JAPS GOING AFTER FORMOSA

Campaign to Be Removed from the Cold Climate of Manchuria.

ISLAND MAY BE CEDED TO JAPAN

Understanding of the Peace Negotiations is to that Effect, but the Mikado Will Not Wait on the Workings of the Commission.

WASHINGTON, March 14 .- The cable report that a Japanese squadron of sixteen war attributed to his efforts to secure legislation rivals today in pretty style, the Britannia, ships has descended on the island of Formosa is believed at the Japanese legation here to of the service. He leaves a wife and two indicate the opening of a spring campaign in children. The captain was one of the oldest warmer southern latitudes. Mr. Matsu, first secretary of the legation, says that as he was about to leave Yokohama a few weeks ago one of his friends, a military officer, received orders to prepare to go to the front, but was notified not to provide warm clothing, such as the soldiers thus far have needed in the camp division, an office previously held by civilians the soldiers thus far have needed in the camp in north China. From this and other cir-cumstances it is believed that Formosa, which is the warmest possession of China, will be the scene of a spring campaign, at least until the treaty of peace is actually signed. The understanding on terms of peace already reached contemplates the ceding of Formosa to Japan, but Japan evidently believes that ossession of the island will doubly assure the execution of the agreement.

The cable reports from Berlin, stating that Chinese envoys have intrigued with Russia until the exar has agreed to oppose Japan's designs on Manchuria, is not credited by officials here. They say the Chinese envoys were sent out some months ago, when China's war element was uppermost, and the intrigues are beginning to find expres-sion in the cable reports. But within the last few weeks the war element has been displaced and Li Hung Chang has been restored to power and made peace envoy. This has terms of peace that there will be no occasion for Russia opposing a Japanese occupation of Manchuria

LI BUNG CHANG HAS DISAPPEARED. No Word of His Movements Since He Left Peking for Tien-Tsin.

no little concern in official circles here and at the Chinese and Japanese legations. Since he left Peking, more than two weeks ago, there has been no word, official or by press reports, as to his whereabouts. His first departure from Peking was about three weeks ago, but he was called back by the emperor on the receipt by United States Minister Denby of the Japanese terms of peace as transmitted by Minister Dun in Japan. The terms were fully agreed upon and Prince Li started to execute the treaty of peace. He went to Tien-Tsin, where he was to sail fo Japan. There had been constant press re-ports from Tien-Tsin prior to that time, but since then there has been absolute silence, and not a word has been received as to Li's arrival at Tien-Tsin or his departure for Japan or his purposes. A Shanghai dispatch two weeks ago stated that John W. Foster had started for Tien-Tsin to join Li. This is the last official or unofficial reference to the subject. Owing to the tremendous responsibility imposed on Prince Li Hung Chang there is naturally great in-terest in his movements. It is not doubted that, his mission being of such a humiliating character, telegraphic communication from Tien-Tsin, which is under the control of Li as viceroy of the province, has been sup-pressed. Information as to his where-abouts being lacking it is possible that Li Hung Chang has already sailed for Japan for the purpose of allowing silence to pre-serve, as far as possible, the fall of the dignity of himself and China. Word is expected, however, clearing up the mystery of his whereabouts. Meanwhile there is a disposition in official circles to wonder whether this is another stroke of Chinese

HUNTINGTON'S ADVICE TO HOKE. Chairman of the Southern Pacific Calls on

WASHINGTON, March 14.-Collis P. Hunt ington of the Southern Pacific railway had an interview with the secretary of the interior today regarding the interests of the Pacific railroads. The report that secretary Smith intends to issue an order directing that no more patents for lands issue to the Union and Central Pacific roads until there has been a settlement of the indebtedness to the government by these companies was one reason for the visit of Mr. Huntington. Upon this subject Mr. Huntington represented to the secretary that the lands had all been earned in time and in many cases they had been transferred to persons who had occupied them for from ten to twenty years. He also said that the companies were not seeking patents in instances where the road had not disposed of the lands, as they be-came taxable as soon as the patents were The states and counties in which the lands were situated were more interested in securing the patents, as they became entitled to the taxes as soon as patents were passed. Further than this, the companies desired to dispose of the lands to secure the money to meet the payments now about due. Mr. Huntington thought that it would hinder the company in securing money on lands if such an order should be issued, and repre-sented that nothing ought to be done by the government to prevent the companies from

