IRA L. BARE, Proprietor.

TERMS: \$1.25 IN ADVANCE. NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA

#### \*\*\*\* BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

President James J. Hill's special arrived at St. Paul from Scattle over the Great Northern, making a record of 1,823 miles in 45 hours and 50 min-

Judge Clancy, in the district court Hindes \$231,000 for his services while company about two years ago.

The German Shakespeare society

Jenkins of Oklahoma Territory to be Prince Kung, who are now in Pekin." governor of that territory, and James Mexico.

since 1863.

St. Louis railroad at Wilcox, Mo.,

assigns Brigadier General James F. Ludlow to command the department Hughes.

their attorney generals, have formed the others may accomplish. n friendly alliance to eradicate fake insurance companies. The three offirespective states.

made in due time.

of steam rise to the clouds.

to be a resident of Chicago.

It has practically been decided by tertained. the Cramps Shipbuilding company to and orphans of the sailors killed in ter the total is once agreed upon. Havana harbor will probably be invited to attend the launching.

Consul Nelson at Bergen, in a communication to the state department, Standard Oil Company Has New Texas gays the importation of American quail into Sweden has awakened lively interest. More than 5,000 quail, representing a sum of about \$3,500. have been ordered for the spring, and still more orders are expected.

large herds of cattle in eastern Wy- price was not given. oming and western Nebraska, has lost more than 2,500 head of cattle dur- water port to the Beaumont oil field, of sheep near Kimball, Neb., out of a band of 14,000.

The St. Paul (Minn.) Globe says: Cudahy Bros., the Chicago packers, and ship via Port Arthur to New Orhave decided to locate a large branch in the vicinity of the twin cities. The Port Arthur, the Standard Oil comonly remaining obstacle is the secur- pany will control even the domestic ing of a plant. It seems likely that trade in crude oil. the Dakota company's house, located at South St. Paul, which has been vacant for some time, will be selected.

W. H. Hearst is reported to have

bought the Philadelphia Times. The directors of the Missouri Pacific railroad, at a meeting in New York, authorized an increase of \$30,-000,000 in the capital stock, making the total authorized issue \$100,000,000.

Secretary Gage bought \$300,000 more of short 4s United States bonds at \$113.56.

The continued drouth has produced a water famine throughout the laththe poorer classes.

increased 62 per cent in ten years.

convent is absolutely fantastical.

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE DOWAGER STEPS BACK

Chinese Empress Appoints a Commission to Breast the Public for Her.

SHE IS NOT SO ARBITRARY NOW.

New Plan Seems to Indicate Less Inclination to Run Things Herself-The News as Received in Washington Regarded as Most Important.

WASHINGTON, April 27.-The folat Butte, Mont., awarded Thomas H. lowing cablegram has been received at the State department from Mr. Squireceiver for the Boston & Montana rers, the United States charge at Pekin, dated today:

"The empress dowager has appointhas chosen Grand Duke Constantine ed a board of national administration of Russia an honorary member in to relieve her of her public functions. recognition of his translation of They embrace three members of the "Hamlet" into the Russian language. cabinet now with the empress at Sian The president appointed William M. Fu and Prince Ching, Viceroy Li and

This news is regarded as of impor-W. Reynolds of New Mexico to be tance, indicating as it does the relinsecretary of the territory of New quishment by the empress dowager of the arbitrary powers she heretofore Bishop J. J. Esher, after a protracted has exercised. It also is apparent that illness, died in Chicago, aged 79. Bish- she has placed herself in a position op Esher was the senior bishop of the to avoid direct responsibility to the Evangelical church, having continu- foreigners for whatever may happen ously occupied the Episcopal office in the future and the board will have to bear the brunt of any complaint. Paul Baumgardner and Harry Cain. It is felt that the appointment of this the two 15-year-old boys who wreck- board will make it much easier for the ed a passenger train on the Omaha & foreign ministers to transact business with the Chinese government. The pleaded guilty to the charge and were three members of the Chinese cabinet sentenced to two years in the reform now at Sian Fu include the notorious Jung Lu, who was one of the most An order issued by Secretary Root active in the outbreak against the foreigners last summer. One of the Wade to command the department of other members of this council is 70 southern Luzon, in place of General years old and is said to be greatly Bates, and Brigadier General William debilitated. The third member has been at least lukewarm toward foreign of the Visayas, in place of General Interests. The choice of these three is looked upon as likely to complicate Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, through the good which Li Hung Chang and

The foreign establishments here are receiving a number of important discials will keep each other posted as to patches relative to the question of inthe details of all discoveries of ques- demnity and how it shall be guarantionable insurance operations in their teed, by a Chinese loan or to each of the powers individually.

