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WASHINGTON.

Forest Reserve Discussion. The Cabinet Fully Discusses the Problem.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The cabinet discussed the forest reserve question fully. It was decided to summon the National Forestry commission to Washington to talk over their work with the president. The sentiment of the members was unanimous that President Cleveland's proclamation was too comprehensive. The president announced his purpose to act on conservative lines and not act without information. As present determined the proclamation will not be revoked but the provisions adjusted, by presidential orders, as to specific tracts, surveys being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

REFORM.
Eleven of the fifteen members of the executive committee, appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention, who have been in the city for several days, have decided to establish headquarters here in an endeavor to procure, in congress, such legislation at this session as will empower the president to appoint a committee to propose plans for the revision of the banking and currency laws, before the regular session of congress convenes in December. The headquarters will probably be in charge of Secretary Hanna, of Indianapolis.

NO SIGNIFICANCE.
Secretary Long is authority for the statement that the orders for the flagship Philadelphia to proceed to Honolulu, have no significance. It is said at the department, that the movement was not requested by it, as would be in case that the threatened trouble between the Japanese and Hawaiian governments entered into the circulation of the navy department. The Philadelphia is to relieve the Marion, which is to relieve the Albert. The reason for the change is said to be the belief of the secretary of the navy that, from the importance of Honolulu, commercially and otherwise, the United States should have a ship of higher class than the Marion stationed there.

ARMY CHANGES.
Secretary Alger issued an order placing Major-General Thomas H. Ruger, commanding the department of the east, on the retired list on account of age. Colonel Shafer, of San Francisco, will succeed to the vacant brigadier-generalship, to be caused by the promotion of General Wheaton. It is understood that when Wheaton retires General Otis, now at Vancouver barracks, will be transferred to Denver.

OFFICIAL DINNER.
President McKinley gave a dinner of twenty-seven covers at the White House tonight, the guests including the present and past members of the ways and means committee of the new house, now in congressional life, and a few others.

REMOVED.
The report is again received that President McKinley will appoint Congressman Bellamy Storer for assistant secretary of state.

Few people know that all plants contain digestive principles. They cannot absorb their food until it is digested any more than animals can. The Mount Lebanon Shakers have learned the art of extracting and utilizing these digestive principles, and it is for this reason that their Shaker Digestive Cordial is meeting with such phenomenal success in the treatment of dyspepsia. The Shaker Digestive Cordial not only contains food already digested, but it also contains digestive principles which aid the digestion of other foods that may be eaten with it. A single 10 cent sample bottle will be sufficient to demonstrate its value, and we suggest that every suffering dyspeptic make a trial of it. Any druggist can supply it.

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FLOODS.

The Water Still Going Up. The Greatest Floods for Years Prevailing in the East.

FARGO, N. D., April 3.—The Red river flood is growing more serious. The river is rising four inches per hour. All indications point to the highest water in the history of this country, even exceeding the flood of 1881, and there will be along the Red river almost the largest body of fresh water on earth. East of Fargo and south of the Northern Pacific tracks, the water averages about two feet, and in the Big Coulee west of the city it is higher than ever known. The high water at Wahpeton and Breckenridge will be a terrible flood when it reaches here, as it will be added to the immense quantity now here and going northward. There have been no trains over the Great Northern since Tuesday. No. 21, Northern Pacific, was sent north over the Great Northern tracks yesterday, and will reach East Grand Forks and Crookston.

More Rain.
ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Heavy rains of the past two days are having an effect upon the streams tributary to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. As a result they are pouring torrents into these mighty waterways and flooding the lowlands throughout which they flow, causing considerable damage, but as far as known, no casualties.

Weather Observer Frankfield warned the people on this side of the river and in East St. Louis, whose places were in danger of being flooded, that the danger line will be reached within the next twenty-four hours. Additional warnings were also sent to Clarksville, Canton, La Grande and Louisiana, Mo., and Quincy and Grafton, Ills.

On the Missouri.
OMAHA, Neb., April 3.—A Bee special from Woonsocket, South Dakota, says: This town, although eight miles from running water, is inundated by the overflow of the Big Sandy. The water is dammed up in the river by the ice gorges and is flowing over the prairie doing much damage to farm property. Many houses in town, supposed to be on high ground have been abandoned. At Pierce the Missouri river is falling but a gorge is reported above the town. Yankton reports another two-foot rise in the James. Great Northern tracks from Yankton to Sioux Falls are under water two feet deep. Vermillion reported the Vermillion Missouri as rising rapidly.

