A Synopsis of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Twenty-Eighth General Assembly.

stock and grazing.

it so as to give the speaker the nower

jointly with a like committee from the

senate. Seventeen new bills were intro-

duced and rolls from 125 to 145 read for

the second time. Among bills introduced

were the following: To repeal law pro-

viding for sheriffs' fees in misdemeanor

cases. For the third Tuesday in Jan-

uary for annual meeting of the State

Horticultural society. To provide for the

appointment of judges and clerks of

election by the county clerk, instead of

the district court. To establish an ex-

The house on the 20th indefinitely post-

poned Koeteter's bill, H. R. 30, making it

obligatory for country school districts

to maintain truant officers and optional

with city districts. The bill was so rec

ommended by the committee on public

schools. The house asserted its independ-

ence of the senate in the matter of for-

mulating revenue legislation when on

motion of Rouse of Hall it ordered plac-

ed on file the resolution of Senator Har-

rison that the senate authorize its com-

mittee on revenue and taxation to hold

bill and report not later than February

6. acting jointly with the house. The

motion also specified that the senate

taken action to draft a revenue bill. It

was carried. On motion of Gilbert of

Douglas, his water works bill was pass-

ed, retaining its place on general file,

since a joint measure was going through

the senate. H. R. No. 29, a bill by Good

entrance examinations to normal schools,

was taken up and the committee of the

whole, on Good's motion, recommended

the bill for passage. H. R. No. 46, by

Frederick of Cass, was recommended for

passage. The report of the committee

of the whole was adopted by the house.

New bills were introduced, among them

the following: Declaring prairie dogs to

be a nulsance, and to provide for their

destruction as such. For the relief of

state treasurers who have paid out mon-

ey for guaranty bonds furnished by sure-

ty companies; refunding \$3,000 to William

To provide for the conveyance and proof

of titles to real estate, and to repeal sec-

tions 1 to 56, inclusive, of chapter lxxiii,

Statutes of Nebraska, entitled "Real Es-

tate," and sections 1 and 2, chapter lxxxi.

of said statutes, entitled "Seals." To al-

county printing by separate items, in-

stead of in bulk, as at present. To pre-

ing their tails. To give to widows abso-

lute estate instead of dower interest.

This is the bill introduced by the Ne-

braska Woman's Suffrage association.

tion thereof, and the registration of es-

tates therein, and easements, encum-

ing the required vested capital of incor-

porated school entitled to common priv-

was recommended to pass in the house

on the 21st. A resolution introduced by

the state auditor not later than the

twenty-fifth legislative day and instruct-

ing the committee on claims to ignore

any bill or claim filed later than that,

house that the present revenue laws of

means by which sufficient funds may be

raised out of which the necessary gov-

ernmental expenses may be met, mainte

nance of state institutions, making need-

ed repairs and additions to public build-

ings and other necessary and incidental

expenses may be paid. To the end that

reasonable and conservative appropria-

tions may be made to cover the foregoing

items, and that the general fund may

not be overdrawn, such revision of the

revenue laws should be made as will

place all the taxable properties in the

state upon the assessment rolls; that a

fair cash valuation be placed thereon.

and that adequate provisions be made

for enforcing payment of delinquent

taxes." House roll No. 40, correcting cer-

tain ambiguities in the statutes against

frauds, was passed. Following the intro-

duction of a number of new bills the

McClay of Lancaster, in the house

tion seeking to place the house on record

pointed to revise the revenue laws. The

derstand the necessity for the use of so

much space and so little ink in the print- ers."

resolution was tabled.

This resolution by Sweezy

H. R. 5, by Gregg of Wayne, reducing

leges under the state superintendent of

brances and charges thereon

vent the mutilation of horses by dock- the legislature and adopt such joint reso-

Stuefer and \$2,500 to Peter Mortensen.