Huntington, however, did not consider this of so much importance as he did the question of settlement of the Pacific rail-roads debt, and he believed the recommendations made by the secretary of the interior would have great weight in the next congress. Upon this point Mr. Huntington spoke at some length and declared that it was necessary for some steps to be taken in the next congress. He insisted that be-1897 the government must act or it t lose heavily. Mr. Huntington exmust lose heavily. Mr. Huntington ex-pressed the hope that the report of the secre-tary and the commission of railroads would elaborate on the subject of indebtedness and advise a just and equitable plan of settle-

SUIT AGAINST SECRETARY CARLISLE. Administrator of the Estate of Denver

Godfather Makes Claims. WASHINGTON, March 14.-Michael J. Colbert, as administrator of the estate of the late James W. Denver, today brought suit against Secretary Carlisle in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. W. Denver was once governor of Colorado and the city of Denver was named after him. The real defendant is Charles Brownell and the claimant alleges that Denver and Brownell were partners and that Denver Brownell were partners and that Denver furnished the money to prosecute the case against Chief Blackfeather. The board of claims awarded a verdict and fixed a fee of \$27.598, and it is alleged that no portion has been paid to the Denver estate and that Brownell has denied the right of the estate to any part of the fee. The court is asked to fix the amount to which the estate is en-titled, that Secretary Carlisle be required to pay into the court such sums as the court may determine, and that the secretary be enjoined from paying any portion to Brownell

until further order of the court. Geiting the Rebates from Sprin WASHINGTON, March 14.-United States Minister Taylor at Madrid is meeting with success in the prosecution of the claims of American merchants against the Spanish gov errment for the refunding of illegal charges collected by the Cuban customs authorities. A cablegram received at the State depart ment from him today announces that he has secured the allowance of claims in the cases of the stramship Joseph W. Hawthorne, the ships Harry and Grance, Reynolds, Brooks & Co., the Comas Machine company, the Cot-tolene cases and the Juaragua Mining com-pany. The latter case was a protest against taxation on the large American mining erties in Cuba that practically made exportation unprofitable.

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END OF A LONG OFFICIAL CAREER. Captain Shepard, One of the Oldest Men in

the Revenue Marine, Passes Away.

WASHINGTON, March 14 .- Captain I. G. Shepard, chief of the revenue cutter service of the Treasury department, died here today from pneumonia. Captain Shepard was stricken with a congestive chill while at work on the 5th instant and had been confined to his bed ever since. His illness is for the benefit of the superannuated officers and most efficient officers in the revenue cutter service. A native of Massachusetts, be was appointed a third Heutenant in 1865, was promoted to second lieutenant in 1869, a first Neutenant in 1870 and a captain in 1878. only, and he served there continuously ever since. Captain Shepard saw much hard, active service and had an exceptionally fine record. Prior to his transfer to Washington be commanded the revenue cutter Bear and ade several valuable cruises in Bering sea and northern Alaskan waters to carry out and highly esteemed

COMPETING WITH ENGLISH WOOLENS. Bradford Manufacturers Sending Out Sam-

ples of American-Made Goods. WASHINGTON, March 14.-Evidently in the expectation that his statement that American cloths were being sold in England below the price of corresponding English clothes would be challenged, United States Consul Meeker at Bradford has sent a supbeen followed by such an understanding on plementary report to the Department of State giving particulars of the transactions, with the names of the firms, prices, etc. He states that one large Bradford house has sent its traveling men and agents to India, South America and France with samples of twist melange flaunel made in New York. They expect to take liberal orders at 28 to 30 Peking for Tien-Tsin.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The whereabouts of Li Hung Chang, China's peace
envoy, is a source of much speculation and
no little concern in official circles here and facturers have been informed that if the samples were exact large orders might be expected, particularly in the English house trade, as the goods contain no shoddy, are all short wool and are very strong, and are thus superior to the English goods, which are tender. The consul reports that a lot of Massachusetts blankets sold recently in England at a very small price because, while handsomely finished, they had little wool in them and were too light.

IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THE EXPORTS.

statement for the Month of February and for the Expired Portion of the Year. WASHINGTON, March 14.-The monthly report of the bureau of statistics issued today shows imports and exports of merchandise for the month of February and for the last eight months as follows: Exports during February, \$56,308,543; imports during the same period, \$58,326,352; of the imports, merchandise to the amount of \$27,803,652 was ree of duty. During February, 1894, excess of exports over imports was \$11,812. 190. For the eight months ended February 28, 1895, the excess of exports over imports was \$91,967,932, as against \$218,061,832 during the eight months ended February 28, 1894.

The gold exports during February amounted o \$1,564,194, and the importations to \$5,632,-187; for the eight months the exports of gold amounted to \$58,394,767, and the imports to \$16,025,325. The exportations of silver dur ing February amounted to \$3,071,336 and the imports to \$392,928. For the eight months he exports exceeded the imports by 23,861,-

The number of immigrants arriving in this country during February, 1895, was 9,608, as against 9,602 during February, 1894. The number of immigrants arriving in 129, as against 199,129 during the same period last year. REPORT HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED.

Recall of Consul Williams. WASHINGTON, March 14.—There has been space of seven days since the cable report came from Madrid that a cabinet couneil had agreed to ask the recall of United States Consul Williams at Havana. then there has been no official demand for his Mr. Williams has stated in Havana that he had not heard of the contemplated recall, and yet the Spanish officials at Madrid have not denied the original report hat a demand for his recall had been agree upon. Under these circumstances officials intimate that the return of President Cleveand from his hunting trip and the recovery of Secretary Gresham from his attack the grip will lead to a clearing up of the situation, as the absence of the two chiefs most concerned with diplomatic affairs is regarded as explanatory of the inaction coering seven days since the report first came from Madrid. Spanish officials here will say nothing on the subject, either confirming or denying the report, but it is believed they would take occasion to dismiss the report if it were entirely groundless.

Orders for Army Men. WASHINGTON, March 14.-(Speial Telegram.)-Second Lieutenant Frank S. Cocheu, Twelfth infantry, is transferred from caeu, Iweita liftantry, is transferred from company I to company D of that regiment. A board of survey, consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Almon F. Rockwell, deputy quartermaster general; Moj r Jehn Simpson, quartermaster, and Captain Carroll H. Potter. Eighteenth infantry, will assemble at Philadelphia from time to time for the purpose of ascertaining and fixing the responsibility for any deficiencies in or damage to property received at the department during the remainder of the present calendar year.

Agent Smith Will Not Be Disturbed. WASHINGTON, March 14.-(Special Telegram.)—It now seems probable that Agent Smith of the Yankton agency in South Da-Smith of the Yankton agency in South Da-kota will be allowed to hold his office. The Indians and a number of residents have from time to time made complaints to the Indian office as to the unfitness of Smith, but thus far the officials of the Interior de-partment have taken no cognizance of the charges filed and refuse to take action look-ing to his removal. The matter rests en-tirely with the president and the secretary of the interior, and the Indian office can only make recommendations.

Some New Postmasters

WASHINGTON, March 14.-(Special Tele gram.)—Postmasters were appointed today as follows: Iowa—Jubilee, Black Hawk as follows: Iowa-Jubilee, Black Hawk county, W. V. Orth, vice E. A. Draeger, resigned; Lester, Lyon county, Ora Desarr, vice H. A. Wick, removed; Sulphur Springs, Buena Vista county, J. H. French, vice Katie P. Davis, resigned. South Dakota-Center Point, Turner county, Henry Christensen, vice John Hjelm, resigned; Rockham, Faulk county, B. C. Hagmann, vice H. F. Schoening, resigned.

