand and was immediately knocked down with a blow from a gun and overpowered. His thumbs were tied together with thongs and his hands twisted back of his head. Heavy rifles were inserted between the inverted elbows and his nead and in that position he was strung up. In a short time the agonizing ains rendered him insensible. The administration will demand restitution

and an apology. BURMAH FRONTIER FIGHT.

Sattle Between Chinese Raiders and

the British Police. Vancouver, B. C., April 9 .- Oriental papers state that Chinese official enmity owards foreigners is being specially directed against British citizens in China. Instigated, it is said, by Russian suggestions, the Chinese have lately been especially troublesome on the Burmah-Chinese frontier, where a medical officer and an assistant commissioner were murdered.

A story was brought by the Empress of Japan from Yokohama today of a series of additional Chinese raids on the Burman boundary, culminating in a battle between 500 Chinese and 75 military police under District Superintendent Hertz, of Rangoon. The Indian military police, with 50 Gurkhas, attacked the main body of Chinese killing 84 and capturing their guns, jingals and banners. The Chinese leader was among the killed. Six of the British forces, including two offi, cers, were wounded, only one seriously. The scene of the battle was eight miles on the Burmah side of the frontier.

Lehigh Laboratory Burned. Bethlehem, Pa., April 9 .- The physial laboratory of Lehigh University. one of the largest in the country, was burned today, and all its scientific apparatus was destroyed. The loss on the building and contents is \$200,000;

insurance, \$50,000. Tragedy on a California Farm. St. Helena, Cal., April 9.-W. H. Alexander, a farmer, shot and killed his wife today and then took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—The court f appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the Democrats. The opinion is by six indges, four Democrats and two Republicans. One Republican dissented. The opinion holds that the action of the leigslature in seating Beckham was final, and that the courts have no power to review it; that Taylor exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to London, and that the journals of the two houses of the legislature, being irregular, can be impeached.

### SANNAS POST AMBUSCADE.

Boers Captured Valuable Papers and

Brandford, Orange Free State, April 9.—Burghers who are returning from the scene of the Sannas Post ambuscade (also referred to as Karre and Korn Spruit) furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up," removed the officers and let the cart through. The process was repeated several times, until the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered and a disorderly fight followed. In one cart were two officers. to whom Commandant Dewet Austin, April 10.—This city is toshouted "Hands up." One of them comrade dead, refused to surrender,

and was immediately shot.

tary Attache Nix, who received a bullet in the chest. Altogether the Boers captured 389 prisoners throughout the The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by a force of Free Staters, on a flat plain, and without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfonten, and the Transvaal officers are anxons to emulate the successes of their late allies. All the Southern Boer forces have now formed junctions with the main Boer army, and form a large force of veterans. The burghers, who were prevously short of food, now have

wounded, including a field cornet.

Among the wounded was Dutch Milli-

plenty. Commandant Dewet sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to roar and crash swept the valley below Winburg. Perhaps of greater importance than the victory is the capture of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jamieson's route, amended so as to avoid mistakes. Another gives the plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstad. Advices from Vientersberg, Prieska and Kenhardt show the colony is full of rebels. The Kenhardt rebels are marching on Calvinia, and

A dispatch box was found at Sanuas Post containing oaths signed by Free Staters. The signers have been sent rapidly that it became evident that for in order that the general may ex-plain the invalidity of oaths under costing \$500,000, were in imminent compulsion.

others are on their way to Fourteen

APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

President Steyn's Speech to the Free Pretoria, April, 9.- In his speech at moment until by 10 o'clock there was the opening of the Free State Raad, a mass of debris lodged against the ported. President Steyn declared that, in spite of the surrender of Bloemfontein, he structure. In addition, millions of caused much damage, and something ad not lost the hope of the trium; the republican cause. The war, he its sitser republic, in accordance with

the terms of the treaty. The war, he

continued, was begun with the object of

with the blood of the forefathers of the nation, and had been so successful that it had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world, and even to the After paying a tribute to the memory of General Joubert, Steyn said the Brit- in the very middle of the dam, through ish, notwithstanding their overwhelming numbers, were violating the flag of poured, while the flood, already raging, truce and the Red Cross, and he was compelled to report the matter to the The released water poured into the nentral powers. The president further

remarked that the attempt to create dissension among the burghers by issuing proclamations had failed. Referring to the correspondence between the South African presidents and Lord the southern portion of the city, tribu-Salisbury, Steyn proceeded: "Not only were those efforts made, but the republics dispatched deputations to Europe and America to bring the influence of the neutral powers in order to secure cessation of bloodshed,

be crowned with success." GOES TO CONFERENCE.

and I greatly desire that these efforts

Hawaiian Territorial Bill Passed by the House.

