News in Brief

Snow slides are reported from almost every point in the interior of British Columbia.

The chief source of wealth of Japan Is her coal, of which 9,000,000 tons were mined in 1901.

The Brooklyn Yacht club has ac cepted a cup from Sir Thomas Liptor for a race of small racers.

Pascal.

Colonel Thomas Marshall Green, one in Danville, Ky.

Senator J. W. Bailey of Texas has He gave no reason for his action.

Somaliland, has escaped into Italian Roosevelt and the senate. territory.

Richmond, Va. He is Colonel George sponsible for the acts of the national Wayne Anderson, a member of the legislative body. The annual supply state senate.

manager, is dead at his home in Sara- ed with greater dispatch than heretotoga, N. Y., as a result of a stroke of fore has been the case. paralysis. He was 68 years old and a native of Troy.

Henry Marr of Columbus, Ind., a farmer, lives in a house exactly in the middle of this great country. A stone in his barn lot marks the spot by census officials.

Rev. Samuel A. Taggart, for many years state secretary of the Young Men's Christian associations of Pennsylvania, and widely known throughout the country, is dead.

Charles A. Robinson, who in part nership with Mr. Peyton of Califor nia, made a national reputation as an owner of coursing greyhounds, is dead at his home in St. Louis, Mo.

There are more than a dozen busi ness women in Chicago enjoying in comes of from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year resulting from their own enterprise prompted and managed by themselves It is believed that the Rothschild

family, as a whole, is worth about \$1,500,000,000, the French section be ing represented by about \$350,000,000 and the English branch by considera bly more.

Charged with misappropriating \$200,000 of the funds of the suspended Federal bank at New York City, David Rothschild, former president of the institution, yesterday was held in \$25, 000 bail for examination April 20.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Journal says that Grand Duke Cyril was on the bridge of the Petrapavlovsk when the explosion occurred, and was thrown into the sea, which led to the saving of his life.

In a volume just published in Germany by Prof. Viereck, he credits Benjamin Smith Barton, of Philadelphia, with being the first American student to visit a German university. Barton studied at Gottingen in 1789.

There was a general suspension of business in Danbury, Conn., during the hour of the funeral service over during the coming season for the purthe body of Lieutenant Ernest A. Weichert, who was one of the victims of the explosion on the battleship Missouri.

In the hope that one of the eighteen George Millers named in the Chicago city directory may turn out to be the missing son of the late Charles Miller of Brooklyn, who left an estate of \$100,000, Chief O'Neill of the Chicago police detailed men to investigate. Former Chief Jail Guard W. F. Huff-

man is charged in an indictment returned by the grand jury at St. Louis with conspiracy. It is alleged that Hoffman was implicated in the effort his resolutions calling on the attorto get saws into the city jail to aid George Collins, who was executed any prosecution by him of the inter-March 26 for the murder of Detective Schumacher, to escape.

Nearly every day for the past two years the secretary of war has received a letter from a man in Massacausetts who simply gives his address and says nothing else. The letters are supposed to be reminders that the writer is awaiting a reply to some communication to the department on a matter of interest to him.

Postmaster General Harris, chief of the naval bureau of supplies and accounts, already has received about \$2,500 in subscriptions to the fund for the benefit of the dependent relatives of the men who lost their lives on the battleship Missouri. This does not include the proceeds from the entertainment given Monday at the Lafayette theater, which is estimated to be about \$1,600.

There is a movement on foot to apply the curfew law to the national capital. About 4,000 cities and towns in the United States, mostly in the west, now have curfew laws to keep children who are unattended off the streets after a stated hour in the evening.

The loss of life from accidents and 2,471; explosions, 736; falling buildings, etc., 474; steam railways, 4.090; electric railways, 573; electricity, 156; mines, 788; cyclones and storms, 487; lightning, 139.

McCook Tribune THE TWO HOUSES

WHAT THE FIFTY-EIGHTH CON-GRESS HAS DONE.

THE TWO IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Considered of Greatest Interest-Bills of Public Nature and the Amount of Appropriations.

