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COMINNVILLE.....OREGON

Comprehersive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

An arid land conference will be held at Salt Lake April 18.

The Puerto Rican tariff bill has passed the house by a vote of 172 to 160.

The Inniskilling fusiliers were caught in a Boer trap at Railway Hill | the city. and unmercifully slaughtered.

Two persons were killed and several badly injured in a collision between two passenger trains near Kansas City,

During the carnival procession at Caracas, Venezuela, two shots were fired at President Castro, without

All chance of saving any of the Span-1sh armored cruisers sunk off Santiago has gone. The Cristobal Colon has slid into deep water.

The Russian press is clamoring for intervention. They contend it is time to end the most infamous war England has ever waged through lust for gold.

The greatest fire Newark, N. J., ever experienced swept through the retail dry gooods district, destroying a score of buildings, causing a loss of \$1,000,-

The Swedish mail steamer Rex stranded off Lohmergui Island, off the coast of Germany, during a fog. Five stewardesses were drowned in attempting to leave the ship.

General Miles says that Cronje's surrender is not a serious injury to the Boer cause. He expressed admiration for the 4,000 patriots who stood off for 10 days 50,000 of the British army.

Lon Curry, one of the train robbers who was engaged in the Wilcox, Wyoming, hold-up on the Union Pacific last June, when something like \$30,-900 was secured, was shot and killed by officers near Kansas City while resisting arrest.

Two men who have arrived at Anaheim, Cal., from the Santiago mountains, report that there have been many earthquake shocks in the section since last Christmas. No serious damage is known to have been done, as there are few habitations there.

At a meteing in San Francisco, a plan of organization has been agreed ever. upon by the promoters of the Pacific Commercial Museum. All commercial bodies on this coast have been asked to request their congressmen and senators to support the pending bill to apseum at Philadelphia.

Lord Roberts' casualties at Paardeberg. were 721, in one days' fighting.

Profits of the Kimberley Diamond 000,000.

Democratic officers for minor state offices in Kentucky have been given certificates.

Evansville, Ind., people are heirs to an estate in the Fiji islands, valued at satisfactory. \$10,000,000.

P. D. Armour, Jr., who died recently in Pasadena, Cal., left an estate valued at \$8,000,000.

Astoria, Or., physicians urge the people to exterminate the rats in order to

keep out the bubonic plague. Just 19 years after the Boer victory at Majuba hill, Cronje and 4,000 men surrender to the British forces.

The transport Hancock has arrived at San Francisco from Manila, with Indians killed numbered 32. the bodies of 505 dead heroes.

The president has nominated Henry be consul at Chung King, China.

Prince Poniatowski, of San Francisco, has purchased the island of Basilan, one of the Philippines, for \$500,-000. The island is valuable for its pearl fisheries and hemp trade.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, has received an order froom the Paris & Orleans railway of France, for 30 10-wheel passenger engines. This is the first locomotive contract ever placed by the railway in America.

The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, has appointed a committee to consider the advisability of establishing a branch of the New York American-Asiatic Association, the purpose of which is to increase trade with the Orient.

The steamer Australia arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu. She brings news that after 12 days had passed without a sign of plague, three cases were discovered on February 19, and all ended fatally. The victims were two Chinese, males, and a woman, half Chinese and half Hawaiian. The council has appropriated another \$100,-000 to allow the board of health to carry on the work of fighting the

plague. Miss Susan B. Anthony recently celebrated her eightieth birthday anni-

versary. In German cities merchants are not allowed to put up signs unless the wording is true.

Prince Henry of Russia was robbed by bandits while on his way to visit nations. the king of Siam.

Col. George T. Perkins, of Akron, O., has presented that city with 80 acres of land valued at \$100,000 as a playground for children.

#### LATER NEWS.

Cecil Rhodes is on his way to Eng-

Princeton college wants a million dollars for a law library.

Cronje's men are now prisoners on board British warships.

Germany will admit American meat for fear of a tariff war.

The machinists of Philadelphia demand a nine-hour day. Six people were burned to death in a

New York tenement-house fire. The increase in American imports has been nearly doubled in three years. Steamers Victorian and Prosper collided in Port Townsend, Wash., har-

San Francisco highbinders murdered two men, both leading merchants of

General Woods asserts that trouble in Cuba is now absolutely out of the question.

