The will of the late Major John Hancock, of Pittsburg, reads as fol-"Having confidence in the honesty of Major Bright Halstead, formerly of Newark, N. J., now of the Hermitage, on Lake Minnetonka, Hennepin county, Mich. whose friendship I formed in the infamous Libby prison, Richmond. Va., while we were prisoners of war in the summer of 1862 I hereby appoint him executor of this, my last will, and order and direct that no bond shall be exacted from him in any court for its execution."

Editor of Bryan's Paper.

Mr. Geo. W. Hervey, editor of the Omgents I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I tried three of the best physicians in the state but they failed to give me relief. I chanced to get Dr. Kay's Renovator and before I had taken a 25 cent box I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done

Colorado Gold Field.

Colorado is the banner gold-producing state in the Union. Production in 1897 over \$20,000,000. This year promises to exceed \$30,000,000. New strikes are being made every day. Nothing like since the days of '49. Would you know all about these things? Then send twenty-five cents for a sixtrial subscription to months' "MINING WORLD," an eight-page illustrated weekly paper. Regular subscription, \$1.00 a year. The news-Regular fest mining newspaper in the world. Address "World," P. O. Box 1611, Denver, Colorado.

It has been estimated that there are between 150 and 200 women who are practicing dentistry in the United

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever, 10c, 25c. If C.C.C. fall, druggists refund money.

Mrs. Wilders: "Why is it, John, that you are able to remain at home nights when you have a headache, but always have a business engagement every other night?" Mr. Wilders: "As long as I have to suffer anyway I just think I may as well bunch my his."-Cleveland Leader.

It is hard to convince the def a ed after he has balanced his bank book. Judge.

Teacher: "Why should we not be ! proud of wealth and power?" Johnnie: Because we haven't got any."-Poston Traveler.

Editor of Bryan's Paper.

box I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I continued its use and it has been eight months since I used it and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble." If you have any disease write us giving your symptoms and we will send free advice by our physician and a valuable 68 page book with 55 recipes giving various methods of treatment and a free sample of Dr. Kay's Renovator. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., (Western Office) Omaha, Neb.

Professor Hamilton King, the new minister to Corea, took out his citizenship papers in Detroit last Monday. His father was naturalized in Maine more than thirty years ago, and so he has been a citizen of the United States by virtue of that fact ever since, but as he was unable to show his father's papers he was obliged to be naturalized before passports could be issued to him.

Early Christian-Teacher-What do you know about the early Christians? Tommy-Our girl is one of e'm. She gets up in the morning and ges to church before breakfast .-Indianapolis Journal.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure 59c, \$1. All druggists.

Miss Jackson: "What kind of an instrument do yo' think is most approcandidate that it is better to have run priate for to accompany a piano, Mr. and lost than not to have run at all, Johnson-" Mr. Johnson: "An axe."-

NEWS BOILED DOWN.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WIRE IN FEW WORDS.

Miscellaneous News Notes Gathered From This and Other Countries-Accidental, Critotnal, Political, Social and Otherwis -- Crisp Condensations From All

War talk does not seem to have any

Uncle Sam is now studying the

question of indemnity.

wheat crop over most of the state. Chris Von der Ahe is out of the Pittsburg jail and has returned to St. Louis.

will likely remain sometime at Hamp-

decided that it is not worth while to raise the Maine.

not be in evidence this season. Shreveport, La., suffered a loss of

finest brick blocks of the city. President Dole of Hawaii returned

to Honolulu on the steamer Mariposa, which sailed from San Francisco.

Times says: "Certain correspondents of foreign newspapers have been warned that it is advisable for them to

Henry Mentzer of Center Point, Ia. has returned with \$100,000 as a result of two years spent in Alaska. spite his good fortune in the Klondike Mentzer states that the reports of its fabulous wealth are greatly exagger-24 -1

blown up by design, but not by Spaniards.

Archbishopp Ireiand says the presifeat may be depended upon to uphold national honor.

The New York Priest who said Catholies should fight for Spain has been

Talking of Coip. Sigsbee's future it is predicted that he will be assigned to the finest ship in the navy.

Citizens of Juneau, Alaska, give nual gold crop and ask for an assay

Champion Bon Fitzsimmons presses a willinguess to fight Kid Mc-Coy anytime he puts up money enough to make it worth his while.

partment that it was possible to ship dead bodies in hermetically sealed zinc cases, and this will be done.

