IRA L. BARE, Preprietor. TERMS: 11.25 IN ADVANCE. NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA

*************** THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

~~ Dr. John Thunder, head medicine man of the Winnebago tribe, died near

Black River Falls, Wis., of pneumonia, aged 60 years.

The anti-cigarette bill was killed in the Wisconsin senate by a vote of 15 to 12. It came from the judiciary com-- to 4.

At Basin, Wyoming, Tobias Borner was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill, and at his preliminary hearing was bound over to the district court

W. Harry Clary died at Washington, D. C. He was manager of the Baltimore & Ohlo Telegraph Company for some years and later was engaged in newspaper work,

Fire which started in the pastry kitchen of the Corning house at Portage, Wis., spread so rapidly that it ing was destroyed.

Judge Advocate General Lemley has received a telegram from Commander Snow at San Francisco, stating that the Union Iron Works will launch the battleship Ohio on May 18.

The Consolidated Coal company of the Comberland, Md., region, has just been awarded the contract to supply the new coaling station of the United States at Yokohama, Japan.

Henry Hyman, formerly one of the most widely known cattle dealers in the Chicago Union stock yards, died at Michael Reese hospital from a fractured skull, caused by a fall.

Prof. F. W. Huffcut, of the college of law at Cornell University, has declined the position of the deanship of the law department in Iowa State University, which was recently offered him.

Charles S. May, lieutenant governor of Michigan from 1863 to 1865 and an eminent member of the Michigan bar, died suddenly at his home, Island View, Gull Lake, of heart failure, aged

Former Congressman John B. Gilfillan, of Minnesota, has given the university of Minnesota \$50,000, the income from which is to be used to help worthy students through the universtiy.

When the cabinet met on the 5th President McKinley announced to the members that Mr. P. C. Knox of Pittsburg had accepted the attorney generalship, which was offered him last week.

A new plan, having for its object the distribution of young trees through the country, will be put into practical operation by Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, next year.

It is said that the late ex-President Harrison was the only president of the United States who, during his college days, was elected a member of a Greek letter fraternity. He was a Phi Delta Theta.

Editor E. L. Bautzer of the Watchman, a newspaper published at Clayton, Mo., has challenged S. J. Harris, editor of the Argus, a rival publication, to mortal combat, according to the French code.

Ex-Senator Thurston says that his selection as the head of the St. Louis fair commission is only temporary and that he is positively not a candidate for the chairmanship and would not accept it if elected.

Rev. E. P. Brown, formerly editor of pox at his home in Indianapolis, Ind. Thomas Swift, aged 64, well known

in Masonic and Grand Army circles throughout he country, died at Seymour, Conn., of pneumonia.

The secretary of the treasury has bought in New York \$2,000,000 of short term bonds for the sinking fund,

George Amos of Knoxville, Ia., one of the most prominent shippers of New York of pneumonia.

David D. Thompson has been appointed editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago.

Gold has been discovered near Arendal, on the Skager Back, thirty-six miles northeast of Christiansad, Norway.

The bubonic plague is increasing in virulence in Capetown.

Mrs. Foster, convicted of complicity in the attempted murder of her husband at Algona, Iowa, was sentenced by Judge Ballie to three years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Earthquake shocks visited a wide region in southeastern Hungary and several houses were shaken down.

D. B. Robinson formerly first vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, is reported to be dying in a Chicago hos-

Hendrick Hudson hotel, at Yonkers, N. Y., just built and not yet occupied, was burned, the loss bing \$150,000.

Secretary Wilson has authorized Chief Moore of the weather bureau, to establish a full meterorological station at Taylor, Tex.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNI WAR IS ONLY DELAYED

German Editor Thinks Manchurian Agreement Doesn't Assure Peace.

BELIEVES RUSSIA TO HAVE DESIGNS

Expects to Renew Demands When Other Troops Are Withdraws -Tieir Conflicting Interests in the North-Future is Fall of Speculation.

BERLIN, April 10.-The latest phase of the Manchurian question is very difmittee with a majority in its favor, 5 ferently judged by different sections of the German press. The Freissinnige Zeitung, Herr Richter's organ, says:

"For the moment the situation is eased and the conclusion of peace hastened; but, so far as the future is concerned, the situation is rendered more complicated, for as soon as the allied forces are withdrawn the military superiority of Russia will become overwhelming for China, who will probably then grant Russia better terms than now, when she is upheld by the allies.

