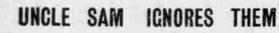


PROMINENT MEN DENOUNCE THE BRIBERY CHARGES.



Decides Matter Unworthy of Serious Attention and Takes No Stops-Partner of Abner McKinley Says Reports Are Unqualifiedly False.

NEW YORK, March 29.-Carl Fischer-Hagen of this city, who was attorney for Walter Christmas, the representative of the Danish government in the overtures for the purchase of the Danish West Indise in 1900, was indignant at the conduct of his client shown in his secret report to the Danish ministry, lately published.

"Ordinary legal etiquitte," said he, "would prevent my speaking. But this report is so defamatory and outrageous that I feel justified in washing my hands of the whole affair."

Mr. Fischer-Hansen described the course of the Danish representative as it appeared to him.

Christmas undertook, according to Mr. 1 scher-Hansen, to start the sale of the islands for the Horring ministry. As far back as 1860 the sale had been almost consummated, but at the last moment this government had drawn back. Thus Denmark could not make overtures or do more than suggest that overtures would be acceptable. This Christmas did. He conducted Secretary White of the American embassy from London to Copenhagen. "At that point," said Mr. Fisher-Hansen, "his services ended. The negotiations from there on were carried forward by the American minister at Washington.

"The Horring ministry, going out of existence in a few months, was succeeded by the Sehested ministry, to which Christmas made his secret report, setting forth the alleged obligations he was under to various Americans.

"This report was evidently made." said the lawyer, "with the belief that it could never see the light. But its publication has shown its absurdity. of the Trans-Missssippi congress to I am quite sure Christmas never saw | confer with representatives of the na-

EXTENDS POSTAL SERVICE. Orders Can Now Be Sent to and from

China and Greece. WASHINGTON, March 28 .- The postoffice department today reported

the completion of important arrangements for the extension of the international money order business of this CONSCIOUS UP TO THE LAST ence with the president in relation to government. An agreement has been reached with the kingdom of Greece whereby money orders will be exchanged between the two countries. In addition, the postal agent of the United States at Shanghai, China, has been authorized to issue domestic money orders payable at any money order office in the United States. Can-

ada, Cuba and the Philippines, and at any money order office in the United States money orders may be procured drawn on the postal agency at Shanghai, China, which thus is substantially made a money order office of the United States. The postal agency at Shanghai has been conducted for many years, but heretofore it has not been practicable to establish a money order service there.

SAYS EDWARD WILL END WAR Rosebery Thinks Chamberlain a Tool

of Rhodes.

PARIS, March 28 .- Lord Rosebery arrived in Paris this morning from London. The Patrie says he made meant to be good-byes. the following statement to a reporter:

"Mr. Chamberlain was only an instrument in the hands of Mr. Rhodes. Now that the latter has disappeared what will become of the member from Birmingham? English opinion has had enough of a policy based solely on

force, which has only created for us enmities in Europe and cast us into a conflict in which thousands of our sons have perished. A ministerial crisis in England would not be surprising. Possibly, because of the coronation, King Edward will prevent this by ending the war and directing English policy into new channels. more in conformity with justice and the rights of peoples."

Western Congress May Combine. DENVER, Colo., March 28.-Speaker B. F. Montgomery of the Colorado house of representatives left for Washington last night as a representative tescuquer. The body will, after ser



SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER SUC-CUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS.



Sleeps for Several Hours Immediately Preceding the End-Cause of Death Heart Failure-Those Present When the End Came.

