ULTIMATUM TO SPAIN

President McKinley Demands Independence of Cuba.

HOSTILITIES MUST CEASE AT ONCE

Spain, After All Her Bravado, Entertains the Proposition—Not a Doubt That She Is Weakening.

Washington, April 1.—The vital point in the Cuban situation, viz., independence, has shifted itself from Washington to Madrid, where the Spanish government is now giving grave and earnest consideration to propositions presented by the government of the United States. On the answer to these propositions depends the future course of the relations between Spain and the United States.

It is believed that it is now but a question of an exceedingly short time before an inevitable crisis must come. The Spanish ministry will hold a cabinet council tomorrow, after the propositions have been submitted to the queen regent, and as a result of that conference, it is expected by the administration that a definite answer to its proposals will be received.

The propositions submitted by this country contemplate a complete and immediate cessation of hostilities in Cuba, the return of the reconcentrados to their usual avocations and the independence of Cuba, this last feature to be secured probably on an indemnity basis by which the island would pay a substantial sum for its freedom from Spanish rule.

These propositions, the purpose being to present every possible plan promising a solution of the Cuban problem so long as an end of the Cuban war and Cuban independence are embodied in the ultimate result.

It has been made perfectly clear to Spain that nothing less than a close of the war and the independence of the island will suffice as an adequate settlement. Such lesser methods as have been contemplated from time to time are now put aside for these more advanced and positive positions. It is now for Spain to accept or reject these tenders. There is no disposition to urge one more than another, so long as the conclusion reached brings the termination of the war and Cuban independence.

Anxious Hour for Spain.

Never before has the Spanish government entertained such propositions. In the stress of the present emergency, with declarations of war introduced in the American congress, Spain has consented to consider them. This, in itself, has given lively hope of satisfactory results. But it involves a grave crisis in Spain, and it cannot be foretold what the final action in Madrid will be.

Until today it was believed that Spain would indignantly reject a proposition involving the independence of Cuba or American intervention, or the disappearance of the Spanish flag from the island, either through purchase by the Cubans or otherwise. There was the best of reasons for the official belief that as between peace and war on those two propositions, Spain would choose war, but more hope apparently is entertained here of Spain being in a yielding mood, as the American plans for the solution are being carefully weighed with a view to a general decision.

Congress Is Restrained.

Naturally this critical juncture has occasioned the greatest interest here, coupled with no little excitement, as word was passed about that the last stage in the negotiations with Spain was developed. Many representative men of congress, senators and representatives, called at the White House and conferred with the president.

At the capitol excitement was unabated. The meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations raised a great deal of interest because of the many warlike resolutions introduced yesterday and referred to that committee.

On the house side, there was an intensity of feeling. After the vote on the Bailey resolution, many Republicans went to the White House to confer with the president and to express to him a hope that something might be done to relieve the present strained situation. The assurance of the president was given to these members that by Saturday night, at the latest, something definite could be expected.

Spain Without a Friend in Europe.

It was stated today in a high diplomatic quarter that the Spanish government, within the last 10 days, had addressed a note to the great powers of Europe, fully setting forth the grave aspect of the controversy with the United States and at least inferentially suggesting that the time was now opportune for European influences to be exerted.

Up to the present time, however, no actual step toward mediation or intervention has been taken by any foreign power, though there is little doubt that France stands ready to take the initiative, if there is the slightest evidence that the United States government will view with favor such a move.

Key West, April 1.—The report that General Lee has asked for warships in Havana harbor is generally discredited here.

Five bodies from the wrecked Maine arrived tonight. The boatswain's mate, John Anderson, and Seaman Frank Andrews are the only two of the five that have been identified.

There were 94 passengers from Havana by the Mascotte tonight, and among them about 50 Americans, who say that Americans are not safe in Havana now.

It is reported by a Cuban merchant here that 71 Spanish soldiers were killed in an explosion this afternoon at Matanzas. It is impossible as yet to verify this rumor.