Secretary Long has recommended to One of the dispatches coming the president the reappointment of through an European foreign office Admiral O'Neill as chief of the bu- says that Sir Robert Hart has conreau of ordnance, the important post cluded that China can pay a total of he has held for four years past, The \$200,000,000, and the impression is conrecommendation is equivalent to a re- veyed that this will be the amount appointment, which will be formally agreed upon, the various claims being scaled down to this limit. An-A new geyser has made its appear- other dispatch comes from one of the ance at Lake Echo, Bomtomahana, most prominent Chinese officials and New Zealand. It is described as a from a plenipotentiary in the peace mass of boiling water, half an acre in regotiations. He makes a suggestion extent, rising in a great dome, from that when the amount of indemnity which a column of water and stones is agreed upon it will be greatly to rises 300 feet, while immense volumes the interests of China as well as to the powers if the amount payable to Government officers arrested Fred each power can be made by install-Dorrer, aged 69, an old soldier, at St. ments and not by a gross payment Joseph, Mo., who is said to have outright. In that case China would been responsible for the perpetration not be compelled to negotiate a large of numerous pension frauds, whereby loan. The view prevails among offithe government and many old soldiers | cials that while this proposition is fair have been swindled. Dorrer is said it is not practicable and there is little idea that it will be favorably en-

Other dispatches which have passlaunch the United States battleship ed within the last few days revive Maine on Memorial day. Survivors of the idea of having The Hague trithe original Maine and the widows bunal administer the indemnities af-

# GRASPS BEAUMONT FIELD.

Fields Nalled In

BEAUMONT, Tex., April 27.-The Beaumont Oil exchange today posted the statement that the Standard Oil company had purchased the railroad terminals, wharves and shipping fa-It is reported that the Swan Land cilities at Port Arthur and 90,000 acres and Cattle company, which ranges of land surrounding the port. The

Port Arthur is the nearest deep ing the severe storm of the past ten and by controlling this outlet the days. Jack Edwards lost 7,000 head Standard Oil company can control every barrel of oil taken from the Beaumont field. The railroads cannot compete in freight rates with pipe line leans and Galveston. . Thus owning

# Cannot Attend the Funeral.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26,-News of the death of Mrs. Saxton was received at the White House this afternoon. Mrs. McKinley was much attached to her aunt, but will be unable to attend the funeral, which occurs Saturday, owing to the departure of the presidential party for the western trip on Monday.

# Prepare for North Pole.

HAMBURG, April 27.-Evelyn B. Boldwin, who is to lead the American (Zeigler) Arctice expedition, and mus of Panama and especially among who arrived here yesterday, spent the morning in shipping to Tromsoe and Hungarian census gives Budapest a Sanjeford supplies for the expedition. | others, against the Omaha & St. Louis population of 703,448, the Jews having Privy Councillor Neumayr is aiding Mr. Baldwin in every possible way. In the best informed circles in Lis- He has presented him with the latest bon it is declared that the story that polar maps, drawn by Dr. Nansen. the queen of Portugal will enter a Later he compared notes with the members of the German expedition.

#### CONGER REACHES TRISCO.

Minister, Wife, Daughter and Miss Pierce Are Safely Over.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 .- Edwin H. Conger, United States minister to China, accompanied by his wife, daughter and Miss Pierce, arrived from China this afternoon on the steamer Nippon Maru.

Asked in regard to his future plans Mr. Conger said he would remain in this city until Saturday morning, when he would leave for his home in Des Moines, Ia. At the expiration of his sixty days' leave of absence he intended to return to China, He would go back sooner if anything important should come up.

When told that it was planned by the citizens of Des Moines to give him public reception he said that although he did not care for public demonstrations he would accept a reception at Des Moines. cH belonged to the people of Des Moines. In fact, the entire people of Iowa had always been kind to him, giving him everything that he asked for, refusing him nothing. In return he had been compelled often to refuse the people of

Iowa favors. Owing to quarantine regulations and the necessity for giving personal supervision to the landing of his baggage, Mr. Conger did not reach his hotel until 6 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Conger's arrival was awaited with considerable interest, not only on account of his connection with events in China, but from a political standpoint. There was a great desire to know what position Mr. Conger would assume with regard to the coming gubernatorial nomination in Iowa.

#### WILL CULTIVATE SUGAR BEET.

Six Million Dollar Company Buys Large Tract of Colorado Land.

