IRA L. BARE, Proprietor

TERMS: \$125 IN ADVANCE. NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.

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

•••••• The gross earnings of the Chicago Great Western railway for the first week of June show an increase of \$28,-658.56 over the corresponding week of last year.

C. F. Peterson, Swedish author and newspaper editor, died at his residence in Chicago after an illness of seven weeks, cancer of the liver being the cause of death.

The appellate court at Rochester, N. Y., which has the matter of the Sunday closing of the Pan-American exposition under consideration, has ordered the case dropped.

Peter Gooch, of Omega township, near Centralia, Ill., shot and fatally wounded Nathan Cox and wife, mistaking them for his own wife and her alleged paramour.

Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, is to deliver the baccalaureate address at the first commencement, this month, of the National Farm school at Doylestown, Pa.

Recent visitors to Grant's tomb in Riverside Drive, New York, have noticed a tendency toward decay in the trees planted near the mausoleum by Li Hung Chang several years ago.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish premier, addressing a meeting of his supporters, announced that the government would issue a loan for territorial defense and a reorganization of the navy.

Free text books will be distributed among the pupils of the first four grades in the public schools of Chicago. By a vote of 13 to 3 the board of education passed a resolution to this effect.

An American who, through an advertisement in the London Times, offers £5,000 for the introduction of his daughters into British society, will find little difficulty in getting his money accepted.

The London Mark Lane Express says: "Owing to the deficiency in rain, English hay will be below the average, and holders of oats and corn now complaining of plethora will find good sale for them later.

Four hundred Nebraska educators will attend the fortieth annual convention of the National Educational association to be held at Detroit July S to 12, and other western states promive as large a delegation.

The secretary of the treasury, acting under the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the insular cases, has held that no drawback can be allowed on merchandise shipped to

the Hawaiian islands after July 7, 1898. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has made this announcement to the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald: "The American Federation of Labor will aid the International Association of Machinists in every way within its power in its contest for the nine-hour day."

The Duke of Marlborough headed a deputation which, at an audience of King Edward, presented his majesty with a suit of armor which formerly belonged to the king's champion. This historic armor was recently offered for sale at auction and was purchased by a committee which desired that it be preserved at Windsor castle.

Judge Rufus B. Smith, at Cincinnati. refused to allow the state treasurer alone to disburse the funds of the United States Debenture company. The court held that all funds shall be handled under its direction. This is in conflict with the state officials, who claim the right to handle funds deposited with the state without reference to the court.

The president has signed the commission of Gideon C. D. Bantz, to be assistant United States treasurer, and of John H. Roys and Daniel W. Wurthbaugh, to be lieutenants, junior grade, United States navy.

The total number of immigrants arriving at Manila from July to November, 1900, was 6,302, of whom 597 were females. Of the total number arriving, 5,560 had been in the Philippines before, 3,032 could neither write nor read, and 1,517 brought \$30 or more in

Miss Ruth, daughter of Senator Hanna, has accepted an invitation to christen the cruiser Cleveland.

David Rea, ex-congressman for that district, is dead at his home in Savannah, Mo., twelve miles north of St. Joseph, aged 78 years.

In response to an appeal from the striking iron workers for financial aid the San Francisco Labor Council has resolved to ask for contributions from all local labor organizations, state federations and the American Federation of Labor.

A man named Ende, supposed to be an American, who is accused of robbing jewelers to the amount of 50,000 marks, was arrested at Berlin on eureceiver of stolen goods. Ende surrendered to the police,

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE ALLEN PROMISED HELP

Porto Rican Federalists Tell the Governor

of a New Resolve.

