It Is Said McKinley Will Meet Them in Forthcoming Message.

PROMPT AVOWAL OF HIS POLICY.

He Desires That There Be No Temporizing in the Philippine Question-Natives to Be Given to Understand What They Are to Expect-All Information Is at Hand.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.- A special to the Herald from Washington says: Prompt declaration by congress in favor of asserting and maintaining complete sovereignty over the Philippines at whatever cost and in favor of the most liberal kind of self-government when the insurrection ends is what the president wants. It is also what the Philippine commissioners want. There is a great deal yet for the president to do on his message and for the peace commissioners to do on their report, but this one important conclusion is certain.

Your correspondent has excellent authority for the statement that the president intends to make specific recommendations to congress in favor of holding the Philippines permanently and as to the form of civil government to take the place of the military as soon as the Tagalos now in rebellion surrender. It is authoritatively stated that there will be no half-way measures suggested for the purpose of sidetracking the Philippine question until after the next campaign. The president will face the issue sugarely and give congress the best information from his commissioners and other sources to support the position he has assumed.

Although members of the Philippine commission are not talking for publication, there is no doubt they will lay great stress in their report upon the desirability of a prompt and emphatic declaration, on the part of congress, which will convince those now in rebellion that all branches of the government are united on the question of permanent American control in the Philippines. Such action, in the opinion of Admiral Dewey and Prof. Schurman, will be almost as effective as guns in ending the war in the Philippines.

It is now only a question of the specific kind of government the president will recommend. He will be governed in his decision by the views of the Philippine commissioners, whose final decision will be the result of the deliberations they are here for now. The first meeting of the commissioners will be held in the State department tomorrow, but they will probably not begin the actual preparation of their report before next Monday.

GUNS OPEN ON CITY.

Bombardment of Mafeking by General Cronje Has Commenced.

PRETORIA, Via Lourenzo Marquez. Oct. 21.—The bombardment of Mafeking by General Cronje's commando began this morning. The women and children were given ample time to leave the town. Several houses are in

CAPETOWN, Oct. 27 .- Evening .-Official reports rom Kimberley, dated Tuesday, state that Colonel Scott Turner, with 270 men, preceded northward to MacFarlane's farm, where they unsaddled their horses.

At 9 o'clock a party of Boers was seen on the right flank and was quickly scattered, Colonel Scott Turner opening fire on them and several of the chemy were seen to fall. The enemy made for a sand heap and opening fire on the British, which was returned. Colonel Scott Turner attempted to prevent the Boers advancing against Colonel Murray, but was met with a heavy fire from a dam wall 600 feet

At 11 o'clock Colonel Murray ordered 150 men out of the Lancashire regiment to proceed to the north. An armored train is already supporting Colonel Scott Turner.

At midday Colonel Murray started also with two field guns and two Maxims and seventy mounted men. One of the two British guns opened suddenly on the Boers, who were in an unfavorable position. The Boer artillery fire was brisk.

Another armored train was held in readness. At 2 o'clock the second armored train was sent forward with ammunition.

The Lancashires behaved splendidly and were highly commended by their

Commandant Botha and many Boers were killed. The British loss was three killed and twenty-one wounded. The engagement was a brilliant success for the British.

ARMOR FOR WARSHIPS.

Government Factory Could Not Supply

the Maine, Ohio and Missouri. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.-The Navy department has made public the report of Rear Admiral O'Neil, chief of ordnance. It shows a satisfactory condition of affairs in all departments save that of armor. The question of a government armor factory, he says, should have no bearing upon the supply of armor for the Maine, Ohio and Missouri, as it would be impracticable to obtain armor from such a source in time to complete these vessels.

Send Troops to the Border. WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 .- The Mexican ambassador, Senor Azpiros, has received word that two Americans were killed and two Mexican gendarmes wounded in the border clash near Naco, Mex., the other day. The ambassador called at the state department today, accompanied by Mr. Romero, his secretary, and had a talk with Assistant Secretary Hill. Assurances of regret were expressed over the affair and both sides have taken steps in sending troops to the scene, which are considered ample to main-

tain peace and stop border ruffianism.

stitutional.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 27 .- The supreme court today handed down a decision which completely knocks out the present system of assessing and taxing insurance, express, telegraph, telephone, sleeping car and fast freight companies. The law provides they shall pay certain percentages of gross receipts to the state treasury. The court holds that corporations must be assessed on the same basis and for the same purpose as individuals. corporation paying its entire taxes to the state does not help support city, county and schools as individuals must do, hence the law is unconstitutional.