Flying Squadron to Sail.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 1.—A great deal of suppressed excitement is noticeable about the "flying squadron" this morning. Orders have been received stating emphatically that work on the Brooklyn must be completed tonight. It is expected the fleet will move in a day or two. Commodore Schley has almost fully organized his working force.

LAWMAKERS WANT WAR.

Resolutions Declaring War Upon Spain Appear in Both Houses.

Washington, March 31.—Rawlins of Utah, today introduced a joint resolution in the senate recognizing the independence of Cuba and declaring war against Spain.

Senator Foraker has offered in the senate a resolution recognizing Cuba's independence. Foraker spoke of the delays caused by the De Lome incident and the Maine incident, but declared the Cuban question would come up whatever was done with the Maine.

Frye introduced a resolution reciting conditions in Cuba and directing the president in his discretion to take steps to drive the Spanish naval and military forces from the island. The Foraker and Frye resolutions went to the committee on foreign relations. The Rawlins resolution also went to the foreign relations committee.

Senator Mason (Ill.) followed the introduction of the Cuban resolution in the senate with a vigorous war speech. He described vividly the disaster to the Maine. He said if 90 of the victims had been senators or sons of senators it would not have been 40 days before war had been declared. He could not speak for others, but as for himself he was for war. This declaration brought out a vigorous outburst of applause from the gallery.

Mason declared there could not be peace so long as a European nation owns and butchers its slaves in this hemisphere. He said it was necessary for the Maine court to fix responsibility. The law did that. If it was a torpedo, or a mine, it was a Spanish torpedo, or a Spanish mine. Hence Spain must answer. He would oppose any proposition looking to indemnity, as he would oppose making a diplomatic incident of the catastrophe. He would oppose any kind of autonomy or any plan to assist Spain. His demand was that the Spanish flag be driven from the Western hemisphere. Neither did he believe Cuba should be required to pay an indemnity to Spain.

"Let us awaken," said Mason, in conclusion, "to glorious war as did our fathers; a war that shall insure honor and respect of our flag all over the world."

In the House.

Representative Marsh (Ill.), chairman of the house committee on militia, today introduced a joint resolution declaring war between Spain and the United States.

The members of the house who favor immediate and aggressive action are discussing all sorts of methods by which the house can be brought to an expression of opinion. This morning there was even some talk over the ruling of the chair during consideration of the naval appropriation bill, and attaching a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba as a rider. But all this talk seems to be in air. It has no coherence. The main thing the conservatives have to contend with is the overwhelming protest which is going up against delay.

Spain Proposes an Armistice.

Senators and others who talked with the president last evening and today say a proposition for an armistice in Cuba came from Spain, and while it is being considered by the president he insisted that any proposed armstice must be coupled with other conditions which Spain has not shown a disposition to accept and perhaps will not accept. It is stated by one senator that matters will be brought to a head within a very short time.

War Preparations Continue.

By direction of General Miles, commanding the army, orders were issued today for the transfer of the Twenty-fifth regiment of infantry to Dry Tortugas. The fact that this regiment is made up of colored troops is regarded as significant in showing the purpose of the war department to concentrate the colored troops in the vicinity of Cuba, inasmuch as it is recognized that the negro is better able to stand the Cuban climate than white men. The regiment is now located at Forts Missoula, Assiniboine and Harrison, Mont. The movement will begin about two weeks hence.

A Statement by Alger.

At the close of the cabinet meeting tolay Secretary Alger gave out the following statement:

"So far from there being any difference of opinion among the members of the cabinet, they are all in hearty accord with the president. How could the president have said more? He gave congress the report at once and stated that he had forwarded it to Spain, and is awaiting her reply. He must take one step at a time. It may be said further that there need be no fear that he will not take the next. He has not lost a moment in presenting, not only the Maine incident, but the whole situation to Spain. The country can well afford to await the result of the negotiations, which will be promptly made ... whatever result."

Another Ultimatum Sent to Spain.

Chicago, March 31.—A Chronicle special from Washington says: The positive statement was made by Secretary Alger tonight that Mr. McKinley this evening sent an ultimatum to Spain, and that fact will be communicated to congress tomorrow. It is impossible to obtain definite information from the White House.

