Washington News

"The administration program as refor ratification by congress of the funds being transferred from secthe money centers. Giving the president authority to withdraw from entry public lands desired for conservation purposes or for classification, to the voluntary application of conand willing to subscribe to federal his state. regulation. Creating a court of commerce and amending the interstate commerce act as provided by the administration program by adding some measures, which are now deemed of secondary importance. For ing for certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$30,000,000 to provide money to carry on reclamation work.

An Associated Press dispatch says: threatened tariff war. Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of minimum and maximum rates, with the exception of cattle and tion. The result of the negotiations States. agreed to today is to exchange American minimum rates for the entire and unqualified minimum list of Germany. The result is considered just and advantageous to both countries."

Judge A. C. Cox has declined the appointment of presiding justice of the customs court.

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Representative Champ Clark, democratic leader of the house, has been informed that the 'First Champ Clark for President' club has been organized in Enid, Okla. An official notification to that effect has just reached him. A telegram from Tulsa, Okla., has also been received by the minority leader nominating him for speaker of the next congress and then for president. Mr. Clark is not committing himself just now, as to the candidacy for either office, he says."

A lively political debate occurred in the house when Representative Robinson of Arkansas read a letter written by Representative Crow of Missouri in which Mr. Crow told one of his constituents that if he received an appointment as census enumerator he would have to ascertain the relative strength of insur-cents; round steak in London costs gents and republican republicans. In 16 to 20 cents, and in New York 20 this letter Mr. Crow said that the to 24 cents; chuck brings 12 to 16 census enumerator would have to do cents in London, and 14 to 18 cents certain work "such as an enthu- in New York. siastic republican would be glad to

An Associated Press dispatch says: | do and will not in any way conflict with your duty as enumerator." Repvised today by leaders of the senate resentative Bartholdt, republican, of and house and given the stamp of Missouri said that Mr. Crow acted White House approval comprises the on his own authority and did not following legislation: Statehood for speak for any one but himself. Rep-Arizona and New Mexico in the form resentative Boogher of Missouri said of the senate bill, which provides he would offer an amendment to the pending bill imposing a fine of \$1,000 constitution of the new states after or imprisonment for one year upon approval by the president. Postal any census employe who should ask savings bank with safeguards against any person any question relating to his politics. Representative Harlin tions where originally deposited to of Missouri said that President Taft had asked him to suggest some good man for supervisor of the census in place of a supervisor who had died but the president had insisted that withdrawals to remain in force until he must be a republican and so Mr. revoked by him or by acts of con- Harlin told him that he had no advice gress. Federal incorporation open to give. Representative Hardy of Texas said that partisanship is the cerns engaged in interstate business keynote of federal appointments in

Senator Heyburn of Idaho spoke against the postal savings bank bill. Townsend-Elkins bills. Creating a He contended that inasmuch as the legislative council for Alaska, the fund under the bill would reach members to be appointed by the pres- fully \$700,000,000, it would enable ident. Later in the session it may the board of trustees to dictate the be decided to make additions to the rate of interest throughout the country "in other words, the government's purpose to get into the loaning business," he said, "and intends instance, President Taft has told his to fix the rate of interest at 21/4 per advisers that he is inclined to come | cent." In view of this fact, he asked out strongly for ship subsidy in some what the effect would be on incomes form, and it is possible also he may deprived from funds invested at 5 urge the passage of the bill provid- and 6 per cent. "Should we," he then asked, "so forget our duty to the widows and orphans whose funds are thus invested as to disturb the earning capacity of their invest-ments?" He declared that the bill should be denominated "an act to "Concessions by both the United constitute the government a collec-States and Germany have averted a tion agency for the banks," and added that under the bill it had the power to convert the government into a general loaning agency.

Representative Payne of New York dressed meat issue, which was elim- has introduced a resolution providing inated from the present negotiations for an investigation by the house and which will be pursued hereafter | committee on ways and means into in separate diplomatic representa- the high cost of living in the United

> Representative Coudrey, republican, of Missouri, has introduced a resolution to investigate the beef

> Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas attacked the postal savings bank bill, declaring that it is in the interest of money sharks.

> Fountain L. Thompson, recently appointed senator from North Dakota, has resigned on account of ill health. Hon. W. E. Purcell of Waepeton, democrat, has been appointed his successor.

> In a newspaper interview Commander Peary suggests Theodore Roosevelt as leader of the proposed South Pole expedition.

AUTHORIZED TO PLUNDER?

The diligent American press, turning its attention to the meat boycott and the situation that gives rise to it, has unearthed some interesting coma, but recovered before his

The New York Sun finds that the retail price of American beef is much less in London than in New York. Loins sell in London for 15 to 19 cents, in New York for 23 to 28

The Baltimore Sun is impressed would be cold."-Cleveland Leader.

with the fact that American flour and bacon are sold much cheaper in Canada than in the United States.

The Philadelphia North American adduces figures to show that the beef trust's stock explanation of high prices-a diminishing supply, is not true. It shows that from 1899 to 1909 beef cattle in this country increased, in round numbers, from 28 million to 49 millions, of 79 per cent; sheep increased from 39 million to 56 million, or 43 per cent; swine increased from 38 million to 54 million, or 40 per cent. During the same period population has in-Meat products, therefore, have increased from two to three times as much as population.

Senator Bristow of Kansas aids the press in its researches as to fact by coming forward with the sapient suggestion that the price of meat ought to be less than it was twenty-five years ago if for no other reason than that waste has been eliminated. "When I was a boy," he says, "25 per cent of the carcass went to waste. Now nothing is wasted, not even the blood."

All these facts notwithstanding, the price keeps on rising, and the price of American products is greater to Americans, at home, than it is to Londoners across seas.

Yet it is nothing new or surprising. The facts are stale. They have been pointed out, over and over again, by democratic newspapers and campaigners, in any number of cam-

The beef trust is getting enormously rich by robbing the American people. Armours declare a 35 per cent dividend for the last fiscal year. And in ten years they have created a surplus, out of earnings in addition to dividends, of 70 millions of dollars on a 20 million capitalization. Other great packing concerns are doing about as well. Is it strange if prices are high? Is it stranger they are higher right here in Omaha than in London?

And aren't the steel trust and the oil trust and the sugar trust and the harvester trust and the woolen trust and all the rest of them doing just as the beef trust is doing? Aren't they all gouging the American people, and haven't they been doing it these many years past? And haven't these same American people authorized them to do so, and ratified their doing it, by their votes at the polls every time they had a chance?-Omaha World-Herald.

A GREAT WORLD

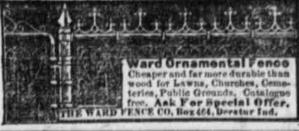
This is a great world and this is what Sam Jones thought of it: "There may be larger worlds and grander and better worlds than this; but this is a great world. Its mountains are God's thoughts piled up; its prairies God's thoughts spread out; its rivers God's thoughts in motion; its flowers God's thoughts in bloom; its harvests God's thoughts in bread; its dew drops God's thoughts in pearl, and whenever we look about us, every object smiles back upon us and says 'I am but the gift of the gracious Father to His wayward children.' "-Nebraska City News.

SURE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS

A young man fell into a state of friends had buried him. One of them asked what it felt like to be dead.

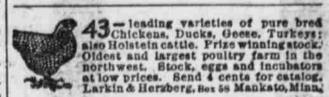
"Dead!" he exclaimed. "I wasn't dead. And I knew I wasn't, because my feet were cold and I was hungry. "But how did that make you sure?"

"Well, I knew that if I were in heaven I shouldn't be hungry, and if I was in the other place my feet





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