

A BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT IN LOWER BRANCH.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY MEASURE

Factions Will Close in a Spirited Conflict—Regarded as Certain that the Payne Bill Will Be Put Through that Body.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The great battle over Cuban reciprocity which created such a protracted struggle among the republicans will be fought out on the floor of the house this week.

How far the republican opponents of the proposed legislation will carry their opposition is not determined. The strength of this opposition has dwindled until it probably numbers less than 100.

It is hinted that the attitude of the democrats in the senate who have fixed on a program of opposition may result before the vote shall be taken in more unity of action on the part of the democrats of the house.

It is proposed in Portugal that no new vines should be planted in the country for some time. In this way it is hoped that overproduction of wine and a consequent fall in prices will be avoided.

Announcement is made by the officials of the Philadelphia & Reading railway that anthracite coal prices have been reduced 50 cents a ton.

Major Wilcox, chairman of the committee to secure rates for the coming Nebraska state encampment of Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps, says that a rate of one fare for the round trip from points in Nebraska has been secured.

It is certain that not half a dozen, if indeed any republicans, will go to this length, so that the republican leaders feel assured that none of these propositions will come to an actual vote.

Pacific Cable Will Be Laid. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 7.—George G. Ward of New York, vice president of the Commercial Cable company, arrived here today to select a landing place for the projected cable between this coast and the Philippines.

Kimberley Mourns for Rhodes. KIMBERLEY, Cape Colony, April 7.—The train bearing the body of Cecil Rhodes, which left Capetown on Thursday, arrived here today on its way to Bulawayo, Matabeland.

Must Not See the Passion Play. MONTREAL, Quebec, April 7.—La Semaine, a religious weekly paper, the official organ of Mgr. Bruchisi, will, in its issue of next Monday, inform the Catholic clergy of the diocese of Montreal that it is their duty to warn members of their congregations that it is forbidden to attend the presentation of the "Passion Play," which has been presented at the Monument National theater in this city for the last two weeks.

Total Boer Strength. KLERSDORP, April 7.—Careful computation gives the total strength of the scattered Boer commandoes at between 8,000 and 9,000 men.

Early Spring in Alaska. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 7.—The Princess Mary arrived this evening from Skagway with a few passengers and the news that the northern trails are commencing to break up and an early spring is in prospect.

WHAT THE TIMES HAS TO SAY

Thinks Influx of Americans Will Do Oxford Good.

LONDON, April 7.—The Times, in an editorial on the reception of Mr. Rhodes' plan abroad, says: "It is unnecessary to discuss the political aspects of the scheme as it indicated Mr. Rhodes had aspirations for a better understanding between England, America and Germany; but it cannot be doubted that the effect of the change on Oxford itself will be far-reaching, and it is hoped invigorating. The influx of Americans and Germans will tend to quicken the intellectual life."

Owing to the absence of the most of the authoritative men from Oxford at the present moment, says the Times, it will be impossible to get an expression of university opinion on the subject now, but doubtless the trustees have many important points to decide under the large discretion left them.

The Dailly Telegraph announces that Emperor William and President Roosevelt both received an invitation from the trustees of Mr. Rhodes' estate as to what will be proposed before that document was made public. The president and the emperor both intimated to the trustees, according to the telegraph, their pleasure at the approval of the legacies in friendly and gratified terms.

MONEY GOES TO THE BOERS.

CHICAGO, April 7.—A certified check for \$5,000 drawn to the order of President Roosevelt was forwarded to the president on March 26 by the committee of citizens which Governor Yates appointed to raise funds for the relief of the Boer women and children sufferers in the reconcentration camps of South Africa.

A letter from Secretary Hay, under date of April 3, has been received by Peter Van Vliessen, secretary of the Illinois committee, acknowledging the receipt of the check by President Roosevelt.

BOER MINES TO OPEN UP SOON.

Industry in Transvaal May Be Resumed Shortly.

JOHANNESBURG, April 7.—A meeting of the Chamber of Mines, the first since the beginning of the war, has been held here. The president of the chamber said in an address that it was greatly due to General Botha that much wanted destruction had been avoided, as he held the commandant of the town personally responsible for the destruction of any property which might occur.

