

TO CONNECT KANSASCITY WITH GULF OF CALIFORNIA.



Incorporates a Company for Immense Undertaking Involving Over \$27.000,000

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20 .- Arthur E. Stillwell, promoter and former president of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Guif Railroad company, is the moving spirit in an ambitious railroad scheme that has been announced here.

His plan contemplates a new international railway system, 1,800 miles in length, stretching from Kansas City to the gulf of California.

The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway company was incorporated in-Kansas City Saturday, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000. The incorpora-tors include Mr. Stillweit, J. W. Hirst of Omaha, president of the Linseed oil trust; Dr. W. S. Woods and W. A. Rule. Kansas City bankers; J. C. Fox and E. Kansas Caty bankers; J. C. Fox and E. W. Snyder, Leavenworth, Kan., capi-talists; S. A. Witherbee, Detroit, Mich Herman Kuhn of London, Eng., and several other capitalists of Missouri and Kansas. Through the corporation thus formed it is hoped to capitalize the scheme scheme.

The plan contemplates a railroad from Kansas City through Topeka and Wichita, aKn., through El Reno, Ok. and through Northwestern and West

## PORTO RICANS NEARLY FRANTIC. Want McKinley to Grant them Free

Trade for Their Own Benefit, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 29 .- Sev. eral of the largest merchants of Sar

Juan, upon being interviewed, unaimously expressed the opinion that hmmediate congressional action is absolutely essential to the interests of the

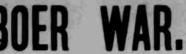
island. They say that the crops are immovable, the proposed duty, under the Fornker bill, on sugar and tobacco being prohibitive. There are now 3,500. 009 pounds of tobacco ready for ship-

ment and by August there will be 5,-obj000 pounds. The best price obtain-able for tobacco in New York, under the half dollar duty, is \$1.85. There has been a small coffee crop, owing to the hurricane, and sugar cannot pay the duty imposed, the planters holding their products and awaiting the action of congress. There is no money to marking the writer

Spanish regime. where the shell is about to fall and all in the open at once go to ground like



## Sultzer and Grovesnor Have a Very



COL, BADEN-POWELL WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCES.

OF WAR LIFE. TELLS

Letter Brought in Stem of a Kaffir's

weekly. He writes:

plant new crops or to pay laborers, thousands of whom are on the point of starvation, being unable to obtain work. The estates are idle and bankers refuse to advance funds on account of my outcasts. At each of these outcasts

Spirited Debate. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Late Sat-Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Late Sat-

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Roberts' Easy Advance, London, Feb. 20 .- The first outburs

of jubilation over the relief of Kim berley having now spent itself especially in military and political circles a disposition is shown to suspend judg ment on the importance of General

French's operations. Close study of the official and press dispatches shows the affair is something of a mystery, for information is

withheld on several vital points. The British do not announce the cap-ture of a single gun, which proves that the Boers, so far from being surprised. had forestailed General French's dash and had moved their artillery from

their positions in ample time. The capture of a seventy-wagon con voy by General French was more than pensated for by the Boer capture 200-wagon British convoy. mpensated for

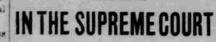
refuse to advance funds on account of the extension of mortgages; the plant-crs are desperate, and they demand absolute free trade and authority for the island to contract a loan to pay immediate ex-penses and for the relief of the piant-as it is seen which way their fire is about to be directed, the wire com-munications are set to work and a beh The local press expresses the opinion The local press expresses the opinion that the conditions of the island were better during the darks days of the Spanish regime.

The Foraker bill would be acceptable without the duty, the merchants being willing to pay a revenue tax in lieu of the stariff, which would krelieve the planters. TRUST ARGUMENT IN HOUSE. TRUST ARGUMENT IN HOUSE.

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BETWEEN THE STANDARDS OF PUBLIC MORALITY.



Senator Thurston and Attorney Gensral Smyth Are Arranged Against Each Other.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20 .- Standing be-

### ATTORNEY GENERAL SMYTH BRINGS SUIT.

Attorney General Smyth some time ago instituted proceedings in the name of the State of Nebraska for the pur-pose of compelling the Standard Oil company to respect the anti-trust laws of our state or to force this great corporation to cease to do business in Nebraska,

Senator John M. Thurston is now, according to uncontradicted reports in

# **BIG INCREASE IN PENSIONS.**

### The Number Introduced this See sion is 1190,

Washington, D. C .- (Special)-Nothing like the flood of private pension bills, which is being poured in on this congress, has ever been known before in American history.