Blanco Blames Americans.

Washington, March 31.—The state department gives no official confirmation of the reports that official advices from Havana state that riots headed by the Weyler element are apprehended. It appears that Blanco sent a communication to Washington in which he says he believes a demonstration may be precipitated at any moment by an element made up by certain Americans of a strong anti-Spanish tendency now at Havana. Blanco clearly and unequivocally declares that the presence of American correspondents in Cuba makes the situation, in his view, more critical.

Cleveland's Approbation.

Princeton, N. J., March 31.—Former President Cleveland, after reading the Maine report, the message of the president and other developments in the Cuban matters in the evening papers last night, expressed himself as believing that the government was taking the right course. When asked if he thought the Cubans would agree to the proposition of the United States, he replied simply "Yes."

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

The belief is pretty general now that Leiter will carry his deal straight through May, and that there will be no more money for the May short at Chicago. There were those who felt in the month that the load would be too heavy for any mortal, and that Leiter would be glad to stop. There are those still who believe the bull campaign will wind up with a loss rather than a profit; but even these believe the loss will be taken abroad and that the Chicago campaign will be closed with a display of fireworks and all the outward signs of triumph. There are clever pit professionals who are of the opinion the deal will run into July. No one can, in fact, ever foretell the end of these huge speculative operations. The weather is the most potent influence. It might make it possible for the whole bull line to be unloaded in advance of May 31, at a huge profit, or it might create such a bearish sentiment the world over as to finally make a loss abroad greatly in excess of any amount exacted from shorts at Chicago. International politics will be a factor; perhaps a very bullish, perhaps a very bearish one. War with Spain would hurt prices on its declaration, but would bull prices finally, and a peaceful end, on the other hand, might jump prices on the first sentiment of relief, but result in a dull, bearish season later. It is not to be forgotten that contract wheat is being poured into the Chicago elevators at the rate of 700,000 bushels per week, and that this stream will be increased as the May delivery day approaches.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@76c; Valley and Bluestem, 78c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $3.85; graham, $3.40; superfine, $2.35 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 37@38c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $17@18.50; brewing, $20 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $23; shorts, $17.

Hay—Timothy, $12.50; clover, $10@11; Oregon wild hay, $9@10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 35@40c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 13@14c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; hens, $4.00@4.50; geese, $6.00@7.00; ducks, $6.00@7.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@13c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@45c per sack; sweets, $1.75@2 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, $2.25@2.60 per sack.

Hops—14@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 5½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.25; light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@3.75; cows, $2.50@3; dressed beef, 6½@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6@6½c; small, 7@8c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Potatoes—Yakimas, $14 per ton; natives, $11@13; sweets, 2c per pound; box of 60 pounds, $1.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 25c; ranch, 14@15c; dairy, 16c; Iowa fancy creamery, 23c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12@13c; Eastern cheese, 12½c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 16c; California ranch, 14c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 8c; cows, 7@7½c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 13c; dressed, 14c; turkeys, live, 12c; dressed, 16c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6@7c; steel heads, 7@8c; salmon trout, 12½c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; tom cod, 4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 3@5c; herring, 4c.

Olympia oysters, per sack, $3@3.50.

Corn—Whole, $23; cracked, per ton, $23; feed meal, $23 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $23; whole, $22.

Flour—Patents, per barrel, $4.25@4.50; straights, $4.00; California brands, $4.75; Dakota brands, $5.40@5.75; buckwheat flour, $6.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $17; shorts, per ton, $18@19.

Feed—Chopped feed, $18@20 per ton; middlings, per ton, $24; oil cake meal, per ton, $35.

Hay—Puget Sound, new, per ton, $12@14; Eastern Washington timothy, $18; alfalfa, $12; straw, $7.

Wheat—Feed wheat, per ton, $23.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $23.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada, 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Southern coast lambs, 7@8c.

Millstuffs — Middlings, $21@23; California bran, $16.00@16.50 per ton.