be notified that the house already had

### Roll call showed all present in the

senate on the 19th when it reconvened from Friday's adjournment. President Harrison temporarily left the chair and offered the following resolution: "Resolved. That the revenue committee for the senate be and is hereby directed to of Omaha this spring. The senate passed and act in conjunction with any committee designated by the house of repto the end that such joint committee. so constituted, may without delay take effective amendments to the present law, municipal affairs reported favorably on tion, promptly report to the respective is a part, recommending for passage such measure or measures as in its wisdom will bring about the desired result." The resolution went over one day. The chief clerk of the house brought a communithe senate in regard to printing the mes- on S. F. 27, to regulate fees paid by apsages of the two governors. He brought with him H. Rs. Nos. 22 and 160, and these were read a first time. The senate went into executive session and confirmed the appointment of A. V. Cole as commander of the Grand Island Soldiers' home, appointed by the governor. S. Fs. Nos. 51 to 56 were read a second

The busiest day of the session was that of the senate on the 20th, and several Important measures were considered. Anderson of Saline introduced a resolution to have a committee of three appointed a remedy for the evil. The Harrison resolution was brought up and passed after much debate. The resolution provided that the senate revenue committee hold Itself in readiness to confer with a committee from the house on a revenue measure. Sloan of Fillmore introduced wix bills providing for the lenthening of the terms of office of county officials to four years. Brown of Keya Paha wants to get rid of the prairie dogs in Nebraska and introduced a bill declaring them a nuisance. The bill provides that property owners must kill off the prairie dogs by the first of next November, and if they do not then it becomes the duty of the road overseer to do the work and for the service he is to be paid \$3 per day. This money is charged against the property the same as taxes. The committee on medical societies reported favorably on S. F. 3 in regard to quarantine laws. A messenger from the house announced that M. R. 87 had passed that body. The committee on engrossing and enrolling reported that it had found S. F. 1 correct after examination, S. F. 1. by Howell of Douglas, was read a third time and passed. The Torrens tax commission report was received from the governor without recommendation. A duced, after which the senate adjourned.

In the senate on the 21st the normal school question was brought up early in the proceedings and occupied nearly the entire day. The particular bill was S. F. 29, to decrease the amount of money required to be invested in schools from \$100,000 to \$50,000, to give them the right of state normal school in issuing teachers' certificates. The debate was precipitated by Sheldon of Cass moving to amend by striking out the amount O'Neill favored the amendment because he said he believed it would benefit the Brown and others from the west and northwest were against the amendmen and it was lost. The original motion was then passed by the senate in committee of the whole and was so reported back to the senate. Committee on public lands and buildings reported favorably or. S. F. 26, providing that the land commissioner charge fees for certain filings cording deeds and sales fees. The amendment to S. F. 35, proposing to strike out the clause relating to the \$50,000 investamendment was lost. The original bill then passed the committee and was recommittee on accounts and expenditures reported H. R. 2, providing for the pay of members and employes. Among bills introduced for the first time the following are noted: To amend chapter life entitled "Marriage," and to provide for the issuing of license for parties who desire to be married, and the evidence necessary for the issuing of the same and penalties for false swearing for making the same perjury. To create the office of county assessor and for the taxstate at a fair cash value and allowing each county to fix its own valuation. Private schools under the supervision of the state superintendent, that have ity to issue certificates to teachers the same as do the normal schools now. No 35 was passed in the senate on the 22d, was adopted. This resolution, introduced cutting down the amount of investment by McClay of Lancaster was laid over from \$100,000. S. F. 3, relating to the one day by request of its author: "Repassed. Griffen of Dawson moved to suspend the rules and pass the following resolution, which was done: Whereas, An investigation by the irri

gation experts of the United States Department of Agriculture has been planned for the benefit of those using water from the Platte river in the three states through which the stream flows;

Whereas, The said irrigation experts have made arrangements for carrying

this work to completion, and, Whereas, We believe that the funds appropriated for this kind of work in former years have been repaid to the government and to the irrigators of the country many fold; therefore, be it Resolved. That we respectfully request and urge that when the agricultural anpropriation bill is under discussion on the floor of congress the recommendations of the secretary of agriculture and the director of the office of experiment stations relative to this investigation be thoroughly endorsed by the honorable representatives of the state of Nebraska in the senate and in the house of representatives; and be it further