CAPETOWN, March 27. - Cecil Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p.m. He slept during the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

Mr. Rhodes was conscious until 5 p. m., when he muttered a few words and sank quickly. The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure. At his bedside were Dr. Jameson, Dr. J. W. Smart, the com missioner of public works; Colone! Elmhurst Rhodes, director of signalling in South Africa field force, and Mr. Walton, member of the assembly of Port Elizabeth. Mr. Rhodes' last words

were the names of his brother and some of the others present, which were

The only person who attended him during his illness and who was not present at his deathbed was Dr. Stevenson, all the others, his boys and personal servants were admitted at the last.

chuur, the residence of the deceased, of the ways and means committee, near Capetown, on a special train to- and Mr. Cannon, chairman of the remorrow. There it probably will lie in state for a day or two and public will be admitted to view the remains. It has not been determined where he will be buried. It was the wish of Mr. Rhodes to be interred at Matoppo Hills, Rhodesia. Certain of his friends will eral reciprocity position and the posiproceed to Matoppo Hills to determine whether it is practicable to carry out this wish. The features of the dead man are placid and a death mask of ed by the republican conference pro-

them will be taken.

The cottage where he died was

a sick chamber, although the utmost

The government has decided to give ban imports temporarily would be car-Cecil Rhodes a public funeral. His ried out in the house. remains will be brought here from Gro-

PROTEST ON BRIDGE BILL.

Senator Millard and Congressman Mercer Present Matter.

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Senator Millard and Congressman Mercer, accompanied by Vice President Cornish of the Union Pacific, had a conferthe South Omaha bridge bill. Senator Millard presented a petition signed by leading bankers of Omaha and South Omaha calling upon President Roosevelt to veto the bill, which was railroaded through congress last week at lightning speed. Senator Millard presented the views of the protestants against the measure, in which Mr. Cornish, representing the Union Pa-

cific, concurred. Mercer presented the side of the company, asking for the charter and incidentally mentioning the name of Charles S. Gleed of Topeka as vice president of the corporation interested in the bill.

The president remarked, after he had heard the arguments pro and con, that as the bill came to him with the unanimous endorsement of congress, he could not see his way clear to withholding his signature.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING.

Invites Conference on Reciprocity for

Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Anothr conference was held at the White House tonight on the subject of Cuban reciprocity and was participated in by the president and house leaders, inluding Chairman Payne and The body will be taken to Grootes- Messrs. Dalzell and Long of Kansas publican caucus. The members came at the invitation of the president and remained with him for an hour. The conference was in the main an exchange of views between the executive and the congressmen on the gentive statement was made that there were no new developments in the situation, and that the program adoptviding a 20 per cent reduction on Cu-

MAKE CHANGE IN MAY.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle-There was a pretty fair supply of cattle on sale for this time of the week, which makes the receipts for the week to date about the same as for the same days of last week, and considerably in excess of the corresponding days of last year. There were quite a few beef steers in the yards, and the market could safely be quoted strong and active. A good many sales were undoubtedly made that were 5010c higher than the same kinds sold for yesterday, and as compared with the close of last week prices have improved all the way from 10e to 25c. The heavy cattle are, perhaps, not more than 10@15c higher, but the handyweight cattle have improved 15@25c. The cow market was in much the same shape that it has been for some little time past

The demand is active for the better grades, with the tendency of prices upward. Bulls, yeal calves and stags all sold at fully steady prices, where the quality was good. The better grades of stock cattle were in good demand at strong prices, but the common grades were neglected, the same as they have been for some time past.

Hogs-There was a good average run of logs, which makes the supply for the week considerably heavier than for the same days of last year. The market, however, opened active and 5@10c higher. The better grades sold mostly a dime higher. At the prices offered the hogs changed hands rapidly and it was not long before the bulk of the offerings was out of first hands. The heavy hogs sold largely from \$6.45 to \$6.60. Medium weights went from \$6.35 to \$6.45 and the lighter weights sold from \$6.35 down.