TO PUSH THE ISLAND'S INTEREST

Conclude It is Time to Quit Talking and Go to Work-Satisfied With Administration's Plans-Believed to Be for the

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, June 18 .-At a mass meeting of the federal party, held Sunday, Francisco Acuna was elected party leader to succeed Munos

As a first step toward establishing harmonious relations between the federal party and the American authorities, a committee composed of Senors Acuna, Santiago Palmer and Dias Navarro paid their respects to Governor Allen today and offered him their cooperation in whatever measures would advance the best interests of Porto Rico. It is now thought that the time has come when party bickerings should cease and be overlooked and that all men should unite in a common desire to aid the government.. The committee members informed Governor Allen that they were satisfied that the intentions of the administration had been for the best.

Governor Allen received the visiting committee with the usual courtesies and expressing his pleasure at their visit, said he never for a moment doubted the result of the experiment, the successful issue of which was retarded only by injudicious statements. He said the future contained much promise and that he looked and hoped for continued improvement. He intimated that the Island would undoubtedly soon enjoy free trade with the United States and that as soon as Porto Rican and American markets were open to each other a great era of Porto Rican prosperity would ensue.

Today's visit of the committee of three is the first instance wherein leaders of the federal party have called upon the American governor, and it is taken as an indication of complete

political harmony for the future. Yesterday's mass meeting was held in secret. It was understood during its session that the fede al party had resolved to support the government.

BOER CHILDREN ARE DYING.

Up in Concentration Camps by the British Soldiers.

LONDON, June 18.-Replying to questions in the House of Commons today, Mr. Broderick, the war secretary. said there were 40,229 persons in the 'concentration camps" of the Transvoal and Orange River colony. The ceaths in these camps for the month of May numbered niety-eight men and women and 318 children. The announcement of the mortality was received with groans from the Irish members and cries of "scandalous." Mr. Broderick added that the authorities were arranging for the release of the women and children who had friends to receive them, but the government could not undertake to feed them in isolated positions.

ISLANDS' EXPORTS INCREASE

Makes a Report of Condition of Philippine Trade.

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- An increase of 21 per cent in imports and 49 per cent in exports in Philippine commerce is shown in a comparative statement made public today by the division of insular affairs, War department, setting forth the trade returns for the first ten months of 1900, as compared with the same period of the preceding year. The total value of merchandise imported into the Philippines from January to November of 1800 was \$20,143,152, against \$16,644,568 for the same period of 1899. The value of the exports from the Philippines during the 1900 period is set down at \$19,372,830, against \$12,975,605 in 1899.

Thurston Takes Beach Cottage. WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Ex-Senator Thurston has taken a cottage at Atlantic City for the summer and expects to remove his family there the latter part of this week, although he will spend more or less time in Washington, as the requirements of his position on the Louisiana Purchase exposition may require.

Julian Phelps of Iowa Resigns.

WASHINGTON, June 17.-Julian Phelps, United States consul at Crefeld, Germany, has resigned. He was appointed from Iova in 1897.

Morrison Jury is Secured.

ELDORADO, Kan., June 18 .- A jury was secured yesterday to try Jessie Morrison a second time for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle. The trial was then begun. As the attorneys for the state have said they will exclude much of the testimony offered at the first trial, it is believed that the case will be given to the jury promptly. It tering the place occupied by an alleged las taken four days and a half to day and the physicians hope that Mr. secure the present jury. It is compos-

IN PLACE OF AN IOWAN.

Minister Loomis is Transferred from Ven

ezneta to Portugal. WASHINGTON, June 18 .- The following changes in the diplomatic orps were announced today: Francis B. Loomis, minister to Venezuela, has been transferred, to be minister to Portugal, vice John N. Irwin of Iowa,

Herbert W. Bowen of New York, present minister to Persia, has been transferred to Caracas, succeeding Mr. Loomis as minister to Venezuela.

Lloyd C. Griscom of Pennsylvania, first secretary of the legation at Constantinople, has been made minister to

Spencer F. Eddy of Illinois, present second secretary at Paris, has been made first secretary at Constantinople to suceed Mr. Griscom.

Arthur Blanchard of Louisiana has been promoted from the third to secend secretary at Paris.

Portugal, Minister Loomis loses \$2,500 a year. He is now on leave in England. His actual rank will be the same -namely, minister extraordinary and envoy plenipotentiary.