Celebrated the King's Birthday WASHINGTON, March 14 .- A large Italian flag hung in front of the residence of Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, for the first time today. This is the birthday of the king of Italy, and it was being fittingly celebrated by the embassy officials and the representative Italians of Washington. The observance of the day included a banquet, with toasis to King Humbert and patriotic speeches.

Given Their Commissions. WASHINGTON, March 11.-(Special Teleam.)-Postmasters were commissioned to day as follows: Nebraska-Brue Wilcox Lexington Iowa-Daniel B. McMaster Hancock; John H. Pope, Arbor Hill; Sey-mour G. Caldwell, Lewisburg; John A. Knott, Seigel, South Dakota-Joseph Rei-dender, Thorson.

Endorsed Bimatallie Platform. WASHINGTON, March 14.-Senator Stew-

art received the following dispatch today from the governor of Nevada: Resolution of legislature endorsing Sibley and bimetallic platform passed and approved

Captain Shepard is Dying. WASHINGTON, March 14.-Captain L. G. Shepard of the revenue cutter service of the Treasury department, is dying of pneu-

American Yacht Shows Her Admirable

Qualities at Mentone.

Prince of Wales Was on His Yacht, but Did Not Prove a Mascot-A Pretty Race in a Light Southeasterly

BRITANNIA AND CORSAIR LEFT BEHIND

Breeze.

CANNES, March 14.-Ailsa beat her two with the prince of Wales on board, being left far in the rear.

There was a light southeasterly breeze which promised to increase as the day wore Petition Regarding the Canadian Foresters on, when Ailsa, Britannia and Corsair, started, at 11 o'clock, in the race for the Ogden Goelet and James Gordon Bennett annia and in five minutes had a long lead. The prince of Wales drove to the quay

in the launch belonging to Mr. Richard Winslow, which conveyed him on board the policy of the government to prevent Winslow, which conveyed him on board illicit scaling. He was very well known Britannia. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winslow, the latter wearing Britannia ribbon around her sailor's cap, At the start Allsa crept under Britannia's then reached along prettily and just be fore the starting gun was fired she wore around, smartly dashed over the line and was her own length and some daylight ahead when Britannia followed her. Alisa's lead was two minutes eleven seconds on Brit-

> The times of the yachts at the finish were: Allsa, 2:47:31; Britannia, 3:00:44. Deducting the time of allowance due Brittannia, the new cutter Ailsa beat the prince of Wales' yacht by twelve minutes correct time.

annia.

After Allsa crossed the line she waited for Britannia, and when the latter had finished the prince of Wales' cutter was sailed very close to the Allsa and the prince of Wales raised his yachting cap in the air, led three hearty cheers for the boat which had given his boat the most severe beating she ever had. Those on board the Ailsa returned the cheers and the victorious cutter then pro-ceeded to the quay, where she was welcomed by a large crowd of people. It was reported after the race that Ogden Coelet won \$25,900 from Baron Hirsch on Allsa's victory

RESULTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

on Favorites at Bay District Burne Up by Outsiders.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.-Favorite vere out of form today, and not one showed under the wire in front. The first race was leclared off and the others shoved up a eclared off and the others shoved up a namber. The day's sport ended with a nade up race. Summary:
First race, five and a half furlongs, selling: Contribution, 192, Griffin (2 to 1), won; toyal Flush, 105, Chorn (6 to 5), second; larmel, 95, Burns (9 to 1), third. Time: 1924; Lonnie B, Howard, Mahogany, Seapray, Kitty L, Advance, Motto, May Day and Warrago also ran.

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Second race, one-half mile, 2-year-olds; Farris Hartman, 109, Carr (8 to 1), won; Leon L, 112, Chorn (8 to 5), second; Donna Carlotta, 192, Griffin (3 to 1), third. Time: 0:49-3, Theresa, Virgle A, Harry O, Britannia, Joan, Idaho gelding, Marionette, Con Malo and Nerva filly also ran.

Third race, seven furlongs; Captress, 163, Taylor (2 to 1), won; Jack Richelieu, 111. Carr (4 to 5), second; Miss Ruth, 190, Griffin (7 to 1), third. Time: 1:274, Seaside, Florence Dickey, Wawona and Ike L also ran.