WASHINGTON - The Important legislative accomplishments of the sessions of the fifty-eighth congress were confined to two subjects-Cuba and Panama. The reciprocity treaty between the new island republic and the United States, initiated by President McKinley, was made operative Another foreign wrestler has arrived by legislative enactment. The ratifiin America ready for business. He is cation of a treaty by the senate and a Spaniard, and is known as Napoleon the subsequent initiation of legislation for the government of the canal zone commit the United States to the of the most widely known historians construction of the Panama canal, in the south, has just died at his home connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The special session, now denominatresigned as director of the Kentucky ed the first session, was called for Trotting Horse Breeders' association. the purpose of carrying out the pledge of the nation to Cuba. The Panama Hadji Mohammed Bui Abdullah, the development was one which arose sud-Mad Mullah, against whom the British | denly and received decisive and immehave been conducting a campaign in diate action at the hands of President

The conservatism incident to the A great-great grandson of Thomas approaching presidential campaign, as Jefferson is a candidate for mayor of usual, was manifested by those rebills were made up with an eye to Harry Y. Hill, a veteran theatrical economy. Incidentally they were pass-

The senate ratified the treaty negotiated with Cuba to carry out the terms of the Platt amendment.

It also ratified the Chinese commercial treaty, which provides for two open ports in Manchuria.

Chairman Hemenway of the house committee on appropriations, in a statement compiled under his direction, gives the total of all supply bills (subject to slight changes in pending bills) as \$597,802,324, to which must be added \$84,971,820 for interest on the public debt. The estimated revenues are \$704,472,060. By these figures the expenses are \$22,000,000 less than the revenues. The estimates of the various departments, on which the appropriation bills were based, exceeded the total estimated revenues by \$42,845,862. · No river and harbor bill, making provision for new projects of improvement in the rivers and harbors of the country, was undertaken. Likewise no omnibus measure. carrying provision for new public

buildings, was allowed to pass.

Several amendments have been made to facilitate the administration of the public land laws. The allot- ing the week on the desert land bill, ment in severalty of lands owned collectively by Indian tribes in various sections of the country has been provided for in a number of acts. A step in the direction of world peace has been taken through the formation of an American group affiliated with the Inter-Parliamentary union for international arbitration and the official recognition of this "group" by the passage of a joint resolution extending an invitation to the union to hold its next annual meeting at St. Louis and appropriating \$50,000 for the expenses of the same. A joint resolution was enacted providing for the transportation aboard a government vessel of not exceeding 600 of the public school teachers of rorto Rico to the United States pose of broadening their views by travel and a course of study in the summer schools for teachers in this

HOUSE HURRYING WORK.

Long Day and Night Sessions Are to Be Held.

WASHINGTON-Long day and night sessions are the program in the house this week, as the leaders plan to end the session Thursday. On Monday Mr. Williams, the minority leader, is to be given consideration of ney general, first, for information of ested parties in the Northern Securities company, and, second, what has been the result of any investigation he has made on the coal trust.

The conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill is to be considered Tuesday. The Alaska delegate bill is before the house as a "continuing order," to be considered in the absence of the conference reports, which are yet to come on the military academy, the general deficiency and the sundry civil appropriation bills. There undoubtedly will be many requests for consideration of minor matters by unanimous consent, and the outlook is declared by the leaders to indicate an exceedingly busy windup.

The civilizations of a people may be inferred from the variety of its tools.

Hungarian Emigration Law.

Vienna-The Associated Press is in-

ROSEBUD BILL IS SIGNED.

President Gives Approval to the Opening.

WASHINGTON - The president signed the Rosebud reservation bill Saturday. In honor of the event Congressman Burkett presented every man in the white house offices with Panama Canal and Cuban Reciprocity a rosebud The delegation then went to the general land office, where it was learned that the land would be opened under the lottery plan, such as was used in opening the Kiowa and Comanche lands in Oklahoma. Prospective settlers may register at Bonesteel, Fairfax and Chamberlain until the middle of May, when the drawing will occur at Camberlalin. Full particulars will be given to the newspa-

The plans for the opening of the reservation are not yet completed, but it is expected that arrangements will be made so that the opening will take place by July 1 next. It is likely that the plan to be followed will be the same as that carried out in the Kiowa and Comanche opening in Oklahoma in 1901, when the claimants were registered and the order in which the entries to be made determined by a drawing of the names. This method, as carried out in Oklahoma by Commissioner Richards of the general land office, is generally commended at the interior department, where it is desired to prevent such wild scenes as transpired at previous openings. There are 245 quarter sections of public domain embraced in the territory to be thrown open and the indications point to a large number of prospective

IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

settlers.