CHICAGO, April 26 .- The Tribune tomorrow will say

Negotiations have been completed in Chicago for the formation of the largest beet sugar concern in the: world. A company has been organized with r. capital stock of \$6,000,000, to be and Irrigation Land company. The bound in blood. The relations, he plant of the new company is to be located in Prowers county, Colorado, in the famous Rocky Ford fruit district.

A number of New York capitalists. including the Oxnards, the Cuttings, the Hamiltons, the Lawsons and the Richards of the Mercantile Trust company are interested. The new concern has purchased the holdings of the Great Plains Water company, which comprises about 125,000 acres along Colorado. Colonization of the land with farmers will be undertaken by the company. Over \$2,000,000 will be

Senators Dine With the President. WASHINGTON, April 26.-Tonight Senators Millard and Dietrich had to the Cuban commission. Senator Dietrich had determined to go home this afternoon, but in view of the invitation from the president, he decided to avail himself of the opportunity and delayed his return to Nebraska until tomorrow. Senator Mil-New York with Miss Millard en route west.

On the Hunt for Bad Butter.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 27.-Deputy Dairy Commissioner Wright returned from Afton Junction, where he went the first of the week in search of oleomargarine. It had been reported that a substitute for butter was being used in the railroad camps along the line of the "Q," where 500 men are employed in straightening track. Mr. Wright had a search warrant for one of the camps and examined several others, but could find no oleomargarine, although the butter used was of the poorest order.

Shingle King Buys a Mine.

PRESCOTT, A. T., April 25.-E. W. Wells and W. C. Parsons of Prescott and Hugh McCrum of San Francisco have sold the McCable mine to a syndicate of Chicago capitalists, headed by Frank Jager, the shingle king of that city. The price is said to be about \$600,000.

On Verge of a Collapse. CHICAGO, April 26 .-- A special to the Record-Herald from Honolulu, April 19, says Governor Dole is a very sick man. He has been confined to his house for several days and only the most intimate friends have been allowed to see him.

Want a Foreclosure Sale. ST. LOUIS, April 26 .- Judge Thayer of the United States circuit court heard arguments today in the case of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, Julius S. Walsh, trustee, and Railroad company. The plaintiffs represent the bondholds and are seeking to have the property of the defendant sold under foreclosure proceedings. After hearing arguments Judge Thayer will decide the case.

# CONFAB WITH CUBANS

Secretary of War Meets Special Delegation in First Diplomatic Bout.

#### GIVES NO GROUND OF HIS ACTION

He Convinces Them of Uncle Sam's Sin cerity, Also His Determination-Delegation's Call at White House is Made Pleasant, But Purely Formal.

WASHINGTON, April 26.-The Cuban delegation from the convention framing a constitution for the new island republic saw President McKinley twice today, once in the early part of the day, when there were introductions and a formal exchange of expressions of friendship between the United States and Cuba and again at night, when the members of the delegation were the guests of honor at a state dinner at the White House,

The real business which brought the delegation here was transacted with Secretary Root of the War department, the president, in the forenoon interview at the White House, saying to the delegates that he would confer with the secretary, who would act as his representative in conferences over the Cuban situation. The delegation and Secretary Root were closeted for some hours in the forenoon in a discussion of the relations of the island to the United States. Secrecy was observed as to the conference, the statement being made that after results were reached some announcement as to the conclusion would be made. Questions of importance were not touched upon in the interview between the president and delegation, the conversation being almost wholly formal.

Senor Capote in his address to the president spoke of the desire of the Cubans to have the closest possible relations with the United States. He said that United States soldiers and Cubans had fought side by side and driven Spain from the island and the known as the Arkansas Valley Beet | ties between the two countries were said, were most amicable and more than that which usually exists between nations. He also spoke of the gratitude which Cuba had to the United States for the assistance rendered in her liberation.

In response the president expressed his pleasure at meeting the delegation and desired through them to extend the kindest wishes to the people of the island. He said that his interest in Cuba always had been great the Arkansas river in southeastern and he made reference to messages he had sent to congress concerning the island. Its welfare always would be the subject of his most carnest conexpended this year on improvements. sideration. He congratulated the members of the delegation upon being members of the Cuban constitutional convention and said it was a high honor and fell to the lot of but few their first taste of official life, hav- men to have the opportunity to frame ing been guests of the president at a government for a republic. Condinner given by the chief executive cerning the object of the delegation's visit the president said he would confer with the secretary of war and the secretary, having an intimate knowledge of the situation, would confer with the delegation.