REPORT THE EMPEROR DEAD.

Correspondent Telegraphs the Latest Scheme of the Empress Downger.

LONDON, June 18 .- The correspondent of the Globe, telegraphing under today's date, says that he learns in Chinese quarters that the dowager empress proposes, when the court reaches Kai Fong Fu, in Ho Nang, to announce that the emperor has been killed by brigands and that Prince Tuan's son has succeeded to the throne. The dowager empress will then establish a new capital at Kai Fong Fu, which will be connected by railway with Nankin. The contract for this railway wil be given to John C. Ferguson of Boston, who, the correspondent understands, will sell the concession to the Russlans.

The correspondent adds that Ferguson is acting on behalf of Li Hung Chang and Taotai Shang, who hope to escape censure by throwing the blame for the transactions upon Fergu-

JOBS FOR EXPERT FARMERS.

Indian Service Short and Twenty-Two Places Now Vacant.

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- The Civil Service commission announces that on July 23 it will hold an examination for the position of farmer in the Indian service. This position pays from \$600 to \$720 a year at the start, with prospect of promotion to \$900 a year and in addition quarters are furnished.

The commission states that it has experienced considerable difficulty in securing a sufficient number of qualified persons to meet the needs of the Indian office and there are now twenty-two vacancies, as follows: Two each at Lapointe, Wis.; Fort Belknap, Mont.; Lemhi, Idaho; Yankton, S. D., and Ouray, Utah; and one each at Carson, Nev.; Colville, Wash.; Yanix. Ore.; Crow Agency, Mont.; Blackfoot, Mont.; Fort Peck, Mont.; Pierre, S. D.; Klamath, Ore.; Standing Rock, N. D.; Tongue River, Mont.

CLEAR THE LAND OF SOONERS.

Captain Sayers and Forty Cavalrymen Start to Pairol Reservation.

GUTHRIE, Okl., June 18.-Captain Farrand Sayres, commanding officer at Fort Sill, Okl., acting under orders from the War department, started today, with forty cavalrymen, to clear Wichita mountain land of unlawful intruders preparatory to the opening of the Kiowa and Comanche reservation. The government is determined to free the country of all "sooners," whether there for the purpose of mining or

William A. Richards, assistant commissioner of the general land office, left today for Washington, having completed the preliminaries incident to establishing county seats and county boundaries in the reservations to be thrown open.

American Accused of Murder.

LONDON, June 18 .- Charles Lily White, who claims to be a naturalized citizen and who says he has been in the United States since 1885, and was arrested in New Zealand in November last, was brought to this city, charged with being Arthur Blatch, who is charged with murder, robbery and arson, committed at Colchester, Essex, England, in 1893, had his first hearing today in camera to the disgust of a large crowd. The discovery of relatives the prisoner claims to have in Leeds presages a breakdown of the government case.

Pingree's Condition Serious.

LONDON, June 18 .- Ex-Governor Fingree's physician left him at midnight last night. There is continued apprehension as to his condition. The strengest drugs have failed to check the dysentery and the only hopeful symptom is that the patient is enabled freely to partake of nourishment.

Mrs. Pingree sailed for London to-Pingree may at least be able to see his ed of nine farmers and three laborers. | wife, as he remains perfectly rational.

BRITISH ESCAPE

Of 250 the Boers Kill or Capture 198 by Unexpected Attack.

CREEP ONTO CAMP OF THE RIFLES

Get Within Short Range Before Opening Deadly Fire-Many Prisoners Are Taken, but Released-Full Details Not Yet Reported.

LONDON, June 17 .- Lord Kitchener cabled from Pretoria, under date of the 16th, as follows:

"Near Welmansrust, twenty miles south of Middleburg, 250 Victorian mounted rifles from General Beaston's columns were surprised in a camp at Steenkoolspruit by a superior force of Boers at 7:30 a. m., June 12. The enemy crept up to within short range By his transfer from Venezuela to and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and sixteen men and wounding four officers and thirty eight men, of whom twenty-eight were only slightly wounded. Only two officers and fifty men escaped to General Beaston's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners and released. Two pompoms were captured by the enemy. Full details have not been received.

