IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Mysterious Killing of a afford to make some extra inducements Mine Foreman

Will Be Investigated in Idaho.

A Witness, Who Appeared Before the Coroner's Jury in 1897, Has Been Arrested.

WALLACE, Ida., March 20.—Peter world. Aside from this consideration. Bernier was arrested today, charged the least consideration \$5000, swelling the annual disbursements on account with complicity in the murder of Fred- of the state fair, to approximately \$17. erick D. Whitney. Whitney was fore- 000. Again, Salem, the capital of the man of the Helena-Frisco mill on Can- state, derives not a little benefit from yon creek. On the night of December the advertising the holding of the fair large affords the community. When track and shot. Whitney came here tion, it would appear that the raising from Butte, where he had influential of a \$300 subscription would be relatives. A reward of \$15,000 was of splendid investemnt for Salem's busifered for the arrest and conviction of ness interests and the desired subscripthe guilty men, and Governor Steunen- tion should be immediately forth-comberg offered an additional reward of ing. \$1000 for each guilty man convicted, but the reward was never claimed. The general impression is that Bernier was not a member of the mob, but that he knows much more than he told on the witness stand at the inquest.

THE INVESTIGATION. Washington, March 20.-The Coeur curing of the appropriation at the hands d'Alene investigating committee held of the last legislature, which was aconly one session today, when A. F. complished only after a very bitter and Gill, master mechanic of the Tiger- protracted fight, fully appreciate the Poorman mine, testified that the Tiger- situation and realize the necessity of Poorman mine had made no distinction making of the state fair a big success. between union and non-union men, and Surely Salem people will do their part. he employed non-union men without any objection being raised by the unions. On cross-examination by Representative Dick, the witness said that, when he went to the mine on the Oregon Hop Growers' Association morning the Bunker Hill mine was Reports Other Offers Under blown up, he heard from the men that many miners had quit work, and were holding a meeting in town. He did not know what was done at the meet- ed was reported yesterday by the officing, but at 10 o'clock it adjourned, and ers of the Oregon Hop Growers' Assomost of those who attended took the ciation. Other offers are under contrain for Wardner, where the Bunker sideration by the sales committee of the Hill mine was located. The witness organization. said the men stated they were going to Wardner to see if they could not baled hops has abated. H. L. Bents, settle the strike. He understood there was to be a demonstration, but he did not understand it was to go beyond mold was decreasing rather than inparading around.

SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE ASKED FOR SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

It Is Essential That Salem's Business Men and Citizens Co-operate With the State Fair Board. -

It is proposed that "Salem Day" stall this year, as in previous years, be a special attraction of the annual state more deputies in the field, and they are fair meet to the held September 22-27th vert, working in township 7 south. of the current year. In order that the range 3 west, north of the city limits day may be an unqualified success this and Asylum Avenue. F. J. Wrightyear, the state board of agriculture has man, at Sublimity. A. F. Hobart, Silasked for the co-operation of the peo-

The state fair board has made a pro-

position to Salem people, the conditions of which are that if the people of the Capital City will subscribe \$300, the board will add \$700 thereto, making a surrey of \$1000 to be available. ing a purse of \$1000 to be expended in securing special attractions for "Salem Day". It has been the experience of the fair management that "Salem Day" is the

Much depends upon the result of

the fair meet this year. If it does not

prove a financial success then it is

hardly to be expected that the annual

appropriation of \$5000 for the sup-

port of this worthy institution, will be made by the legislature to convene this

circumstances connected with the se-

15G BALES OF HOPS SOLD.

Consideration-Blue Mold.

spread of the destructive agent.

come up for consideration.

THREE DEPUTIES -- County As-

now at work. They are Charles Cal-

verton. More will be sent out next

Fine printing, Statesman Job Office.

