MATTERS OF IRRIGATION

Biennial Report of State Engineer J. M. Wilson.

THE WATERS OF WESTERN RIVERS.

Secretary J. M. Wilson of the state board of irrigation has put forth the second biennial report from his office. The volume contains 235 pages and several interesting maps. The tabucated in the various divisions and water sheds, stream measurements and tables of gagings of the various rivers for are given to those who desire to take advantage of the state irrigation law. Some of the problems of interest to people of the state, and especially cussed by Seceretary Wilson. He takes up the protection of forests at the source of rivers, the relation of the free range problem to irrigation, interstate rivers, the conservation and use report contains a drainage map showing the natural drainage of the state and the various water divisions. The other maps, ten in number, show irrigation works in various countries follows: along the streams that are used for irrigating land. The tables showing adjudication of claims for water taken from the various streams are preceded by remarks upon the streams in question. In dealing with the Platte river adjudication Secretary Wilson says:

begun on the unajudicated claims on the Platte and its tributaries. These claims were scattered on both sides of sires met to say that while it is imthe Platte river and its north and practicable at this time to indicate the south branches from the east line of exact date of the sailing of the First Kearney county westward to the Colo- Nebraska it is probable that the move-North Platte. The surveys were completed early in July. With the exception of three cases in which there has been some delay in securing the necassary evidence, these claims have all among the first regiments to go to Mabeen ajudicated. "The wide and fertile valley through

which this stream flows offers an inviting field for the canal builder and the irrigator. The river after it enters the state has a regular fall of from six to nine feet to the mile, and the regiment on board you will be notthe valley drops at about the same rate. The broad smooth slopes present few obstacles to construction and maintenance. The cost of preparing the surface for the easy distribution of the water is here at a minimum. The ditch builder has been prompt to realize his opportunities and from the | an abundance of sunshine in most of west line of Hall and Adams counties to the state line the valley is everywhere interested with ditches. The maps give some idea of the extent to which these developments have been

"In the amount of water discharged the extent of the works constructed. and the acreage under irrigation, the North Platte and Platte rank first in importance among the rivers of the state. The maximum discharge, as will seen by reference to the gaging tables, occurs in May and June and the first half of July. In the later summer, the volume is considerably water, as well as by the diminished reduced by several ditches taking flow from the mountains. The river bed is wide and sandy. At low stages when the water is confined to narrow channels, much of the sandy surface is exposed to air and sun and the evaporation and loss from sinking in the sand is enormous. One or two hundred feet will at such times often disappear within a few miles. At what point the loss becomes so great that the attempt to get water to the claimants on the lower part of the stream should be abandoned is a problem involving consequences to the appropria-

"The necessity of using all reasonpriator is keenly felt, while the demand that the water shall not be wasted is equally imperative. It is believed that a system of bulletins giving reports of the condition of the stream at points above, from day to day. when the volume is falling, would save much water which now goes to waste. The busy farmer, with a crop not yet suffering, seeing plenty in the stream, expects to find it equally abundant a few days later when he will be ready to irrigate. If warned that a scarcity was imminent, he would lose no time in applying the water, which he now allows to waste. An arrangement of crops that would make use of the water earlier in the season, while it is abundant, would do much to relieve the difficulty."

A matter having important bearing on the practice of irrigation in Nebraska is the protection of the forests on the mountain slopes to the west. The timber value of these forests areas is great, but their chief utility is in the | wounds and he will recover. The docrains and snows. On these timbered was his dull knife. He is held in fail the age. Prize calves from every slopes the snows protected from the pending sun discharge their waters gradually into the streams, thus maintaining the flow into the later summer. The forest is nature's reservoir. When the forests have been removed, especially when they have been destroyed by fire, in the case of the state of Nebraska the snows are soon melted and are dis- against the signers of the bond of the charged at once into the streams. The result is we have floods in May and | guaranteeing the state against the loss June with dry channels in the later usefulness of the streams heading in these mountain regions for irigation purposes has already been greatly impaired, and unless effective protection is provided against the ravages of ax and fire, this deterioration will go on. Nebraska's interest in the matter is a vital one and the need of action ur-