Assessor French of Des Moines assessed the insurance companies on the cash market value of their stocks, They enjoined him and the case went to the supreme court, which upholds French and says the state collection is invalid. Attorney General Remley says this means the system of assessing railroads must also be recognized under this decision, which is considered the most important handed down in a long time,

PACING RECORD BROKEN.

Prince Alert Does It Twice in the Same Afternoon.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 27.-The world's pacing record for a half mile track was beaten by Prince Alert here today in the concluding event of the Pennsylvania Fair association's fall meeting. The weather was fine, the track fairly good, and with comparative ease, Prince Alert paced the first mile in 2:0614, pushed out by Democracy, and the third heat in 2:08 flat, Marl being on in the finish. In the second heat Prince Alert broke soon after the start, and Democracy losing his hopples, Marl had his own way until the last quarter, which Prince Alert stepped in thirty seconds and won by a length in 2:1214. The best previous half mile track record was 2:061/2, which was established by Prince Alert, at Allentown, Pa., on September 22 last.

THINKS THEIR CONFESSION TRUE. Warded Wofler Believes Bullock Mur-

dered a Nebraska Man.

STILLWATER, Minn., Oct. 27 .-Warden Wolfer of the penitentiary has received several letters from places where George Bullock, alias McBride, confessed to committing four or possibly five murders. After talking with the convict today and questioning him about the facts in the letters without letting him know that the letters had been read, the warden says he is ready to believe that the confession is true, and that he is guilty of the murder of Nicholas A. Craig, marshal of Table Rock, Neb., September 20, 1896, and of Joseph Holmes, a policeman at Pottawattamie, Kas., January 22, 1895, seems evident. The murderers in these two cases were never appre-

DEWEY RETURNS HIS THANKS.

Admiral Acknowledges Gift of Home and Enters Into Possession.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.-Frank A Vanderlip, chairman of the Dewey home committee, has received the following letter from Admiral Dewey:

"WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.-Dear Sir: I acknowledge the receipt this day of the title deed to the beautiful house presented to me by my countrymen. My heart is full of gratitude to them for this overwhelming expression of their regard for me, and I request that you will also accept and convey to the committee my heartfelt thanks for your and their efforts. Very sincerely yours.

"GEORGE DEWEY."

YOUNG'S COMMAND ADVANCES.

With Rations for Seven Days American Troops Start.

SAN ISIDRA, via Manila, Oct. 27.-Alipo Gonzales, mayor of San Isidro, who fled when the Americans took possession of the town, returned yesterday. General Lawton has established a

civil government.

This morning at daybreak General Young's command, consisting of Gastner's scouts, a contingent of the Twenty-second regiment, Chase's troop of the Third cavalry, nine troops of the Fourth cavalry, a body of engineers and Russell's signal corps with rations for seven days, left in the direction of Santa Rosa.

Uncle Sam's Lands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27 .-The annual report of Commissioner Hermann of the general land office, made public today, shows a grand total of 929,308,068 acres of unappropriated and unreserved public lands in the United States.

The disposals of public lands during the fiscal year show an increase of 728,516 acres as compared with the aggregate of the previous year. The total cash receipts of the service increased \$792,142 over last year. Original homestead entries showed a decrease of 28,970 acres in area involved and final entries an increase of 39,132 acres in area.

Big Lake Traffic.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 27.-Contracts entered into and pending indicate that an effort will be made next year to carry down the lakes by boat 17,798,000 tons of iron ore, which is far in excess of anything yet attempt-The vessels necessary for this

are being engaged. As the total shipment of all commodities down the lakes this year has been about 18,000,000 tons there is every prospect that the shippers of grain and tumber will be compelled to use the railroads.