The sale of 150 bales, price not stat-

Those acquainted with the

THE CUBAN CAPTAIN WRITES TO A SALEM FRIEND

Day" is the most profitable day of the session of the state fair, the gate receipts for that day being far in excess of those of any other day, and it can afford to make a contract indusements Detailing Incidents of the Struggle in the Island for Independence-A Sad Funeral.

involving the outlay of some money to make "Salem Day" a success, both to Salem and the state fair management. The Salem Chamber of Commerce is (From Daily, March 21st.) Many of the readers of the Statesacting in conjunction with the state man will doubtless remember Captain fair board in this connection and re-Edward P. Mahony, of the Cuban cently named the following commit-tee to take subscriptions: F. W. Du-bin, E. C. Cross, W. G. Westacott and army, who visited in Salem during the winter of 1897 and 1898, having come M. L. Hamilton The committee ex-pects to begin its labors within a very here in the interest of the Cuban cause. Captain Mahony is now in Havana, few days and should receive a very fair where he holds a responsible position consideration at the hands of Salem's under the city government and is prosperous. While in Salem the brave public spirited business men and citiyoung Cuban officer made many friends It is simply a business proposition. and among one of his warmest admir-ers was Supt. Thomas W. Potter, of the Chemawa Indian Training school Annually \$12,000 in premiums and race purses are disbursed during the sessions of the state fair and quite natural-Captain Mahony spent several days at ly, fully 60 per cent of this substantial the school, where he lectured before sum reverts to the Salem business the students on the Cuban war for independence. Since his return to Cuba a correspondence has been carried on between the former Cuban officer and Supt. Potter, and in the letters received by the latter, many incidents of the great struggle for liberation are told Captain Mahony, who took so prominent a part in that war. One of hese letters, written on February 18th. by masked men, led down the railroad these facts are taken into considera- and which was received by Mr. Potter a few days ago, is given below, showing the sacrifices made by many Cubans

> "Yesterday being an unusual day for I cannot but relate the incident, and perhaps it may be interesting t you, as it was surely one that brough back to my memory one of the sad events experienced in the days of Cuba's struggle for freedom.

or the liberation of their people from

the yoke of Spain. The letter follows

"In the month of December, 1896, was in the province of Havana, and it was almost impossible for the Cuban forces to keep from battle every day, the Spanish columns being so numerous and our force having but a small supply of ammunition. One morning our guard halted three men on horseback. They were trying to locate our camp, and they proved to be three real patriots, a father and his two sons. ully armed and ready to join their Cuban comrades in the struggle that has now finally ended. The father rode before his two sons and, approaching our commanding officer, said: 'Sir, here is myself and two of my boys We have come and placed ourselves at your disposition to fight for our coun-Their names were Jose Nunez (father), the sons Rafael and Andre. The same afternoon I left for Pinar del Rio, and was back in three weeks

with messages for Gen. Castillo. "Two mornings after my return we The spread of the blue mold among dry weather is conducive to the rapis to grab for his, and in about four minuntes our force of 150, all told, was in the saddle. The Spanish troops, in-The board of directors of the hop grower's association will convene in stead of attempting to demoralize our called session in this city next Satur- camp, fled from it and took immediate day afternoon. It is understood that position on a little hill a few hundred yards away, which overlooked us and only business of a routine nature will dismounting on their good position they fired one volley into our second squadron and immediately three of our men fell-the machete was our only sessor J. W. Hobart has placed three defense, as we had no ammunition.

"I led the first squadron with the machete, a few of my men having a little revolver ammunition with which we killed three of their horses and wounded one soldier, and the enemy retreated. The captain of the second ceived authority to do business. three men, and I was grieved that poor follows: Jose Nunez and his son Andre wefe two of the victims. It brought the tion will print, publish, circulate and tears to my eyes to see the third of the sell any newspaper, book, periodical, father wore a plain gold ring, which value of \$10 each. The headquarters was not removed by my instructions, of the company will be located in Sa-and I noted the affair in my diary. lem. Henry N. Thielsen, Henry B.

"'Edward, when Cuba is free, and the incorporators. you still live, we will exhume father Portland-Ohio Gold Mining Com-

live we will have no trouble in the dentification.'

"A few weeks later I went to Pinar del Rio again, and later to the United States. On my return, after the Maine The Red Chief Gold Mining Comexplosion, I was only a few days in Gen. Rodriguez camp when I was surprised to see Rafael a captain, in charge of my old squadron. After exchanging compliments as to my safe return. etc., he said:

"'Do you remember the morning father and brother were killed and the evening we laid them to rest?"

