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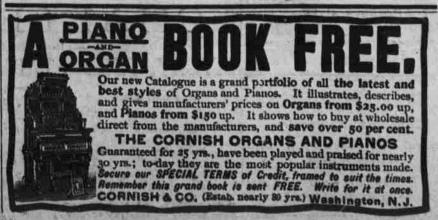
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given out, which is a considerable improvement over last year. For structural work the outlook is quite pleasing with reference to tonnage. The Dela-ware bridge of the Pennsylvania company, involving upward of 10,000 tons, is soon to be given out. There is pros-pect of a good deal of work in building Georgia railroad. Activity in pipe contracts continues, the Western mills sweeping everything before them in their own territory.

The Negroes Walking Back. NEW ORLEANS, March 8.-The Alabama and Georgia negroes, who a short time ago were induced by a syndicate, which pretended to have secured concessions of land and exclusive privileges from the Mexican government for the benefit of the colonists to emigrate to Mapima. Mex., are walking back to Alabama and Georgia. Many have arrived at San Antonio without food or money.

ancial transactions of to-day, and the unrestrained prodigality and profuseness of expenditure on the part of the head of the military department war-rant the belief that a few more years of the present management will put the department so far in arrears that a decade will be required to place it again on iron. The steel rail trade continues slow. Still, Eastern mills took about that, owing to disorders occurring in 117,000 tons, including 12,000 tons for a territorial days, the legislature saw fit to establish a one-fifth of a mill tax on the assessed valuation of property in the

> tax were formerly expended under no restrictions, but upon obtaining statespecific appropriation from this fund for the maintenance of the military organization. The limits set by previous legislatures as to the amount of money to be expended seems to have been utterly ignored, and the past two legislatures have found it necessary to meet defi-ciencies caused by the failure of the adjutant-general to keep within the bounds set by them. The last legisla-ture appropriated \$80,000 for the maintenance of the militia for two years-\$40,000 for each fiscal year. This was believed to be sufficient to keep the

National Guard at a high standard of excellence, provided ordinary care, frugality and common business prudence were exercised by the chief military staff officer in whose hands the affairs of the militia are practically intrusted. We find, however an absolute lack and absence of economy, and no inclination whatever to keep the expenses within the appropriation.

The Case Against Stanford's Estate. SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 .- Lewis D. McCusick, who has received his appointment as special counsel in the government's suit against the Stanford estate to recover its pro rata of the Pa-cific railroad debt, said this morning he had no idea when the action would be begun. No complaint has yet been filed in the case, and it is not known whether the attorney-general will have it drawn up here or in Washington. Until the complaint is prepared the government's plan will not be known.

California Militia to Be Paid. SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 .- The long-

delayed payments to the members of the National Guard for field services during the late strike are to be made. General Chadbourne expects that the warrants and check books will arrive from Sacramento in a few days, and

until the president returns and takes action, there is a vacancy at the head of the immigration bureau.

THE GOVERNMENT WON.

Case Involving Claims for Rebates of Tariff.

NEW YORK, March 7 .- Among the decizions handed down to-day in the United States circuit court of appeals was one which was a signal victory for state, to go into what is termed the mil-itary fund. The entire receipts from this being in the case of the United States being in the case of the United States d'Alenes.

against E. Rosenwald & Bro., importhood it became necessary, because of constitutional provisions, to make a specific appropriation from this fund for tobacco, on which the case hinges, is sustained. The case is unusually important, because the refunds claimed by importers of Sumatra tobacco under the tariff of 1883, still unpaid, amount to

over \$1,000,000. The decision may enable the government to prevent any recovery at all by the importers. In ad-dition it will probably prevent any future similar claims for refunds.

Queer Pulpit Utterauces.

Boston, March 7 .- The Rev. W. H. Smith, of South Acton, one of the leading Universalist ministers, declared that cumstances. He said: "I think when a rich man hears that a number of people have been killed in a mine he re-joices. That is the spirit among the rich. Then the rich are over-reaching, taking advantage of the poor in every direction. I believe we shall yet have a war in which every man will carry the most approved gun and go out hunting all-important question. for rich men as they do for squirrels.

Chinese General Beheaded by His Men LONDON, March 7 .-- Under date of Tien Tsin, to-day, the Times publishes a dispatch saying that disturbances are increasing. One of the Chinese generals in the Shan Tung province was beheaded by his soldiers for attempting to suppress pillage. Similar troubles are reported at Hunan and Liao Yang, near Moukden, which is probably taken.

then the force of clerks under his com-mand will commence to pay off the sol-diers at once. General Chadbourne stated this afternoon that every mem-ber of the guard would receive his money within fifteen days. Browne hired four more office-rooms and the Coxey presidential campaign to be coxed to be suggestion that a ticket reading Coxey and Debs would be in accordance with the sternal fitness of things meets with favor.

trail and postal route between Grant's Pass and Gold Beach, Or., by way of the junction of Rogue and Illinois rivers. Illahee, Reuben and Leland.

The Salem, Or., postmaster has been directed by the postal department to discharge one carrier from his force. A remonstrance petition is being signed to be forwarded to the postmaster-general.

The telephone system from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene is to be extended to Helena and other Montana points, twenty-five miles of wire being put under ground in crossing the Coeur

Captain Maltby has sent the What-com, Wash., board of trade some sam-ples of Wilson hybrid tobacco raised on his farm at Lynden. This year he and G. L. Ramsdel will raise about ten acres of the Havana variety.

H. B. Williams, Frank Cook et al., have filed articles of incorporation for the American Patriotic Memorial Association of Whatcom, Wash. The object of the association is to furnish gratuitous instruction to the children of soldiers and sailors who served in the war.

The Tacoma, Wash., committee in charge of the army-post matter has decided to report in favor of a half-dozen sites as follows : East Side of American Lake, west side of American Lake, Span-90 per cent of ministers were looking for sway Lake, Steilacom site, near Albert new parishes, and were muzzled by cir-and Point Defiance.

> Olympia people are determined to resent to the utmost the action of Tacoma's newspapers and chamber of commerce in regard to the continuance of work on the capitol, and business men are correspondingly grateful for Seattle's friendliness on what is to Olympia the

A compromise has been effected in the He closed by quoting: "The republic affairs of the Aberdeen, Wash., bank, is a delusion, freedom a dream and the and joint receivers have been appointed is a delusion, freedom a dream and the song of liberty a funeral dirge." The other clergymen have expressed their disapproval of Mr. Smith's remarks. receivers are now hard at work endeavoring to straighten out the tangle. The receivers are: J. P. Carson, of Monte-sano, and Eugene France, of Aberdeen. Both are well-known business men, and depositors can rest satisfied that their interests will be protected in every way possible.

Senator Campbell's bill, which is practically for the relief of the city of Tacoma, Wash., in permitting an extension of the water system, passed the senate, and was immediately transmitted to the Coxey and Debs. MASSILON, O., March 7. - Promptly the city of Tacoma at a special election MASSILON, O., March 7. — Promptly upon his return from the convention of Populist editors in the West, Carl Populist editors in the West, Carl New discrete the convention of the states of the states