The transport Grant has arrived at San Francisco from Manila with 201 sick soldiers aboard.

The British second-class cruiser Hemes is reported off Cat island, in the Bahamas, in distress. President David Starr Jordan, of

Stanford University, in a speech at Chicago, said that England would soon topple. Trouble has arisen between the cigar and box manufacturers of Tamps, Fla.

Advance in the price of boxes is the Tom Sharkey and Bob Fitzsimmons signed articles of agreement for a 25-

round bout before the club offering the largest purse. The Yaqui Indians are headed for the United States. General Merriam

has troops in readiness to stop them if they try to cross the border. The United States government will

powder and compete with private manufacturers in point of quality. The American Clay Manufacturing Company, the \$10,000,000 consolidation of sewer-pipe manufacturers, will

control 85 per cent of the industry. Near Olympia, Wash., three children, aged 5, 7 and 9 years, were burned to death while their parents were absent from home attending a

At Hanover, Germany, some persons not yet identified tore a British flag and front of the residence of an Englishman, who had displayed the Union Jack in celebration of the successes in

South Africa.

Prospects for the termination of the Colombian revolution are poorer than

At Vienna, the Crown Princess Stephanie, of Austria, was married to Count Von Lonray.

The total number of Boer prisoners Catholic church. propriate \$200,000 for a public mu- captured at Paardeberg by the British is 4,660 men.

A party of six American rubber prospectors have been massacred by Indians in the wilds of Brezil.

17, 1900. Frozen meats, supplied to the Ameri-

by officials in Manila to be highly A passenger train on the Canadian

the track, and several members of parliament were injured.

on the work of hunting down the assassin of William Goebel. In an engagement between Mexicans and Maya Indians, near Santa Cruz, 600 Mexicans defeated 3,000 Indians.

Filipino insurrection has not yet been subdued. The rebels are prepar-B. Miller, of Josephine county, Or., to ing for the rainy season and will carry

on guerrilla warfare on a large scale. of Coreto, Cal., shot and killed Nettie Hunges' head was shot off, and Blev-Smith, a young Indian woman, and then killed himself. Jealousy was the

Forty-three and one-half inches of snow in 63 hours is the new record established at Rochester, N. Y. railroads are recovering from the biggest rested as accomplices. fight against the elements they have had in many years.

The Cartersville, Ill., union miners, who have been on trial for the past 40 near Cairo, nearly involved 500 other days at Vienna, charged with murder. prisoners. Blank cartridges having ing negro miners, were acquitted by the jury. Four other charges are pending against the miners.

Belief in the efficacy of prayer as a sure cure for disease was the cause of the divorce granted to George White, ex-congressman and a wealthy lumber dealer of Chicago, from his wife, Minnie A. White.

The Canadian Papermakers' Association at Montreal, adopted a scale of With no means of figting the fire, the prices for carload lots, five-ton lots and citizens had to stand helplessly by 20-ream lots of different grades of watching the only industry of the town paper. The increase in present prices being destroyed. The loss is \$80,000, is from 10 to 15 per cent.

Women sailors are employed in Denmark, Norway and Finland.

Reports from 45 colleges show discouraging religious conditions in but three.

Booth-Tucker says God uses America as a connecting link between other

Thomas Yates, of Toledo, O., is the only living American who took part in rent of the Niagara to Niagara Falls on the charge of the Light brigade at an important errand for a friend. He Balaklava.

# BURNED

Fatal Fire in a New York Lodging-House.

THE INMATES PANIC-STRICKEN

The Fire Was in the Cheap Bowery Section, and the Property Loss Did Not Exceed \$2,000.

New York, March 6 .- Six persons were burned to death and two were injured early this morning in a fire which occurred in a seven-story lodging house at 44 to 48 Bowery. The dead are: Charles Buttie, 40 years old; John Clark, 50 years old; Edward Doyle, 35 years old; Henry Jackson (colored), 35 years old; one unidentified man about 50 years old, Stephen Carney, 75 years old. Martin Gallagher, 53 years old, was burned about the face and hands and also removed to the hospital. Edward Walker, 47 years old, was burned, but after having his wound dressed, remained at the lodging house.