At Austin.
MEMPHIS, April 3.—The flood situation has once more become acute from a point a few miles above Austin, Miss., as far down as the first break at Perthshire, Miss. Another crevasse in this line of levees would not be surprising. A crevasse at Austin would inundate a strip of fertile country in Tuica and Cohama counties, twenty miles wide and sixty miles long.

Reports from Helena shows that the river there is still slowly rising, and it is almost miraculous that the levees at Helena have not broken. Thousands of people have been working day and night, and their energies are seemingly exhausted. The Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt roads have rushed trainload after trainload of sacks of sand into the beleaguered city, and still stand ready to help the Helena people.

Greenville is on an island, and Rosedale, Miss., is in water from five to ten feet deep. The funds of the bank in Rosedale have been moved to the second story.

Thousands of head of cattle are standing on the levee and many unfortunate refugees sleep there, with no covering to protect them from the

water-soaked winds of the night. Back of Rosedale, and throughout the Lower and Middle Delta country, everywhere is under water. In many villages communication with the outside world has been cut off for several days. The threatened rise at Cairo is now a certainty. The Mississippi above Cairo and the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers will send a great flood into the already filled St. Francis, and from Cairo to Memphis it is feared a deluge will mark a high-water figure without precedent.

At Memphis the river is falling. The receipt of information that there are some eighteen or twenty white people, principally women and children, in great distress at a point near St. Clair Landing, fifteen miles up the river. They are located in houses the lower floors of which are overflowed and they have no food and no means of obtaining it. Arrangements were made to send supplies.

CUBA.

Letter from General Gomez. Says Cruelties Can Never Be Forgotten by Cubans.

HAVANA, April 3.—The Diario de la Marina says editorially that the policy of President McKinley and his cabinet is altogether hostile to the plans of the insurgents. It prints also a letter from General Gomez to Senor Morret, correspondent of El Liberal, of Madrid, which reads as follows:

"Upon your leaving my presence, I owe an explanation especially as you write for the newspaper which calls upon Spain to drown in blood our just aspirations. I cannot be sanguinary, and I do feel sorry that under the special circumstances you were not sentenced to death while in my camp. It is but natural that we should feel that there must be much shedding of Spanish blood to heal the pain caused by the blood shed at Punta Brava. The machete blow that killed Francisco Gomez will never be forgotten in Cuba. The machete strokes dealt when heroes fell at Punta Brava cannot be forgotten by one who has pardoned thousands of Spanish prisoners and cured hundreds of Spanish wounds. Meanwhile go your way to Spain, pleased that you have been a witness to the ruin of poor Cuba and have plunged your feet in the blood of innocent Cubans.

"Do not forget that we will continue fighting for liberty. Do not forget that justice will descend from above and will end the struggle now sustained by Spain, to her dishonor and disaster."
M. GOMEZ."

A Madrid Rumor
MADRID, April 3.—A rumor was circulated in the chamber of deputies today that General Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, is suing for peace.

Will Be Tried.
NEW YORK, April 3.—A Madrid dispatch says:

General Rivera and Colonel Baccalao will be taken to Havana for trial before an ordinary court-martial. The government so directs. It is not likely that the death penalty will be imposed upon either.

BY ORDER OF COURT.
Assignee of the J. M. Moyer & Co. Stock Forced to Sell.

PORTLAND, April 1.—By order of the circuit court Ben Selling, assignee of the \$75,000 Moyer woolen mill clothing stock, has put the uniform suits that were held in pledge by the Bank of Columbia onto the market at \$8.50. These all wool dark blue navy suits were never sold at Portland before for less than \$12 to \$16. d & w

ILLUSTR CLUB.—Ladies day at the club will begin Thursday afternoon next week at 2 o'clock, occupying both afternoon and evening.

GREECE

Blockade of Greece Certain Government Notified That It Will Be Enforced.

ATHENS, April 3.—It is reported that the Greek government has been notified semi-officially that a blockade of the Greek ports will be enforced within three or four days.

May Take Action.
ATHENS, April 3.—The newspapers unanimously urge the government to take prompt action before the powers present an ultimatum. The decision of the government is not yet known, if indeed a final decision has been reached, but it is believed in official circles that both the king and the cabinet would favor acute measures.