Fourteen Burned to Death.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 27.-News was received today that fourteen people had been burned to death at Faires, Baldwin county, about thirty miles northeast of Mobile. The information was brought to this city by Captain John E. Jordan, who resides in that

WAR Supreme Court Finds That It Is Uncon- LIVE STOCK INTERESTS

The Grand Showing This Great State is Abla to Make.

CATTLE, HORSES, HOGS AND SHEEP

A Shortage in Cars Troubling Bailway Officials-Increasing Business Keeps Everybody on the Jump-As to Nebraska Soldier Quota-Other Matters in This State.

Live Stock Interests of the State.

County.

She'p Cattle, Hogs, H'r's.

154 15,355 29,576 9,155 937 22 201 22 194 7,575

Antelope			32,194	7,575
Blaine .	3,83		135	2,349
Boone	93		28,698	8,183
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Boyd	1.43	8,858	11,286	6,064
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Car Shortage Continues.

OMAHA, Oct. 28 .- The car shortage is still troubling railway officials and is likely to do so for the balance of the winter. General Freight Agent Crosby of the Burlington has stated that the situation in the territory over which he has control has been somewhat relieved, and enough cars are available to fill the most pressing demands. In speaking of the situation a freight official stated; "We think one day that there is an improvement in the situation and that we can see our way out, The next day it is different, and we find ourselves as badly off as ever.' General officers of the Northwestern and Milwaukee lines are quoted as saying that they cannot supply half the demands made upon them for cars, and a few days ago the Burlington, taking its whole system, had orders booked for 2,000 more cars than it was able to fill. The general demand for freight cars is confined not alone to the big crops in the west, but because of the general freight carrying business, which has increased enormously over that of last year.

Looking for theMurderer.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—Still hoping to aid in the capture and conviction of the slayer of his daughter on Park avenue two months ago, James McAuliffe, a laboring man whose residence is in Denver, remains in Omaha. Being a poor man he has been obliged to find work to support himself and family while he is here, and has obtained employment on the street with the Grant Paving company. Mr. McAuliffe still hopes the police will secure Steve Van Whynan and make him answer the charge of killing the defenseless girl with whom he was riding on the fatal night. This pathetic feature, as well as the failure of the authorities to arrest Van Whynan, decided County Attorney Shields to request the governor to offer \$200 reward on behalf of the state, which the executive is likely to do. This would make the total reward \$400 for the location of the murderer of Lizzie McAuliffe.

Father Wins His Daughter. TEKAMAH, Neb., Oct. 28 .- The Hart-Mason haseas corpus case was decided by Judge Keysor in favor of Mr. Hart, the father of the child. The case is one in which Mr. Hart, a resident of Springfield, Mo., brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Mason, the parents of his deceased wife, for the possession of his 7-year-old daughter. The child was taken by its grandparents when 2 years old, upon the death of its mother. Mr. Hart did not question the treatment of the child by its grandparents, but claimed possession by his rights as a father.

THE CAPTURE OF GREGORY.

Nebraska and Iowa Horsethief Leads Merry Chase.

ASHLAND, Neb., Oct. 27.-The stealing of the Laughlin mule from this place and the discovery and subsequent tragedy at Loveland, Ia., with the capture of the thief at Council Bluffs, has excited universal interest in this city. E. D. Laughlin is a prosperous farmer living two miles northwest of Ashland, and the mule stolen, a large and very valuable animal, was selected and taken by some one who had information as to his value, He was taken out of the barn, tied by the side of a team and the next morning was tracked through Ashland going east. The track was followed to Louisville Monday morning by a son of Mr. Laughlin, but there it was lost.

Mr. Laughlin sent for the Beatrice bloodhounds and they arrived Monday night. They took the scent of the mule from the harness and the stall in which he had been kept. They immediately struck the trail and followed it to Louisville and tracked the mule into the barn of Sharpe. Although tried in all other directions they always went back to the Sharpe barn.