"Peace came, and the war cloud floated by. I came into Havana and changed its name to The Lawton Pub-Rafael was made a Rural Guard officer, lishing Company. The supplementary out at the town of Gaines. I went occasionally to Guines, and Rafael and I N. A. Davis, F. G. Hull, directors. became close friends and corresponded. Last week he wrote me, saying that on Feb. 10th he was going to exhume his father and brother, and do as he told the business of Klinger & Beck, the me at the time of their death, but this partnership interests of the S. Beck he said would not be done without my estate, was heard by County Judge G. presence. I told him to open the graves on the 10th, place a guard of honor there during the night, and that I would be there Sunday at 9:30 and heard and allowed. help take the remains to the cemetery.

The news scattered through the press and, the family being very promiment, a large crowd witnessed the exhumation. I left Havana at 7:30 and company E. Third regiment, O. N. G., arrived at the place at 9:45. My horse were yesterday commissioned in the was white with foam, the morning sun being a little penetrating. I was met jutant General C. U. Gantenbein. by a squadron of rural police and escorted to the place. Raisel and his mother were the first to greet me. The earth that covered the bodies was already removed, but the remains had not been touched. A beautiful zinc box lay near the grave, ready to receive the bones of the father and son. I found that the llagua leaves were well pre-served around the bodies. I removed all the leaves and looked at the place By the use of Ely's Cream Balm dropwhere the bones of the hands lay, and Bloemfontein, March 19.—The Boers found the ring. This identified the blew up the railroad bridge over the father, and in one hour both bodies

relatives and family and the people of Managua. I arrived in Havana at 8 o'clock, after performing this solemn act, which reminds me of the many sac-

rifices for liberty. "This is only one of the numerous incidents of history connected with Cuba's battle, and as I was one of the most interested parties on this occa-sion, I thought that it might interest

SERMON BY TELEPHONE.

An Innovation in Religious Circles at Elkhart, Indiana-Two Former Salemites Participated.

Daily Statesman, Salem, March 21.) The following paragraphs appeared in the telegraph columns of the Eastern papers during the past week and inasmuch as two former Salemites figured in the circumstance, the story is printed in the Statesman:

"By means of a highly sensitive telehone transmitter attached to his pul-Bit today, the Rev. F. H. Gwynne of he Presbyterian church was able to each parishioners many blocks distant.

The transmitter is the invention of wo Elkhart electricians, G. H. Fister and Herbert Rowe, of the Home Telehone company, and was placed in the church at the solicitation of the pastor and Francis Hoover, a civil war veteran who is helpless crippled by rheumatism, and who desired to enjoy the ords of wisdom brought to their very

But lew in the congregation knew the

iteresting test was in progress." s a former pastor of the Salem Presyterian church and also synodical miswas for many years a resident of Sa-iem and for the greater part of his life has been a helpless cripple. In 1889 Mr. Hoover was associated in the grocery business with D. W. Matthws, removing to ind ana in the fall of

TUBERCULOSIS AMONG POULTRY.

Mysterious Disease Affects the Chickens of a Macleay Farmer-An Investigation Made.

Daily Statesman, Salem, March 21.) Prof. E. F. Perno, of the State Agicultural College, of Corvallis, came down on yesterday afternoon's train, and is a guest of George D. Goodhue, of the Oregon Poultry Journal. Mr. were camped at the foot of a wooded Goodhue and Prof. Perno will go out hill, twelve miles from Havana. At near Macleay today, to visit the place 8:30 I was busy writing, and the camp of a farmer whose chickens have been was cooking breakfast. At this hour affected with some disease that has decreasing and the hope is entertained by all growers that the fungus growth over this wooded hill, and in a few hue, some days ago, sent to Prof. Perno

> The idea of the agricultural college people is to discover some way in which the diseases affecting poultry in this state may be treated successfully. It is a field of great usefulness, considering the fact that the poultry business is on the up-grade and increasing rapidly.

ARE IN CORPORATE SHAPE.

A New Publishing Association Organized in the Capital City-Arti-cles Filed Yesterday.

In the state department yesterday four corporations filed articles, and requadron reported the death of his Among them was a Salem concern, as

amily, Rafael, weeping bitterly at the pamphlet or publication, authorized by oss of his father and brother. A place said corporation and not forbidden by was selected and the graves were made, law. The company has a capital stock and they were buried side by side. The of \$1000, divided into 100 shares of the into consideration. Thicisen and Jennie B. Thielsen are

and brother, and bury them in the cemetery at Managua.