Cairo, Ill., stabbed his mother twelve times while she was attempting to whip him. She cannot recover.

At South Bend, Ind., a brave policeman fought four burglars in the dark. single handed, mortally wounding one. The officer himself was killed.

proved clear list No. 4, located in the Sundance land district, selected by the state of Wyoming, containing 2,560

Public meetings are being organized everywhere to urge the government to push the armaments of the Argentine republic, in order, it is

The strongest reason to restrain Spain from a voluntary surrender of authority in Cupa is that she would thereby assume the responsibility for the Cuban debt which now amounts to mearly \$600,000,000.

Wednesday, March 2.

a slight indisposition.

The mayor of Havana is said to be permitting hundreds of inmates of asylums to die of starvation.

near Jamison, Ps., with her head crushed to a jelly. The motive was

John D. Rockfeller at Cleveland for \$1,000,000, alleging he was defrauded of Standard Oil stock

Auctinger Sam Cark shot and killed Steve R. Carney, president of a tobacco company, in a dispute over busi-

The senate committee investigating charges of bribery in the Ohio senatorial election examined several witnesses at Columbus last night and ad-

Two masked men took A. C. Taylor, president of the i'ank of Bayard Neb., from bed and combelled aim to open the safe in the bank. Only a small

The Chinese government has agreed to open Yuen-Chau on Lake Tung Tin To as a treaty port, but seelines to entertain a proposal tending to the abolition of the Lin dues.

center fielder, had affixed his signature to a Cleveland contract for coming season at a salary of \$2,500.

Kid McCoy are pted Joe Choynski's standing challenge and has wired him

With the more peaceful news from Washington and Madrid, there has been a perceptible abatement in the excitoment in the City of Mexico as to the war between the United States

The first positive orders received at the Portsmouth pavy yard since the blowing up of the Maine were received on the lat, when orders came to send the warehip A"lance to sea on April 1. The will be put in first class re-| Pair to the tilled

The new Spanish cortes will meet AS TO THAT INQUIRY.

OFFICIAL IRSTRUCTIONS OF

They are Much Broader than Those Generally Issued for Such Courts-Enables the Court to Go Fully Into the Question--Everything to be Thoroughly Inquired Into.

Scope of the Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Admiral Cicard's precept convening the court of inquiry now investigating the disaster to the battleship Maine has been received by the navy department and was made public today. It is important mainly in showing the exact scope of the inquiry and the extent to which the report will go. Aside from the usual orders, directing the court to report both findings of fact and its opinions on these findings, Admiral Sicard directs the court to record any information as to person or persons, "not connected with the navy of the United States, who are, in its opinion, responsible, in part or wholly, directly or indirectly, for the explosion and the loss of the Maine," with names and the degree of responsibility in each case. The orders are dated at Key West, February 19, 1898, and are directed to Captain Sampson, president of the court. The text is as follows: A court of inquiry consisting of

yourself, as president and Captain F. E. Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander William Potter as additional members and of Lieutenant Commander Adolph Marix as judge advocate, is creby ordered to convene at noon on Monday, February 21, 1898, or as soon thereefter as practicable, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances connected with the loss by explosion of the United States battleship Maine in the harbor or city of Havana on the night of Tuesday, February 1898. The court is authorized to hold its ressions on board any ship of the North Atlantic squadron or in the city of Key West, Fla., or in the harbor of the city of Havana, Cuba. The attention of the court is invited to the instructions concerning the particulars to be investigated in the case of the less or grounding of a ship of the navy, contained in the United States navy regulations.

The following described papers relating to the loss of the United States ship Maine on the occasion referred to are attached to and made part of this precept:

1. The copy of a telegram sent by Captain Charles Sigsbee at Havana, Cuba, to Commander James M. Forsythe, U. S. N., at Key West, Fla. without date, but probably sent on the night of February 15, as it was received at Key West. Fla., by Lieutenant Commander William S. Cowles, U. S. N., at 1 o'clock a. m. of February 16 at Dry Tortugas, Fla.

A telegram sent by Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., to the commander in chief at Key West, Fla. dated Havana, Cuba. February 16,

The court will diligently and thoroughly inquire into all the circumstances attending the lose of said vessel on the date named and upon the conclusion of the investigation will report to the commander-in-chief its proceedings, and the testimony taken, and the facts which it may deem established by the evidence adduced, together with its opinion as to what further proceedings, if any, should be Marine insurance men at sound ports | had in the matter. The court will also report whether or not the loss vessel was, on the occasion named, in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of the crew, and in what respect and to what extent any or either of them were so at fault or neglicent.