It seems that on Sunday morning a man who was evidently the captured Dave Williams, drove into Louisville with a mule and a mare, which he put into Sharpe's barn. Sunday evening he went to a livery stable to obtain a team, ostensibly to go out and find a mule which had got away from him. The livery owner objected to letting a team to a stranger, whereupon Sharpe agreed to stand good for the return of the team. Sharpe, it is charged, knew all about the Laughlin mule, as he had worked near him at the building of the Armor ice house at Memphis. When the pursuers with the hounds reached the Sharpe barn Sharpe became very nezvous and excited. He at first, it is alleged, denied that there had been any mule in his barn or that he knew anything about the matter. After a little the mare in his barn was identified as a mare that had been stolen in Seward county on Friday night. As his connection with the mule theft began to become threatening and he found he was in danger, he weakened and acknowledged that Jack Gregory had the mule and had been there and had gone to Loveland, la. He was very anxious to clear his skirts and told the circumstances, the road taken, and claimed that he was in great fear of Gregory. The sheriff at Council Bluffs was immediately carled up by telephone, the facts given him and he was requested to arrest the thief and obtain the mule. That action was prompt was evidenced by the fact that the man was taken while eating his dinner in the camp at noon. Sharpe was right in his statement that he was heavily armed and a dangerous

Ordered to Pay the Tax. YORK, Neb., Oct. 27.-The York County Agricultural society received a visit from a deputy United States revenue collector the other day. He came here to tell them that if they didn't pay forthwith the amount due county fairs, the matter would be carried up to Omaha for investigation. The fair association had neglected to attend to this matter, thinking that because this year's fair had been a failure, it would not be necessary to pay any tax. Something over ten dollars was handed to the collector. The deputy says that a number of other fair associations are delinquent in the same manner.

House Struck by Lightning. GRESHAM, Neb., Oct. 27 .- During a heavy rain storm lightning struck the large two-story frame hotel at this place, almost demolishing the front from roof to foundation. Heavy beams were torn out and scattered in fragments. Pieces of siding were thrown one hundred feet. Lath and plaster was torn off in several rooms, three of which were occupied. How the occupants escaped injury or death, and the house total destruction from fire, are beyond comprehension.

Hardware Store Burglarized.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Oct. 27.-E. A Small's hardware store was entered by burglars and over a hundred dollars worth of pocket knives and razors taken. Entrance to the store was made by breaking a glass in the back window and unlocking the sash. Mr. Small kept the matter quiet in the hope that he might see some of the stuff about town, as he thinks it was done by persons here.

Barn and Contents Burned. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 27.-The barn of Otto Springsguth, a beet raiser residing half a mile south of the city, was burned to the ground, together with all the contents, consistfarm implements, etc. Mr. Springsguth figures his loss at \$700, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is a

Old Soldier Dies on the Street. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 27.-Hugh B. Witherow, an old soldier of the home, died suddenly on the streets of this city while about to enter a back to go to the home. He had just returned from a furlough. An inquest was held and it was ascertained that he died from heart disease.

Comparative Cattle Receipts. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 27 .- October, 1899, was a record breaker in cattle receipts at the yards here, as 127,175 head were received. Notwithstanding the reported shortage in cattle the record at the stock yards for twenty-five days of the present month shows that the receipts are keeping right up with the same month a year ago. It is firmly believed that this year's receipts will exceed the record of last year. A large increase is already shown in hogs and sheep and knowing ones assert that the total

for cattle will be larger than a year

ago.

Judga Reese Takes a Dignified Stand in the Campaign.

DECLINES TO GO ON THE STUMP

His Time and Attention Will Be Given to Business, Fulfilling His Duties as Dean of the University Law School-The Striking Contrast Between Him and Holcomb in This Respect.

The attitude and conduct of Judge M. B. Reese in the present campaign form an excellent illustration of the honor and dignity he places in the office of judge of the supreme court. While the managers of the republican campaign and his own personal friends are exerting every effort in the interests of the republican ticket he is devoting his time to his own work, and instead of entering into partisan polities as a means of advancing his own interests is attending to his duties as dean of the university law school with the same raithfulness which has always been one of his strongest and most noticeable characteristics.