In this respect this congress will break all records. The pension commitees are simply staggering under the increase of business. There has also been an increase in the number of bills introduced to amend the record of deserters, so as to enable them to get pensions.

Up to this time last year the senate committee on pensions had received about 400 bills. Since the opening of lore the bar of the supreme court of this session it has received 1,145 pri-Nebraska today there will be found two vate pension bills and 45 general billsof Nebraska's strongest men and ablest 1,190 in all. During the whole of the lawyers. The contention between these last session and the extra session which

at this session were passed it would bankrupt the government. Representative Cyrus Sulloway, chairman of the house committee on invalid pensions, does not agree with him. Mr. Sullo-way wasaked how many private pen-sion bills had been introduced in the

house. He said: "About 3,900. That is an increase over preceding sessions, but it is perfectly legitimate."

What is the reason for the increase?" "One of the reasons is that last year the pension bureau rejected 107,919 One thing Baden-Powell has not neg- fused the arms offered them by the SENATOR THURSTON'S EMPLOYER claims. Three thousand is not a very chains. Three thousand is not a very large proportion of 107,000. This talk about bankrupting the government is nonsense. The money spent on the old soldiers is a drop in the bucket com-pared with the sums that are being

Mrs. Henderson, wife of the speaker, iniquity.

Mrs. Henderson, wife of the speaker, gave the tast weekly reception at the Hotel Normandie on last Wednesday, making the seventh reception of the resublicans to pass the financial bill. It would be a signal to the American people to rise up and put in the White house that "peerless statesman and man of irreproachable character, Wil-tiam J. Bryan."

republican insurgents who will fight had not been renominated for attorney the Puerto Rican tariff bill, reported general of Ohio because he had already from the ways and means committee. He says he has been grossly misreprethe says he has been grossly misrepre-response to an unwritten law of Ohlo-republicans. He closed by saying that the democrats had ample opportunity

favor of the measure. The Iowa delegation to the conven-tion of the Daughters of the Revolution in this city this week is expected to as-semble at an early date. The delegates are Mrs. Armstrong of Clinton, Mrs. Cowgill of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Representative Hull of Des Moines, and Mrs. Julian W. Richards of Waterloo.

# CARNEGIE ACCEPTS SERVICE.

Legal Battle Between Steel Kings Now On in Earnest.

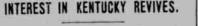
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20 .- The acceptance of service by the attorneys for the defendants in the Frick-Carnegie equity suit clears the way for the actual beginning of the fight in the courts between the two steel kings. The recognized adherents of each are ing all in their power to marshal office it appears that all the dead of the Frist Nebraska have been returned colling

conclusion, Mr. Sulzer dared the

acted. "just to fool the people."

but the perfect, machine-like system volt which holds sway at Mafeking is per-laps the most interesting fact about the siege. Go into any well known op-ticians' and you will find them turning volt in the many glasses as they can make in the shortest posible time, chiefly telescopes of great range, now urgently needed by our troops in South Africa. The inadequacy of our supply at the ng from 159 to 200 each. Colonel J. H. C. Wilson, postocffie in-spector, has gone to Lowa to investi-invorus vein, adverting to Mr. Sul-roversy relating to the removal of the postoffice at Waterloo from one side of the river to the other side. Representative McPhermon of the nies the report that he is one of the nies the report that he is one of the nies the report that he is one of the new of the side time of time time of

king, Baden-Powell.



Democratic Legislature Returning to Meet Monday.

between 1892 and 1896 to enforce the anti-trust law, but had failed to do so. anti-truist law, but had falled to do so. "The American people know that," he said, "and they know, too, that between Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 19.-The adjourn-Hanna." Mr. Cannon poured oil on the trou. cratic members in the city now than avoid being arrested by the militia and taken to London, where the republican

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office it appears that are been returned soldiers. the Frist Nebraska have been returned soldiers. No definite understanding has been the brink verse large being in the contest in the Frink Nebraska have been returned in the consultations on campaign plant in the frink law sprake have been returned in the consultations on campaign plant in the frink law sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the frink sprake have been returned to the state for final interment, away is the formation of the time limit, hower, sergerant, company for the sprake sprake to the state for final have the sprake to the state for final have the sprake to the state for final have the sprake to the sprake sprake