Fourth race, one mile: Whitestone, 190, Chorn (3 to 1), won; Rel el Fonso, 191, Griffin (19 to 1), second; Flashlight, 91, Isom (5 to 1), third. Time: 1:493, Sue Abbott also ran.

to 1), third. Time: 1:40%. Sue Abbott also ran.

Fifth race, five furiongs, selling: Kathleen, 106, Chorn (4 to 1), won; Centurion, 102, Hennessy (4 to 5), second; Chemuck, 38, Reilly (10 to 1), third. Time: 1:02%. El Tirano, Monroe, Mutineer, Valparaiso, Laurel and Sissy Jupe also ran.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—Track slow. Results: First race, five-eighths of a mile: Minister (7 to 2) won, Nellie Osborn (4 to 1) second, Curious (9 to 2) third. Time: 1:94%.

Second race, seven-eighths of a mile: Pearl (15 to 1) won, Joco (40 to 1) second, Daphne (29 to 1) third. Time: 1:32.

Third race, one mile: Florence P (5 to 1) ranks and the control of the Third race, one mile: Florence P (5 to 1) won, Rapidan (4 to 1) second, Chimes (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:46.

Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile: Ben Wilson (15 to 1) won, Fidget (10 to 1) second, Beverly (9 to 5) third. Time: 1:194.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile: Herman (3 to 1) won, Lay On (5 to 2) second, Fakir (6 to 1) third. Time: 1:124.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—At East St. Louis: First race, three-eighths of a mile: Miss Lyon won, Feast second, Ethel Leah third. Time: 0:374.

Second race, nine-sixteenths of a mile: Northwestern won, Hesperia second, Ari-Second face, nine-sixteenths of a mile:
Northwestern won, Hesperia second, Arizona third. Time: 0.58½,
Third race, seven-eighths of a mile: Uncle
John won, Kenwood second, King Crab
third. Time: 1.33¼,
Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile:
Hush won, Golden Crown second, May Blossom third. Time: 1.19¼,
Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile: Pat
Tucker won, Equator second, Little Ell
third. Time: 1.03½,

TALE CREW ON THE TRAINING TABLE

Heaviest Crew in Five Years-Captain

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 14.-Candidate for the 'varsity crew went to the training table today. The party includes the regular eight. Captain Armstrong, bow; Halcom, 2; Beard, 3; Longacre, 4; Cross, 5; Dalor, 6; Treadway, 7; Miller, 8; together with Judd, Simpson, Cooney, Wheelwright and Langford.

The vaccinations have not hindered the work of the crew thus far. Yesterday Cap-tain Armstrong gave the men pair-oar work and three hours work in the new barge. This is the heaviest crew since 1890, averaging 176 pounds. Measurements were taken for the new pump which Captain Armstrong intends to try in the shell. The coxswain will work it with his foot, and six gallons per minute can be pumped out. It will not impede the speed of the shell when working.

Billy Smith's Challenge to Wolcott. BOSTON, March 14 .- "Mysterious" Billy Smith has sent a letter to Matchmaker Kennedy of the Seaside club of Concy Island stating that he is willing to meet Joe Wolcott in a twenty-five-round contest at Coney Island. Smith wants to match at 142 pounds, William Daly, jr., of Boston or Al Smith or Jere Dunn of New York to referee, winner to take all of the purse or gate re-celpts, less \$250 to loser. He asks that the contest be decided by a knockout and neither man be decided a winner if there is police nterference or if at the end of the twenty fifth round both men are on their feet, able

and willing to continue. Too told for Athletes to Train. LONDON, March 14 .- Owing to the recent old weather the athletes of the Oxford University have been unable to train for the athletic tournament with the Cambridge uni-versity, and that event has been postponed

until July 17.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 14.—W. O. Hickok, captain of the Yale athletic team, said today, relative to the reported delay in the training of the Oxford-Cambridge athletic team, that it mattered very little to Yale, as in all probability there would be no team sent from the university, should a match take place.

