

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The cholera at Manila is believed to have abated.

Fire at Mesa City, Ariz., caused a loss of \$250,000.

The Gazette-Herald of St. Joseph has been sold for \$50,000.

Miss Ellen M. Stone will soon return to the United States.

The Iowa senate has voted to legalize the practice of osteopathy in that state.

The Dagblad announces authoritatively that the confinement of Queen Wilhelmina is expected next September.

The house committee on coinage, weights and measures has reported favorably on Mercer's bill for a mint at Omaha.

One thousand men representing the building trades of Niagara Falls struck for an advance of wages, and an eight-hour workday.

The loss by the fire at Fukui, near the northwest coast of the island of Honshu, where 4,000 houses were destroyed, is estimated at nine million yen.

The United States Philippine commission fixed the government rate of exchange for silver for the second quarter of this year, at \$2.27 Mexican silver for one gold dollar.

News has been received at the Great Northern freight offices that the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Illinois Central railways have made a cut of 5 cents in the rate on lumber and shingles.

The treaty of friendship between the United States and Spain will be signed as soon as Bellamy Storer, the United States minister, returns to Madrid. Mr. Storer is at present in the United States.

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. This reduced price will be in force during April only.

The refusal of Racine, Wis., laboring men to allow the acceptance by the city of a library offered by Andrew Carnegie will doubtless break up the trades council, including all the leading unions.

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.

Thomas Dunn English, famous throughout the English-speaking world as the author of the long popular ballad, "Ben Bolt," is dead. He was born in Philadelphia in 1819. He graduated as doctor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1839.

Senator Martin, from the committee of the District of Columbia, has reported favorably the amendment authorizing the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac at Washington. It fixes the cost at \$5,000,000, and makes a present appropriation of \$100,000.

Governor Bliss of Michigan issued a proclamation designating April 15 as Arbor day and recommending that each school in the state plant a tree on that date as a memorial to the "third martyred president of the United States, William McKinley, the friend of the children."

Additional returns from a majority of the counties in Arkansas indicate a victory for ex-Governor James P. Clarke for United States senator over Senator James K. Jones, though his majority on joint ballot probably will not exceed twelve.

Miss Hay, daughter of the secretary of state, will soon become the wife of James Wadsworth.

A newspaper dispatch from Philadelphia tells of the death by her own hand of Mrs. Mary E. Clement, sister of ex-Governor Boyd of Omaha.

The monthly statement of the public debt issued on the 1st shows that at the close of business March 31, 1902, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$997,732,332, which is a decrease for the month of \$6,823,720.

"A Prayer for Peace" was the only novel feature of the observance of Good Friday in Great Britain.

Seven more veterinarians are wanted by the chief quartermaster for contract service in the Philippines. They are to sail April 15.

Ex-Congressman Adams of Chicago has been offered a position on the civil service commission.

The president has signed the bill granting a charter for a railroad and wagon bridge over the Missouri river opposite South Omaha.

HOUSE THIS WEEK

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. The ultimate passage of the Payne bill providing for a 20 per cent reduction on the products of Cuba after the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty and the enactment of our immigration laws by the republic of Cuba, is regarded as a foregone conclusion, but the situation is a complicated one, owing to the division among the democrats as well as the republicans.

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. On the other hand a large majority of the democrats favor the greatest possible freedom of trade with Cuba, and would vote for a deeper cut than the ways and means bill proposes. Others, like Newlands (Nev.) are in favor of the immediate annexation of the islands and quite a number under the lead of Louisiana members will oppose strenuously any tariff concession.

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. Some of the republican opponents of the bill will speak against it, but the leaders of the republican opposition show a strong disinclination to participate in the debate on the ground that these speeches would become democratic campaign material in the coming congressional campaign. The bill will be brought up Tuesday as a revenue bill, which is privileged under the rules, but no special order will be brought in for its consideration. In this way the possibility of a defeat of a rule through a combination of the republican recalcitrants and the democrats will be avoided. The general debate will be allowed to exhaust itself. The leaders on both sides estimate that not more than three days will be consumed in general debate. The real fight will come subsequently when the bill is ready for amendment under the five-minute rule. It will be then that the democrats will seek to offer amendments having for their purpose the opening up of the whole tariff question. While some of these amendments might command some republican votes if they should actually come to a vote, they will be ruled out of order in the house, as they were in committee, and the only method by which they can be reached would be by overruling the decision of the chair.

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. The only amendments which will be held to be germane and in order will be those increasing or decreasing the amount of the concession and the leaders feel reasonably safe in the prediction that the caucus decision for 20 per cent reduction will stand.

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. Mr. Ward is accompanied by Charles Curtiss, the company's chief electrician. While here Mr. Ward will consult with John W. Mackay, president of the company.

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, Matabeleland. The town was in mourning.

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

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.

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 Times considers that if Lord Rosebery would accept the presidency of the trust, the decision would be generally welcomed, and says that he is by far the best of the ex-ecutors for that office.

The Daily Telegraph announces that Emperor William and President Roosevelt both received an invitation from the trustees of Mr. Rhodes' estate as to what the will 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.

The Illinois Fund Sent by President Roosevelt.

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. Inasmuch as the committee was without satisfactory means for forwarding the money, President Roosevelt was requested to accept the fund and have it forwarded through such channels as he might deem best, to be disbursed for the relief of the sufferers for whom it was intended.

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 wanton 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. Schalkburger 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.

Early Spring in Alaska.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 7.—The Princess May 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. Miners coming from Mush creek, a new section of the Western Porcupine district, say that important finds of gold have recently been made there and a large number of prospectors are now going into the district.