"There are now under treatment at the hospital: Regular army, 66; state volunteers, 16: United States volunteers, ing from this government, the Stand-4, and ex-soldiers, 8; a total of 94 milltary patients. "Of the total number treated at the

hospital only thirty-seven men served in the Philippines and of these eleven General Monnett) to officers to let their have been discharged as cured. There was not a single insane patient among nearly 270 invalid soldiers just brought

home on the hospital ship Missouri

### Has Immense Concessions.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.-Sidney A. Witherbee of this city, who is interest-

of way for the Mexican branch of the proposed sytem, has a concession of \$10,000,000 from the Mexican govern-

nent to aid in its construction. seid, "and they know, too, that between 1892 and 1895 business broke down, peo-ment of the democratic legislature at low all materials used in the construcple starved and everything in general went to the democratic regulature at low all materials used in the construct-tion of the road to come into the construct regulature at low all materials used in the construct-tion of the road to come into the coun-try free of duty, and the road is to be excrept from taxation for a liberal number of years. Mr. Witherbee an-nounces that a new line of trans-Pa-last few days. There are more demo-cratic members in the city now than on the road is to be bled waters in an amusing speech. In the barbor, will be the connecting point for the steamers, Mr. which he appealed to the belligerents since they adjourned and fied to Cin-Witherbee's concessions provide that no point for the steamers. Mr. po, which is a fine harbor, will be the since they injourned and ned to the other road can strike the harbor with-cinnati, Louisville and other points, to out a right of way from the new com-

state supreme courts on its pay roll at an increase of salary over what these ard Oil company could do so, and still have millions left of its current receipts out of which to offer in lumps of \$400. cases against the trust drop.

supreme court room and look at these two men, and ponder over the vital principles involved. What a practical e right of the nal vigilance is the price of liberty." Senator Thurston will in all probabil-ity receive many thousands of dollars-wern-The to al-struc-to be will be cheered, patted on the back witherbee of this city, who is interest-ed in the projected new International railway, in addition to holding the right will be cheered, patted on the back and wined, dined, and in a thousand and in a thousand and one ways treated like a prince, and will have money to burn. But, how about Attorney General Smyth? The same power which will be exercised to build up Senator Thurston will ceaselessly employed to destroy the peace and happiness of Nebraska's official who attempts to discharge hi duty. Indeed, out of the 225,000 voters in Nebraska, not a dozen of them will employes

EVERYBODY CAN HELP.

Here is where the greatest strength

the same if Mr. Reed still occupied the speaker's chair. He thought there was a tendency to belittle the high office of speaker, and to take from it those preogatives which were inherent.

He believes the seating of the guests at the state dinner was not due to an attempt to wound him or Mrs. Henderbut was an unfortunate acident on, Mr.Henderson and his colleagues would LESSON IN POLITICS. It is a pity that the people of Ne-braska cannot stand in the door of the

every official occasion.

every official occasion. Another incident at this state din-ner excited controversy. Many believe that Mrs. Hay, as the wife of the man who stands in direct succession to the

### A Bill for Its Government to be Presented to the House.

Washington, D. C .- (Special)-A bill o for the government of Hawall will be presented to the house. The measure will propose a territorial form of government. It will provide for a governor and secretary, to be appointed by the president. The internal officials in Nebraska, not a dozen of them will be thoughtful enough to drop a postal card or write an encouraging letter to Attorney General Smyth, their faithful official, and help him to do battle against the trust and its senatorial employes.

The provisions of the constitution of the United States locally applicable are extended over the territory, and the laws of Hawaii not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the United States are to remain in force. The territory is also made a judicial, customs and revenue district of the United States.

The report, which was drawn Chairman Knox, sets forth that there is grave doubt concerning the power of the Hawaiian government to grant the Hawaiian government to grant franchises for industrial and commer-cial enterprises, or for railways which have been projected. In many respects the business affairs of the territory are brought to a standstill. Since annexa-tion more than 25,000 Japanese contract laborers have been brought to the isl-ands. The population of the islands is estimated at 130,000. The exports of the United States to the Hawaiian islands for 11 months were \$10,206,157. The imports \$21,573,562.