The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident Australian contingent and it is sup-Australian contingent and i is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. Although it is offset by the defeat inflicted upon Dewet, the loss of the guns is regarded as a serious matter which will encourage the Boers to continue the struggle.

More or less fanciful accounts are published on the continent of alleged peace negotiations, but there is nothing in them and nothing has come of the interview between Mrs. Botha and Mr. Kruger beyond revealing the fact that Mr. Kruger will listen to no proposals unless they are accompanied with a guarantee of the independence of the republics.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Capetown says that Cecil Rhodes, speaking at Bulawayo Saturday, predicted that a federation of South African states would come in three or four years. But he contended that to grant self-government to the republics before federation would render federation impossible.

H. CLAY EVANS IS TO RETIRE.

Judge Peters to Succeed Him as Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, June 17.-The talk judge served in congress with the sonal friends. There seems to be ground for the belief that the president is giving the matter serious con-

CHICAGO, June 17 .- A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Topeka, Kan., says: Ex-Congressman S. R. Peters of Kansas today received a dispatch call- provided China would agree to the ing him to Washington, where he will be tendered the office of pension commissioner, succeeding H. Clay Evans. President McKinley has had under consideration the names of ex-Congressmen Blue and Peters for this position and Mr. Peters' summons to the White House settles the appointment in his favor.

Reducing Chinese Forces. WASHINGTON, June 17.-The recent large reduction is now accounted for by the terms on which the indemnity was made up. When each country put in the amount of its claim it included an estimate of the military expenses running up to July 1 next This was with the idea that it will take until July 1 to settle the indemnities.

Mexican Kills a Texas Sheriff. LULING, Tex., June 17.-Deputy Sheriff J. C. Duke has received a telephone message from the Schnabel ranch, seven miles southeast of here, to the effect that R. M. Glover, sheriff of Gonzales county, was killed and Henry Schnabel was badly wounded by two Mexicans. Details of the tragedy are not obtainable. The Mexicans escaped.

Gen. William Gardner Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 17.-General William Montgomery Gardner, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars. Gardner graduated from the military died here tonight, aged 78. Generaacademy at West Point in the class

Negroes Are Arming.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 17 .-Considerable excitement has been caused by what appears to be a scheme of the negroes at Leavenworth to arm themselves with revolvers purchased from soldiers at Fort of Fred Alexander the negroes of Leavenworth have been in an ugly time may break out any time. .

CAILLES SIGNS TO SURRENDER

Stubborn Insurgent Representatives Pledge Bim to Early Surrender.

MANILA, June 17 .- Colonels Infant and Guivar, representatives of General Cailles, signed the name of their principal to an agreement to surrender. Under the terms of the agreement General Cailles is to assemble his men at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, as quickly as possible, and there surrender himself and his command to the American authorities. The exact number of his force is uncertain, but there will probably be more than 500.

Seventeen judges have been appointed to the courts of first instance. Among these appointments here are eleven Americans, who have been given the most important circuits, as follows: Manila, Kinkaid of New Mexico and Odlin of New Hampshire; Appari, Blount of Georgia; Dagupan, Johnson of Michigan; Batangas, Linebarger of Illinois; Neuva Cacares, Carson of Virginia; Iloilo, Bates of Vermont; Negros, Norris of Nebraska; Cebu, Carlock of Illinois; Samboanga, Ickis of Iowa; Jolo, Whitsett of Missouri.

BLACK HORN WAS UGLY.