Yale Nine's First Match Game. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 14.-The Yale nine played yesterday for the first time. After an hour's general work the varsity team played five innings against a picked nine. All the battery candidates were given a chance. The other positions on the 'varsity team were filled as follows: Stephenson, first base; Readington, second base; Fincke, third base; J. R. Quinby, short stop; Streator, right field; Read, center field, and Spear, left field.

Stallion "trathmore Dead. FORT WAYNE, March 14 .- Strathmore the great stallion, is dead from the effect of a fall he received about three weeks ago He was foaled in 1886 and was the most famed of all Hambletons.

Five Hundred a Month for a Jockey, SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.-Charley Weber, the jockey, has signed to ride for E. Baldwin at a salary of \$500 a month,

Trying to Arrange a Wrestling Match CINCINNATI, March 14 .- Dan McLeod of San Francisco is here to make terms with

AILSA WAS AN EASY WINNER Charles Wittmer of this city for three-round wrestling match of Graeco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can for \$1,000 a side, to come off here within thirty days.

Williams is Out Early. GALESBURG, DLOMarch 14.-C. W. Wil-GALESBURG, III. March 14.—C. W. Wil-liams announces tonight that forty out of eighty-two stakes for the great August trotting meet have filled, with stakes aggre-gating \$80,000. He says this is the largest amount given by any association in America this year. Eight hundred horses are en-tered. A deal for a performance by Alix during the second week of the meet is con-summent.

Coursing for the Waterloo Cup. LIVERPOOL, March 14.-In the third cound of the coursing for the Waterloo cup at Altear, near here, today, the winners were: Falconer, Ivan the Great, Fair Floralie, Fortuna, Favente, Thoughtless Beauty, Fabulous, Fortune, Mellor Moore and Gallant. In the fourth round Falconer, Fortuna, Favente, Thoughtless Beauty and Gallant were the winners.

WAS SMUGGLED IN AS A RESOLUTION.

Speaked Into the Legislature. SPRINGFIELD, III., March 14.-In the ouse Representative Kent said that a memchallenge cup No. 1 (now held by Britan- ber from Chicago had yesterday slipped in a nia), valued at 300 guineas, for all yachts resolution under the guise of a petition. He over 20-rating. From the moment of cross-ing the line Alisa pulled away from Brit-strike out that portion of the journal. Mr. Gibson said he was the member who was accused of smuggling in the resolution and at his request the document presented by him some time before the race and embarked in the launch belonging to Mr. Richard Winslow, which conveyed him on board the supreme court of the Independent Order of Foresters of Canada doing business in Illinois and against the conduct of Attorney General Moloney in the mandamus proceed-ings which resulted in an order compelling ie state insurance superintendent to issue enses to such foreign corporations. companying the memorial was a resolution providing for the appointment of a com-mittee of three to investigate the allegations made in the memorial. Speaker Meyer ruled that the document presented was a petition and that the resolution would not be onsidered as being introduced.

ST. PAUL WANTS TO KEEP THE CAPITOL

Jealous of a Move on the Part of Her Twi Sister to Take it from Her.

ST. PAUL, March 14 .- Although the state capitol commissioners have contracted for a new capitol site in this city, as directed by the state convention, the city of Minneapolis, through Mayor Pratt, the park board and city council today presented to the house of representatives a proposition that Loring park, a thirty-six-aere park in the residence portion of Minneapolis, would be donated to the state for a capitol if the state would move the capitol and build there. A lively debate was precipitated on the reference of the proposition, the motion for a special committee being taken as an attack on the speaker and is composition of the public buildings. Mr. Douglas, one of the ablest lawyers on the floor, maintained that the proposition, al-though doubtless made in good faith, had no legal standing, as Loring park had been a mired for park purposes, and he read the statute covering the point and supreme court decisions in support of his position. Mr. Gibbs moved to table the whole matter, but the motion was lost, as also was a motion for a special reference, and the speaker sent it to the judiciary committee to determine the legality of the proposition. A similar proposition was received from Stillwater and laid on the table,