Will Clear Calendar Preparatory to Adjournment.

WASHINGTON-The time of the senate the present week will be devoted wholly to clearing the calendar, preparatory to adjournment, which most senators still say will occur during the present week. There remains only one appropriation bill to be passed by the senate, that for the military academy. A number of the supply bills are still in conference, however, and it is expected there will be more or less discussion of conference reports. The general calendar is very heavy and an effort will be made to

There are a number of provisions in the military academy bill which will be debated at some length. This bill probably, will be taken up tomorrow, but it may give way to other business, including a speech by Mr. Cullom on the country's foreign affairs, and another by Mr. Bacon on the subject of the tariff and trusts. There also will be some speeches durand it is probable that the conference report on the canal zone government bill will lead to debate.

AS TO WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Cabinet Considers Advisability of Government Control.

WASHINGTON .- The most important matter considered at the cabinet meeting Tuesday was that looking to the control by the government of wireless telegraphy. The subject was broached by Secretary Hay in connection with the communication received recently by this government from Rus-

Thus far wireless telegraphy has not figured in international affairs, and no conventions covering its use have been considered. It is believed that sooner or later the subject will be taken up by diplomats, with a view to reaching an international agree ment upon it.

The discussion was tentative, in a measure, and definite decision was reached. It is likely, however, that in the near future some action will be taken that will provide for a proper government supervision of the wireless system of telegraphy.

FIRST TORNADO HITS IN KANSAS.

Town of McPherson Is Visited by a Destructive Storm Cloud.

M'PHERSON, Kas .- A severe tornado struck McPherson Sunday afternoon, demolishing six residences and causing more or less other damage to property. Three persons were injured, one seriously. Much damage was done in the country north of here. A funnel-shaped cloud approached the town from the south, following the course of a ravine. The residence of S. W. Rieff was first struck and the house, barn, windmill and outbuildings destroyed. All the members of the family escaped except a young man, who was bruised and scratched.

The residence of Mrs. S. P. Fisher was next struck. The building was picked up and carried a considerable distance and demolished. The family had seen the approach of the storm and escaped. The large Fisher apple orchard was ruined.

Taft Favors Camp Sites.

WASHINGTON - Secretary Taft the lands.

THREE EXECUTED

TRIO OF CAR BARN BANDITS ON THE SCAFFOLD.

NIEDERMEYER THE FIRST TO GO

Marx and Van Dine Quickly Follow-All Three of the Murderers Keep Their Nerve and Show No Signs of Weakening.

CHICAGO, Ill.-Compelled to be carried to the scaffold, Peter Nieder meyer, leader of the car barn bandits, was hanged here Friday at 10:35 o'clock. Weak and pale but with a slight suggestion of a smile, the bandit failed to carry out his oft-repeated boast that he would die before reaching the gallows.

Hanging of his asosciates, Gustax Marx and Harvey Van Dine, quickly

Although it was-expected at first that Niedermeyer would be able to walk to the gallows with but little or no assistance, it was found at the last

moment that he was too weak. Straps were placed over his ankles, and just above his knees. He was then placed on a truck and wheeled to one of the floors of the jail, after which he was carried to the scaffold, and placed in a chair on the trap. He was not asked the customary question if he had anything to say, and the rope was quickly placed about his neck. He settled his neck into the noose and the trap was sprung.

The body shot through the trap, and for twenty minutes after it moved convulsively, the physicians at first being of the opinion that he was strangling to death, that the rope had been placed too low. After examination, however, the physicians announced that his neck had been brok-

Niedermeyer appeared on the scaffold wearing a red rose, but without a coat. Previous to the execution and during the reading of the death warrant, Neidermeyer snatched the paper from the chief deputy's hands and placed it in a pocket and made remarks in anger at this time and once or twice when he was being taken to the scaffold.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Marx was pale, but his courage never left him while he stood on the scaffold. He made no statement. Two priests of the Roman Catholic church, of which Marx had become a member, accompanied him to the gallows. He repeated a litany with them, kissed a crucifix, after which the jailer sprang the trap at 11:17. He was pronounced dead at 11:34, his neck having been

Harvey Van Dine was hanged a short interval after his companion Marx, a few days before a bitter enemy of Van Dine, but now the best of friends in their last hours of life.