With a Yakima Indian He Tried to Mar der a Policeman

PENDLETON, Ore., June 17.-Half dozen well mounted Umatilla Indians are scouring the Blue mountains to capture Black Horn of the Umatilla reservation and a Yakima Indian who last night tried to murder Brisbow, chief of the Indian police. The latter, about midnight, was attempting to arrest Black Horn and the Yakima Indian for being drunk and disorderly, when Black Horn drew a pistol and the Yakima Indian a dirk. They rushed on Brisbow, who fired three times without effect. The Yakima Indian ran behind and struck Brisbow in the back of the head, knocking him insensible. Parr, another Indian, fired twice, but failed of his mark.

Jack, also a policeman, started up a fusillade with no better results. Black Horn and the Yakima then sprang on their horses and left for the Blue mountains. Black Horn, two years ago, was accused of murdering Wip Sha and afterwards placing his body on the railroad tracks.

JAPAN THE ONLY HITCH.

Cannot Borrow Money at 4 Per Cent for China.

PEKIN, June 17 .- The foreign ministers say that although yesterday's meeting did not result in the settlement of matters, still things are working most satisfactorily toward a conof the early retirement of H. Clay clusion and that the amount of the Evans as commissioner of pensions indemnity and the 4 per cent rate of has been revived in the last two days. Interest were almost agree upon, the It is said here that the president is only hitch being with regard to Japconsidering Judge S. R. Peters of | rn, which country cannot borrow Newton, Kan., for the place. The money under 5 per cent. It is the detire of most of the ministers to arpresident and the two are close per- range this satisfactorily, as it is felt that Japan deserves special consideration. The probability is that additional bonds will be given sufficient to cover the loss.

Special Commissioner Rockhill, on behalf of the United States, has agreed to add 5 per cent to the tariff widening and dredging of the Shan Si and Pei Ho rivers and also to certain tariff reforms.

Ruise Cattle on Shares. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 17 .- A

special to the Times from Grand Forks, N. D., says: News has been recelved here that the agents of the Northern Pacific road are authorized to purchase cattle and sheep in Montana and deliver them to farmers on a share basis. The new plan will be especially appreciated by the Russian, Swedish and Norwegian homeseekers, who have come into this state in recent years and taken up claims.

New Governor Arrives. ST. JOHNS, N. F., June 17 .- Sir Cavendish Boyle, new governor of New Foundland, arrived here from England to assume his administrative duties. He will take the oath of office tomorrow.

The British warship, the Columbine, arrived here this afternoon. The flagship Charybdis will stop at Cape Race to inspect the wreck of the Leyland liner Assyrian. The Carybdis is due here tomorrow.

Increase in Philippine Revenues. WASHINGTON, June 17 .- An increase of \$930,915 in the customs revenues of the Philippines for the first quarter of 1901, as compared with the same period of 1900, is set forth in a statement made public today by the division of insular affairs of the War department. The total revenues for the first quarter of the current year amounted to \$2,199,304.

Kline in Killing Business.

DENVER, Colo., June 17 .- A special to the Republican from Roswell, N. M., says: Arthur Kline, a well known stockman, today shot and killed his wife, Beatrice Kline, dangerously wounded Marshall Maddux and Leavenworth. Ever since the burning probably fatally wounded the landlady with whom Mrs. Kline was living, who attempted to interfere, and mood and conservative men say that then committed suicide. Kline was the race feeling stirred up at that crazed with jealousy, his wife having deserted him.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle-After the liberal receipts of the past few days the supply on sale seemed rather light. The market was not what might be called active, but still no material change was noticeable on the more desirable grades and all such kinds were sold in fairly good season. Good to choice beef steers were in fairly good demand at just about yesterday's prices. however, did not take hold with as much life as they have on some days, and for that reason sellers found it a little difficult to dispose of the commoner grades at what they considered steady prices. The cow market opened a little slow, but still the good to choice grades brought just about the same prices as were paid yesterday. The grassers and the common to medium grades were neglected and if anything the tendency of prices was downward on that class of stuff. Good balls brought steady prices, but the common kinds were hard to move at any price, as no one seemed to want them. Stags were not far from steady if of desirable quality, and veal calves sold in yesterday's notches. Stockers and feeders sold without material change.

were unfavorable to the selling interests the market opened 5c lower than the close yesterday, or 567%c lower than yesterday's general market. Sellers did not like to cut loose at the figures offered and as a result it was late before the market was under way. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$5.82% and \$5.85, with some of the choicer loads going from that up to \$5.9214. Sheep-The supply of sheep was rather light this morning and as packers wanted all that were on sale it did not take long to clear the pens. There was no particular change in the prices paid and the situation could best be described by calling it a good, steady market. Clipped lambs sold from \$4.25 to \$4.75 and wethers went from \$3.65 to \$3.75, while ewes brought \$3.10.