Bhode Island Republican Nominations. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 14.—The delegates to the republican state convention nominated candidates for state officers to be chosen at the April election. Hon, Charles Warren Lippitt of this city was nominated for governor. For the rest of the general officers the present incumbents were renominated. They are: Licutenant governor, Edward R. Alien; setretary of state, Charles P. Benet; attorney general, Edward C. Dubois, and general treasurer, Samuel Clark. The platform adopted referred briefly to the present state and national issues and strongly endorses the proposed amendment to the state constitution providing for biennial elections and the apportionment of the cities by wards for the election of members to the general assembly.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 14.—The Rhode Island democrats held their state convention today and made the following nominations: For governor, George T. Littlefield of Pawtucket; for lleutenant governor, Augustus S. Miller of Providence; secretary of state, George W. Greene of Woonsocket; attorney general treasurer, John G. Perry of South Kingston. The platform deals almost wholly with state affairs. nominated candidates for state officers to be

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 14.-A large number of propositions were submitted to the constitutional convention today and re ferred to appropriate committees. A peti-tion of the woman suffragists was received and referred. Two propositions relating to the taxation of mines were submitted, being taken from the laws of Montana, Nevada and Colorado. The committees are actively at work, but very little result has been shown on the surface shown on the surface.

New York Police Bills Agreed Upon.4 ALBANY, N. Y., March 14.-The bills t reorganize the police department of New reorganize the police department of New York City were agreed upon by the Lexow committee today. The bills are drawn so as to take from the reform mayor of the city any power of appointment in the matter and lodge them with the party leaders by retaining the present heads of the police and doing away with any special reorganization committee to be appointed by the mayor. mayor.

Oleomargarine Bill Passed in Missouri. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 14.-Th senate has passed the house bill prohibiting the sale of imitation butter. The act pro hibits the coloring of oleomargarine in imita tion of butter and its sale at any time as a substitute for butter unless plainly markel as such. The penalties range frome fines to one year's imprisonment,

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14.-The senate has repealed the last of the blue laws. It was a statute which provided that a justice of the peace might convict a person on his personal knowledge without corroborative testimony of the offenses of Sabbath breaking

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 14.—The state senate today adopted a constitutional amendment giving women the right vote. The amendment has already be adopted by the assembly and will now submitted to the voters of the state.

Bill to Prevent Stealing of News. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 14.-In th state senate today Senator Berry's bill to prevent wrongful taking of news from the wire of newspaper press associations was advanced to the third reading. / Bill to Prevent Docking Horses.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 14.—Th senate passed Senator Mott's bill this after noon, which prohibits the docking of horses tails. The bill was presented by the Hu mane society of St. Louis. Woman Suffrage for Popular Vote.

ALBANY, March 14. The assembly today passed the concurrent resolution submitting to a vote of the people the question of woman suffrage by a vote of 80 to 31.

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FOUND A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD

Terrible Hardships Endured by Prospectors in the Wilds of Australia.

LUCKY MEN THEN TURNED MURDERERS

Butchered a Whole Band of Natives Who Had Stolen Their Provisions and Came Back to Civilization to Announce Their Crime.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14 .- By the mail steamer Miowera comes the astonishing story from the distant gold fields of western Australia, hardly credible if it had not been borne out by the arrest of several of the ringleaders, of the most terrible tragedy that has yet been enacted in the lawless Coolgardle.

Fabulous finds bave lately been reported from Ninety Mile Point, nuggets weighing between fifty and 150 ounces of pure gold being picked up on the surface of the ground. These stories made men mad with lust for gain, and prospectors in the race for wealth pushed on for hundreds of miles in the wilderness, far beyond where white man had ever been. They had scarcely enough food and water to keep them alive. They were brought back raging with fever and placed in the Coolgardie hospital, already overcrowded with dying miners

The fate of these desperate men did no deter eight new arrivals from forming a syndicate and with heavy packs of pro-visions, water and rifles started from Ninety Mile Point, the extreme western limit of Coolgardie, to penetrate into the interior They started December 1 of last year, and nothing being heard of them since, it was supposed that they had met death. Dan Robertson, one of the syndicate, returned from his camp, 120 miles from Coolgardie, January 20, and confessed to the police that after discovering a mountain of gold the party, returning to camp, found that a band of blacks had stolen all their provisions. The syndicate pursued the blacks to their village and butchered the entire encampment shooting the men and braining the women and children. The other murderers have been arreated. The solid hill of quartz which the syndicate found is seventy feet high, 250 feet wide at the base and fifteen feet at the summit, full of gold. The rush is set-ting in to the scene of the find.