"While war between Russia and Japan is now deferred, their conflicting soon got beyond control, and the build- interests remain regarding North China and it is probable that war will break out between them soon after peace with China is signed.

The Vossiche Zeitung, which sees a Russian diplomatic defeat in Russia's abandonment of the Manchurian convention, says: "It must have been hard for Count Lamsdorff to instruct the Russian ambassadors to that effect, especially since Russia had from the start followed the policy of rendering a diplomatic settlement in Pekin as difficult as possible and of doing everything to stiffen the backbone of China against the allies, particularly in the matter of the withdrawal of the troops from the province of Chi Li."

The National Zeitung takes the view of the German foreign office. The Frelssinnige Zeitung expresses a hope that at least a portion of the German troops may now be withdrawn from China, adding that otherwise Germany will be completely isolated there. It says the Chinese forts could have been destroyed without walting for China's consent.

GIGANTIC LINEN TRUST.

Spinners of Austria, Germany and Belglum Are Forming.

WASHINGTON, April 10 .- Information concerning the formation of what amounts to a gigantic trust embracing every linen spinning concern on the continent of Europe has reached the United States Consul Mahin at Reich- to prove that power. He has the the consul, it has been understood that ners of linen there had decided to unite | trols the entire province of Mongolia. in a reduction of product. From Paris has come the news that the French spinners are also to join in reducing the output of the mills. The object is believed to be to steady and possibly to enhance the price of linen yarn. Makers of linen cloth have, during the fall and winter, suffered from the high price of yarn, and this enormous combinction will make conditions still worse, says the consul.

APPEAL FROM PORTO RICANS.

Petition Addressed to McKinley Pleads that Many Are Suffering.

NEW YORK, April 10.-Senor Santiago Eglesias, delegate of the Federation of Labor of Rica, who arrived on the steamer Ponce, from San Juan, is the bearer of a petition from the workthe Ram's Horn, is sick with small ingmen of Porto Rico to President Mc-Kinley. In this petition, which bears 6,000 signatures, the Porto Ricans say:

"Misery, with all its horrid consequences, is spreading in our homes with wonderful rapidity. It has already reached such an extreme that many workers are starving to death, while others that have not the courage to see their mothers, wives, sisters and children perish by hunger, commit suthorses to the eastern market, died in clue by drowning themselves in the rivers or hanging themselves from branchas of trees."

Captain Long Promoted.

BURLINGTON, Is., April 10. News is received here that Captain Frank S. Long, of the Thirty-ninth volunteers in the Philippines, has been appointed at Colombia, in the province of Luzon, still retaining his rank as captain. Captain Long, is a Burlington boy and | ment obligations, car trust of 1901." is very popular all over this part of Iowa, where he raised a company for the Spanish war.

Hill Sure of the Rurlington.

NEW YORK, April 10,-The Evening Post says: "President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway will leave the city tomorrow with his negotiations for the Burlington railway successfully concluded." According to the Evening Post, Mr. Hill would not make any personal statement, but informed his close associates that the Burlington negotiations had been concluded and that when he left New York all would be settled.

STATUE STANDS UNVEILED.

Tribute to Memory of John A. Logan Warrior and Statesman.

WASHINGTON, April 10 .- The magnificent equestrian statue of General John A. Logan, erected in Iowa Circle in memory of the distinguished warrior and statesmen by his comrades in arms and by the people whom he served so well, was unveiled yesterday, The ceremony occurred in the presence of an immense assemblage, including President McKintey and the members of his cabinet, the surviving members of General Logan's family and many persons eminent in the military and civil life of the nation. A grandson of the famous leader, Master George Tucker, drew the silken cord which released the fluttering flags that draped the statue and disclosed to view the heroic bronze figure.

At 1:30 p. m. an imposing military parade, of which Colonel Francis L. Guenther of the Fourth artillary was grand marshal, was formed on Pennsylvania avenue, in front of the White House, and thence escorted the president and other distinguished participants in the ceremony to Iowa Circle. Many veteran organizations of both the civil and Spanish wars marched by separate routes to the scene of the unveiling. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Fourth artillery band.

General Gronville M. Dodge, president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, presided at the ceremony in Iowa Circle. After the invocation had been pronounced by Rev Frank M. Bristol, the president's pastor, General Dodge presented the sculptor, Franklin Simmons. Young Master Tucker then released the clinging draperies of the statue and the splendid work was disclosed. President McKinley made an address.