Notwithstanding that the past two years have been unprecedented in the history of Nebraska in the seasonable distribution of water for the crops, irrigation interests are steadily gaining ground. Even in these years of bounti-ful harvests a careful comparison of the cross in the same district and under the same cultivation shows a difference of from 30 to 50 per cent in favor of the irrigated fields. New converts are being made every day, as the office of the state board of irrigation | For a short time last winter all these shows. This increased interest is not confined to the western part of the with the advent of the new city adstate. One of the most promising and | ministration there was a change,

successful irrigation plants in the state is located in the heart of one of the finest farming districts in central Nebraska, where a total failure of crops has never been known. The success of this enterprise is attracting the attention of good farmers and is slowly breaking down the opposition growing out of the lack of information as to the benefits to be derived from, and the cost and trouble of irrigation. Farmers are finding that the price of irrigation is a cheap insurance against the effect of prolonged drought. One who has seen his crop or his neighbor's saved from destruction, or the yield doubled by timely irrigation, needs no further argument to convince him of its value.

It is quite evident that the War department desire to relieve the First regiment of Nebraska vôlubeêra from duty as soon as possible, if indeed their return to the country has not already been ordered by General Otis. at Manila. From information received by the military authorities from Washregiment it is understood that orders for the return of the troops have already been issued. Governor Poynter received a reply to his letter of April those who desire to irrigate are dis- 13 concerning the probable date of the sailing of the First Nebraska, in which Adjutant General Corbin stated that the movement of troops from Manila would commence about May 5 or as soon thereafter as the transports arof waters of the western rivers, the rived. This letter was dated April 6 use of water, and other topics. The and as the date given for the probable sailing of the troops was a day before this, it is quite evident that orders have already been issude. The letter received by Governor Poynter reads as

Nebraska, Lincoln: Dear Sir-Your letter of April 13 last to the president, in which you say that constant inquiries are being made at your office by friends and relatives as to the probable date of the sailing of the First Nebras-In the sprin og 1898, the work was | ka volunteer infantry from Manila, has been referred to this department, and in reply the acting secretary of war devolunteer troops in the Philippine islands will commence about May 5. This, however, is largely dependent upon the arrival of the transports now on their way. The First Nebraska was nila and unless something unforeseen happens it wil be among the first to return. Further than this I am unable to say at this time, but as soon as the department has been advised of the sailing of the transports having ified by wire. Very respectfully,

Adjutant General.

Condition of the Crops The past week, says the latest crop

bulletin, has been warm and wet with the eastern counties-conditions exceedingly favorable for the growth of vegetation. In the western counties the conditions were less favorable; the first days of the week were cold, with high wind, and the rainfall for the week was considerable less than nor

The average daily temperature exess has varied from about 7 degrees in the eastern part of the state to less than a degree in the western. The rainfall has been above normal

in most of the eastern and a portion of the southwestern counties and decidedly below normal in the western reduced by the many ditches taking and northwestern counties. The rainfall exceeded three inches in several the state.

farm work during the past week; even in the localities of heaviest rainfall work has been retarded but little. About one-half the corn is planted in southern counties, and planting is just commencing in the northern. Small grain has improved in condition in all parts of the state, although more rain where the showers of the past week would be beneficial in some localities were light.

Cherry, plum and apple trees are in bloom, and the present indication are for a good crop.

Butler County Boy Suicides. David City dispatch: This morning at 4 a. m., George Meyster a young man twenty years old, residing a. Garrison, took a shotgun and blew his brains out. The young man died instantly. No reason can be assigned for the act, as he appeared perfectly well and planted corn all day yesterday. The coroner has been summoned. Yesterday afternoon, while plowing

on the farm of Thomas Fox, Anton Krchnavey attempted to commit suicide by taking a knife and cutting his throat. He cut from under the ear on either side to the center of his throat and then cut his wrists badly and to finish the job thrust the knife into his side and then lay down in the furrow behind the plow to die, but did not. Finding his attempt a failure he got up and went to the house, where his condition was learned. Mike Fox took him in a buggy and brought him holding back of the moisture from the | tor says the only thing that saved him