Sheep-There was a light supply of sheep and lambs, and as the demand continued of liberal proportions the market was active and steady to strong. Lambs in particular sold at good, strong prices and as high as \$6.65 was paid. Most of the offerings consisted of wool sheep and lambs, but still a few bunches were clipped. Everything at all desirable was sold in good season, but it was noticeable that the heavyweight sheep were not in as good request as the handyweights.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle-Market strong to a shade higher: choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.40@6.75; fair to good, \$5.00@6.40; stockers and feeders, \$3,40@5.00; western fed steers, \$5.00%6.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$4.75@6.30; cows, \$4.00@5.00; native cows, \$3.50@3.55; heifers, \$5.00@6.65; canners, \$2.80 @3.50; bulls, \$3,50@5.25; calves, \$4.00@6.00. Hogs-Market 10c higher: top, \$6.75; bulk of sales, \$6.30(a6.70; heavy, \$6.60(a6.75; mixed packers, \$6.40@6.70; light, \$6.10@ 6.55; pigs, \$5.50@6.05.

Sheep and Lambs-Market steady; native lambs, \$6.40/a6.85; western lambs, \$6.40 @6.75; native wethers, \$5.20@5.70; western wethers, \$5,10@5.65; yearlings, \$5,75@6.00; ewes, \$4.80@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.00975.25.

Now it is Charged to Thad Stevens.

Of Thaddeus Stevens, the old Republican leader, who is buried on the outskirts of Lancaster, Pa., in a cemtery for colored people, a Lancastrian "Mr. Stevens was told this story: pleading a case one day before a judge who disliked him. There was, in consequence, a good deal of veiled recrimination. This grew worse and worse, until finally, in a tremendous rage. Stevens stopped short in the middle of a cross-examination, rammed his papers in his bag, grabbed his hat and started clumping (for he was a little lame) out of the room. But the judge halted him. 'Mr. Stevens,' he said, 'it seems to me you are trying to show contempt for this court.' 'No, your honor, I'm trying to conceal it," Stevens answered.

'Made of Meat, Like Any Other Man."

Archibald Roosevelt discussed the prince with great vigor to some of his schoolmates the other day. "Why," he said, "he ain't like any prince I ever heard of. He didn't come up in a charlot drawn by white horses at all. He rode in a carriage just like ours. I don't think he's much of a prince," the small boy sniffed. "He looks just like any other man-made of meat, you know."

Bright's Disease Cured.

Sullivan, Ill., March 31st, Mrs. Kitty F. Seancy was very ill for months and notwithstanding the best possible medical attendance she got no better. The doctors said she had Bright's Disease. and gave her little or no hope of ever being well again.

She suffered great pain in her back, which nothing seemed able to relieve, till at last encouraged by the reputation Dodd's Kidney Pills have attained in the community as a cure for Kidney Diseases, she began to use them.

The result was a surprise both to Mrs. Seaney and the physicians, for soon after the treatment was commenced her kidneys threw off large quantities of dark diseased matter and she improved rapidly. She used in all ten boxes, and has completely recovered good health without pain or symptoms of the Bright's Disease,

A 100-Year-Old Lawsuit.

The oldest lawsuit in Virginia, acording to the Richmond Times, threatens seriously to be settled in a few days. It originated as early as 1797, and is known in Virginia history as the case of the Dismal Swamp Land company against Anderson's personal representatives and others. The sum involved was about \$50,000.

Adversity is the emery wheel of the soul.

When Wit Meets Wit. John Kendrick Bangs is the proud

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the men he mentions and I believe the report was made for the purpose of personal gain."

Wilbur C. Brown, partner of Abner McKinley, whose name was mentioned in connection with the Christmas charges, made public in congress, has sent the following letter to Representative Dalzell, chairman of the investigating committee:

"Dear Sir: The papers this morning contain extracts read in congress yesterday from insidious charges alleged by one Walter Christmas in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

"So far as these charges relate to Abner McKinley and myself they are unqualifiedly, maliciously false in every particular.

"I shall be glad to appear before your committee at any time you may desire. Very respectfully.

"W. C. BROWN." WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29 .-The state department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the Danish government the charges against the integrity of American statesmen preferred by Captain Christmas and brought to the attention of the house of representatives.

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PENSION COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Not Effective Until Diplomatic Berth is Ready for Him.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- Commissioner of Pensions Evans has placed his resignation in the hands of the president.