The most important meeting of the day was a conference in Secretary lard will leave tomorrow night for Root's office, lasting until 6 o'clock in the afternoon. This was the first business meeting, the others having been social and formal. Those present were the five Cuban delegates, their interpreter, Secretary Root, General Wood, Assistant Secretary Sanger and Senor Gonzales, General Wood's secretary, who acted as interpreter a great portion of the time. The army officers who are acting as escort for the Cubans also were present.

When the meeting adjourned no official statement was made as to the proceedings, but it can be said that the result was considered satisfactory, both by the Cubans and Secretary Root. The business was not completed and the conference will resassemble tomorrow forenoon. The fact that the entire conversation had to be through interpreters made it necessary to proceed slowly.

Offer to Buy the Burlington.

BOSTON, April 26 .- The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy directors at a special meeting today voted to submit to the stockholders of the road a proposition from the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads to take control of the Burlington. The offer for the Burlington stock is \$200 per share for not less than two-thirds of the whole amount, to be paid for in 4 per cent bonds of the two negotiating roads, the stockholders being given the option of taking part cash.

Labor Differences Settled.

STURGIS, S. D., April 26.-An agreement has been reached by the Sturgis Labor union and the contractors, which will adjust the difficulty that came up between them. The following points were agreed upon: The rate for unskilled labor shall be \$2.25 per day of ten hours, from date to July 1; after July 1 the rate shall be \$2.50 per day of ten hours; only union men shall be employed and the usual three days' grace shall be given.

#### FIRST REPORT OF THE YEAR.

Set Forth Regarding Conditions in Nebraska Crops.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN-The past week has been cold, with about the normal rainfall. The daily mean temperature has averaged from 5 degrees to 8 degrees below the normal. Killing frosts occurred on the 17th and 18th, with temperatures below 30 degrees. Vegetation is so backward, however, that no damage resulted from the low temperature.

Rain was general on the 15th or 16th. The amount exceeded one-half an inch at most places, and at a few places exceeded an inch. Although wet weather has retarded farm work in parts of the state, generally considerable progress has been made during the past week. Spring wheat seeding is well advanced, and some spring wheat is up-coming evenly and nicely. Oat seeding has been general the past week and is nearly completed in the southern counties. Early sown oats are coming up nicely. Present indications are for a

small acreage of oats, caused by the late spring and wet weather at seeding time. Very little plowing has been done, but the ground at the end of the week

and seeding. Winter wheat, rye and grass have grown well, but somewhat slowly, because of the low temperature.

was in excellent condition for plowing

#### DIES ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

Harry Rice, City Marshal of North Platte, Commits Suicide.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 27 .-Harry Rice, the city marshal here, in a fit of despondency, committed suicide by taking strychnine. The eviwent to the cemetery, where he was seen just a short time before he died, sitting upon the grave of his wife, who died about two years ago. His body was found near a hydrant a had dragged himself, as appeared from the tracks.

He purchased the poison of one of the drug stores here, stating that he had some dogs to kill and did not want to shoot them. He also bade some of his friends goodby, saying it was the last they would see of him.

the cemetery without coming uptown. His strange conduct of last night being reported this morning and he failing to appear as usual, a search was instituted and his body found.

# HORSE THIEVES' NERVY WORK.

Make Away With Two Teams and Wagon From Farmers.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 27.-Horse thieves got in their work in Johnson county the other night. From Harry Roup, a farmer southwest of her, they stole a team of horses, wagon and harness, and from Nate Sutherland, a of horses. Mr. Roup will pay \$25 for the recovery of his property and \$50 for the aprehension of the thieves. Mr. Sutherland will also pay \$25 for the return of his team and pay \$50 for the capture of the thieves. Sheriff C. B. Strong and Deputy Sheriff William Cummings and other mounted men took the trail of the offenders early, and when last heard from they were a good distance south of Tecumseh and believed they were on the right track.

# Indians Start for Buffalo.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., April 27 .- Two hundred and fifty Indians, with seventy-five ponies, left here on a special for the Buffalo exposition. No finer body of Indians have ever-left this place for an exhibition, their decorations were superb, and at least 1,000 of their friends and relatives accompanied them to the train. The company will pick up other bands along the route and at Chicago will meet the bands from Indian Territory and together will swoop down upon the city of Buffalo.