Lincoln dispatch: A verdict finding for the state in the sum of \$9,903.63 was returned in district court tonight defunct Merchants' bank of this city, of money deposited in the institution. mer when water is needed. The Five of the men whose names appeared on the bond were released from liability, these being J. L. Ryan, John C. Fullerton, William Fullerton, J. H. Sheen and E. A. Stephens. The men held liable are R. S. Ryans, C. L. Chipman, William Ryans and David Fitzgerald, all of whom allowed their cases to go by default. The evidence adduced tended to show that neither William Fullerton nor J. L. Ryans signed the bond, but that their names were forged to the paper. The defendants released set up the defense that they signed the bond with the understanding that Ryans and Fullerton had done likewise. The amount named in the verdict is the remainder of the money the state had on deposit when

the bank failed three years ago. far as gambling houses, sporting housincreasing number of flings in the es and like enterprises are concerned

NEBRASKA NEWS.

An 18-year-old son of C. C. Doescher, a farmer living west of West Point, was kicked by a horse, which com-pletely shattered his nose and tore off part of his lip and flesh around his

Major Forrest H. Hathaway, quar-termaster U. S. A., has been relieved from duty at Philadelphia and ordered to Omaha to relieve Captain John Bax ter, jr., assistant quartermaster, who has been ordered to Manila for duty.

County Clerk James M. Robertson of Cass county, received a telephone message from Union asking for a coffin in which to bury Quill Johnson, who dled with smallpox, after a week's ill ness. He was a renter near town and has left his family in destitute circum-

A boy at Pleasant Hill has been suf fering from an attack of appendicitis caused by eating unground wheat. He has been in the habit of carrying wheat in his pockets and eating large quantities. It was at first thought that a surgical operation was necessary, but at once. He has been relieved of the it was delayed and it is now thought

Horse stealing has become a comme practice here, says a Falls City dispatch. Last night, between midnight and morning the barn of Henry Shaw, living in the north part of town, was broken into and his chestnut sorrel driving horse, harness and new buggy taken. The thief started west and as yet has not been heard from. One hundred dollars is offered for his capture. This makes the fifth horse that has been stolen from Falls City in the last two months.

The house of William Huwald, south of Osmond, was struck by lightning, badly injuring a son who was occupying a room upstairs. The bolt came down the chimney and into the cellar where a terrific explosion occurred, tearing out several joists and one sill, also badly splintering the floor in the room occupied by Mr. Howell and his wife. At the farm of Nelson Rasmussen, northwest of town, his barn was struck by lightning and a valuable horse killed. A. J. Kladek of the same neighborhood lost four 2-year-old steers in the same manner.

feeding one-third more cattle than ever before in the history of the county and it is said that the largest feeder in the world is located at that piece. One Central City man has had in his feed yards 14,000 head of cattle during the past year and it is figured that I was necessary for him to use \$750,000 to purchase stock and feed and carry on his operations for the one year This immense business is no experi ment with him, as he has carried on the feeding operations on an equally large scale for several years.

Wymore is making big preparations for the Southeastern Nebraska and Interstate reunion, which is to be held there August 21 26. A large force of men have been put to work getting the park in fine condition and everything is moving in a manner which indicates that the reunion this year will eclipse be expended in entertaining visitors and this, with the large amount which will be realized from privileges will be used in securing prominent speakers, good bands and other amusements

The Corn Belt, the Burlington publication which is usually accurate on crop reports, has this to say about the present conditions along the Burlington lines. "As to winter wheat, not only in Nebraska, but almost everywhere, the winter was a very unfavorable one for this crop. In Nebraska reports seem even more favorable that in Kansas and Missouri, and far more so than in Illinois and Indiana. But in Nebraska the crop is starting slowly, and has been damaged considera bly by the cold weather early in the fall and the severe winter and spring. The estimates of the condition vary widely, ranging from about all to only about 20 per cent killed. However most reporters estimate the damage to

be between 50 and 75 per cent." A compromise was effected between the contending parties in district court at Tecumseh in the case of tac trustees of St. Andrew's Catholic church against the Reverend Frederick Speriein for tresspassing and malicous destruction of property. The case was up for trial, but at the suggestion of the court the agreement was entered into. According to its tenet that faction of the church in sympathy with the trustees agree to accept any priest as pastor of the parish except Father Sperlein, but the priest sent to the parish must recognize Messrs. Shaughnessy and Murphy (the old board of trustees) as the legal trustees of the church until the case now pending in the supreme court for possession o the property is settled at least.