LAW FAILED AT THE VITAL POINT Illinois Supreme Court Passes on the Sweat

Shop Law. MOUNT VERNON, III., March 14.-There was filed today in the office of the clerk of the supreme court an opinion in the case of William Ritchie against the people, error from Cook county court. This was a suit to as the sweat shop, or eight-hour law, executed by the general assembly of 1893. The act provides for the inspection of factories, sweat shops, etc. One section of the act made it a misdemeanor for a woman to be employed for more than eight hours in any one day Ritchie was arrested and fined for working female employes more than eight hours a day, and procured a writ of error to the su preme court. The constitutionality of the entire act was attacked, but the supreme court holds that section 5 is void, viz: "No female shall be employed in any factory or workshop more than eight hours in any one day, or forty-eight hours in any one week."

The court holds that a woman has the same right as a man to make contracts, and that it is an infringement upon her rights guaranteed by the constitution to say that she cannot work as many hours in the day as she may be inclined to. The court adds that this opinion is not to imply that section would be invalid if it was limited in its terms to females who are minors. As the general assembly is now in session, section 5 will probably be replaced with one prohibit-ing the employment of females under 18 years of age more than eight hours in any one day, as the court has indicated that such a section would be legal. Of all the labor legislation of recent years, this act is the only one which has been sustained even in part by the supreme court. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 14.—The court

of appeals holds valid and payable in gold the \$300,000 bonds of the city of Louisville the \$300,000 bonds of the city of Louisville sold to Farson, Leech & Co.

MILWAUKEE, March 14.—The case of the government against Guy McGlashen was taken under advisement in the United States court today. Guy McGlashen was an attorney against whom indictments were found by a grand jury in Kansas on a charge of subornation of perjury in connection with the filing of alleged claims in the Oklahoma land office. He was arrested and a bond of \$1,000 was furnished with R. E. McGlashen and J. W. Surfis as sureties, a The bond was forfeited and the government seeks to collect the amount thereof from R. E. McGlashen, who is a wealthy citizen of Beaver Dam, Wis, J. W. Surfis, the other bondsman, is a resident of Kansas City.

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DENVER, March 14.—The supreme court today handed down an opinion holding that the bill passed by the legislature for the relief of eastern Colorado farmers is unconstitutional. It will, therefore, not become a law, and the destitute farmers will have to look elsewhere than to the state for seed with which to make a fresh start this spring.

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CHICAGO, March 14.—Waldeck lodge No. 146 of the Knights of Pythias has appealed to the courts to prevent the grand lodge of the state of Illinois from taking from it its charter for refusing to comply with the edict of the order abolishing the use of a ritual in German.
FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 14.—In the circuit court here today Judge O'Rourke held that the state Jaw prohibiting corporations from discharging employes because they are members of labor unions is unconstitutional.
OTTAWA, Ill., March 14.—The supreme court of Illinois, contrary to expectations, did not render a decision today in the test case involving the eight-hour law. A decision, however, is expected within a day or two.
TOPEKA Kan. March 14.—The defend. two.
TOPEKA, Kan., March 14.—The defendants announced today that they had finished introducing evidence in the Hillmon insurance case. More than sixty days have been consumed in taking testimony in this famous case, and it is probable that a week longer will be required to complete the argument.

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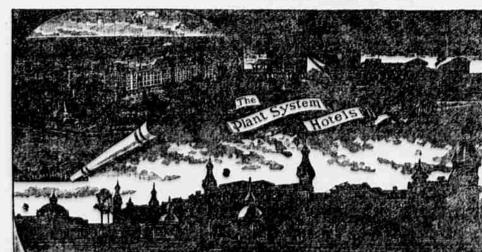
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