The fire was discovered shortly after 2 o'clock. Smoke was pouring from the windows of the fifth floor, and the flames were making rapid progress.

The lodging house was cut up into 132 rooms, and 90 of these small places were occupied when the fire broke out. Policemen sent in an alarm and burst into the place to arouse the inmates. They notified the night clerk, who immediately rang the alarms all over the house. The hallways were instantly filled with a crowd of excited people. The policemen forced their way to the upper floors in an effort to rescue some of the helpless, believing one or two were overcome with smoke. They carried out Thomas Harper, a onelegged man, and Ed Waker, who had been burned and partially overcome by begin the manufacture of smokeless | the smoke. Stephen Carney was found dving on the floor in his room, where the flames had already burned the old man's face, hands and body, but a policeman picked him up and carried him out of the building.

The firemen succeeded in putting out the flames without great loss to the building. After the fire was out they began a search. The bodies of all five of the victims were found on the fifth floor, where the fire did the most damage. Buttie was suffocated in his bed. John Clark was found on the floor of his room dead, as was also Edward made an anti-British demonstration in Doyle. The colored man was found dead at a window, and the unidentified man had been overcome just as he was dragging himself from the window to the fire escape. All the bodies were taken to the morgue. The damage to the building will amount to about \$2,-000. The place was conducted by Domino Milano, and was a cheap Bow-

ery lodging house. Carney, who died tonight, is said to have been a licensed priest of the

# Prevention of Forest Fires.

Washington, March 6.—Investigation of the causes, effects, and means of prevention of forest fires in the West. will be carried on this summer in The twelfth convention of the Nation-al Republican League has been called zona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, to meet in the city of St. Paul, July Wyoming, Idaho, South Dakota. Besides field study, designed chiefly to discover means of preventing the evil. can army in the Philippines, is reported the forestry division is making a histroic record of all important fires which have occurred in the United States since 1754. Although vet incomplete, this indicates that the annual recorded Pacific, near Toronto, Canada, jumped loss by forest burnings in the United States is, at the very lowest, \$20,000,-000. It will probably run far above The Kentucky legislature has passed this sum, as the Pacific coast states a bill appropriating \$100,000 to carry have been only partially examined. Accounts of over 5,500 disastrous fires have been obtained in the 17 states already examined. Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin have suffered the most severely.

# Head Was Shot off.

London, Ky., March 6.-Millard Hughes was murdered and Henry Blevins and others were inpred last night at a dance near East Bornstadt, a mining town. Leonard Smallwood, Hamp William Henry, a half-breed Indian Gregg and others attacked Hughes ins and others were hit by stray shots. Smallwood later went to sleep in the room where his victims lay. Today he and Gregg were arrested as principals, and Edward Smallwood, father of Leon-The ard, and his daughter Lizzie, were ar-

# Revolt of Convicts at Cairo.

Cairo, March 6 .- A serious revolt of 70 convicts at Tourah, the great prison failed to overawe the malcontents, a volley was fired from a window opposite through the window of the room occupied by them. Five were shot, and two, it is beieved, fatally wounded. All of them then surrendered and were confined in their cells,

# Large Tannery Burned.

Corry, Pa., March 6 .- The Western Union tannery, at Spartansburg, and contents were destroyed by fire today. fully covered by insurance.

Swept Over Niagara Falls.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 6 .- Sarcely a doubt remains that the man whose cries for help were heard coming from the Niagara river last night was Ashton Smith, 27 years old, son of Rev. Henry Ashton Smith, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at Fort Erie, Ont. Young Smith left Fort Erie in a rickety boat at 8 o'clock last night, and attempted to row across the swift curhas not been seen since

#### BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA.

Fast Tract Burned Over-Seven Persons

Vancouver, B. C., March 5 -The steamer Aorangi, from Sydney, today brings an account of the most disastrous bush fires in Victoria experienced in the last 50 years. The entire Warrnambool district has been devastated, and the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. The fire broke out simultaneously in various parts of the colony, and burned for two days and three nights, finally burning itself out the morning of January 31. The whole country between Dunkeld and Mort lake is a mass of blackness. persons perished in the flames, which swept over a tract 40 miles long and 30 miles wide, consuming 1,000,000 acres of grass, six wool warehouses, 2,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle and horses.