The authorities of the state university are incensed at the conduct of several students who caused to be printed and posted in conspicuous places about the city posters advertising "the finest troupe of trained calves ever seen in the west," the posters having direct reference to an exhibition drill given by the fair students of the university in the armory. The posters read thus: "Grand attraction. Great stock exhibition, University arsenal Saturday evening. The finest troupe of trained calves ever seen in the west will be on exhibition at that time and place. Calves of all sizes and ages will go through the most wonderful and startling performances known to there; also a few choice ones from surrounding states. Everyone come. Admission free with ticket. Good mu-

The Congregationalists of Norfolk are planning to build an addition to their church. This has been made necessary owing to the growing popula-tion of the city and increase in church

An inmate of the Soldier's Home at Grand Island met a violent death by faling down a flight of stairs. Edward Albright, the deceased, had been accustomed occasionally to go down in the night and take a walk for a little fresh air. From other inmates it is learned that he went out at 2 o'clock on this occasion. Nothing more was thought of the matter until his corpse was discovered at the foot of the stairs

The Nebraska State Medical society in session at Lincoln elected Dr. M. C. Conahay of York president, A. D. Wilkinson of Lincoln secretary and C. E. Green of university Place treasurer. The next annual meeting of the state association will be held in Omaha.

An alarm of fire was turned in at Kearney, and when the fire department arrived four frame buildings on the west side of Central avenue, between Twenty-fourthand Twenty-fifth streets. were found burning. The building and contents are a total loss. The property destroyed was valued at afty distinct secret orders, with more \$6,000. There was \$2,500 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Will Not Walt For the Conclusion of Peace.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—"Send Olympia's mail to B. F. Stevens, No.

States in time for a national demonstration on the Fourth of July next. The Olympia will not come under full steam, but nevertheless it should make the run to New York in about fiftyfive days from Manila. That it is to come to New York is nearly certain, as shown by the fol-

lowing response made by Secretary Long to the urgent message of invitation to Dewey from Mayor Van Wyck of New York. It may be stated that this was sent before the notice was sent to Dewey that he might come

ing, the department is inclined to leave this respect largely by the consideration of his own personal convenience all previous efforts. More than \$1,000 | that Admiral Dewey will elect to rehas been subscribed by the citizens to turn to New York. Very respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG, Secretary." on one of the regular Mail steamships, but cannot possibly reach Manila before the middle of June. Orders have parture until relieved by Admiral the pride of the navy, and next to interests of the United States.

in the department of the Missouri over to the Union Pacific.

"Force the Fighting." NEW YORK, May 13.—A special to the World from Hot Springs, Va., says: "Force the fighting. Penetrate far into the interior and capture or destroy

every warring Filipino." That is the pith of a long cipher cablegram President McKinley sent to General Otis in Manila. It was prompted by several dispatches from General Otis, transmitted by Secretary Alger, which greatly encouraged the presi-

LONDON. May 13.-A special received here today from Manila says that the Filipino congress now sitting at San Isidro is composed of fifty-six members, of whom twenty favor peace and an equal number are irreconciliof power are ready to admit that absolute independence is hopeless of at-

Fresh Troops to the Frent. MANILA, May 13.-Fresh troops are beginning to go to the front. Two battalions of the Seventeenth infantry (regulars) that had been holding the lines about the city of Manila will join Major General MacArthur's division at San Fernando tomorrow and one battalion of the same regiment will reinforce Major General Lawton's division

port Hancock yesterday.