Hogs-There was another heavy run of

hogs, and as advices from other points

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle-Best beef steers, steady to 10c lower; packers and feeders, steady; other cattle, 5@15c lower; choice dressed beef steers, \$5.40@5.85; fair to good, \$4.90@5.35; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@4.90; western fed steers, \$4.60@5.50; Texans and Indians, \$4.50@5.35; Texas grass steers, \$3.25@4.25; cows, \$3.25@4.75; helfers, \$3.50@5.35; canners, \$2.25@3.15; bulls, \$3.20@4.65; calves,

Hogs-Market steady to 24c lower; top. \$5.05; bulk of sales, \$5.85@6.00; heavy, \$5.90 @6.05; mixed packers, \$5.85@6.00; light, \$5.75@5.87½; pigs, \$4,60@5.70.

Sheep and Lambs-Market steady to 10c lower; western lambs, \$4.50@5.10; western wethers, \$3.75@4.25; western yearlings, \$4.25 @5.50; ewes, \$3.25@4.75; culls, \$2.25@2.00; grass sheep, \$3.256/3.60; Texas lambs, \$3.25@4.25; spring lambs, \$4.25@5.25.

GEN. MILES ON THE FLAG.

"Most Glerious Ensign Ever Unfurled as-Emblem of a Free People.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 15 .- At the temple of music on the Pan-American grounds Flag day was observed under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic societies. Lieutenant General Miles was received with enthusiasm.

General Miles reviewed the history of the flag. "Whatever may have inspired Washington to draft the design," he said, "the result was the bequeathing to the nation, to maintain unsulied in all its original luster and for all nations to behold and respect, the most glorious ensign ever unfurled as the emblem of a free people. During he century and a quarter that our flag has floated in the air other nations have fallen into decay and their ensigns have been lowered for all time, but our beloved standard is one of the oldest now in existence, having remained unchanged (except for the addition of stars) while its glory has been seen in the light of three centuries."

MRS. M'KINLEY OUT OF DANGER.

Physicians Decide to Issue No More Bulletins.

WASHINGTON, June 15 .- Mrs. Mc-Kinley's physicians held their usual consultation and decided to discontinue the issuance of bulletins. It is said that her condition continues to improve slowly and the doctors consider it useless to give out a bulletin each day under the favorable progress she is making. Should her condition grow

worse the bulletins will be resumed. Dr. Rixey, on leaving the white house at 10:30 o'clock, said Mrs. Mc-Kinley was doing well and maintaining the normal improvement. Mrs. McKinley reclined on a rolling chair in her room during the day.

Pive of the Largest Cities. LONDON, June 15 .- A preliminary

census volume just issued gives the population of the five largest cities of England, exclusive of London, as folows:

Liverpoor, 684,847; Manchester, 543,-969; Birmingham, 522,182; Leeds, 428,-953: Sheffield, 380,717.

The total number of males in England and Wales is 15,721,728; of females, 16,854,147; men serving abroad in the army, navy and merchant marines being excluded.

Indianapolis is Winner.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 15.-The Modern Woodmen of America at the opening of teday's business session of the head camp adopted a resolution giving the executive council power to change the place of next meeting in case it was found impossible to get acceptable railroad rates. Five cities were presented for the place of meeting in 1903. Indianapolis, 334; Grand Rapids, Mich., 240; Saratoga, N. Y., 23; Los Angeles, 17; Denver, 8.