Resolved. That the secretary of the senate be instructed to address forthwith a copy of this resolution to each member of the Nebraska delegation in con- and official criterion to the committee ap-

den Beemer and the committees on penitentiary from both the house and the senate, visited the penitentiary. About

the senate on the 23rd, with all senators voting for the measure. This is the bill introduced by Saunders of Douglas prowas amended and passed. A number of viding for postponing the date of the new bills, none of them of great import-Omaha city election in order to allow nuce, were introduced, and the house adhim time to make the race for mayor the bill requiring that fees be paid the land commissioner for filing and making copies of certain papers and contracts.

louse on the 23d, read and made a spe-This bill is along the lines of the reccial order for Monday. These house rolls ommendations made by the land commissioner. H. R. 22, appropriating money bert's Omaha water works bill. No. 76. with which to pay the expenses of the by Perry, relating to stays of execution. legislature, carried. The committee on No. 4, by Nelson, to establish a negotiable instruments law uniform with the S. F. 10, to legalize bond issues of cities law of other states. No. 8, by Perry, to raise the qualifications of practicing atceived from the governor with a copy of torneys. No. 100, by Hanna, appropriatthe land leasing bill. The senate went ing \$12,000 for the establishment of five into committee of the whole to discuss funior normal schools. No. 64, by Douggeneral bills. B. F. 28, in regard to enlas, relating to the carrying of conceale tering delinquent taxes on tax receipts. weapons. H. F. 29, by Good of Omaha was referred back to the committee to repealing the normal school examination have it constructed along grammatical bil., was passed. H. F. 46, by Rriedrichs, lines. The committee reported favorably providing that school board meetings to onsider questions of building or chang plicants for dental license. S. F. 10, to ing of location of schools shall be duly legalize bond issues in cities of the secadvertised, was passed. This resolutio ond class, was recommended to pass. The by McAllister of Deuel was introduced governors' message on the land leasing and laid over until Monday: bill was referred to the committee on live

Whereas, Senate file 6886, providing for the leasing of public lands in Nebraska, does not meet the approval of any class of stockgrowers of the western portion week. Barely a quorum was present in the of the state.

1. Whether or not a contract exists for

3. The time and the order of printing

McAllister of Deuel introduced & du-

gation and it was adopted. H. R. 40, by

Thompson, relating to leasing of lands,

Governor Mickey's measure on the Diet-

. Under what law, and by

contract, if any, was made.

received for such work.

pen market.

house when it was caled to order on Resolved. That while we are in favor the 19th. Douglas of Rock called up his of leasing the public lands of Nebraska in such manner as will meet the approval usual methods to kill time. On the election by the house of a committee of of the Interior department and the stock other hand it is admitted the supportseven to draft and introduce a revenue growers of that portion of the state, we ers of the bill will take a bold stand gate the existing conditions of that por- to proceed until a vote is secured on message of President Roosevelt and Governor Mickey, pending the report of said commission the existing condition be permitted to remain.

MESSAGE ON LEASE BILL. The governor sent this message on the land leasing hill to the legislature: As your honorable body is well aware : bill is now pending in congress, known perimental station at or near North as senate file No. 6886 and introduced by our senior senator, Hon, Charles H. Dietrich, contemplating the leasing of "such of the public lands within the state of Nebraska as are in their natural condition valuable only for live stock grazing purposes and are not capable of irrigation." The plan as outlined in the bill and the conditions incident to the leasing of said lands are so novel in their character and in such contradiction to time honored custom that the proposed legislation has attracted general attention throughot the state and has occasioned much comment, both favorable and un

favorable. On January 18 I received from Washington a copy of the bill, accom panied by a petition signed by our entire congressional delegation. This petition requests that I call the attention of your honorable body to the proposed na tional legislation, to the end that you may take such action as will indicate to our senators and members of congress the wishes of the state in the premiser The matters involved are of great concern, not only to that portion of the state wherein the grazing lands are situated, but to all other sections as well. and it is therefore most fitting that the legislature should memorialize congress on the subject. I herewith transmit to you for your consideration a copy of the bill, a copy of the petition from our congresional delegation, two sets of resolutions adopted by the stockmen of western Nebraska and the correspondence received by this office relative to the matter. In his recent message to congress President Roosevelt recommended the appointmen of a commission of experts to investigate the conditions affecting the leasing and fencing of public lands and to make reit would delay immediate action, would. in my judgment, afford such a guaranty of ultimate satisfactory settlement of the low county boards to let contracts for perplexing questions involved as to make treaty will be reported during the the plan most desirable. I trust that you week. will confer with the concurrent branch of