Washington, April 9.—The house after four days of debate, today passed the substitute for the senate bill providing for a territorial form of government for Hawaii. The bill now goes

to conference. The most interesting feature of the days' proceedings was the attempt of Hill, of Connecticut, to secure the viding for a resident commissioner in stead of a delegate in congress, and the other declaring that nothing in the act should be interpreted as a pledge of statehood. Both were overwhelmingly

Deboe, of Kentucky, today gave notice that he would move to refer the credentials of ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, as a senator from that state, to committee on privileges and elections. During the greater part of the session the senate had under consideration the Indian appropriation bill. Sullivan, of Mississippi, delivered a bridges here, but the waterworks maspeech in favor of seating Hon, M. S. chinery is submerged, and the crops

Gold Mines Laid Off. Cripple Creek, Colo., April 9 .- Two hundred miners have been laid off at for the treatment of gold ores.

Baxley, Ga., April 9.-King and Louis Gossby, colored, who killed Dan-iel Mims, a farmer, and his young child near here the night of March 5 last, were executed here today.

Chicago, April 9 .- A strike of 100 power-house employes of the Chicago Street-Railway Company tied up 170 miles of electric lines tonight for two hours at the busiest time, and crippled the whole service for the rest of the night. The men who went out objected to a change from an eight to a 12-hour

Seoul, Corea, April 9.-An agree ment has been consummated here whereby Russia disavows any design to obtain a port in the island of Quelpart and Corea promises not to concede the same to any other power.

Great Dam at Austin Is Carried Away.

THIRTY OR FORTY LIVES LOST

Great Loss to Property-Part of the City Inundated.

obeyed, whereupon the ohter shot his river, one mile wide, swollen far bewond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portion of the town, having spread death and burghers lost three men killed and 110 destruction in its wake. In addition to the vast loss to property interests, it is calculated that between 30 and 40 lives have been sacrificed, and the reports coming in from the tributary ountry tonight do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood of some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore to heavily upon an immense lam spanning a river, breaking it and letting loose a reservoir of water 30 miles long, half a mile wide and 60 feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado river.

The great dam in the Colorado gave way at noon from the enormous pressure of water and debris, and with a and power plant and drowning eight Last Wednesday night it began to

rain very hard at this place, the storm extending north of here along the watersheds of the Colorado river. The precipitation continued until this morning, the downfall averaging six inches within an hour. All this vast quantity of water all along the watersheds of the Colorado river rapidly swelled the current until at 8 o'clock this morning the river, which had been rising steadily since last evening, was a raging tor-rent, having risen 40 feet within 10

After daylight this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began to rise so danger. To add to the danger of the situation, small frame houses, trees and debris of every description commenced escending the river, and piled up against the upper face of the dam. This weight was angmented every

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock, when suddenly, with a report like the roar of the ocean, a great wedge, 25 feet high, 500 feet wide, and about 8 feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dam, down the face of the 60-foot fall, deep into the river below. This left a hanging gap which the debris and water fiercely was threatening everything in its path power house, catching eight employes

at work there, drowning all of them. Within a short time all the valley to the south and west of Austin wer filled to overflowing with water, and tary to the river, was inundated Large crowds collected on the river banks, and several persons were swept into the river when the dam broke, but

all were saved by boatmen. A crowd of white people, numbering about 80, living just below the dam in tents, were seen at their habitations just before the dam broke and have to 16 As has been the practice for not been accounted for since. It is two or three years, the free homes just before the dam broke and have generally believed that all of them

A family of six negroes living in the valley south of the city are known to

have been drowned. houses have been destroyed, and the loss to property will be great. The breaking of the dam engulfed the old water company's plant below the city, and it is tonight lying 15 feet under water, while the city is in darkness and without water.

Caused a Serious Train Wreck. Laredo, Tex., April 10 .- The northbound passenger train which left here over the International & Great Northern railway this morning, was wrecked by the spreading of the rails near Two-

hig, about noon. The entire train, ex-

cept the engine, went into the ditch.

Mail Agent Sobright was seriously in-

jured, and several others seriously hurt. Further details have not been received The Rio Grande has come to a stand at 26 feet, without damage to the along the river have been destroyed.