Onions—Silverskins, $2.50@2.75 per cental.

Eggs—Store, 12½@13c; ranch, 13½@14c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18½c; do seconds, 17c; fancy dairy, 16½c; good to choice, 15@16c per pound.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 35c@$1.35 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@$1; pears, 75c@$1 per box; plums, 20@35c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 50@60c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navels, $1.25@2.50; Mexican limes, $4.50; California lemons, choice, $1.50; do common, 50c@$1.00 per box.

Hay—Wheat, $19@23; wheat and oat, $18@22; oat, $14.50@16.50; best barley, $17@19; alfalfa, $11@13; clover, $12.50@14.

Hops—12½@17½c per pound.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 10c; old, 11c per pound.

Baker's Mold.

In a new bread and pastry molding board the top is covered with a sheathing of thin sheet metal with a curved bead around three sides and a headpiece at the back, which has a spring clip under which the rolling pin slides when not in use.

BENEFIT TO THE NORTHWEST.

Complete Success of the Mining and Irrigation Congress at Baker City.

The mining and irrigation congress which met in Baker City last week, will prove of much benefit to the Northwest. Much enthusiasm was manifested throughout its sessions, and when final adjournment was taken, it was with a feeling that the convention had been a success. It was Baker City's first experience in entertaining a crowd of that character, and its citizens had cause to be gratified at the result. The town surprised itself by its achievement. As the citizens and visitors became better acquainted, more informality came into the proceedings, and miners and capitalists got closer together, and the vastness of the mineral resources of the region was better appreciated. All felt a personal interest in mining and irrigation, and no one was so wise that he did not get new and broader ideas, and perhaps more special knowledge of those matters so essential to the industrial development of the great Northwest.

The last day a consitution and by-laws for a permanent organization was reported, and, after some discussion, adopted. The name chosen was the Mining and Irrigation Congress; object, to promote and foster mining and irrigation enterprises and other kindred industries; the officers to be a president, a vice-president from each state, who shall choose the secretary and treasurer; the meetings to be held annually, at a time and place to be selected by the congress; the congress to be composed of delegates from Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Montana, California and Nevada, to be appointed as follows: Seven by the governor of each state; one by the mayor of each city; three by each chamber of commerce, commercial club, board of trade or other similar organization in each city; three from each county, to be appointed by the county judge or chairman of the county board; three from each regularly organized mining district within the states. The committee on legislation will consist of two members from each state, who will present a written report at each annual congress.

When it came to selecting a place for the next meeting, J. F. Batchelder named Portland as the commercial and financial metropolis of the Northwest, where facilities for accommodating a great gathering and for a display of mining machinery and methods of reducing ores could be found. R. W. Paris proposed Boise as able to handle a big convention, it being more centrally located with respect to the mining states, being itself in the center of a vast region, whose chief industries the congress would relate to. C. A. Johns named Baker City. A dozen speeches were made by partisans of the different places. A ballot resulted as follows:

Portland, 41; Boise, 14; Baker City, 6.

Portland was made the unanimous choice.

The time for holding the next meeting was fixed for the first Tuesday in December, 1898, after a long discussion, bringing out seasonable demands of placer and quartz mining and irrigation farming and after reference to a committee of three whose report was adopted. Albert Geiser, of Baker City, was unanimously elected permanent president of the organization. The following vice-presidents were chosen:

Oregon—Ole J. Olsen, Grants Pass; Idaho—State Engineer F. J. Mills, Boise; Washington—Dr. J. M. Boyd, Spokane; Utah—Thomas D. Lee, Ogden. The executive committee is composed of the following:

Oregon—Fred R. Mellis, Baker City, and J. F. Batchelder, Portland; Idaho—A. D. Morrison, Idaho Falls, and J. F. Hunt, Downey; Washington—G. B. Dennis and A. P. Curry, Spokane; Utah—R. S. Campbell, Salt Lake City, and R. C. Lund, St. George.