Concerning land titles and the registra- before the short session of congress the ecessity for expeditious action is ap-MAY VITIATE THE BILL. Senator Howell's bill to compel the city

quire and operate its own water plan passed the senate on the 22d. Just before the roll was to be called to the bill it was found that it had been handled in a very bungling manner by the committee or enrolled and engrossed bills, which had returned it as properly engrossed. For, on reading, it was found that the iast three lines of the bill were missing They could not be readily found, and a seven-minute recess was moved and taken, while the clerks looked up the this way, a ground has been established for attacking the bill in court should it finally become a law. For it is imperative that a bill having been read for the third time must immediately be placed on its passage without intervening business. And it is intimated that the claim may be later made that the seven-minute recess was intervening business. Senator

### ure has been in no wise impaired. FARMERS FILE PROTEST

Howell, however, scoffs at the notion,

and claims that the validity of the meas-

This petition was introduced in "We, the undersigned residents of Jef ferson county and citizens of Nebraska, espectively, represent: That the railroads traversing the state of Nebraska invariably fail, refuse and neglect to furnish or provide cars when requested so to do by farmers of other who desire to ship grain to the markets independent of elevator men and regular

the 22d, moved the adoption of his resolu- grain dealers. Wherefore, we petition your as favoring the assessment of all prop- ble body to enact such law or laws as erty of all property at its full value. He will provide an adequate remedy for the spoke in support of the resolution, say- evil herein complained of, to the end ing the house should adopt it as a formal | that the farmers and the independen shippers of grain may be guaranteed equal rights and privileges with the elevator men and regular grain buyers, and providing a penalty for the violation of said proposed law by any railroad cor-Whereas, This house is at a loss to un- poration or its agents.

"Signed by Samuel Clark and 200 oth-

STATEHOOD OPPONENTS TO DE-

TREATIES MAY SUFFER DELAY

### LAY APPROPRIATIONS.

cols Called Up, but Fears Are En-5. The usual price for such work in the tertained that This Will Not Be Pos-6. To furnish this house with a copy of any such contract and report in five

> test over the statehood bill. The ilnes are now more closely drawn than they have ever before been since this measure was introduced. They are, indeed, so taut that all onlookers realize that they are about to break, but few unprejudiced persons would will meet disaster.

The advocates of statehood were much encouraged by the vote of last week, and contending that it has been demonstrated that there is a majority of the senate favorable to the bill, they declare that it is preposterous to ask them to yield, while the opposition urge that the vote was not a test at all and no real indication of the attitude of the senate. They say the bill is standing in the way of other legislation and contend that it must get out of the road and remain out when the appropriation bills begin to press to the front, as they will soon do. It is probable, however, that with some exceptional times, the bill will hold its place in the front ranks during the

If night sessions are attempted the tion of the state in line with the recent | the statehood bill. Some would even go to the extent of excluding appropriation bills.

There is some apprehension on the part of the bill's supporters that there may be an effort to unduly discuss and delay the statehood bill and such a course will be resented.

The work of the week will begin

with the diplomatic appropriation bill on Monday. This measure is in charge of Senator Hale (Me.), who will attempt to put it through with despatch. As the bill stands it is not calculated to provoke much debate, but there is a probability that there will be an effort to attach to it Senator Lodge's (Mass.) consular reform bill as an amendment. If this should be made considerable discussion is prob-

There are several special orders for the week which will consume more or less time. The memorial exercise ordered for Friday at the conclusion of the morning business in bonor of the memory of the late Senator McMillan of Michigan, is, indeed, expected to last whole day. As usual in such cases the senate will adjourn after the conclusion of the memorial addresses. Senator Cullom (Ill.) will make an effort whenever the opportunity offers to secure consideration of the Cuban treaty and he said that he would again move, if necessary, to have the senate go into executive session during the week for the purpose of taking up the treaty. Senator Cullom also has in charge the Panama canal treaty and expresses a desire to secure early consideration, but as several of the members of the committee on foreign relations, which is now considering the treaty, find it necessary to be out of the city during the week, it does not now seem probable that the canal

### Utah Favors Statehood.

lution as will indicate to our senators and SALT LAKE CITY-in response t representatives in congress the attitude of your constituents toward the land leasrequest from the New Mexican leging bill. As the measure is now pending islature asking the Utah legislature to memorialize congress to pass the statehood bill, a joint memorial addressed to congress was introduced favoring the admission of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. Another bill was introduced in the senate prohibiting miners from accepting board as pay for wages. This measure is intended to supplement the existing law prohibiting mining companies from keeping boarding houses.