Incidents in Van Dine's execution were similar to those that characterized the execution of Marx. Like Marx, Van Dine was composed pre-

ceding his execution. HEARST FILES A COMPLAINT.

Asks Attorney General to Proceed

Against Coal Combine. WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative William R. Hearst of New York filed a complaint with Attorney General Knox alleging that a combination of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey, under a common management, has stifled competition and petitioning the department of justice to proceed against them under the Sherman anti-trust law. The complaint asks that the action be taken to restrain the Reading company while the owner of the stock of the Philadelphia & Reading company, from owning, holding or voting upon the stock of the Central and decreeing that the stock be returned to its lawful owners and that all the provisions of the antitrust law be applied to the parties in these transactions when found upon investigation to be guilty of wilful violation and disregard of the law.

SPIES ARE ON EVERY HAND.

Operations of Russians in Manchuria

Are Hampered. MUKDEN-The operations of the Russians in Manchuria are greatly hampered by the immense number of spies. Major General Kondratsvitsch, commanding the Ninth East Siberian Rifle brigade, says the Japanese have taken advantage of the convenient location of New Chang, which is full of

"In the guise of beggars, ragpickers and lackeys," says the general, "these spies sniff everywhere. They have grown pigtails, showing that they have been preparing for their work for a long time and that they are unwilling to trust entirely the information supplied by the Chinese. They are hard to get rid of. These insects, as soon as they obtain information, cross the river into Chinese territory, where they use the telegraph.

Children of the Revolution. WASHINGTON-Mrs. Daniel Lothformed on the highest authority that has addressed a letter to Senator rop, the founder of the organization, on day practically reached an agreement Emperor Francis Joseph as expressed | Proctor of the senate military com- | Thursday called to order the National great surprise at the opposition evoked | mittee, strongly urging the purchase | Society of the Children of the Ameri- and the work of checking the rates both in Hungary and United States of the four great camp sites, at a cost can Revolution in the absence of Mrs. against the Hungarian emigration of several million dollars, which are Julius C. Burrows, the president, who law. His majesty attributes this op- to be used for joint maneuvers and is out of the city. There was a large proposed was adopted, reducing the disasters in the United States last position to a misapprehension of the drills by the regular army and the attendance of delegates. The reports year was: Fires, 1,792; drowning, real tenor of the measure. The em- militia. The secretary explains in of the various officers for the year peror has further declared his con- his letter that he withdraws his dis- just ended showed the society to be viction that when the terms of the approval of the original project, in excellent shape. There has been a the sum of the locals through Omaha law are fully and completely under- wherein the sites were named in the large increase in the membership, with the exception of certain territory

1 600.

STATEHOOD BILL.

After Long Discussion Is Passed by

the House. WASHINGTON-After a debate extending through the entire session the house on Tuesday passed the bill providing for joint statehood of Oklahoma and Indian Territory under the name of Oklahoma and of Arizona and New Mexico under the name of Arizona.

In discussing the rule which had been reported by the committee on rules providing for immediate consideration of the bill. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, declared that no republican had any idea that the bill would become a law at this session.

Delegate Wilson of Arizona opposed the bill. It was favored by Delegates Rodey of New Mexico and McGuire of Oklahoma.

The bill was passed 147 to 104, a strict party vote.

The question of additional accommodation in the way of office and committee rooms, occupied the attention of the senate the greater part of Tuesday. The question arose in connection with the provisions in the civil appropriation bill, one for an extension of the east front of the capitol building, in accordance with sketches left by Architect Walters, and the other for an an outside senate office and committee building. Much variety of opinion was expressed and the question was still under discussion

when the senate adjourned. or 'person of Chinese descent,' as used in said laws, shall be construed to mean any person descended from an ancestor of the Mongolian race, which ancestor is now or was at any time subsequent to the year 1800 a subject of the emperor of China; and in any proceeding or examination in relation to the exclusion of a person alleged to be such a person conducted by the government the statement under oath of a duly appointed immigration or in-

Several minor bills were passed during the day.