Members of the legislative committee: Oregon—C. A. Johns, Baker City, and E. J. Frasier, Eugene; Idaho—John C. Rice, Caldwell, and Edgar Wilson, Boise; Washington—J. J. Browne and Colonel Lindsley, Spokane; Utah—David Keith, Salt Lake City, and H. H. Rolapp, Ogden.

The governors of California, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana will be asked to make appointments for their respective states.

A committee presented resolutions to the effect that only questions pertaining to mining and irrigation should be discussed before the congress; urging immediate action for a mineral exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi exposition from the several states represented in the congress; acknowledging appreciation of and extending hearty thanks to the citizens of Baker City for the many courtesies and attentions received.

Captain Robley D. Evans, who goes into command of the war ship Iowa, vice Captain Sampson, has no rival for popularity in Washington, or in the navy department. The captain is quoted as having said recently that if he had his way "there would be nothing but Spanish talked in —— for the next five years." Evans was in command of the Yorktown during the late trouble with Chile, and he wanted to blow Valparaiso off the earth because of the insults put upon America by the citizens of that town. But the navy department refused, and Evans was commended for the admirable self-restraint he exercised. Since then he has no love for Spain. Evans is generally known as "Fighting Bob" Evans, a pseudonym which he dislikes very much. He has a limp which he earned during his service with Uncle Sam in the '60s, and other marks of war on his person. Evans belongs to a Virginia family, and when the South seceded, his mother, without his consent, sent his resignation to Washington. The young officer, however, persuaded the department to abrogate it, and promptly rejoined the service. He has been in the navy 38 years, and is one of the most dashing and daring in Uncle Sam's service.

The town of Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, was named in 1741 by a party of Moravians, who assembled in a barn, where the town is located to celebrate Christmas.

The United States general appraiser has rendered a decision that handkerchiefs with an embroidered initial letter do not come under the head of embroidered handkerchiefs liable to a duty of 50 per cent ad valorem, but are liable to a duty of only 40 per cent.

Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy.

SPRING—the season when the blood is most impure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear; when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help.

MEDICINE—that to which the millions turn at this season—Hood's Sarsaparilla. The *original* and *only* preparation especially adapted to the present needs of the human family; that which makes the blood pure and clean, as shown by its thousands of wonderful cures of dreadful blood diseases; creates an appetite and cures dyspepsia, as shown by its "magic touch" in all stomach troubles; steadies and strengthens the nerves, as proved by people formerly nervous, now calm and self-possessed, thanks to

Only those who have been relieved of great suffering can fully appreciate the gratitude with which the testimonials overflow written in favor of Hoods's Sarsaparilla. Just read this:

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:

"Gentlemen—After an illness of two years during which time I underwent several surgical operations, I at last began to improve; but my improvement was so slow that I became discouraged and it seemed as though I would never get strong again. I was very much run down and it did not seem as though I had any appetite and I did not care to live. One day I met a friend who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and I was advised to try it. After I had taken a few doses I

Began to Feel Better

and had a better appetite. I gained from two to three pounds a week and grew stronger every day. I took two or three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and am now as strong as I ever was in my life, and I praise Hood's Sarsaparilla for bringing me back to health."—Emily Billinger, 10 Grand avenue, South, Portland, Or.

"The members of our family have derived much benefit from the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father was severely troubled with humor, but it readily yielded to Hood's Sarsaparilla."—Mrs. I. M. White, Salem, Or.

The Medicine For You

Because of what it has done for others; because you ought this spring to take that which will do you the most good.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine because it cures when all others fail. Be sure to get Hood's.

Lubricants for Bicycles.

A writer in The India Rubber World calls attention of bicyclists to the fact that animal oils are very destructive to rubber products, such as bicycle tires. It makes no difference how good the compound may be; a little spot of animal grease in contact with the tire injures the rubber. A careful examination of many bicycle oils shows that they are partially of animal origin. Mineral oils are not nearly so apt to injure the rubber. In fact, many of them are not injurious at all, when applied in small quantities, while many vegetable oils are in a measure helpful to rubber.

Mme. Gadski's Hair.