Piano and Organ Factory Burned. Chicago, April 10 .- Fire today partly destroyed the piano and organ factory of the M. S. Schurz Copmany, corner the Portland mine on account of the high rates demanded by the smelters Morgan and Superior streets, entailing a loss of \$50,000, covered by insurance. The cause is thought to have been spontaneous combustion.

Saratoga Opera-House Burned.

Saratoga, N. Y., April 10.-The Sans

Souci Opera House block and the

Schaffer building, at Ballston, were burned today. Loss, \$150,000. Pittsburg, April 10 .- The Carnegie Company has commenced shipment of the structural iron to be used in the construction of the convention building at Kansas City. As far as the Carnegie Compansy is concerned, the building

lineal, Ont., April 10.—The works here, which are a porof the Edwardsburg starch works, day. Loss, \$150,000.

an be completed on time

## AMERICANS TOO FEW.

Not Sufficient to Keep Filipino Insurgents Down.

Manila, April 11 .- Reports of encounters between the Americans and the insurgents continue to arrive from many points. On Friday Captain Sturgis, while reconnoitering, struck an insurgent outpost on the Nevaliches road, five miles distant from Manila. killing two and capturing 10. All were in full uniform. Unfortunately Captain Sturgis' force was not large mough to pursue the main body.

A detachment of the Forty-second infantry, while scouting in Laguna province, was pursued by the insurgents and obliged to take refuge in a church at Paeto, where the Americans repelled the rebels until reinforced. Lieutenant Gordon, with a company of the Sixteenth infantry, while scouting near Aparri, Cagayan province, en-

gaged 250 insurgents. Lieutenant Gordan was wounded. The insurgents made a night attack apon Calbayon, Island of Samar. They killed the sentry, swarmed into the own, and searched the house of Major Gilmore, of the Forty-third infantry. who was absent. They killed his cook. Ultimately the Americans drove them

out of the town, killing four and capturing 12. General Young, commanding in North Luzon, has made several requests or reinforcements, representing that are exhausted by the necessity of constant vigilance; that he is unable to garrison the towns in his jurisdiction; that the insurgents are returning to the district and killing the amigos, and the city, wrecking the immense light that it is necessary for him to inflict punishment in several sections before the rainy season shall begin. General James Bell, who is commanding in Southern Luzon, has made similar representations. He says his forces are inadequate, and he merely holds a few towns, without controlling the terri-

> The president of Samal, province of Baar, Luzon, and another prominent native, have been assassinated because they were known to be friendly to Americans. The president of another town has joined the insurgents because they had threatened to kill him if he did not.

THE FLOODED COLORADO.

Situation at Austin Is Slightly Im Austin, Tex., April 11.-The flood situation is improved here somewhat but the reports from points below indicate that the full effect of the immense volume of water is being felt in Wharton and Fayette counties, everything being inundated and much loss of property and livestock being re-

In Bastrop county the flood has like 50 washouts and losses of bridges are reported by the railways. Advices from the area surrounding the county among the farming class, as their homes were inundated without warning by the tidal wave, but outside of

an unconfirmed report that eight lives were lost, nothing can be learned. In the southern part of this county several persons are missing, the num ber representing a family of six Italians, and two negro families, whose homes have been washed away. The river is receding rapidly at this point and above, notwithstanding the fact that another heavy rise was reported early this morning on the Concho, 125

miles north of here Reports tonight from La Grande, in Favette county, are to the effect that while much of the lower part of the town is under water, the property loss is small. No one is missing.

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

enate Rejected the Amendment Pro viding for Them. urther discussion today, the senate reected the sectarian school amendmen to the Indian appropriation bill, offered by Jones, of Arkansas, by a vote of 30 measure was offered as an amendment to the bill, but it was ruled out on the point of order that it was general legislation, and, therefore, not germane to an appropriation bill. Without division, the bill was passed. The measure carries about \$8,414,000. An unsuccessful effort was made to agree upon a date for a vote on the resolution relative to the seating of Quay as a senator from Pennsylvania. The effort will be renewed tomorrow. During the last two hours of the session, the Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration. An amendment offered by Hansbrough concerning the title to mining claims in the Cape Nome district provoked a

This was a dull day in the house. The agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration, and was made the vehicle of considerbale desultory debate on irrelevant political topics. Good progress was made with the bill after the close of the general debate, 25 out of the 37 pages being covered before

A great many Christians are dead wires because some one small part of the life is switched off from God.

Bozeman, Mont., April 11.-Snow has been falling for the past 40 hours, and there are now nearly two feet on the level. The storm is the heaviest in 12 months. Farming lands needed snow or rain, and the benefit will be

Vallejo, Cal., April 11.-Two three inch field guns were sent to Portland, Or., from Mare island today, to be used by the naval militia.