NEBRASKA SOLDIERS

Trafalgar square, London, England," was the notice given out at the navy department today. This is the first formal indication that the famous Upon inquiry it was ascertained that obligation of remaining at Manila until the Philippine commission completes its work. He is not even required to await the constition of hostilities; but may start homeward at once. The notice posted at the navy department indicates that the Olympia will not remain long enough to receive the next outward mail. Mr. Stevens referred to is the navy department's agent at London to distribute all of the mail for United States warships in European waters, so he will see to it that the Olympia receives its mail

It is estimated at the navy department that Dewey will reach the United

"I am in receipt of your telegram with regard to the return of Admiral Dewey and expressing a desire that he arrive first in the country at New York. The time of his return has not been fixed and the department has taken no other action than to authorize his return whenever the condition of the peace commission shall permit. As to the route he shall take in returnthat to him. He has served with great ability and must necessarily feel so much the effect of his arduous labors in a trying climate and under trying circumstances that the department is disposed to let him govern himself in and wish. It is understood, however,

Admiral Watson will sail from San Francisco next Tuesday as a passenger been issued placing Captain A. S. Barker in command of the Asiatic squadron after Admiral Dewey's de-Watson. Captain Barker is now in command of the battleship Oregon, Admiral Dewey is the senior officer on the station. He is an officer of ability and discretion and may be depended on to take good care of the

OMAHA, Neb., May 13.—Orders have been received here from Washington for the movement of the Sixteenth infantry, which is at present stationed The regiment is to start in time to reach San Francisco by May 29, the expectation being that it will sail on the transport Grant June 1. The movement will probably begin about May 25. Four companies of the Sixteenth are at Fort Crook, four at Fort Leavenworth and four at Jefferson Barracks. The transportation for the regiment was arranged for several weeks ago in anticipation of these is variously stated to be from fifteen orders. The Burlington and Rock Island will carry the troops from Fort Crook to Denver and there turn them

tainment, but demand better terms at the hands of the United States.

near Bacolor. These troops will be re-

Long Explains to Pholan.
WASHINGTON, May 13.—Secretary Long has written to Mayor Phelan of San Francisco a letter in regard to his proposition that Admiral Dewey return from the Philippines by way of the Pacific ocean in order that his first landing in this country should be at San Francisco. The secretary's the balance of power, are ready to letter is practically identical with that admit that absolute independence is sent to Mayor Van Wyck.

There are in the United States over than 70,000 lodges and 5,000,000 mem-

MANILA, May 13 .- The First regiant Nebraska Volunteer infuntry to king the annual step of respectfully stitioning the division commander, and General MacArthur, to tempo-rily relieve them from duty at the unted by the campaign in which it ore than 300 men of the organisation at present fit for duty. On Sun-

view of the facts, have prepared respectful memorial to General Mactherawn for a short time from the thing life, in order that they may superate. The memorial states that sen are willing to fight, but are strain of long marching, continued

months past, having been com-

pelled during all that time to sleep in their uniforms to be in readiness for fighting. The memorial adds that since February 2 the regiment has lost 225 men in killed and wounded, and fifty-nine since the battle of Malolos. The officers of the regiment propose o present a similar memorial on behalf of the men. The splendid record of the First Nebraska in the entire campaign and the tone of the memorial prepared by the men is such that no imputation of insubordination can be brought against them. Officers of the regiment said to the correspondent of the Associated Press here today that they thought the men had been worked beyond endurance and should he given a rest and some of the regu-

the city be sent to the front. Five volunteer regiments and the Utah battery of artillery are at San Fernando. They muster in all about 2,500 men. Many of the soldiers are in the hospital suffering from heat or other causes. The wounded were all suffering acutely and showed the effects of exposure to the sun when already worked wonders.

Since the army entered Malolos the

soldiers have had little water to drink

ar regiments which are now guarding

except that which was brought on railway trains from Manila, and that was of poor quality. The artesian wells at San Fernando are doing much toward making them feel contented. WASHINGTON, May 18.—No dispatch received recently from Manila has been read with deeper interest at the war department than that which was sent by the Associated Press via Hong Kong. War department officials and army officers did not care to be quoted upon the subject, but the comment generally among army officers was that the troops which had been fighting so long and continuously are exhausted and were really in need of rest. It is explained that the men did not fear fighting, but after fighting and marching and constant picket duty they were no doubt much exhausted. Some army officers suggested that the action of the Nebraska regiment was like a town meeting and that the army could not be conducted upon such lines. Comment was made to the effect that the dispatches indicated that the various regiments were