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. It is shown by the report that only a portion of the rolling stock of the company is included in the list of taxable property, the stock being divided as to Nebraska in proportion to the mileage within the state. Last year all of the rolling stock was assessed by the board.

The Kansas City & Omaha railroad shows a decrease in total valuation since last year from \$503,480 to \$502,205. The Pullman company values its standard sleeping cars at \$104,122.43 and its tourist cars at \$8,628. Last year the standard cars were assessed at a valuation of \$99,041.53, and the tourist cars at \$7,621.49.

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. A third man remained on the sidewalk in front of the saloon and participated in the robbery by preventing the bartender from escaping through the window. The evidence, it was maintained by the state's attorneys, showed conclusively that robbery was intended.

The statute under which Rhea was convicted and sentenced to be executed was severely questioned as to the provision which was held by the attorneys for the state to provide for conviction in the first degree where it was shown that the murder was committed during the commission of a robbery. The contention was supported by Judges Sullivan and Holcomb. In a memorandum filed by Judge Sedgwick the opposite position is taken. The expression of Judge Sedgwick will be one of the grounds upon which the plea for executive clemency will be made.

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.

GLENNVILLE, 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.

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.

SMALLPOX IN THE STATE.

Number of Cases in Each County Reported by Doctors.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Dr. Geo. M. Braas, 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. In some counties there is an increase and in others the decrease is great. The following shows the number of cases reported in February and March:

Counties.	Feb.	Mar.
Adams	29	4
Antelope	1	5
Boone	13	3
Boyd	1	4
Butte	14	7
Burlington	3	3
Butler	29	8
Cass	4	11
Cedar	48	36
Chase	1	2
Cheyenne	1	2
Clay	13	14
Colfax	3	3
Cuming	2	1
Custer	2	3
Dakota	12	4
Dawes	12	7
Dawson	1	1
Dixon	6	15
Dodge	6	28
Douglas	189	207
Fillmore	1	1
Furness	16	6
Gage	43	49
Hall	4	5
Hamilton	26	30
Holt	17	10
Jefferson	1	4
Johnson	14	8
Kearney	7	12
Keya Paha	7	15
Knox	9	12
Lancaster	7	71
Lincoln	1	1
Madison	12	11
Merrick	1	1
Nance	1	1
Nebraska	1	1
Nuckolls	19	18
Otoe	2	3
Pawnee	1	1
Phelps	1	1
Pierce	7	5
Platte	2	11
Richardson	10	12
Saline	1	2
Sarpy	21	17
Seward	23	25
Sheridan	6	25
Stanton	24	5
Thayer	2	12
Thurston	3	3
Washington	2	1
Wayne	10	8
Webster	14	1
York	1	1
Total	764	826

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 Meridith, 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. In fact, some of the salesmen considered the quality the best today of any day this year. Buyers started in from the first to pound the market and were bidding fully a dime lower than yesterday, and in some cases more. Cow stuff was in as good demand as ever and sold at fully steady prices. The better grades in particular commanded fully steady prices, and in some cases were made that looked like higher. There was not enough change in the prices paid for bulls, veal calves and stags to be worthy of mention. Stockers and feeders of good quality sold freely at steady prices, as compared with yesterday, but the common kinds, and especially common stockers, were as much of a drug on the market as ever, and prices were certainly no more than steady.

Hogs—There was a fairly active demand for good weight hogs, and the market on such kinds was steady to strong. The light hogs, however, were rather slow sale, and if anything were a shade lower than yesterday. The range of prices was not much different from yesterday, and the bulk of all the sales went from \$6.65 to \$6.75. Heavy hogs sold largely from \$6.70 to \$6.80, and as high as \$6.85 was paid. The medium weights went from \$6.65 to \$6.70, while the lighter loads sold from \$6.65 down. The bulk of the offerings was disposed of in good season.

Sheep—There was not a heavy run of sheep and lambs and packers took hold quite freely and bought up what was on sale at very satisfactory prices. Lambs in particular sold well and if anything were a little higher than yesterday. As high as \$6.70 was paid for some Colorado, which looked higher than yesterday's market. Sheep and yearlings mixed of only fair quality sold up to \$5.65, and ewes brought \$5.15. Clipped yearlings sold as high as \$5.50.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Market steady to 10c lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.40@5.55; fair - good, \$5.00@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.90@5.10; western fed steers, \$5.00@5.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$5.00@5.25; cows, \$3.50@5.25; native cows, \$3.50@5.00; heifers, \$4.00@5.40; canners, \$2.50@5.50; bulls, \$3.50@5.00; veal calves, \$4.50@5.75.

Hogs—Market the lower; top, \$7.00; bulk of sales, \$6.45@6.85; heavy, \$6.30@7.00; mixed packers, \$5.50@6.80; light, \$6.45@6.85; pigs, \$5.25@6.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Market strong to 5c higher; native lambs, \$5.00@5.50; western lambs, \$6.40@6.80; native wethers, \$5.50@5.80; western wethers, \$5.00@5.50; yearlings, \$5.00@5.25; ewes, \$4.50@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@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 for 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. The rest which Miss Stone had in England has improved her health, though she was obliged to refuse countless invitations to speak before religious and other bodies. Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, and Mrs. Choate are greatly interested in the missionary. They entertained her at the embassy at tea Thursday, where Miss Stone gave the diplomatic party a graphic, yet simple, account of her experiences.

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.

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

Dumont on the Way.

LONDON, April 5.—M. Santos 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.