RUSSIA TURNS A DEAF EAR.

Refusal to Listen, However, Merely Re

lates to Manchurian Dispute. PEKIN, April 10.-The Russian minister to China, M. de Giers, responding to the letter from Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang regarding Manchuria, merely refuses to hold further communication with them upon the sub-

The Mongolian Prince Olaskan, father-in-law of Prince Tuan, proves to be an important factor in the rebellion now in progress. He urges the rebellious troops to march on Sian Fu.

Chinese knowing General Tung Fuh Siang say the emperor brought the rebellion upon his own head when he published the edict threatening the general with future punishment. On account of his present power and influence, General Tung Fuh Siang would him. Prince Tuan also has a large

TO BUY INDIAN LANDS.

Inspector McLaughlin to Conduct Negotlations.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Inspector McLaughlin has been selected to conduct negotiations with the Rosebud Indians for the cession to the United States of several thousand acres of Indian lands in Gregory and Lyman counties, South Dakota. The negotiations are authorized under a provision of the last Indian appropriation act, which empowers the secretary to treat with the Indians for the purchase of Indian lands. There are two townships belonging to the Lower Brule Indians of South Dakota, which the government also desires to purchase with a view to opening them to settlement. Inspector McLaughlin has been selected for this assignment on account of his intimate acquaintance with the knowledge of the Sioux.

FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

Iwe Trust Companies File Papers for Ob ligations of \$10,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 10 .- An agreement between the Standard Trust company of New York and the Baltimore & Ohio Trust company providing for equipment obligations to cover \$10,000,-000 of additional equipment was filed with the recorder of deeds today. The obligations are for \$10,000 each, with 4 per cent interest from January 1, 1901, payable semi-annually, and are to be in ten series, each of \$1,000,000 in principal. The series mature respectively on provost marshal under General Hall, December 31 of each year during the continuance of the lease. The obligations are named "the railroads equip-

> The additional equipment contemplates 100 locomotives, 2,500 box cars, 2,000 steel hopper cars and 500 flat cars.

For Breach of Contract.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 10.-Suit for 500,000 was filed against the Byrd syndicate, limited, of London, by John A. Creighton of Omaha, a contractor. He alleges that he entered into a contract with James R. D. Graham, agent of the Byrd syndicate, by which the syndicate was to drill for oil and gas in Texas, to spend \$100,000 within two years and \$100,000 a year thereafter until the daily output reached 2,000 barrels.

CULTURE OF THE TREE

Division of Forestry to Make Extended Investigation of Conditions.

VALUE OF RESULTS ANTICIPATED

Scientific Study of the Situation Expected to Be of Great Assistance to the Entire Plains Region-A Very Encouraging Outlook.

WASHINGTON, April 9.- The division of forestry of the United States department of agriculture has decided to make a thorough examination during the coming summer of tree growth in the state of Nebraska, The object of this examination is to determine if forest production on a large scale is possible in this region. Throughout the greater part of Nebraska there is but a sparse timber growth, while portions of the state are practically treehopes to devise means for improving and extending the present forest growth, and, in the case of the treeless regions, to formulate a plan of tree planting whereby the waste lands may be reclaimed. The best methods of tree culture will be considered and a careful study will be made of climate, soil and the natural enemies of trees in this region.

For several years past the division of forestry, through its section of tree planting, has been investigating the forest growth in several of the middle states. The agents selected for the work to be done in Nebraska this summer are men who have a practical knowledge of the existing conditions and are well fitted for the task of making an exhaustive study of the region. The results obtained from this tour of investigation will be of value to several of the neighboring states, for in Kansas, South Dakota and portions of eastern Colorado and Wyoming much the same conditions exist.

The valley of the Platte river, from Plattsmouth to Kearney, and the entire western half of the state, will constitute the field of investigation. About May 1 two representatives of the division will begin work at Plattsmouth and go up the river examining and classifying the growth of trees. Especial attention will be paid to the distribution of species and to the efforts to cultivate considerable bodies of timber. In the investigation of tree planting experiments the failures as well as the successes will be noted, for it is desirable to obtain all possible information on the subject.

It is expected that Kearney will be the party will be increased to six memthe Austrian, German and Belgian spin. following, while Prince Olaskan con- horses. The following four months will be spent in work that will practically cover the western half of the state. The line of travel will be from Kearney to the western boundary of the state, along the Platte, thence northwest to Crawford, and then in a general southeasterly direction through the sand hills, and down the Middle Loup river to Loup City.