The latest news from Noumea prior to the sailing of the Aorangi was to the effect that the plague had again broken out among the kanakas. In almost every case the disease has proven fatal to the kanakas, but in the majority of cases cures are effected among Europeans. In five weeks the mortality has been nine Europeans and 54 kanakas and Asiatics. So far, owing to the strict measures taken by the authorities to prevent the pest extending to the country, it has only been reported at Neponi. The village of Neponi has been quarantined. One case of bubonic plague is reported from Tasmania, and there was also one case at Sydney, but both recovered. There was a tremendous scare all through the Australian colonies, and rigorous quarantine regulations have been enforced, with the re- engagements of the other columns not sult that no other plague cases have made their appearance.

The coast defenses of New Caledonia are being strengthened, large sums be- refuge in the mountains. The troops ing expended in erecting forts on the hills and in the suburbs of Noumea, provinces of Camarines and Albay. Convicts are being employed in the construction of earthworks and batteries. in landing troops and supplies." These public works, utilizing the services of all the convicts, none of the latter will for the future be let out to private enterprise.

The scarcity of labor has necessitated a cessation of mining operations. The government has entered into negotiations with the Japanese government to bring over 2,000 Japanese as agricultural laborers, and 3,000 for work in

the mines. The Sydney papers have a story about Miss Logan, an American girl, 21 years of age, who is termed the "Heroine of the Caroline Group." She is the daughter of the first missionary to the group sent from Boston by the Congregational board of the Untied States. Rev. Robert Logan died 12 years ago, and since his death his work has been carried on by his widow, who was the first white woman in the islands. Through illness Mrs. Logan was obliged to return to the United States, and her daughter volunteered to remain alone at the mission.

# NEEDS OF THE NAVY.

Secretary Long Submits a Statement to Congress.

building new ships in government mountains, vards. As to the new ships, he held to his recommendation at the time congress met, namely, three armored cruisers of about 13,000 tons each, with the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance; 12 gunboats of about 900 tons each, three protected cruisers of about 8,000 tons each. As to building warships in our navy yard, Mr. Long said they cost much more than those built under contract, and took twice as long

to build them. Admiral Dewey suggested to the committee that it leave off the 12 gunboats and give three new battleships instead. He said that the battleships would be more serviceable, as General Otis had just purchased 14 gunboats, and had turned them over to the navy. They were in fair condition, and the admiral said that from his experience, he thought they were just the vessels needed for service in the Philippines.

# Boxing in Chicago School.

wrong in them as long as Mr. Smith year. supervised them. Superintendent of City Schools Andrews not only indorses the exercise, but says that he believes that boxing is the best sport in which the students can partake.

France's Naval Policy. strength.

# Bishop Gilbert Dead.

located in Montana. Imprisoned Miners.

Broom, R. McCalliop, A. Van Buren inspection and disinfection,

# OPERATIONS IN PHILIPPINES

Fighting in the Southern Extremity of Luzon.

CAPTURE OF NUEVA CACERES

Brush With Insurgents North of the Town-Sixty-four Rebels Killed-General Bates' Expedition.

Washington, March 7 .- General Otis has cabled the following account of the recent military operations in Luzon:

"Manila, March 7 .- Bates, with two battalions of the Fortieth and Fortyfifth regiments, and detachments of artillery, engineers and signal corps, a total of 2,200 men, landed troops on the southeast, northwest and southern coasts of San Miguel bay, Camarines province, to move on Nueva Caceres, in three columns. The only strong opposition was encountered by Godwin and a battalion of his regiment at Libanan, northwest of Nueva Caceres. Godwin's loss was Adjutant Callehes, who died of wounds, and three enlisted mea severely wounded and five slightly wounded. The enemy left 64 dead on the field and many wounded, who were cared for by our medical officers.

"Goodwin captured a number of armed insurgents, 18 Spanish prisoners 30 rifles and considerable ammunition and property. Particulars of minor reported.