If the court shall be of the opinion that further proceedings should be had in the matter it will include in its report a succinct statement as to the person or persons against whom and the specific matter upon which such proceedings should be had.

The court will also report its oninfon as to the cause or causes of the explosion or other incidents that bore

directly or indirectly upon the loss of the Maine It will also record any information

that it may be able to obtain by testimony and evidence as to any person or persons not connected with the navy of the United States who are in its opinion responsible, in part wholly, directly or indirectly, for the explosion and loss of the Maine, and will include their names, in its opinion, together with the degree of such responsibility in each case.

Signed. M. SICARD. Rear Admiral, Commander-in-chief United States Naval Force, North Atlantic Naval Station.

Raying Gold for America.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Heidelbach, Eickelheim & Co. announce today having engaged \$200,000 in gold for export from Paris to morrow.

Tomorrow's gold shipments from Paris will also include \$1,000,000 to Lazard-Freres and \$300,000 to Von Hoffman & Co. Further shipments or them were expected both from Paris and London. The greater part of the gold coming from Paris is supposed to be Japanese yen, the new gold coin of Japan.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have altogether \$1,000,000 in gold that will be shipped to morrow, both from London and Paris. The total of the movement thus far is \$5,200,000.

Anxious to See the Reindeer. ST. CLOUD, Minn., March &.- Near-

ly one fourth the population of the city was et the Great Northern yards to see the reindeer trains. The first section reached here at \$:50 a. m., and twenty minutes later a stop of twenty minutes was made and the reindeer fed. Schools were dismissed and pupils thronged the yards. The Lasps were in the happiest mood. Nearly every one carried a piece of moss for All on board were well and the trip to this point was auccessBUYING WAR SHIPS.

The Spanish Government Secures Twe Now Building for Brazil. LONDON, March 5 .- Spain has pur-

chased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonius and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, twenty-three knots and ten guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Bra-

The Amazonius is ready for launching and its sister ship will soon be ready. The Spanish government is aiso endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use.

The government of Spain seems to have funds, for it is understood to be paying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal. Some weeks ago Spain attempted to purchase ships and supplies in England on credit from prominent firms having having close relations with the government, but after inquiries the firms refused to give credit. Since then Spain has raised

Diplomats in London express the belief that French financiers are helping the Spanish government. It is known that Spain is trying to purchase three other ships which are being built by the Armstrongs, but it has not yet succeeded in making a bargain, consecuently there is still time if the United

States wishes to forestall the Spanish. The United States could also forestall Spain in the purchase of other ships building in English and continental dock yards. While Chile denies that any of the ships ordered for that country are for sale, it is believed by naval constructors that Chile's best cruiser, the O'Higgins, which is just finished, could be purchased,

WHAT SAILORS SAY.

All of Opinion that Explosion Was From Outside.

CLEVELAND, March 5 .- Dr. H. F. Biggar, one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Cleveland, has just returned from Key West, where he was in the midst of the excitement which followed the blowing up of the battleship Maine, and conversed with several of those who were on the ill-fated ship at the time of the disaster. He found that all of those who were willing to discuss the matter at all were convinced that the explosion had been caused by an outside force, probably a torpedo. "The officers were very reticent, but from their manner it seemed that they had no doubt as to the origin of the trouble," said Dr. Biggar.

"Some of the middles and sailors, were more outspoken and did not hes!tate to say that the work had been done by a torpedo. They offered several reasons for th's belief, all of which seemed to justify them in uninking as they did. For instance, the mast was lifted right out of its place in the vessel and the men were sure that this could only have been done by a force from underneath. If the explosion had been on the inside, they argued, the mast would have been shattered and thrown aside. The bow of the Maine was split just as if a wedge had been driven at the bottom of the boat on the cutside and the hull was bent for ward as if by an external force appled directly under it."

Martin Reardon was also at Key West: he was decidedly of the opinion that the Maine was tampered with on the outside. "I was told shortly b fore the explosion a ripple was noticed in the water, as if some smaller craft were moving around the Maine. No particular attention was paid to this at the time, but it is remembered now.