The president also said it was highly probable that by next July half the mining industry would be in operation and that before many months full working would be resumed.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE SLOW.

Transvaal Mission Has Difficulty in Reaching Boer Generals.

KROONSTADT, Orange River Colony, April 7.—As a result of the distance separating the members of the Transvaal mission here from Mr. Steyn, the former president of the Orange Free State, and General De La Rey, the negotiations between the Boer leaders in South Africa looking to the conclusions of the war have little progress. It is expected, however, that Mr. Schalkbunger and his colleagues on the mission will shortly leave here for a more convenient center from which to conduct the negotiations.

Philippine Bill is Next.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The republican steering committee of the senate has decided to recommend that the bill providing a form of government for the Philippine archipelago should be made the unfinished business, which is the place of preference on the senate calendar, after the disposal of the Chinese exclusion bill, and that the Nicaragua canal bill should be next assigned to that position.

Shoots Himself in the Head.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 7.—Alex Henderson, who recently came here from Omaha to work in the Union Pacific blacksmith shop, killed himself by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was suffering from some trouble which caused him extreme pain in the head, and at times made him blind, and it is thought he committed the rash act while temporarily insane from the effects of his malady.

TAXING RAILROAD PROPERTY.

State Board of Equalization Ready for Assessments.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 7.—The State Board of Equalization will meet next month to make the annual assessment of railroad, telegraph and telephone property for purposes of taxation. The law requires the work to be completed on or before May 15, or as soon thereafter as a majority of the board shall have made and determined the valuation of the property of the various companies.

Several reports on valuations have already been received at the auditor's office, but with one exception they show no material change from the figures of last year. The St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad was assessed last year on a valuation of \$583,485, while this year the valuation, as returned by the company, is \$445,190.

THE RHEA MURDER CASE.

A Grave Question Comes Up for Consideration.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 7.—The action of the supreme court on Rhea's motion for a rehearing has left open for dispute the grave question of whether or not a man committing murder during the perpetration of a robbery can be convicted of murder in the first degree. Rhea, with other men, entered a saloon in Snyder, Neb., and demanded all persons therein to throw up their hands. One of the trio then rifled the cash register of its contents and during the commission of the robbery Rhea shot and killed Herman Zahn, the keeper of the place.

Boy Loses a Leg.

FULLERTON, Neb., April 7.—Rush Ford, a son of J. H. Ford of this city, while hunting with a companion, Clyde Reynolds, was accidentally shot by the latter in the leg. The wound is of such a nature as to necessitate amputation of the leg below the knee.

Beet Sugar Factory Astir.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 7.—It is announced that the Grand Island factory of the American Beet Sugar company will be operated this year and that new machinery for the extraction of sugar from syrups will be added to the plant during the summer.

Winter Wheat Outlook.

ASHTON, Neb., April 7.—Winter wheat looks fine. A large acreage was planted last fall. Very little spring wheat has been sown this spring. Farmers are now busy sowing oats.

Old People Wed.

GLENVILLE, Neb., April 7.—The event of the season occurred here when Harm R. Schmidt, aged 76 years, and Mrs. Wubke Steenblock, aged 72 years, were united in marriage. The grandson of the groom drove the team which took them to Clay Center, where they were made one, the groom not feeling able to control a lively team because of his age. Judge Palmer tied the knot and the old people were warmly congratulated.

SMALLPOX IN THE STATE.

Number of Cases in Each County Reported by Doctors.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Dr. Geo. M. Brash, secretary of the board of health, filed a report from physicians throughout the state, giving the number of smallpox cases found during the month of March. The total number of cases reported was 826, as against 764 for February, indicating that the disease is spreading instead of decreasing.

Table with columns for County, Feb., and Mar. listing smallpox cases for Adams, Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Dawson, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Furnas, Gage, Hall, Hamilton, Holt, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Kearney, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Merrick, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Sheridan, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Wayne, Webster, York, and Total.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Called to Meet at Lincoln on Wednesday, June 18th.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Following is the text of the republican convention call issued by State Chairman H. C. Lindsay:

Republicans of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the Auditorium, in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, June 18, 1902, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to be voted for at the next general election, to be held in the state of Nebraska, November 4, 1902, viz.: One governor, one lieutenant governor, one secretary of state, one auditor of public accounts, one treasurer, one superintendent of public instruction, one attorney general, one commissioner of public lands and buildings, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said convention.