It will not take effect until some important position in the diplomatic service is found for him.

The pension committee appointed at the last annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to investigate the affairs of the pension bureau has made its report to the president. It has not vet decided as to when the report will be made public, if at all, It is stated that the policy of Commissioner Evans will be continued by his successor.

To Mine Nebraska Coal.

WAHOO, Neb., March 29.-A stock company is being organized in this city for the purpose of developing the coal mine at Swedeburg, six miles south of here. The company will have \$1,000,000 capital stock and will begin in a few days to work the mine The promoters have leased 700 acres surrounding the land where the coal was discovered.

Turkey Massing Reserves.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 29.-The Turkish government has decided to call to the colors 90,000 irregular

vices in the cathedral, be taken back to tional irrigaton congress and the In ternational Mining congress concernat Matoppo Hills. ing the proposed consolidation of the Since Mr. Rhodes took to his be-

three hodies. three weeks ago, his friends had been The other conferees will be ex-Govmost anxious that he should recover ernor L. B. Prince of New Mexico, of sufficiently to be taken to England. the mining congress, and J. H. Springer of California, of the irrigation consimple seaside cabin, small and close gress. to the railroad. It was ill-fitted to be

Payne Proposition Wins Out.

was done to improve the ventilation WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.and make it more comfortable. Dr. Representative Babcock of the ways Stevenson slept by his patient every and means committee called at the night, that he might be in readiness while house vesterday in response to to administer oxygen, which practically a request from the president. It was kept Mr. Rhodes alive. Last Sunday discovered that the committee stands 8 to 8 as between the Payne and Taw- he lost all interest in everything. His rally from the crisis of Tuesday nev Cuban reciprocity provisons and left but the faintest hopes for his ultithat Mr. Babcock, who has been abmate recovery. These were entirely sent on account of illness, held the deciding vote. After the interview it abandoned with the renewed attack at noon today. The news of his death was stated that Mr. Babcock had been spread through Capetown between 7 won over by the president and that and 8 o'clock and caused profound he would vote for the Payne proposi-

grief. All places of amusement were immediately colsed. An open air concert was immediately stopped and the

Wood Starts Back to Cuba. audience uncovered while the band WASHINGTON, March 28.-General Leonard Wood left here tonight on played the "Dead March." The people then silently dispersed. his last visit to Havana in the ca-

pacity of military governor of the III Health Drives to Suicide. island of Cuba. General Wood said

GRINNELL, la., March 27 .- Behe expected to depart by boat from cause she was despondent over conthe city of Havana at 12 o'clock on tinued ill-health, Miss Kate Lawrence, May 20, after the new government had a popular Grinnell High school gradubeen installed and the Cuban flag saluted. At the same time 1,200 Amerate and formerly a nurse in the Cook ican troops would vacate the island county hospital at Chicago, is dying via Havana and 400 would go from from a bullet wound inflicted by her own hands. Santiago.

The girl secured a rifle that was in

Labor Break Over Carnegie.

she placed the muzzle over her heart. RACINE, Wis., March 28 .- The reand probably by using her foot disfusal of Racine laboring men to allow charged the weapon. the acceptance by the city of a library A great hole was torn in her body. offered by Andrew Carnegie will probbut the heart was missed. She has ably break up the Trades council,

which includes all the unions. Members of this council presented a protest to the council against the library, but withdrew it wthout consulting the Trades council. For this they were expelled. They were re-clected to the central body.

Monument to McKinley.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28 .-- The assembly passed the bill appropriatng \$100,000 for the erection of a monufalo. The bill passed the senate and the legislature urging its passage.

Abandoned Mine Caves In.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 28 .-

United States Fixes Date of Transfer his former home, and finally interred of Authority to Cubans.

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Secretary Root this afternoon made public his order to General Wood, directing him to turn over the control and government of Cuba to its people on May 20, next. The order requires the Cuban government to assume all treaty obligations and directs General Wood to continue a small artillery force to avoid leaving the island and city defenseless until the Cuban government shall have opportunity to organize its own force. General Wood also s directed to convene the Cuban congress before May 20. He also is directed to consult with Presidentelect Palma, and substitute such persons as he shall desire for those now holding official positions in Cuba.