Washington, April 11.-At the pres

ent time there are 115 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the army. Of these, 68 are in the infantry arm, 14 in the artillery and 27 in the cavalry. There will probably be a few more places in each, depending upon examinations for promotion. About half of these vacancies will be filled by this year's graduates from the West military academy, and half the remainder through the customary examination of noncommissioned officers in the regular service.

# LONG STAY AT BLOEMFONTEIN

Roberts Preparing for a Winter Campaign.

AWAITS CLOTHING AND HORSES retail This, as explained heretofore,

Seige of Mafeking-Boers Planned a Mined Ambush. London, April 11.-Britons are now beginning, though reluctantly, to realize that Lord Roberts is in for a winter campaign, lasting several months. This is the end, in a few words, of the

brilliant dash to Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprises. Lord Kitchener has been given an important duty, being responsible for the protection of the railway while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops, whose thin cotton khaki uniforms and boots are worn out. General Brabant and General

Gatacre are both at a standstill. Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free State behind him of raiders and to the relieving of Mafeking, for which purpose apparently the English division, now arriving at Cape Town, has been ordered to Kimberley. Lady Sarah Wilson and other Mafeking correspondents send diaries of the doings there, showing that the Boers have tried, by abandoning their trenches, to lure the beseiged out into a mined ambush. Fortunately, the British engineers discovered the mine, cut the wire communication and unearthed 250 pounds of dynamite and war gelatine.

What the chances are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact that only from 6,000 to 10,000 horses are on their way to the Cape, and from the further fact that the military tailoring department only within the last three weeks began making woolen khaki uniforms. It is said it will take at east two months to provide 200,000

Mr. Steyn's address to the Free State raad at Kroonstad is confirmed. The Fischer-Wolmarens deputation has full power to negotiate for peace, subject to the rand's sanction. Lady Roberts will remain at Cape

Town. The Duke of Westminster, the

Duke of Marlborough and Lord Henry Cavendish Bentwick have gone to the A MEXICAN LAND GRANT.

Refusal to Recognize It May Lead to International Negotiations. Monterey, Cal., April 11 .- A paper of considerable international import-ance has just been received from Lon-don by Jacob R. Leese, of this same and same ance has just been received from Lon-don by Jacob R. Leese, of this

from the Mexican government, made in shorts, per ton, \$14.0 1863, to Jacob P. Leese and others of 18,000,000 acres of land in Lower California for colonization purposes. At the time the grant was made

Mexico was in a state of war, which continued practically until after the accension of Diaz to the presidency, and Leese and his associates found it difficult to induce colonists to go there. A further contract was made with the Mexican government, by which Leese paid \$100,000 for the land upon the condition that if he failed to colonize because of the war before the expiration of an alloted time, the government was to return him \$50,000 of the

amount. This amount has never been paid, and it is stated that the Mexican government absolutely refuses to recognize Leese's claim. J. R. Leese, eldest son of Jacob P. Leese, received a deed from his father shortly before the latter's death, assigning him one-eighth of the entire 18,000,000 acres, and it is this, as well as the \$50,000, for which he is fighting. He intends to move at once through the state department at Washington for a recognition of his claim and a restoration of his property

and that of other heirs. Tacoma, April 11.-The steamer Monmouthshire brings news that the commercialists of Japan are agitating the question of Japan obtaining a foothold in Foo Kien province, in Southern

pound. China, opposite Formosa. The Japan Export Society, founded by Count Inouyo, has appointed a committee of influential men to investigate the best methods of increasing the exports and decreasing the imports. The same society sent one of its members to Foo Kien, which province he reports rich in silver, iron, lead and coal. He recommends that mining concessions be first secured, to be followed by railroad concessions between Foo Chow and Kiu Kong, 560 miles. The port of Tswanchi, he says, should be opened to facilitate trade

with Formosa. By order of the empress dowager, two of the most prominent Chinese reformers have been sezied and probably exe-

A Mexican land grant to Jacob

Leese, made in 1863, may cause trouble

between Mexico and the United States.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 11 .- Co ombian advices just received here an nounce that a rebel attack is momentarily expected at Savanima. It is added that the place has been prepared for the expected movement, and that

artillery has been trained so as to com-

the garrison there. German Insurance Company Sucs. San Francisco, April 11.—The Trans-Atlantic Fire & Marine Insurance Company, of Berlin, today filed a suit straw, 25@40c per bale. in the United States circuit court | Potatoes-Early Rose, 60@75c; Oreagainst Thainhauser & Co., for \$48,-394, claimed to be due. The company withdrew its agency from the local firm in January, 1899, and a full settlement was not made at that time, ac-

cording to the plaintiffs.