A wide strip of territory can be studied on each side of the route, as the party will be mounted, and particular attention is to be given to the distribution and reproduction of the yellow pine. Nebraska is the meeting ground of the plains and mountain floras, and for this reason much valuable and interesting information is likely to be obtained. Co-operation by the people along the route to be taken by the government party will greatly facilitate the work.

ARE WARY OF AGUINALDO.

Natives Distrust Him and Some Desire Him Punished.

MANILA, April 9.-General MacArthur says it is impossible to make a It is possible that Aguinaldo will soon | ed from the railroad stations. be removed from the Malacanang palace to a large house with pleasant grounds, 56 General Solano street, a fashionable quarter of the city, beside the Pasig river, which is being renovated and prepared for occupancy.

Aguinaldo is purchasing diamonds receive certain visitors, but newspaper correspondents are excluded.

It is said that the manifesto which Aguinaldo has been preparing has not vet been signed, and it is added that Aguinaldo is reluctant to comply with the conditions.

It appears that the majority of the Filipinos in Manila distrust Aguinaldo and dislike to see him accorded special favors. They say he ought to be severely punished.

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MR. WU SEEKS INFORMATION.

Has No Advices of Interruption Between Russia and China.

WASHINGTON, April 9 .- The Chinese minister was an early caller at the state department today to seek information as to the report based on advices to the state department that there had been an instruption of the diplomatic intercourse between Russia and China, Mr. Wu had not been advised of any such development, and the information by the state department was so contradictory that it del not permit any explanation of the real state of affairs.

The doubt arises from the tact that Mr. Rockhill's latest dispatch does not mention any such disarrangement, and the officials feel bound to accept this as pretty strong evidence that prior intimations of decord have not taxen actual form. Yet the dispatch received from Mr. Squires, the American charge d'affaires in the absence of Minister Conger, appear to have been quite explicit that the difficulty already had less. From the results of the proposed made itself manifest. It is thought investigation the division of forestry possible at the state department that the circumstances to which Mr. Squires refers occurred prior to the receipt in Pekin of the last Russian note and that the trouble may have been adjusted subsequently.

The state department maintains an attitude of doubt and expectancy and is not yet prepared to admit that there has been an interruption of intercourse between the two countries, either limited or complete.

Aside from the telegraphic advices there are some attending circumstances which indicate that at last some strain or partial interruption of intercourse has occurred. The fact developed in Washington about a week ago that Russia had delivered to China what amounted to an ultimatum on the Manchurian agreement. This followed the usual course of ultimatums and fixed a definite limit of days within which China could act. It conveyed the clear intimation that unfavorable action by China would lead to a severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

INVITATION GOES TO CONGER.

Conneil Bluffs People Advance Plans for

Reception. COUNCIL BLUFFS, la., April 9 .-Acting on the assumption that Minister Conger will arrive in Council Bluffs at an hour suitable for a public reception, the subcommittee, in whose hands the matter had been left most important measure of this class by the general committee, extended by is the act repealing the mutual hog mail an invitation to him as follows:

Hon. Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipoten- ture organization of these companies, State department in a report from not permit this and naturally desired reached before July 1. At this point tiary, San Francisco: Sir-The people all those heretofore existing having of Council Bluffs, desiring to express failed or gone out of business. An enberg, Austria. For some time, says entire Mohammedan population with bers and will be equipped with a com- to you their appreciation of your pub- act to repeal the hail insurance law lic services abroad, to congratulate you was introduced, but because one or on your safe return to your native land two of these companies are still doand to give you assurance of their con- ing business it was soon defeated. tinued love and fealty have perfected arrangements to tender you a public reception and dinner in this city on the day of your return to Iowa, in order that all may have opportunity to give expression to their welcome. The women have been equally zealous to fittingly welcome Mrs. Conger and other members of your party and have arranged for their entertainment. May we not be favored with prompt acceptance of this invitation and an advice by wire at what hour you expect to arrive in this city and by what route.

MANY HANDS GUARD LOUBET.