"Nueva Caceres was found practically deserted, the inhabitants having taken are covering important points in the The navy rendered most valuable aid

General Bates' Expedition. Manila, March 7.-General Bates expedition to Southern Luzon, consisting of the Fortieth and Forty-fifth regiments, a total of 2,200 men, has occupied Nueva Caceres, province of South Camarines; Daet, province of North Camarines and the neighboring smaller towns. The enemy resisted at one point and two Americans were killed, including Lieutenant John B. Gallagher, of the Fortieth regiment.

February 20, the expedition arrived at San Miguel bay, landed, and in three columns pushed inland, converging upon Nueva Caceres and attempting to prevent the enemy's retreat. At Libanan, north of Nueva Caceres, the enemy was concealed in the rice field and resisted a battalion of the Fortieth regiment, which engaged them at close quarters with bayonets. After 40 minutes' fighting the enemy fled and Libanan was occupied. The Americans buried 64 of the enemy, whose total loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 140.

From Libanan the expedition proceeded to Nueva Caceres, the gunboat Paragua arriving 10 minutes ahead of Washington, March 5.—Secretary the troops. The town was found prac-Long has made a statement to the house tically deserted. The Americans, naval committee on the general needs daily scouting in the vicinity, report of the navy and the desirability of not that the enemy have retreated into the

#### ARCHAEOLOGY OF Discoveries Near an Ancient City-Price

of Cotton too High. City of Mexico, March 7 .- Professor Marshall Saville, representing the American museum of natural history of New York, has left for home, taking many unique objects discovered by him at the ruins near the prehistoric City of Mitla, in the state of Oaxaca. The principal work of the professor was the uncovering of many ancient mounds overgrown with forests to

which a road had to be constructed. Duke de Loubat, himself interested in archaeological research, describes the work of Professor Saville as most important. Half of the objects discovered go to the Mexican government under the agreement made previously.

Some of the largest cotton mills at Puebla and Orizaba will suspend operations for a time, owing to the high Chicago, March 5 .- The boxing price of cotton, and will sell off accubouts which were held in the basement mulated stock, which is considerable. of the South Division High school un- Refined sugar production for the reder the supervision of Principal Smith, public last year amounted to over 50, find favor in the eyes of the board of 000 tons and the unrefined to more education authorities. President G. H. than double that amount. There will Harris stated that he saw nothing be a large increased production this

#### The Chinese Revolutionists. Victoria, B. C., March 7 .- Leong

Kay Ting, one of the foremost Chinese reformers connected with the movement of Kang Yu Wei for the overthrow of the empress of China and the Paris, March 5 .- In the chamber of establishment of a new Celestial emdeputies today, while the naval esti- pire, is here. He is a brother of Leong mates were under consideration, M. Kang Chew, now at Honolulu looking Lockroy, ex-minister of marine, made after the interests of the revolutionary a notable speech, explaining his view party, who is expected to come northegarding the proper naval policy for ward soon. Like his brother, the France to follow. He declared it neces- young reformer has been a fugitive sary for France to make great mone- from China since the notorious coup tary sacrifices for her navy, as her for d'etat of the empress dowager, when O'Connell, of the Machinists' Union. eign policy depended upon her naval Yang Yui fled to Japan. He says that the empress to kill Kang Yu Wei, he a body guard.

# No More Plague in Santos

New York, March 6.-Health Officer Redding, Cal., March 3 .- Of the Doty has notified the agents and owners sight miners who were imprisened by of vessels arriving at this port from yesterday's cave-in in the Iron Moun- Santos that on and after Monday the absolute divorce from Senator Edward tain mine, four were afterwards restormer stringent regulations imposed O. Wolcott, on the ground of desertion. cued, but have died from their injuries. on vessels from that port will be re-The dead are: David E. Ross, A. Cave moved. Hereafter all vessels from the anaugh, R. Castillon and Alfred Oates. port of Santos will be permitted to pro-The four still entombed are: J. Mc- ceed to their wharves after the usual for the defense.

and J. Oates. While the work of res- Advices from Santos say there has out expectation of finding them alive. during the past 30 days.

#### CUBANS ARE ALL RIGHT

General Wilson Says Contrary Reports

Matanzas, Cuba, March 7 .- General James H. Wilson, military governor of the department . Matanzas-Santa Clara, in the course of an interview

today, said: "Trouble is absolutely out of the question. The future depends largely upon the agriculture prosperity; and where work is plentiful, wages are good, and a country is prosperous, no sensible man wishes to alter conditions.