"Yes,' I said, 'that is why I would not let you take that ring. Should we works. The company has a capital operate in mines and will conduct and stock of \$500,000, divided into shares alued at 50 cents each. H. A. Mitch-

> pany will engage in the mining of precious ores and metals, operate mills and smelters, and do a general development business. The principal office will be located at Sumpter. The captal stock will be \$500,000, divided into shares valued at 50 cents each. H. A. Mitchell, E. C. Gove and John M. Murphy are the incorporators.

The Granite Publishing Company

THE BECK ESTATE.-The report of Maurice Klinger, administrator of P. Terrell yesterday. Mr. Klinger was instructed to continue administering the business until the final account was

TWO COMMISSIONS. - First Lieutenant David T. Bulger, and Second Lieutenant Emil Struplere, both of company E. Third regiment, O. N. G., governor's office and forwarded to Ad-

that which cleanses and heals the mempleasantly. Cold in the head vanishes party can suffer by doing that.—Chica-quickly. Price 50 cents at druggists go Tribune.

or by mail. Catarrh caused difficulty in speaking and to a great extent loss of hearing. ping of mucus has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved .- J. W. Davidson, Att'y at Law, Monmouth,

"I received the compliments of the TEMPERANCE CAUSE IN MARION twelvemonth."-Indianapolis News. COUNTY RECEIVES NEW LIFE.

> A County Institute Was Held in Salem Yesterday-Many Excellent Addresses Were Delivered.

(From Daily, March 21st.)

The temperance cause in Marion county received new life and the workers were awakened to a realization of the need of active work in this county, by the very thorough and ing beneath the thing we are.-Philintelligent discussion of the actual existing conditions that was had at a county temperance institute held in the First Congregational church in this city yesterday. The attendance was not large but the interest was very good. The institute was presided over by Mrs. Lucia Faxon Additon, national organizer and lecturer for the W. C. T. U. The opening session of the institute

was held at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Additon presiding, and Mrs. M. J. Rhodes in charge of the minutes. After a half hour devotional exercise, Rve. H. A. Ketchum, pastor J. of the First Presbyterian church of Salem, read a very excellent paper on "Relation of Temperance and Purity." On motion, the paper was given to the press department for publication Mrs. Additon read a number of selec-tions from the "Christian Daily," the Topeka Capitol, being edited by Rev Chas. M. Sheldon. Sickness prevented shone. Other connections were made, and good church folks who had been elected by sloppy weather had the of Marion County Taxon to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the Status of the United remains only about \$1000 unsolvered to the United Remains on the Mrs. Addition concluded the morning

vertised program was proceeded with at 1:30 o'clock, addresses being deliver speaks for much. Mr. Hobart's record Rev. Gwynne will be remembered ed as follows: "Total Abstinence from a a former pastor of the Salem Pressure a Physical Standbolm." Mrs. Irene sterilar church and also synodical missionary for Oregon. Francis Hoover from an Economical Standbolm. Rev. Ronald McKillop of the First Bartist Church: "Total Abstinence From A Scientific Standpoint." Rev. G. W. Grannis: "Our Weapons, the Printed Page." F. Hofer: "Woman as an Coganizer," Mrs. Ida Barkicy, of Woodburn: "Woman As a Missionary. Mrs. F. P. Mircom, of Woodburn, "Wo-

Its Aims and Scope." Mrs. Addition NEW BOOKS ADDED Thomas, secretary of the Salem Y. M. C. A. and Mrs. R M Steele, president of Marion county W. C. T. U., who had assignments on the prorram, were unable to attend and their ddresses were dispensed with

The evening service was probably the argest attended. The exercises were introduced with a song service conducted by H. S. Gile, followed by a short address by Rev. John Parsons, of the First Methodist church. The subject of his remarks was "The World For Christ." Miss Goldie Short. of Salem, quite creditably recred the ap-propriate piece, "I've Drank My Last Glass, Boys." The institute closed with

open on Tuesday and Friday evenings pers are kept on file. rom 7 to 9 o'clock, from now until May 15th, so that all can have an opportunity to register. Registration is very slow at this time, but is expected to increase soon. There are about 1000 voters now listed on the clerk's books and about 2500 more are unregstered in the county.