# Leadville Swept by Storm.

### DISLIKE THE CUBAN TREATY.

English Interests Protest Against Its Adoption by United States.

LONDON-The reciprocity treats between Cuba and the United States threatens to raise one of the most serious differences of opinion between Great Britain and the United States that has occurred for years.

So much importance is attached to the matter that a special meeting of the cabinet has been called to see what action should be taken. There is, of course, nothing to cause alarm in diplomatic circles, but Great Brit ain's entire commercial policy is be

lieved to be vitally concerned. The matter came to a head by the action of the Chamber of Commerce of the United Kingdom, which waited on Secretary Lansdowne. It included several members of Parliament and ness interests from all the British industrial centers.

### AIDS THE MINERS. Operators' Witness Materially Aids th

Miners' Case. PHILADELPHIA.-The coal strike PRESIDENT STICKNEY SAYS commission was enlivened by some interesting testimony.

During the morning session the Lehigh Valley company placed a union miner on the stand, who on crossexamination proved a good witness for the miners. He said there would be trouble so long as the companies insisted on paying contract miners by the car instead of by weight. A somewhat lively discussion followed, which only ended when the commission decided to devote an entire day to argu-

ments on the question. the Temple Iron company. He de- greatly reduced rates. ed at the company's colleries.

leries over which he had supervision the latter as Oriental savages. not to employ as miners any of the men who were on strike at the Maltby colliery of the Lehigh Valley com- company, whose assets were a few pany. These men struck before the chairs and an office desk, collected general suspension was inaugurated. tor of the Temple Iron company, pre- 451,256 received by the Union Stock

sented statements relative to wages. Yards company. These commissions These contained a statement of the amounted to over 40 per cent of the earnings of the men for 1901 and the total freight charges upon the stock earnings of the contract miners and brought into Chicago. laborers. The Temple Iron company Mr. Tomlinson of the exchange

be delivered to each miner.

There would be trouble, he added as long as the companies insisted on paying by the car instead of by weight. He asserted that the cars were Chicago, and went further by giving at 50 per cent of the Dingley schedmore like freight cars than mine cars.

S. D. Warriner of Wilkesbarre, general superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, said no complaints were made to him prior to the present strike on the car question. It would be impossible to have a standard car, owing to the varying conditions of the mines. He thought it was possible, however, to more nearly standardize

The contract miners employed by his company were, in some cases, paid by the linear yard, and that was satisfactory. Mr. Darrow's proposed system of paying by weight would not in a cabin in Rattlesnake valley, north be practicable.

An eight-hour day would curtail the production and necessitate the opening of more colleries to meet the demand for coal.

### Child Saving Institute.

The Child Saving Institute of Omaha is distinguished from any other institution in the west, because of the aid department. This institution ble. He was also sent out by General endeavors to assist in keeping families together and has prevented many families from being broken up. recent case of the sort occurred in the central part of Nebraska, where woman died, leaving four little children. The father of the children was away from home at the time and was in search of a position where he could support the family. When the mother died it was found that no relatives nor friends could take care of the children and that the father was in a helpless condition, but a good man and loved his children. An appeal was made at once to the Child Saving Institute. The little ones were taken in and tenderly cared for for nearly three months. In the meantime the father secured a position and made arrangements to re-establish the home and now they are reunited as a family and prospects are bright before them.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The inquest in the Gonzales tragedy was conducted

Call Tillman a Murderer.

by Coroner Green and the verdict, which is being piled up by a high wound inflicted by the hand of James