SPRING TRADE SITUATION.

Favorable Weather Brings an Improved Retail Distribution Bradstreet's says: Favorable features

continue in the majority in the general trade situation. The hopes for the advent for seasonable spring weather have been realized, and nearly all markets report an improved di ribution at is really the key of the general merchandise situation. The industrial sitnation is a rather spotted one. April in the Meantime, He Will Raise the 1, instead of May 1, seems to have been fixed upon as a date for presenting new

demands as to wages and hours. Wheat crop advices are on the whole favorable except from the Central West. Sympathy is shown with corn, which in turn has been influenced by the steady advance in hog products and by the known smallness of reserves in high hopes based upon Lord Roberts'

cribs and in store. Cotton goods are seasonably quiet at first hands, but a fair jobbing business is doing, and retail distribution is encouraging. Wool is on the whole weaker, but reports from the woolen goods branch are quite favorable. Cancellations reported are the smallest there is record of. Lumber has shown some weakness, a widely separated market this week pointing to not altogether satisfactory outlook in the building trades, whether because of heavy advances in prices or ot unsettled la-

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 3,864,963 bush-

els, against 2,962,349 last week. Business failures in the United States for the week number 182, as compared with 178 last week. For the first quarter of the year, failures are fewer in number than in 1899, and liabilities are 7 per cent smaller.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Onions, new, \$2.00@2.75 per sack. Lettuce, hot house, 45c per doz. Potatoes, new, \$17@18. Beets, per sack, 75@85c. Turnips, per sack, 60c. Carrots, per sack, 75c. Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c. Cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen.

Cabbage, native and California,

\$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds. Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box. Prunes, 60c per box. Butter-Creamery, 25c per pound; dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 17c per pound. Eggs-15@16c.

Cheese-Native, 15c Poultry-13@14c; dressed, 14@15c; pring, \$5. Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$12.00; Washington timothy, choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.00@19.00

Corn-Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.25:

Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings far ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$80.00.

steers, 71/2 @8c; cows, 7c; mutton 8c; pork, 8c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 81/2@ Hams-Large, 13c; small, 1314;

Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beel

breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; dry salt sides,

Portland Market. Wheat - Walla Walla, 54@55c; Valley, 54c; Bluestem, 57c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.00; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel.

Oats-Choice white, 35@36c; choice

gray, 34c per bushel.

Barley-Feed barley, \$14@14.50; brewing, \$17.00@17.50 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$13 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$15; chop, \$14 per Hay-Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@

.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 40@45c; seconds, 40c; dairy, 80@871/c; store, 25@32 1/c.

Eggs—11 %c per dozen. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 18c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$8.50@ 4.50 per dozen; hens, \$5.00; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$6.50@8.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$5.50@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per

Potatoes-40@50c per sack; sweets, 2@21/2c per pound. Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 11/2c per pound; parsnips, 75; onions, \$2.50@3.00; carrots, 50c.

Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 27@ 30c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 41/4c; dressed mutton, 7@ 71/2c por pound; lambs, \$2.50 each. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00;

\$5.00@6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50; cows, \$8.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6%@

81/2c per pound.

Норв-1899 сгор,

Tallow-5@51/c; No. 2 and grease 3 1/2 @ 4c per pound. San Francisco Market. Wool-Spring-Nevada, 13@15c per

Butter — Fancy creamery

20.00: bran. \$12.50@13.50. Hay-Wheat \$6.50@9.50; wheat and oat \$6.00@9.00; best barley \$5.00@ 7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00@6.50 per ton;

80c@1.10 per sack. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@ 5.00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50;

dowski, managing editor of the National Polish Daily News, died at his home in this city Sunday,

Hops—3@8c per pound Wool—Valley, 16@18c per pound;

light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, 7%c per pound. Veal—Large, 6%@7%c; small, 8@

pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22e; Northern, 10@12c.

do seconds, 16@16%c; fancy dairy, mand the harbor. At Cartagena, all 16c; do seconds, 13@15c per pound. is excitement, owing to the rebels' suc- Eggs-Store, 14c; fancy cesses, and a large body of government 16 %c. troops has arrived at Colon to stengthen | Millstuffs - Middlings, \$17.00 @

gon Burbanks, 60c@\$1.00; river Burbanks, 40@70c; Salinas Burbanks,