ROSEBUD BILL IS PASSED. Some Modifications Made in Senate

to Meet the Views of President. WASHINGTON — After months of hard work and presevering energy the South Dakota delegation had the satisfaction on Monday led to the scaffold. Neatly dressed of witnessing the passage in the senand with a white rose as a button- ate of the Burke bill, which proposes speedily as possible, I left the hero iere, which had been given him by his to open to settlement 416,000 acres and heroine by the side of a little pass as many of these measures as little sister the night before. He was of Indian lands in Gregory county, babbling brook, and I'm afraid they South Dakota. Yielding to a sugges- will freeze to death if I don't get tion understood to have come from the White House, the South Dakota senators incorporated an important amendment in the bill. It is to the effect that for the first three months of the opening \$4 an acre shall be charged for the lands. After the land has been on the market three months, it is to be sold for \$3 an acre, and thereafter at the rate of

\$2.50 an acre. The Rosebud bill passed the house several months ago. As soon as the bill is approved by the president, Representative Burke will take up with the secretary of the interior the question of regulations governing the sale of the Rosebud lands.

HIS SECRET DIED WITH HIM.

Former Subject of England Passes Away at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS .- Without kith or kin at his bedside, Thornton Fleetwood. aged 72, claiming to have formerly been a professor at Eton, England, died Tuesday in the charity ward of the city hospital. From the brief history he was able to give the authorities before his death, it is believed that Fleetwood was utterly alone in the world, having no relatives in America or in England, from whence he came to this country three years ago.

His apparent education and refinement attracted the attention of the attendants and he was prevailed upon to tell something of himself, but he refused to say much concerning his life. He contracted a severe cold, which resulted in death. Unless the body is claimed, it is stated that interment will be made in the potters'

THE PENSION APPROPRIATION.

The Measure Carrying \$137,000,000 Passed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON-The pension appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of over \$137,000,000, and the emergency river and harbor appropriation bill, which carries \$3,000,000 were passed Thursday by the senate. leaving only the general deficiency and the military academy mills of the entire list of supply measures still to be considered by the senate.

The house bill increasing the size of homestead entries in Western Nebraska to 640 acres also received favorable consideration. While the river and harbor measure was under consideration Mr. Gorman sharply criticised the failure to bring in a general river and harbor bill.

Speeches were made on the pension bill by Messrs, McCumber and Scott, the latter declaring that he favored a service pension of \$25 per month.

Agreement on Grain Rates.

CHICAGO-Western roads on Thurson the adjustment of the grain rates. according to the plan of settlement has commenced. The plan originally St. Louis differential over Chicago from 5 to 3 cents and making the through rates from Nebraska points stood the opposition to it will disap- interest of the speedy acquisition of the total at this time being more than in the northeastern section of Nebr ska.

Christianity in Japan.

Many of the prominent men of Japan are Christians. To this creed belong one member of the imperial cabinet, two judges of the supreme court, two presidents of the lower house of parliament, three vice ministers of state-not to mention a host of officials in the lower ranks. In the present parliament the president and thirteen members in a total membership of 300 are Christians. In the army there are 155 Christian officers, or 3 per cent of all, and the two largest battleships are commanded by Christians. In Tokio three of the great daily papers have Christian edi-

Growth of City Clubs.

The growth of city clubs of high class has given cause to open eyed amazement in this generation. In this metropolis there are two such organizations, each of which has more than three thousand members and each of which owns real estate valued at many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of the well known clubs in this capital are flourishing, and show in every way that they are managed with striking ability. Club life in the principal communities of this country has made giant strides in a third of a century.

Latest Society Craze.

According to the English papers, the latest society craze seems to be the game of magic crosses. Three crosses, of small size, and in a number of various colors, are laid on a table in a straight line, and the person holds a magnet, which he moves slowly down the line of crosses. One by one, but not in rotation, the crosses are attached to the magnet, and when they are at last all arranged in order the expert can gain ar insight into the character and fate of the experimenter. Even cabinet ministers have consulted the magic crosses.

A Hurry-Up Call.

Cyrus Townsend Brady, the author, had occasion to consult his physician for a slight ailment on an extremely cold day. He was busily engaged in his literary work on the doctor's arrival. Hurrying into the reception hall from his library, he said: "Doctor, I wish you to get through with me as

So sacred is the person of the Emperor of Korea that to touch his body with a weapon of iron constitutes high treason. Rather than violate this tradition, Tieng-song-tai-ong allowed an abscess to put an end to his life in 1800, believing it would be wrong for him to submit to the surgeon's

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