All that beautiful hair that Mme. Gadski displays as Elsa, Senta, Eva, Sieglinde, Elizabeth and the rest, says Harper's Bazaar, is her own. It is a glorious mane, in color a light coppery brown, slightly waving and of extraordinary length and thickness. In private life the prima donna wears it brushed back from her forehead and coiled at the middle of the back of her head. A few plain tortoise-shell pins hold it in place. No headdress or fancy pins or bowknots or other bric-a-brac disfigure it.

DON'T BE FOUNDERED.

We blanket a horse in the warmest weather after a hard drive if he is to stand in his stall. We take violent exercise and do hard manual labor, and very many take no precaution against sudden cooling off. In case of the horse, if he chills, he will be foundered. In case of men and women who are forgetful of the consequences, they will suffer soreness and stiffness from head to foot. If we are thus forgetful, we need not be so of the fact that St. Jacobs Oil, used in a case of the kind, is one of the best and surest cures. A good rubbing relaxes the stiffened muscles and puts the joints to work again in good order. In this season of sports none who enjoy them ought to be without a bottle of the Oil.

Sufferers from neuralgia are warned by a medical writer not to drink tea, but to partake freely of coffee, into which the juice of a lemon has been squeezed.

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"I gave up in despair and took to my bed. I had dreadful pains in my heart, fainting spells, sparks before my eyes, and sometimes I would get so blind I could not see for several minutes. I could not stand very long without feeling sick and vomiting.

I also had female weakness, inflammation of ovaries, painful menstruation, displacement of the womb, itching of the external parts, and ulceration of the womb. I have had all these complaints.

"The pains I had to stand were something dreadful. My husband told me to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, which I did, and after taking it for a while, was cured."

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A goldfish will will die in 90 minutes if placed in water which contains one per cent of alcohol. In water which contains 20 per cent of alcohol it will die instantly.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

A Brooklyn thief has been sent to the penitentiary nine years for stealing two bicycles. The court evidently rides.

HOME PRODUCTS AND PURE FOOD.

All Eastern Syrup, so-called, usually very light colored and of heavy body, is made from glucose. "Tea Garden Drips" is made from Sugar Cane and is strictly pure. It is for sale by first-class grocers, in cans only. Manufactured by the PACIFIC COAST SYRUP CO. All genuine "Tea Garden Drips" have the manufacturer's name lithographed on every can.

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A machine for reigstering the strokes made by the oarsmen in a rowboat was recently exhibited in London.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Mifflinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

A London police court has decided that Bibles and prayer books are necessaries of life.

After being swindled by all others, send us stamp for particulars of King Solomon's Treasure. ONLY renewer of manly strength. MASON CHEMICAL CO., P. O. Box 747, Philadelphia, Pa.

The population of New South Wales last year was 96,640, a gain of about 20,000 in one year.

Feeding on a Desert.

The American consul at Aden, Arabia, gives an account in the last volume of Consular Reports of a curious herd of sheep in Somaliland, which is a desert country. These sheep subsist on prickly mimosa, a kind of desert scrub bush, seemingly the most unpalatable of food. Their striking peculiarity, as described by the consul, is a large lump of pure fat growing right at the root of the tail. A medium-sized lump of this fat weighs about four pounds, and it varies from one and one-half to six pounds. People who have studied the nature and habits of these sheep say that, like the camel, which is able to subsist for days without food from the strength derived from the tissues of his hump, this blackhead sheep can subsist on the strength without any other sustenance. The principal market for the skins is New York. It has been proven by trial that the sheep are able to stand a considerable change of climate. A few years ago four sheep were acclimated at the Zoological Garden at Frankfort, Germany, where their progeny now number about 30. There are vast stretches of desert land in Arizona and elsewhere in the West where cactus plants grow in profusion, but as yet no domesticated animals have been successfully raised in that region. It has been proposed more than once to import camels, but these animals are not likely to prove serviceable. The Somaliland sheep, however, if acclimated in that desert region, together with the plant he subsists upon, might prove a valuable addition to our list of domestic animals. It is no doubt the thought of the consul that such an experiment should be tried.

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