Safeguards Due to Rumor of Projected

Assassination. LONDON, April 9 .- A dispatch to the

Evning News from Paris says that the French detectives were privately informed of a projected attempt to nor Dietrich sent a cablegram to E. assassinate President Loubet during R. Sizer at Havana, tendering him his coming trip. Extraordinary precau- the position of state oil inspector, to tions have been taken everywhere and succeed J. N. Gaffin, who has held the usual police protection has been over from the former administration. statement concerning Auginaldo now. doubled. Outsiders have been exclud- A friend of Mr. Sizer, speaking with

French president's stay at Nice, where in the Cuban customs service. stringent orders have been issued to rigorously suppress the slightest hestile demonstration;

President Loubet is inclined to laugh and other jewelry. He continues to at the detectives' fears that an attempt will be made upon his life.

Outbreak of Rebellion PEKIN, April 9.-The rumors which

have been current during the last few days of the outbreak of a rebellion, former commander of the northern army, in the provinces of Mongolia and Shen Si, have been absolutely authen- in Iowa State university, which was ticated.

Turbulent Students Arrested.

LONDON, April 9 .- A dispatch from been attending.

THE NEW COMMISSION

It Will Probably Be Divided Among Three Different Branches.

COMMISSIONERS TO PAN-AMERICAN

Act of the Legislature Repealing the Mutual Hog Insurance Law-Nebraska Oil Inspectorship-Miscellaneous Matters Here and There.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 6 .- The new supreme court commission will probably be divided into three distinct branches, each to consist of three members. Assignment of cases will be made by the court proper, which will remain in full possession of the present supreme court rooms. The commission will occupy a series of ente-rooms on the second floor of the building and some of the oral arguments wil be heard in the senate chamber. It is presumed the three judges will devote their attention almost exclusively to arguments on motions, leaving the preparation of opinions to the commissioners, subject, of course, to the court's approval,

Governor Dietrich was interviewed by several persons interested in the eppointment of the Nebraska commissioner to the Pan-American exposition. There are already five applicants for the position and still other names are frequently mentioned in connection with the appointmen Among them is Representative Hibbert, author of the bill creating the office, who has strong endorsements and is making a vigorous fight for the place. Although the governor has given no intimations, it is understood that he will select some one who has had experience in managing exhibits, or who has in some way been connected with an exposition.

Various ideas for the state's exhibit at the exposition have been advanced. Some would have the state represented by a typical eod house and others believe a small but modern cottage. characteristic of Nebraska's most upto-date architecture, would make a better showing. Whatever may be the nature of the building, one thing is settled, and that is that no effort will be spared to show to as good advantage as possible the agricultural and educational resources of the state.

The legislature enacted few laws which will in any way affect the insurance interests of the state. The Insurance law. The effect of the passage of this law will be to prevent fu-

Losses of Live Stock.

HAY SPRINGS, Neb., April 6 .- The reports of the loss of stock during the blizzard of last Saturday and Sunday are about all in from within about twenty-five miles of this place. The principal losers are George G bbs, 200 head of sheep and thirty head of cattle; D. T. Taylor, 100 head of sheep; George Banks, twenty-five head of cheep; Jake Rutten, seventy head of sheep; W. H. Peters, seventy-five head of sheep; A. Scribner, fifty head of cattle; S. Wilson, 108 head of cattle; C. H. ochmner, nine head of cattle; D. Rochon, sixteen head of cattle, and many others losing from three to ten

Nebraska Oil Inspector.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 6.-Goverauthority, said that the position Ten thousand soldiers have been de- would undoubtedly be accepted. Mr. tailed to maintain order during the Sizer now holds an official position

Thieves Tap Postoffice.

PLEASANTON, Neb., April 6 .-The postoffice was robbed Sunday at midnight by two men. The safe was blown. The alarm was given and the thieves frightened away. They secured \$180 left in the safe.

Prof. Huffert Declines.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 5 .- Prof. H. headed by General Tung Fuh Sian, the W. Huffert of the college of law at Cornell university has declined the position of dean of the law department recently offered him.

Bonds Declared Worthless.

HEBRON, Neb., April 6 .- It was an-St. Petersburg to the Reuter Telegram nounced a few days ago that the company says that the police at bonds voted for \$55,000 by the county Kharkoff have arrested twenty-one stu- last fall are not legal. After being isdents for rioting at the railroad station sued, as it was thought according to on the occasion of the departure of law, they were advertised and purother students, who were expelled for chased by the state trea urer and being connected with previous disturb- were to bear 31/2 per cent interest, ances at Kharkoff. A number of stu- When the county clerk went to Lindents were also arrested in St. Peters- coin to get the money he was informburg on leaving a theater they had ed they were not legal and worthless. not being advertised according to law.