on duty constantly and that there was no reserve to relieve them when they reached the limit of endurance. It was stated by an officer in the department that one reason why it had been impossible to relieve the volunteers with the regulars now at Manila was because the regulars recently sent to the Philippines were at least twothirds recruits and were necessarily untrained and lacked the discipline of the volunteers, who are now veterans. It is believed that General Otis does not care to risk the hard fighting to untried men that he desires the volunteers to remain at the front because he is sure of them in any emergency.

Disastrous Rear End Collision. READING, Pa., May 13.-A collision passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Exeter, about six miles south of this city, tonight, and a great number of people were killed and injured. There is no telegraph at Exeter, and details, therefore, are difficult to obtain at this writing. The number killed to twenty-five. Fully fifty others are injured.

The regular express train from Pottsville for Philadephia connected at the station in Reading with a train from Harrisburg, which was crowded with excursionists who had been to the state capital to witness the ceremonies in connection with the unveil ing of the Hartranft monument. Many of the Harrisburg passengers at Reading went aboard the Philadelphia express, but it being found that all could not be accommodated, it was decided to send an extra train to Philadelphia to run as the second section of the express. The extra train left twenty minutes later than the express. At Exeter the express stopped for orders and while standing still the extra train crashed into it while moving at great speed.

Three of the rear cars of the express were telescoped and the first car of the extra train was also wrecked. The passengers in these cars were terribly mangled, many being and bodies maimed. Word was at once sent to reading and a special train, with physicians and nurses, was sent to the scene as quickly as it could possibly be put in readiness.

Passes Anti-Trust Bill. AUSTIN, Tex., May 13.-The house of the Texas legislature today finally passed the anti-trust bill as it came from the senate Tuesday. The bill, as passed, is decidedly more drastic than the Arkansas law. It absolutely lebars any pool or trust from doing business in the state; prevents their goods from being used in the state, for the reason that it clearly specifies that goods bought from any trust or corporation which may prove to be a trust need not be paid for.

Divided on Peace Question LONDON, May 13.-A special dispatch received here today from Manila says that the Filipino congress now sitting at San Isidro is composed of a \$2,000,000 deposit. fifty-six members, of whom twenty avor peace and an equal number are irreconcilables. The others, holding less of attainment, but demand

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better terms at the bands of the United

The News Briefly Told.

lows. Nebraska got fourth place. The president has decided to appoint Albert S. Kenny paymaster general of the navy, to succeed Edwin Stuart.

Kenny is now general storekeeper if New York city. Cracksmen blew open the safe in the Standard Oil company's office at St. Joseph, Mo., and partially wrecked the brick building. Severel hundred dol-lars and valuable papers were taken. A meeting of representatives of all the St.Louis breweries was held at St. Louis and arrangements made for taking concerted action against the enforcement of the new beer tax bill.

Secretary Wilson will leave Washington next week on a trip to Louistana, Mississippi, Texas and other southorn and southwestern states. He will

Chief of Detectives McCluskey ordered to Atlanta, Ga., for duty as New York declares there is no truth in the story of the confession of the murder in that city of Dolly Reynolds made by Richard T. Nicholson in Wormwood Scrubs prison, England. Edward Atkinson said that the de-

mand for copies of the pamphletswhich the attorney general recently ordered taken from the Philippine mails has increased so rapidly within the last few days that the supply has been exhausted temporarily. The interstate collegiate oratorical contest, with representatives from ten states participating, took place at the Oliver theater in Lincoln, with the fol-

lowing result: First place-Rollo L. Lyman of Beloit college, Wisconsin; second place—George E. Farrar of Depauw university, Indiana; third place Samuel B. Cook, general manager of the ways and means department of the democratic national committee, confirmed the report that Mayor Harrison and ex-Governor Altgeld will be invited to attend the big democratic banquet at St. Louis May 25. According to reports in the city Lall, Mayor Harrison is not likely to accept the invi-