DEATH LOSS PAID .- On Monday last, Mrs. Clara Lawrence, widow Warner. of B. J. Lawrence, received from the draft for \$1000, being the amount of the policy carried by her husband in Court Willamette No. 1453, of this city. This is considered a reasonably prompt payment of the death loss when he great distance between Salem and he head office of the order is taken

WHEN MOST ACCIDENTS OC-

Doctor Wolff, of Strasburg, probably one of the best authorities in Germany on workmen's accidents, has been investigating some interesting and important questions. First, on what day of the week do most accidents occur? Secondly, at what hour of the day? Dr. Wolff bases his generalizations on 1071 cases of accidents which happened in his own district during 1897. Monays and Fridays are the days when nost a cidents occur, because, according to his statement, the drinking shops most frequented by workmen on he days previous, viz., Saturdays, Sunays and Thursdays. Fewer accidents appen on Tuesday than any other day n the week, because on no day are rinking houses so empty as on Monay. With reference to the hours of he day. Dr. Wolff states as an unoubted fact that the hours after breakast, dinner and the afternoon rest are hose signalized by most accidents, He attributes this lassitude, caused by the work of indigestion, and to the used made by men of intoxicants during meal times. He also establishes the act, that in factories where the meal hours are greatly curtailed there is an excess of accidents over the factories where the men are more liberally reated in this respect.-Agent's Journal and Official Gazette.

THE DEMAND OF HUMANITY.

According to General Davis, 75 per cent. of the males over 21 are usually in a state of abject poverty. "A few may own a machete or a hoe, but more have no worldly possessions whatever. Avoid all drying inhalents and use Their food is fruit, and if they are wageearners a little rice and codfish in adbrane. Ely's Cream Balm is such a dition." Humanity demands that they remedy and cures Catarrh easily and be given untaxed food. No po itica

EFFICIENT CAVALRYMEN.

"Speaking of caval," says a veteran officer, "probably the hardiest and most effective cavalry forces the world ever saw were some of the Confederate squadrons in the Civil War. The Eng-

FROM E. P. MAHONY Havana were numerous. The procession started, and at 4:30 the remains were laid in a beautiful vault in Manhorses at the rate of 11 per man in

> We are like Southern plans taken up to a Northern so l. They grow there, but they are always failing of their flowers. The poor, exiled shrub dreams, by a native longing, of a splendid blossom which it has never een, but it is dimly conscious that it ought somehow to produce. It feels the flower which it has not strength to make in the half-chilled, bus still genuine, juice of its Southern nature, That is the way in which the ideal life, the life of full completions, haunts us a l. We feel the thing we ought to be, beat-

FEW DELINQUENT TAXES.

By the Extension of Complete Prop-erty Descriptions, Assessor Ho-bart Has Facilitated Tax Collections.

Marion county, for the years 1897 nd 1808, practically has no delinquent x roll and for this most satisfactory endition of affairs. County Assessor W. Hobars is personally respon-

The property descriptions for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 are much more complete than for the previous rears. This condition has enabled the heriff to collect practically the lentire ils for those years. There are moleanquent taxes represented on the

The office has been very economically Not only was the preaching, but the need of holding Fathers Meetings.

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ush on believing transferse enables the espeditions tracing of property to its eriginal owner. In fact, it affords a complete abstract of taxes

A FINE COLLECTION OF WORKS BY POPULAR AUTHORS.

Placed I pon the Shelves of the Odd Fellows. Library This Week by the Board of Trusteen.

The Odd Follows Library Associaion of this city has one of the most complete collections of popular books on the coast, and its reading rooms are FOR "SALEM DAY"

all growers that the fungus growth will speedily disappear entirely. At any rate the mold is not increasing and it is believed the change for the coole in weather conditions will tend to check in weather conditions will tend to check our investigation, that the further spread of the mold and the our midst, and all disjoint entering the further spread of the mold and the further spread of the mold and the our midst, and all disjoint entering the further spread of the mold and the further spread of the mold and the our midst, and all disjoint entering the further spread of the mold and the further spread of the mold and the our midst, and all disjoint entering the further spread of the mold and the further spread of the mold and the our midst, and all disjoint entering the further spread of the mold and the further spread of the constantly in use, by large numbers of date laboring men and others who de- formation. New books are constantly sire to register for voting, but cannot added to the library, the aim being to call at the county clerk's office during secure the best works published from business hours, County Clerk W. W. time to time, while a score of the best Hall yesterday decided to hold the office magazines and many of the leading pa-