Since the convention in Omaha friends of Judge Reese have made repeated attempts to have him go out on the stump, but to all such requests he

invariably answers:

"No. It would afford me great pleasure to meet my friends and do what I can for the success of the ticket. The individual who may be lected judge of the supreme court will need to take with him not only his own self-respect, but all of the respect and confidence of the whole people of the state, and it would not only be unseemly for a candidate for such a position to enter into a partisan contest, but such a course would result in a diminution of respect for our highest judicial tri-

Judge Reese is seldom seen at the republican headquarters in Lincoln. He is often consulted on matters pertaining to the conduct of the campaign, but he has always shown a disposition to take things as they came; to let his own record as a lawyer, a jurist and a citizen act his recommendation. The following letters under recent date will show Judge Reese's sentiments on the subject:

"WAHOO, Neb., Oct. 11-Hon. M. B. Reese, Lincoln, Neb .-- My Dear Judge: It is the strong desire of your many old friends in Saunders county that you visit Wahoo at an early date and deliver an address on the political issues of the day. As you are no doubt aware there is a strong sentiment here favorable to your candidacy and an address from you at this time would be timely, and we trust you can make it convenient to comply with this re-

"Ex-Governor Holcomb opened his campaign at Ceresco, and also visited Wahoo. In both cases the enthusiasm for him was very tame. The general opinion is that he did not accomplish any good for himself. Yours truly, "T. J. PICKET","
"LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 14.—Hon. T.

the government as a revenue tax on J. Pickett, Wahoo, Neb.-My Dear Sir: Your kind letter of the 11th inst. inviting me to address the people of Saunders county on the political issues of the day is at hand.

"I heartily appreciate this invitation and am sure it would afford me great pleasure to meet my old time neighbors and friends in my former home county. However, much as I would enjoy such a meeting and reunion, I do not thing it advisable for one who is candidate for the office of judge of the supreme court to enter into partisan politics as a means of advancing his interests as a candidate.

"The individual who may be elected to this office will be required to enter upon the discharge of duties of the gravest character and responsibility. He will need to take with him not only his self-respect, but all the respect and confidence of the whole body of the people of the state which he can command, for the dearest and most secred interests of al who are compelled to appeal to the court, of which he is a member, must be submitted to it without reference to political affiliations. While discharging the duties of a judge he must know no distinction, but administer justice with impartiality and an even basance. As a general rule the decisions of that court are final. By its judgments the property rights of the people are fixed. Often their liberties and even their lives are in its hands. "In my view, it would not only be

unseemly for a candidate for such a

high position to enter into a partisan contest and thus contribute to the excitement and contentions of a political campaign, but such a course would result in a diminution of respect for our judicial tribunal. To avoid such personal, political controversies has been the custom and practice of candidates for the high office under consideration, with few exceptions. Such has been the ethics of the people, the ing of three horses, two buggies, grain, | bar and the bench or our whole country. No other course has been, or would have been tolerated. There can be no doubt of the correctness of this rule and I must decline to violate it. This rule appeals to my juagment, my sense of propriety and of right. It bas my fullest approvai. In my judgment it has, or should have the approval of all right-minded people. It is my firm purpose to adhere to it. Believing this course is in accord with your views, and also with the views of all the people of Saunders county, I am persuaded that my declination would not be considered as exhibiting any want of respect for either you or them. Under other circumstances I should be glad to accept your invitation. Under existing circumstances I cannot. Very truly efreumstances, and cordially yours, "M. B. REESE."

Confidence in Judge Reese.

Pierce Call: The people of Nebraska have the utmost confidence in the ability and integrity of Judge M. B. Reese. Sixteen years ago he was elected to the supreme bench and retired at the end of six years with a record as spotless as that of any man in the state. Up to the present no man has been found to speak a word take water.

NOT TO BOOM HIMSELF | ngainst him as a jurist or as a man. Since his retirement from the bench he has been at the head of the No. Since his retirement from the bench he has been at the head of the Nebraska law school and to his ability is largely due the excellent standing of the institution. His nomination was unsolicited and unexpected. It was by acclamation and was attended with such enthusiasm as shows his high standing with the people. How different the nomination of his opponent, "Slippery Si Holcomb," who with friendly pluggers spent months figuring every possible scheme to insure his nomination before the fusion conventions. With the namination of Holcomb, Allen's and Bryan's political nebts were paid. The nomination of Reese was without solicitation on his part. It represents the will of the rank and ale of the republican party, not the dictation of political schemers.