Reason for the Blockade.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 3.—A blockade of Greece, which the Russian press thinks the best way of forcing the situation, by exciting the Greeks to hostile acts on the Turkish frontier, has evidently been decided upon.

Artillery for Crete.
LONDON, April 3.—In the house of commons, Mr. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, answering a question, said the British admiral in Cretan waters had reported having received a dispatch from Colonel Vasos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, which, he said, was "full of misrepresentations."

Replying to a question relative to the employment of artillery in Crete, Mr. Curzon said he was not aware that any of the governments had reached a decision in this matter, except Russia, which was sending a mounted battery to the island.

The first lord of the treasury, A. J. Balfour, replying to a question, said that, so far as the government knew, Germany was not sending troops to Crete.

Appeal From Bishop of Canea.
CANEA, April 3.—The bishop of Canea has sent a message of fervent appeal to the Christian people of Europe, imploring them to compel their governments to stop bombarding and to cease opposition to the unanimous desire of the Cretans to escape tyranny by a union with Greece.

Wants to Fight.
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—The fighting between the Christians and the Mussulmans, which is daily reported from Crete, is creating a very bad impression here, and it is believed that the Turkish government will soon propose to the powers that Turkey herself be permitted to take action against the insurgents.

Attack a Blockhouse.
ATHENS, April 3.—The insurgents fired several rounds at the Bulsunaria block house, occupied by the international troops. The Italian guns returned the fire.

The Northern Pacific is the only line making direct connection at Spokane for all points in the mining territory, such as Northport, Roseland, Trail, Kaslo, Nelson and other points now attracting attention of all persons in the east and west. Via this line you can leave Portland at 11 a. m. commencing Sunday, March 28, and reach any of the mining centers the following afternoon. By using this line you can save a layover of 50 hours in Spokane, and the expense attached to it. For map of the Kootenai country, giving full particulars, in regard to the mining industry, etc., call on or write Thomas, Watt & Co., agents, Salem, Or., 266 Commercial street. If

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EXHIBITORS.

At the Coming State Fair Discussed by President Looney and Others.

President D. H. Looney of Jefferson was in the city today and met with many people who discussed state fair matters with him.

He said he thought the newspapers had been very severe on the stock men on the board, about entering their own exhibits and taking premiums. He said he had opposed allowing mileage to members from distant parts of the state who really resided at Salem. He got \$125 mileage when it cost him \$500 to put up his tent at a Salem barn.

The cattle and stock men have been big exhibitors in the past and the fair could hardly get along without them.

THE OTHER SIDE.
However that may be, an ex-member of the board was seen who said the question of members of the board making exhibits has often come up in the past and he believed no member had a right to be an exhibitor. He said "The president appoints the committees and if he has the best herds in Oregon, and the judges appointed by that committee award him the premium, there will always be a belief that he got it as a matter of favor, and stock men in Polk and Yamhill and even Marion county are not going to compete against him."

"President Moody and others on the board have no right to put in their stock to compete for premiums. Geo. Goodhue got up the best exhibit of the poultry we ever had. He had his own poultry there on show but not to compete. He had some of the best birds there and could have taken big premiums, but as superintendent did not consider it just."

"They will never get general exhibits in any department from all over the state unless they quit putting in their own stock to compete. Let them put in their stock for show to help the fair, and let each department be worked up just as the poultry show was. That will make a fair. Get out of the old rut. Them's my sentiments."

Activity in Music.
This morning at his studio over First National bank the pupils of Prof. Emil L. Winkler held their regular weekly recital, at which the following program was rendered.

Reading of minutes—Bertha Junk. Current musical news—Prof. Winkler.

Music study in Germany—Meta Davis.

Outlines of musical composition—By Prof. Winkler.

Serenade, Moskowsky—Elizabeth Aschenbrenner.

Sonata, Eb Hayden—Mr. Boeschau.

These recitals are free to all his students, and are of great value in conveying information, and gathering experience for which there is no opportunity in private lessons.

A pedagogy class, which is also a regular Saturday feature, will take up the theme signs of practice for next Saturday.

The Northern Pacific Overland train will leave Portland at 11 a. m. on Sunday morning, March 28, and thereafter, making direct connection at Spokane for all points in the mining territory north of Spokane. This will save passengers laying over at Spokane and the usual expense incurred by such forced layover. If you are going to the gold fields, see that your ticket reads over this line.—Thomas & Watt, agents, Salem, Or.

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