At the meeting of the board of trustees on Monday evening, a large colection of books, recently ordered, was received, and placed upon the shelves, among them, being the following:

The Golden House, by Warner. Main Travelled Roads, by Garland. The Works of Shakespeare, vol. 1, the Eversley edition. That Fortune, by Charles Dudley

Drake and His Ycomen, by James head officers of the Independent Order of Foresters, at Toronto, Canada, a The True William Penn, by Sidney George Fisher. No. 5 John Street, by Richard Whit-

> In His Steps. by Chas. M. Sheldon. King of Schnorrers, by I. Zangwill. Boy Life on the Prairie, by Hamlin Garland

> Red Pottage, by Mary Chalmondeley Our New Possessions, by White. Progress and Poverty, by Henry George. The Gentleman from Indiana, by Tar

> kington. For the Freedom of the Sea. Brady. Blix, by Norris.

The Colossus, by Roberts.
Jerome. by Mary E. Wilkens.
Quicksilver Sue, by Laura Richards.
Lectures on Art, by Ruskin Seven Lamps of Architecture, hy Sesame and Lilies, by Ruslein One of Cleopatra's Nights, by Gautier

The Black Wolf's Bredd by Dickson The Anglo-Boer Conflict, by Irc-

Descent of Man, by Darwin Origin of Species, by Darwin A Century of Science, by Fiske, The Juggler by Craddock, The Light of Scothey, by Castle With Sword and Cracifix, by Van-

Brison and Boer, by Brives, etc. Pills and Cutlass, by Gibbs, May Paget, by Nunna Smith, Lorna Doone, by Blackmore The Black Douglas, by Crockett, Perlycross, by Blackmore, The Story of France, vol. 11, Wat-

Rab and His Friends, by Dr. John

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures painful, smarting, nervous leet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE, Address, Alien S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

FOUR NEW CITIZENS -- County Judge G. P. Terrell made four new citizens yesterday, by granting final citizenship papers to the following for-eign-born gentlemen, applying for

WILL PRESERVE PROPERTY

Great Britain's Proclamation Warning the Boers, Published in South Africa.

Claims for Compensation Will Be Enforced Against Individuals if the Transvaal Government Fails to Settle.

LONDON, March 21,-(Wednesday, form will be the army re-organization. 4:50 a. m.)-While there is a lull in military operations, the present condi-tions of the war show interesting developments. The colonial office has telegraphed to Cape Town the text of the proclamation concerning the de-struction of property. This will not be published in London until after its promulgation in South Africa, but it is known it will convey the intimation, that any wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation, and ag justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal republic prove inadequate.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the colonial office is regarded as a significant indication that the republics will be administered as crown colonies. In this connection it is understood that the leaders of the opposition in parliament now admit that no other settlement is possible, since the republies insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the efforts of the liberals will be confined to securing, in settlement the best treatment of the Dutch population includ-ing security against their disfranchise-ment. It is becoming regarded as quite a settled matter that, should the treating to the north. war be ended, as is now hoped, before lune, the government will dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on a basis of the successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, the dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event, one of the fore- yesterday. most planks of the government plat- opened today.

London, March 20.-The war office has received the following dispatch from

explosives. The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland frontier."

BLEW UP BRIDGES.

NEAR BLOEMFONTEIN. blew up the railroad bridge over the latter, and in one sound mayor Modder river, fourteen miles north, were exhumed, the judge and mayor lish mounted forces are calling for more witnessing it with the Catholic and protestant clergy. The doctors from Fine printing. Statesman Job Office.

ROBERTS REPORTS.

Lord Roberts, dated Bloemiontein, Tuesday March 20th: "Kitchener occupied Prieska yester-day unopposed. The rebels surrender-ed their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the niver. Steyn is circulating a notice, by means of dispatchriders, in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs the declaration that he will not fight againts us again will be treated as a traitor and shot. The Bloemfontein people are affording us every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds. Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 100 stands of arms, and some supplies and

Cape Town, March 20.-The Boers have blown up the bridges north of Bloemfontein, including those at Windburg and Kroonstadt, and are now re-