Dr. Lambert Russell died at Barre Mass., of mumps, aged 99 years. He was the oldest Harvard graduate. The powder mill plant of the Pottsville (Pa.) Water company, located in the Indian Run valley, destroyed eighteen tons of powder. The condition of Tim Murphy, the

omedian, is alarming. His temperature is 102 and his lungs are much orer. A Chicago physician has been elegraphed for. Exra F. Merrill, aged 74 years, prorietor of the chutes and toboggan

lides at Coney Island and a reputed millionaire, died from the effects of an accident he met with on Wednesday ast, on one of the slides. .The proclamation recently issued by Governor Stephens, in which the rules governing the inspection and admision of southern cattle in Missouri are prescribed, has caused some uneasiness

among the live stock commission men at the stock yards. The United States Plate Glass company, capital \$1,000,000 was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to manufacture glass of all kinds. The incorporators are William H. Brearley, Frederick B. Hyde, Kenneth McLaren, all of Jersey

The minister of war, Lieutenant General Polavieja, has received a disatch from General Rios, Spain's principal military representative in the Philippines, announcing the sailing from Manila for Spain of the Danisl steamer Catalunt with Spanish troops. The minister of war, Lieutenant General Polivieja, has received a dispatch from General Rios, Spain's principal military representative in the Philippines, announcing the sailing from Manila for Spain of the Spanish steamer Cataluna, with Spanish troops.

Dr. W. D. Storer of Chicago, who was called to Oshkosh, Wis., to attend Tim Murphy, the comedian, said that he entertained hopes for Mr. Murphy's recovery, although the patient's condition is critical from a relapse. The doctor found on arrival that aside from pneumonia pleurisy had devel-

Luis Nunez Rivera, ex-premier of the Brooke cabinet in Porto Rico and representing the planters' interests, called on President McKinley and discussed economic conditions on the island. He urged as necessary to save the planters' industry, in view of the crisis through which Porto Rico is passing, the necessity of giving Porto Rican planters the right to enjoy all the trading privileges that other Americans enjoy.

John Buehler, president of the Gar den City Banking and Trust company Chicago, has died of cancer.

An American syndicate has secured the electric lgi_ting franchise at Puerto Principe, Cuba, for \$70,00. President Edwin Gould, Continental Match company, denies any coalition or his company with the Diamond

18,000 acres of land in Puerto Principe province. Cuba, and will erect a sugar An attachment for \$1,750 has been issued in New York against the Railroad Equipment company in favor of

evita & Co., on bor

An American syndicate has bought

The Hamburg-American and Furness steamship lines have agreed on the Montreal traffic being controlled on the American side by the former line. The \$68,000,000 of silver now in the Philadelphia mint will be transferred immediately to the new mint; 680 wagon loads of three tons each. The wage committee will meet a the scale for 80,000 skilled workmen. and a demand for a raise is expected. James S. Lynch of Company C

Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday to compile Ninth United States infantry, reported among the dead at Manila, was a son of James Lynch of Syracuse, N. Y. and 21 years old. He enlisted last July. Corporal William L. Higgins and Private Harris W. Mallory of Company B. Ninth infantry, were respectively of Watertown and Camden,

President McKinley has directed that the customs receipts at Havana be deposited at the bank of the North American Trust company, established at Havana, thereby giving that bank

A dispatch from Manila was received in Washington asking that the ebraska troops be removed from the firing line, in view of the fact that there were but 375 active men out of ome 1.400 that had gone to the Philippines over a year ago. This appli-cation was made to General Otis, who

It is reported at New York that G. Shaughnessy, vice president of the Canadian Pacific, will succeed the president, Sir William Van Horne, this week.

Owing to the prevailing cond Cuban planters are unable to loane on their lands, cannot sell them, except at a great sacrifice, and are

General Otis reports to the war department that the transport Puebla 7th inst., and that the Zealandia left today.