"Any person who publishes reports representing the Cubans as preparing u rising, does so with malicious intent to misrepresent them, or because he has been led to believe this by those who know better. The prospects of Cuba are very bright. If sugar goes to the United States free or nearly so, there will be such an influx of capital and of immigrants as will render Cuba, ere long, one of the richest and most prosperous places in the world.

for Cuba and the Cubans is to give every opportunity for improving the value of the land by putting it to the best uses. In this way capital could do an immense amount of good here as well as get large returns." General Wilson suggests supplying

"The best the United States can do

cattle for working purposes on a time basis, accepting regular rates of interest, which should be about 1 per cent a month.

"Cattle," says he, "can be landed here at a cost of \$70 a yoke, which, once here, would bring more than \$150. Large numbers of working cattle are required by reliable and hardworking men who are anxious to obtain them."

#### SUPPORTER OF QUAY.

Carter Tells Why He Will Vote for the

Pennsylvan an. Washington, March 7 .- Carter dealt vigorously with the Quay case in the senate today, in the course of an explanatin as to why he will vote for the ex-senator from Pennsylvania, notwithstanding that he voted against the seating of Corbett in the last congress. The near approach of the time of voting on the conference report on the financial bill brought out two speeches on that measure, one by Fairbanks and the other by Butler. Thomas R. Bard, recently elected senator from California, was presented to the senate by his colleague, Perkins. Later the oath was administered by President Pro-

Tem. Frye. Considerable miscellaneous business, much of a minor character, was transacted in the house today. During the consideration of a bill to incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, the speaker and Bailey, of Texas, exchanged sharp words, and the latter filibustered and ultimately prevented the final passage of the bill by demanding the reading of the engrossed bill. The bill proposes to collect at the residence of the late Frederick Douglass, in this city, a record of the anti-slavery movement. Underwood (Dem. Ala.), was appointed to the vacancy of the committee on ways and means, which it was understood was originally reserved for General Wheeler, had he returned to congress. The early part of the session was devoted to District of Columbia

#### business. THE COUPLING BROKE

Serious Collision Between Two Freight Trains. Chicago, March 7 .- Twenty stock-

men and railroad employes were injured in a freight collision today between two Illinois Central freight trains near Broadview, a few miles out of Chicago. The two trains had been running

about a mile apart. While elimbing a long grade a coupling pin in the middle of the head train broke. The rear section started down the back grade. It struck the engine of the oncoming freight train. Both trains were on the way to Chicago from Western Iowa, and were made up mostly of loaded stock cars with a caboose and passenger coach for the stockmen. All the passengers were asleep in the day coach. The occupants of the caboose and coach were thrown violently from their seats to the floor of the cars. The caboose telescoped the coach, pinning a number of the unfortunate passengers in the debris.

Fire broke out immediately, and the injured were in great danger of roasting alive. By hard work on the part of the uninjured passengers and the train crew, all were removed in safety. The cars were almost totally consumed. The wounded were loaded into an empty box car and taken to Broadview, where they were given medical attention by the one physician of the village, and the women of the neighborhood, and later were brought to Chicago and placed in the Illinois Central hospital.

Machinists' Strike in Chicago. Chicago, March 5 .- President James

issued orders today calling out all the although a posse of 26 has been sent by machinists in the city who were working for firms who had not signed the has no fears, for he says he is well union agreement. Over 1,000 quit St. Paul, Minn., March 5 .- Bishop guarded. Kang Yu Wei went to Siam work. Nearly 6,000 men, 2,000 of Gilbert, coadjutor of the diocese of at the invitation of the king of that whom are not members of the union, Minnesota (Episcopal), died here to- country, to visit that monarch. The are now out of work, and with few exday, aged 52. He had previously been British government has furnished him ceptions all the large machine shops in

#### the city are closed. Senator Welcott Divorced.

Denver, March 7 .- Before Judge Allen, of the district court, Mrs. Franday. Senator Wolcott was not present, and no evidence was introduced

The opportunity and ability to repent one is being rapidly pushed, it is with- been no case of plague reported there is one of the highest privileges that God has granted to man.