> Nebraska Populists Tricked. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It is by

no means a surprise to find a vigorous note of warning in Nebraska from the national committeeman of the populist party. Mr. Deaver does not mince words. He has watched the stealthy plans to transfer bodily the populist organization in Nebraska to the democratic party and allows the scheme to go no further without denouncing In the last three years the Nebraska democrats have been strengthening themselves at the expense of the populists. A few years ago the democrats of the state made an extremely poor showing in third place. Mr. Deaver quotes from a recent letter written by a democratic committeeman in which the end of fusion shortly is predicted and the remark made that "the future of democracy depends largely upon the number we can draw from populist sources. There will be but two parties and the leaders of the democratict pary will be the recognized leaders then." That this is the game is unquestionable. In 1892 the vote of the Nebraska populists was 83,134 and that of the democrats 24,-943. The plan is that the 20,000 shall absorb the 80,000 and use them to subject Nebraska to a party it has always overwhelmingly condemned.

Mr. Bryan is a populist in Nebraska. Everywhere else he is a democrat. He came to Missouri in August and advised the populists to vote for a democratic congressmen. He has just been helping Goebel in Kentucky and the plutocrat McLean in Ohio, both lifelong democrats. He is leading the populists of Nebraska straight into the democratic camp. He imagines tha the bulk of the party have forgotten that they ever had any principles and are now devoted to his personality. Mr. Deaver objects to the halter. "In the west and especially in Nebraska," he says, "the demo-cratic party is hanging like a leech to the people's party. In the south it spurns and suppresses our cause." The statement is palpably true. For one, Mr. Deaver is not willing that his party should be "scuttled by demoeratic pirates." No doubt there are thousands like him who can see through the democratic scheme in Nebraska, and will put their protest' against it in the ballot box on No-

Speaking as a Workingman.

At a republican political rally in Omaha the other night Edward lery, a molder, put in these telling hits in favor of the party of prosperity:

"The democrats and popocrats tell us we have too much of a standing army," he declared, "but as for me, I prefer the standing army supported by the republican party to the walking army-Coxey's brigade-that hovered about the country under democratic rule. Begging for work and unable to get it, they joined a desperate procession to attack the national capital in search of redress. Give me the standing army where the soldiers are fed and clothed and doctored, if need be, in preference to that miserable walking army, aimless, idle and despondent.

"I speak tonight as a workingman. ask the members of my craft and of other trades if they ever saw a time when there was more work and better pay? True, wages are not what we would like, because the laborer being worthy of his hire is entitled, in my judgment, to adequate compensation. But we must admit, regardless of politics, that under the McKinley administration wages have been increased and more men have been set to work than ever before. As a laboring man I appeal to every brother to cast a vote for the republican ticket from top to bottom and thereby insure a continuance of the prosperity that now prevails. Do not by your vote dampen the fires that glow in the factory furnaces; do not take bread from the mouth of the toiler; do not be deceived by bombastic talk of militarism and imperialism, but look to the interests of yourself and family."

A Touching Sight.

York Times: It is a touching sight to witness the fusion band wagon slowly toiling over the "very long road" with Slippery Si weighing it down. 'Ine perspiration stands in great beads on every populist mule and democratic wheel horse. The road is long, oh, very, very long. But the steep hill is still ahead and it "will he hard to climb with Slippery St weighing down the band wagon." the faithful animais tug away at the traces, bleating and bellowing, they stagger and Weil-nigh give up as they see the steep hill looming up ahead of them. They would surely sink in their tracks were it not for the Bryan lash that swings over their bending backs. How can they ever get up the "very steep hill with Slippery Si weighing down the band wagon?" Some are in favor of dumping him out by the wayside and taking on a lighter load. Will they do it? Or will the faithful beasts be goaded on in a hopeless cause until every hame-string is broken? How about it?

The Pops Awry.

ropocratic orators who say that everything which the farmer raises is going down in price must be standing on their heads when they look at the figures.

Grocers are braver than milkmen; the former have sand, but the latter