The basis of representation of the several counties in said convention shall be the vote cast for Hon. Samuel H. Sedgwick for judge of the supreme court, at the regular election held on November 5, 1901, giving one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof so cast for the said Samuel H. Sedgwick, and one delegate-at-large for each county.

Farmer Saves the Train.

TRENTON, Neb., April 5.—Burlington train No. 12 was saved from being wrecked by a farmer living two miles west of town, who stopped it from running on a burning bridge. It is supposed the train was set on fire by an early morning train. The section men and train gang were immediately sent out and soon had the bridge in such shape that trains could pass over it.

Farmer Parts With Money.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 5.—Robert Pretzer, who lives about five miles northwest of the city, was swindled out of \$150 by lightning rod agents. It was the same old story. Pretzer signed a contract for \$27 worth of fixtures for his barn, but discovered later on that he had been duped right, and had to put up \$150. Mr. Pretzer is still looking for the agents who got his coin.

Horse Endangers Man's Sight.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 5.—Edward Merdith, a farmer eight miles southwest of town, was kicked in the head by a horse and it is thought he will lose the left eye.

Commits Suicide at Seventy.

RED CLOUD, Neb., April 5.—William Manigraime, southwest of Blue Hill, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn. He was 70 years old.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle—There was not an over-supply of cattle for this time of the week, but packers failed to take hold with as much life as usual and a slow, weak market resulted. Sellers were not willing to take off much from yesterday's prices, and as a result it was late before the pens were cleared. A good proportion of the offerings consisted of beef steers, and the quality was exceptionally good.

Hogs—There was a fairly active demand for good weight hogs, and the market on such kinds was steady to strong. Light hogs, however, were rather slow sale, and if anything were a shade lower than yesterday.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Market steady to 10c lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$3.40@6.55; fair -- good, \$5.00@7.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@6.10; western fed steers, \$5.00@6.55; Texas and Indian steers, \$5.00@6.25; cows, \$3.50@5.25; native cows, \$3.50@6.00; heifers, \$4.00@6.40; canners, \$2.50@5.75; bulls, \$3.50@5.90; veal calves, \$4.50@5.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Market strong to 5c higher; native lambs, \$2.50@4.00; western lambs, \$4.45@6.80; native wethers, \$5.00@5.80; western wethers, \$5.40@6.75; yearlings \$5.90@6.25; ewes, \$4.50@6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.30@5.25.

MISS STONE SAILS FOR HOME.

Will Begin Lecturing in Aid of Missions Upon Arrival.

LONDON, April 5.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, sailed for New York on the Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which left Southampton today. Her departure from London was quiet. She was accompanied by R. S. McClure and R. S. Baker. She will begin lecturing in aid of the missions, almost immediately after her arrival in the United States.

McKinley Funds to Herrick.

CLEVELAND, O., April 5.—Judge William R. Day, president of the McKinley Memorial association, has made a request that all contributions to the memorial fund be forwarded to Myron T. Herrick, treasurer, at Cleveland.

Driven Out of Hayti.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 5.—A second batch of Haytian exiles arrived here today from Jaemel, Hayti. The government of that republic is ordering scores of suspected conspirators to leave the country.

Eddyville Women Smash.

LEXINGTON, Neb., April 5.—Twelve women, followers of Mrs. Carrie Nation, heavily veiled, raided a joint at Eddyville, smashing the large mirror and other furniture and destroying several cases of liquor.

Fall on Sidewalk is Fatal.

WINSIDE, Neb., April 5.—Mrs. M. J. Stenner of Pierce, Neb., who fell on a defective sidewalk in Winside, died from the effects of her injuries.

Dumont on the Way.

LONDON, April 5.—MSantos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, was a passenger on the Deutschland for America, sailing today.

Cholera in Manila Prison.

MANILA, April 5.—Two cases of cholera have occurred in the Bulbid prison. Consequently all the prisoners there have been discharged and will be taken to a detention camp, which has been quarantined. The total number of cases of cholera reported here, up to noon yesterday, is 140, and there have been 115 deaths from the disease. In the province thirty-two cases of cholera and nineteen deaths have occurred up to date.