Augustus an Buren, for many years

one of the foremost criminal lawyers plexy, aged 66. His father was a cous-in of President Martin Van Buren. ington of leave of absence nas been

adjutant general of the department of the gulf. News was received at Chicago yesterday that a strong movement is forming in the west to induce Admiral Dewey to make his entry into the

United States next month through San Francisco. The contract for distributing government seeds this year has been let by the agricultural department to

Charles Parker of Santa Clars, Cal. for \$64,900. All the seeds must be delivered in Washington by December and the distribution begins next January. Major J. T. Halloway, additional aymaster. United States volunteers. has been ordered to convey to the

Philippines the funds for the payment of the troops in the department of the Pacific. General Shafter, in command of the department of California has been directed to furnish a suita-The Missouri house adopted the sen-

ate amendments to the state department store bill and passed the bill as amended. The bill levies a license tax on firms carrying more than one of seventy-three classes of goods as classified in the bill, of from \$300 to \$500. The bill applies to firms in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. It goes to the governor for his signature.

Wednesday Stove manufacturers are in session at Cincinnati and expect to form a trust before adjournment.

A New York syndicate has acquired the Edison Electric Illuminating company's plant, Hazleton, Pa. August Brentano of the bookselling firm of Brentano Bros., New York, died at a private sanitarium in Flushing L. I., aged 43 years. He was declared insane several months ago and it is

breakdown. The secretary of war received a cable nessage from General Otis at Manila. saying that it is inadvisable on account of sanitary conditions to send to the United States the bodies of any more of the troops who lost their lives in the Philippines until after the close

said the business troubles of the Arm,

of the rainy season. Secretary Hay and the French ambassador had a talk relative to the release of Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos, and the belief prevails on both sides that the French embassy will not act further for Spain, as Duc d'Arcos will be here on the 20th inst., prepared to speak directly for Spain. The steamer Humboldt has been chartered for the transportation of RESTOF MANKIND troops to Alaska. She will sail May 15 with fifteen soldiers and two officers of the Twenty-fourth infantry and about thirty tons of freight. The Fourteenth infantry troops, now in Alaska,

will be returned on the Humboldt. PresidentMcKinley purposes to make tour of the west during his summer vacation. Arrangements for the trip have not been perfected but it is understood that he will go to San Francisco by the South Pacific route and return over the Northern Pacific. He will leave about the middle of July will leave about the middle of July \$1.50 a Year,

The Illinois board of agriculture isssued a bulletin stating that of the 2,-039,000 acres of winter wheat seeded last fall 51 per cent was winter killed or so badly injured that it will have to be plowed up, leaving 1,006,800 acres for harvest. These figures differ considerably from the government report. siderably from the government report, which gives 701,000 as the reduction in acreage in this state.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana will sail for Alaska about June 10, to make | Semple Gopies sent free to any or investigation of the Alaska boundary

question. The Washington papa' delegation has not yet been advised of the assembling of the consistory at Rome to nominate ten cardinals.

Ex-President Harrison has accepted the place of honorable president of the general committee of the ecumenical conference on foreign missions.

The remains of Colonel H. C. Egbert, which arrived in Washington from Manila, were interred at Arlington cemetery with military honors. All Washington were ordered out by the war department and many distinguished army officers were in attendance upon the funeral exercises.

The treasury department denies sensational story published in the east that counterfeiting has been going on in the basement of the treasury build-

A majority of the senate committee on taxation in the Michigan legislature reported the Wagar bill, which is designed to take the place of the Pingree-Atkinson railway taxation bill, the principles of which were declared unconstitutional by the supremecourt The Wagar bill increases the taxes on the railroad earnings about \$100,000 per year above the amounts now col-

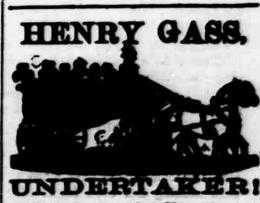
There will undoubtedly be an extra session of the New York legislature for the double purpose of amending the Ford franchise tax bill and passing over the veto of the mayor of New York the rapid transit bill. It is understood that the governor will sign the Ford bill, and after signing it will call an extra session of the legislature for 'he purpose .' amending the bill so as to put it in the hands of a state board for administration, in order to have an equitable arrangement has full authority to relieve the regi- of taxation, instead of different conment from active service at his dis- structions of it in various portions of THE OLD RELIABLE

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