The Court Now Awaiting Orders. KEY WEST, Fla., March 5.-The

United States naval court of inquiry appointed to inquire into the loss of the Maine is still here, inactive, and awaiting orders from Washington. Hulzz, the court's chief stenographer. as returned to Washington, leaving Bissell, his associate, here.

All the Maine survivors received a month's pay yesterday and their claims for lost personal property have heen filed. Schwantz, a cook of the Maine, has put in a claim for \$1.226. which, he says, he had in his chest, which was blown to pieces. Many other enlisted men lost the savings of years,

There have been no movements of the fleet today except in the case of the Nashville, which, towed a coal barge out to the lows. Later in the day it was sald on good authority that he naval court of inquiry will leave here at 5 o'clock this afternoon for Havana, unless orders to the contrary are received from Admiral Sid

Effect of the Civil Service Bill. WASHINGTON, March 5:- The Civil Service commission has prepared for submission to congress some information as to the effect of the enactment into law of the Evans bill, now pending in the house. The bill removes from the operation of the law all positions now in the classified service below the \$900 and above the \$1,800 grade, besides limiting its application in other respects. According to the commission, there are now 688 postoffices in the classified service, with 26,000 employes, 636 of which, with 13,000 employes, would be withdrawn if the bill were passed.

A late supreme court decision upholds a man's right to devise property hold in trust by his ent

Cattlemen Hold a Meetleg ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 5 .- The Southwestern Cattiemen's association will meet at Fort Worth Tex. next will be largely attended

by commission men and cattle dealers and butchers from St. Louis and East. St. Louis. A determined effort with be made to divert the cattle trade of the southwest to this city and Mast St. Louis.

The executive committee of the Na tional Confectioners' association met at Washington and decided to hold the , annual convention at Chicago, June L

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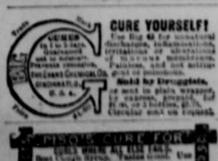
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JONES OF BINGHAMTON,



bers has induced the editors of Godey's Magazine to issue a special fiction number for springtime reading. The March number is, therefore, rich in stories. Among the leading tales that grace the pages of this issue are the following, each individually strong, elimactic and interesting: "It Will Be as God Wills," by Isabel Bowman Finley, a tale of Creole life; "The Parlah, Story of the Isles of Brittany." John William Harding, whose books are well known; "A Journey to Heaven," by Howard M. Yost, one of the most touching and tender tales of child life that have been told in many days.

The contractor for the monument to be erected at Asheville, N. C., to the memory of Zebulon Baird Vance has informed the committee in charge that the monument will be ready for unveiling any time after March 1 next. committee has been appointed to receive suggestions from the public and formulate a plan for the unveiling ceremonies and make report future meeting of the central committee.

The last time Queen Victoria opened parliament was in 1886, and it likely to remain the last time, for an elevator would be necessary in the house of lords should she again attend the function, as she is too feeble to ascend the stairs.

Some time ago one of President Kruger's young relatives applied to him for an office. "I am surry, but I can do nothing," was the grim reply of the president. "The high offices of the state are in good hands. and for little clerkships you are too stupid.

The name California, derived from two Spanish words. Callente Fornalli -i. e., "hot furnace" was given by Cortes in the year 1535 to the peninsula now known as Lower California. of which he was the discoverer, on accutt of its hot of mate.

al treasury March 1 was \$225,564,200. deer are en route to Seattle from New Monday, Feb. 28. lel settled as line between Alaska and British Columbia.

Quarters.

effect on trade,

Heavy rains in California insure the

The ship Terror has no orders and ton Roads

Senor du Boso declares that there were no mines inside or outside of Havana harbor. The court of inquiry is said to have

The house is practically agreed that the usual river and harbor bill will

\$175,000 by the burning of one of the

The Paris correspondent of the

Tuesday, March 1. Gen. Howard believes the Maine was

ousted from the diocese.

some interesting figures on their an-

Capt. Sigsbee notified the navy de-

George Colling, 12 years old,

The secretary of the interior has ap-

claimed, to guarantee prace.

Lord Salisbury is confined to his room at Hatfield house, London, with

Miss Annie Edwards was found dead

James Corrigan began suit against

ness matters at Mayfield, Ky.

journed sine die.

sum was secured.

Ceptain Telean at Cleveland, O., announced that McAleer, the famous

to that effect, the meeting to take place in Hot Sorings, Ark., April 20.

and Spain. Chicago millionaire and philauthropist.

guilty. Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., son of Consul General Lee, who is employed in Richmond, Va., as a clerk in the C. & O. offices, has gone to Cuba to visit his father. A new issue of counterfeit \$2 treas-

for the first time April 25.