Pro-Boer Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26 .-Representative Randall of Texas introduced resolutions relative to the war in South Africa, similar to those recently adopted at a caucus of house democrats, expressing sympathy with the two republics, appealing to the British government to make peace and declaring that the United States should maintain an attitude of strict neutrality.

Mr. Cochran of Missouri also introduced resolutions requesting the secre tary of state to ascertain of the Brit ish government whether associations of charitable persons in the United States could secure facilities for aiding the non-combatants, and whether safe conduct could be secured to concentration camps to anable physicians to administer to the sick, etc.

Jockey Killed by a Horse. DENVER, Colo., March 26 .- Zeno Edman, a jockey, 19 years of age, was killed at Overland pary today, being thrown by a horse which he was ex-

ercising and dragged more than half

Homeseekers in Montana. KALISPELL, Mont., March 26 .-Five sections of a westbound passenger train on the Great Northern railroad went through Kalispell with homes in the west.

A purchase of 114 acres of land in South St. Louis has been made by the facilities.

Testimony in Sugar Cases. ----

Notre Dame to Have a Branch, SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 29 .- It SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 .- A Sixteen dwellings were wrecked at resentatives of the American Tobacco stipulation was filed in the United is announced that Notre Dame will Hamtown, a small, mining village company took an important step to- States circuit court in the suit of the have a branch at Portland, Ore., a

ESTATE GOES TO EDUCATION.

Cecil Rhodes' Millions Will Promote Scheme of Elevating British Race. LONDON, March 29 .- The Daily Mail says it is in a position to assert that he late Cecil Rhodes left the bulk of his fortune, except some personal and family bequests to the promotion of his vast imperial plan of education. This project embraces every land where the union jack flies. Its purpose is the intelectual betterment of the British race throughout the world and the fostering of the imperial sentiment.

The Daily Mail adds that this idea of better fitting "younger Britain to cope successfully with rival nationalties was long a dominant scheme with Cecil Rhodes, but even his closest friends little imagined the absorbing hold it obtained on him until this was disclosed by the terms of his will."

The details of this plan of education will be made public in a few days. Cecil Rhodes left the Dahlman estate

o his brother, Colonel Francis W. Rhodes. The estate was purchased by Cecil Rhodes last December.

PLOT TO MURDER WALLER.

Plan Was to Kill Major and Lieutenant Williams.

MANILA, March 29 .- At the continuation today of the trial by courtmartial of Major Waller of the marine corps, for the execution without trial of natives on Samar island, a native scout by the name of Smoke was on the stand.

Smoke testified to the existence of a plot among the native leaders of the Waller expedition to murder Major Waller and Lieutenant Williams. He said that when the marines had rations they shared them with the natives. The scout also said that he personally had suffered severely from

Cattle Suffer in Colorado.

hunger.

DENVER, March 29 .- Reports from Orchard, Colo., say that many cattle on the plains are in a pitiable condition for want of water. Many of the water holes in Morgan county have been fenced in by owners of small herds and other cattlemen, whose stock is shut off from water, are threatening to take retaliatory measures. Much ill feeling has been excited among owners of range cattle by impounding of animals that need water.

university, has purchased for the li-

possessor of three young sons, the eldst of whom bids fair to rival his famous father in wit. The other day Mr. Bangs took the three boys out for a long tramp, miscalculated the distance and found he was tiring the youngsters out, though not one of them would confess it. At this moment they came to a pretty difficult hill. It occurred to Mr. Bangs to lighten the boys' labors by stirring their imaginations, so he pretended the hill was San Juan and they were to charge up to the top. All went well till the eldest boy stopped in the middle of the rush to blow his nose

"What's this?" said Mr. Bangs. "A coldier stopping during a charge to blow his nose? Nice soldier you'd make! Why, you'd be disgraced forever for a thing like that."