# Western Nebraska Rejoices.

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 27,-Western Nebraska is rejoicing over the fine weather following three weeks of very severe storms. The ground is in fine condition for crops and much more than usual will be put in. Grass is green and in a few days more like the present pasture will be abundant, much to the delight of stockmen. The loss of stock is not as large as many of the reports made it, perhaps 1 or 2 per cent.

# Recovered Bis Hat.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 27 .-Several days ago an old fisherman named Samuel Henrys was crossing the Missouri river in a skiff, when his hat blew off, and in attempting to reach it, the boat was capsized. Being a poor swimmer, Mr. Henrys clung to the overturned boat, and the strong current carried him down to a small island two miles south of the city, where he was rescued the follow-

# CUDAHY TELLS STORY

Father of Kidnaped Boy Gives Testimony in Criminal Court.

# REITERATES FORMER STATEMENTS

The Trial of the Alleged Kidnaper Draws a Great Throng-The Youthful Victim Takes the Stand and Relates His experlence.

OMAHA, Neb., April 25 .- Edward A. Cudahy, sr., and Edward A. Cudahy, jr., father and son, testified at the trial of James Callahan yesterday. The story of the kidnaping and the subsequent payment of the \$25,000 ransom, as related by Mr. Cudahy, sr., was a repetition of the reports of the effair as published at the time in the news columns of the Bee. The testimony of the boy, giving the details of his abduction and imprisonment, also tallied with the reports heretofore published in this newspaper. In no detail did the evidence given by Mr. Cudahy and his son differ with the authentic and exclusive stories of the crime printed.

Yesterday forenoon was taken up with the opening statements of counsel and a visit by the jury to the scene of the crime, and in the afternoon the taking of testimony began.

Young Cudahy was placed on the witness stand at 4 o'clock and when court adjourned at 5:30 o'clock hisevidence had not reached that point where he is expected to positively identify Callahan as one of the kidnapers. It is apparent that the prosecution is leading up to an identification, for the boy was made to relate in detail the numerous conversations he had with his guard during the dence at the inquest showed that he twenty-eight hours he was confined in the Melrose Hill house. It is the intention, evidently, to show that young Cudahy had become sufficiently familiar with the voice and the peculiarities in speech of his captor and guard few feet from the grave, to which he to recognize the same when heard by him at some future time. As previously published, after Callahan was arrested the Cudahy boy was given an opportunity to hear a conversation between him and Chief Donahue in the latter's office, after which he declared that Callahan's voice and peculiarities of speech were the same as those of He went straight from his room to his former guard. It is therefore predicted that the prosecution will today ask young Cudahy to identify Callahan by his voice and articulation.

So far as given the boy's testimony describes his captor and guard as a dark man with a stubby black moustache and black hair. This description may be fitted to Callahan, although it is extremely meager and Callahan's moustache at this time is long enough to support a small curl at each end.

When the trial was resumed in the morning the court room was crowded with spectators, public interest having been revived by the announcement neighbor, they made away with a team | that the jury had been completed and and the relation of the story of the kidnaping would begin. Edward A. Johnson county will give a reward of | Cudahy and the son for whose release he paid the \$25,000 ransom were in court, occupying seats directly behind those of County Attorney Shields and in this case, too, Johnson county will General Cowin. Callahan appeared as bright and cheerful as he was the day before and displayed keen interest in all the proceedings.

# PLACED IN MARBLE CRYPT.

Remains of Lincoln and Other Members of His Family Moved.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 25 .- Unostentatiously and without any ceremony, the remains of Abraham Lincoin and the other members of his family, which, since March 10, 1900, when the work of rebuilding the Lincoln monument commenced have been reposing in a temporary stone crypt in the monument which has been rebuilt by the state of Illinois at a cost of \$100,000, were removed to the newly erected marble sarcophagus in the crypt of the monument.

# Mosquito Fleet at Cavite.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25 .--A cablegram received at the navy department today announced the arrival of the Mosquito fleet at Cavite, Philippine islands. The four vessels of this little fleet will be utilized in patrolling the coasts of Luzon and the lower islands of the Philippine group.

# Women May Vote.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 25.-Governor Odell today signed the bill authorizing women taxpayers in villages and towns to vote on propositions to expend money for public purposes.

# Conger Isn't Through Yet.

VANCOUVER, April 25. - The Shanghai Mercury publishes a statement, ostensibly from a confidential friend of Minister Conger, explaining that his application for leave was due to the fact that, having spent the last three years in Pekin, he desired a furlough at this time. It is added that Mr. Conger would feel obliged to decline the nomination for governor of Iowa because he had no desire to retire permanently from the work.