Omaha in aid of the Cubans.

Half a car load of flour has reached

Gen. Miles has gone to San Fran-

The net cash balance in the nation-

Five hundred and twenty-nine rein-

Senator Turple wants 141st paral-

The London Daily News says Spain must fight alone if she chooses war.

A Spanish paper refers to Uncle

Paris papers talk as if they expected

The last steamer from Alaska had

Lieutenant Commander Charles

a number of passengers returning who

are thoroughly disgusted with the

Henderson Craven, U. S. N., (retired)

died in Washington on the 1st, aged

At Galesburg, Ill., William Wilder was senteneced to the penitentiary

for twenty-five years for the murder

of Charles Anderson. Wilder, plead

war, and advise the United States to

think well before attacking Spain. .

Sam's soldiers as "drunkards, insub-

ordinates, thieves and fighters."

England will not help her.

country.

55 years.

Ratcliffe

cisco, presumably to inspect defenses.

service some time ago, has made its This note bears check appearance. letter B, and plate number 28. Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, was taken to Blackwell's island penitentiary, where he will serve a sentence of six months' imprisonment for an

ury notes, discovered by the secret

Friday, March 4.

assault upon his wife, Alice DeLacy

Cargill & Fall's flour mill at Houston, Minn., was destroyed by fire. A hundred persons have perished in

the snow drifts of Northern Persia. Very Cycle Manufacturing company of Boston has assigned. Liabilities, \$42,866 The twentieth anniversary of the

coronation of Pope Leo XIII. was celebrated at Rome, The McCoy-Burley fight at Hot Springs. Ark., has been declared off. Authorities object.

Senator Warren introduced two bills providing for cession of arid lands to the respective states. The serious apprehension of failure

of crops though drouth in California has been dispelled by recent rains. Jim Janey, the colored lad of Washington, and Charles Johnson of Minne-

apolis fought to a draw at Baltimore,

Fred Moore, who murdered Tom Anderson at Sentobia, Miss., was taken from jail by a large mob and shot to Senator Allen has introduced a bill providing that the fees for reducing

in Oklahoma shall not exceed 8 cents Joseph Schaller, well known in the Black Hills, was found dead in his room at Terry, S. D.

the testimony to writing in contests

have decided to advance the rates on all vessels bound for Alaska. Officers in seeking to arrest Dr. Francis Breoks of Chicago,

mind is unbalanced, shot and perhaps fatally injured him. The treasury department announces that bids will be opened March 7 for the town clock and bids for the new

Omaha public building elevator.

Saturday, March 5. The Niagara Cycle Fittings company at Buffalo has made an assignment. The Spanish navy is not strong

enough to give this country much con-Editor Hedley of Bunker Hill, Ill., has been acquitted of the charge of homicide.

lina have tendered their services in case of war. The Louisville and Nashville railway has decided to restore old-time

Colored militiamen of South Caro-

wages to its employes. Fifteen thousand dollars changed hands at a cocking main of Massachusetts birds near Paterson, N. J.

Harry Meredith, an actor who has

played in all the principal cities of

the United States, died on the 1st. All Ferouck Rey, the newly appointed Turkish minister to the United States, has started for Washington. Dave Suilivan of Boston met and defeated Patsy Broderick of Providence

Senator Pettigrew today introduced a bill to appropriate \$500 for the relief of George W. Lane, a Cherokee (reedman. Edward H. Clark, formerly of Minneapolis, accidently fell from the roof

of a building at Santa Mon ca. Cal.,

and was killed.

at Youngers, N. Y., in the ninth round.

Jown W. Hailey, manager editor of the Philadelphia Record, was elected president of the publishing company to succeed Mr. Sinserly, The viceroys of Nan Kin and Hi

Kwang, China, have openly revolted

against the rule of the emperer. The averetary of the interior today sent to the senate the treaty recently negotiated with the Indiana on the Fort Hall reservation in Idaho. Judge W. H. C. Pearson died at Holyoke, Mass., aged 70 years. He was a brother of Dr. D. K. Pearson, the

The federal convention has adopted the proposal that the capitol of Austrulasts he tederal territory. like Washinston, the existing capitals beting son dien

THE ADMIRAL.

funds from unknown sources.