"I should think," replied the imperturbable youngster, "that it would be easy enough to take your handkerchief and wipe out the disgrace."

Mr. Bangs continued his part of the charge in a meek silence.

"Faithful" Service Rewarded.

The late Judge Smyth, so much better known as "the Recorder," used to have a reminiscence of another lawyer who now enjoys much distinction at the bar and for a time rejoiced in judicial honors, but who was at the time the managing clerk of a law office on the same corridor with that of the future recorder.

"I met him in the hau one day," said the old judge, "and he was evidently very much agitated. I inquired the nature of his trouble. Almost weeping, he answered: 'I have been discharged, discharged without a worl of explanation, after five years of faithful service. It is very hard.' And then he quite gave way, and added, in tears: 'And you know, Mr. Smyth, you know what affidavits I have made for that man.''

One on James J. Hill.

"Speaking of James J. Hill," said a St. Paul man, the other evening, "I can tell you a story of him.

"It was away back in the 80s, when the late lamented Harry Ives was Mr. Hill's private secretary, and Mr. Hill was giving away pigs of purest breed to the farmers of the northwest, in order to encourage stock-raising along the line of the Great Northern road, and thus build up its traffic. The state fair was in progress in St. Paul, when, one September morning Ives opened Mr. Hill's mail and found a letter from a farmer, which read as follows:

"'Mr. J. J. Hill-Dear Sir-: I went to St. Paul and to the fair, as you told me. I looked for you at your office, and also at the fair grounds. I found plenty of hogs of your species, but could not find you anywhere.""

Treasure for Columbia University. Dr. V. G. Simkovitch, who has charge of the library treasures of Columbia

lingered for several hours, but the doctors say she cannot live. To Prevent Spread of Cholera. WASHINGTON, March 27 .- The navy department has given Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, the ranking admiral in the Philippines, authority to take such steps as may be necessary

the house and taking it to her bed,

to prevent the spread of the cholera epidemic which prevails at Manila to about 8,000 people, who are seeking the officers and men of the naval esment to President McKinley at Buf- tablishment at Cavite. As far as can be learned here, the epidemic is connow goes to the governor, who will fined to the natives and Chinese in approve it, as he sent a message to Manila, and does not prevail among Gould line's management for terminal the whites.

Promise Wholesalers Profit.

LONDON, March 27 .- The local rep-

	troops in batches of four battalions,	near here, by a cavein at the aban-	ward gaining the support of the whole-	Interstate Commerce commission	large college there now to be taken	brary during the past week an early	
						Italian manuscript of great value, con-	1
	men.	vania Coal company. The broken	latter 5 per cent profit on all deals	in the sugar rate case, by which the	Cross.	taining the epistles of St. Jerome, be-	۹.
	Turks Attack Bulgarians.	water main is flooding the mine, and	with them. The chairman of the	complainant is allowed ninety days in		lieved to have been made during the ninth century.	
	and the second s	the cave is extending. Huge fissures	Wholesale Tobacco Dealers' associa-	which to take testimony. By stipula-	Mrs. Dewey's Health Improves.		
	a a t at age musich treams at	have appeared in the streets of the	tion says that unless the Imperial To-	tion a similar order was made in the	MACON Ga. March 29 A letter re-	Love may not be blind at the start,	
	techod a Bulgarian nost near Saratch	fown and many nouses are in dan-	bacco company meets them in a simi-	suit of the Interstate Commerce com-	ceived from Admiral Dewey at Palm	but it is never able to see its finish.	
60 -	One Bulgarian was killed and several	ger. Residents near the mine are re-	lar spirit there will be a bad #Hlook	mission against the Central Pacific	Beach, Fla., says that Mrs. Dewey is	Crooked living makes the cross	1
	wounded.	moving to places of safety.	for the British tobacco trust.	Railway company.	much better.	Chritsian.	
	HANNAAN						

a mile.