### House Talks on Coinage.

WASHINGTON-The house spent Thursday debating the Philippine coin- senate committee on foreign relations age bill. The minority offered a sub- asked President Palma and Secretary stitute providing for the introduction of State Zaldo to explain the clause of the American currency system into in the reciprocity treaty which prothe islands, which received the sup- vides that similar products of each port of Mr. Hill (rep., Conn.), who de- country are to be allowed similar clared that the proposition for the privileges by each country. The comextension of the American system had mittee did not understand how Amerthe support of Secretary Shaw and ican potatoes, for instance, could reother high officials of the treasury ceive 30 per cent reduction, while Cu-

### Engine's Boiler Explodes.

BALTIMORE. Md.-Two men are dead and two others are probably fatally injured as the result of the explosion of a locomotive boiler on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad near Monrovia. The dead: Fireman Lewis They included pensions to the widow a mile before they reached the end Hahn, Baltimore; James Graham, fireman, Baltimore. Conductor Charles represented the most powerful busi- Cutsail and Brakeman Newman sustained cuts and bruises and inhaled

STOCKMEN ARE SHYLOCKS.

Says Reads Receive Only Sixty Per Cent More for Hauling Freight Than Arraigned Body Cellecte in Windy CHICAGO.—At the meeting of

Interstate Commerce commission, A. B. Stickney, president of the Great The first witness called by the strike Western, appeared to defend his accommission was Gilbert Jones, one of tion in making a seven-year contract the assistant mine superintendents of with the big packers on the basis of undertake to say positively which side | nied positively that a blacklist exist- Mr. Stickney's defense was coupled

with an attack upon the Chicago Live On cross-examination he admitted Stock exchange and his competitors, issuing orders to the foremen of col- classing the former as barnacles and

In his criticism of the Chicago Live Stock association he declared that commissions during 1901 amounting to George L. Houser of Scranton, audi- \$3,151,000 against an income of \$2,-

employed 779 company men. whose showed that the commissions collected average earnings in 1901 were \$1,599 amounted to \$2,154,286, while the a day. The company had no company freight charges were \$14,263,400, about 15 per cent instead of 40. In The Temple Iron company then rest- spealing of the 20 per cent contract ed its case and the Lehigh Valley Coal packing house rate made by the Great company proceeded to call witnesses. Western, Mr. Stickney declared that John F. Murray, a union miner in as soon as it became known three of

one but themselves. figures to prove that the Missouri "The miners," he continued, "think river points and St. Paul were entitled to slaughter about 40 per cent and a half tone the company claims." of all the hogs and cattle raised in have claimed that a duty rate of only

the country. A. C. Bird, third vice president of result in ruinous competition. the St. Paul road, declared that rates on live stock were too low and did not bear a just share of transportation

NOTED SCOUT KILLS HIMSELF. George Van Buren Sends Bullet

Through His Heart. BUTTE, Mont.-George Van Buren, one of the most noted characters in the northwest, has committed suicide of Missoula.

After a protracted spree he placed the barrel of his rifle against his heart and touched the trigger off with a stove poker. Van Buren was 60 ery trial and was soon to have been years of age and claimed to be a lin. placed on its carriage. It was wreckea! descendant of President Van Bu- ed in the course of experiments in

He acted as scout under General Howard during the Nez Perces trou-Howard with orders for General Custer, reaching the scene of the massacre the day following the massacre of the band of soldiers.

### PORTS ARE TO BE CLOSED.

San Francisco Steamers Will Not Stop on Mexican Coast. GUAYAQUIL-It has been decided to close all ports of this republic to steamers from San Francisco, owing to the importation of bubonic plague. Vessels which left San Francisco January 20, or after that date, will not

The Board of Health of Guayaquil January 18, issued an order to close the port to steamers from Panama or Mexican ports, but the order was reconsidered the following day and it was decided to close the port only to Narrows and ran wild down the long. steamers from the plague-infected steep grade to Thistle Junction, a dis-Mexican ports.

## Many Banks Are Interested.

banks and other financial institutions, hour. No one was injured. including several insurance compa-LEADVILLE. Colo.-A blizzard found in less than five minutes after nies, are interested in the loan of \$40,raged Thursday from Leadville to the the jury retired, was a plain statement 000,000 negotiated by Kuhn, Loeb & to two feet of snow having fallen came to his death from a gunshot statement comes from a member of wind. Railroads are tied up at many H. Tillman, on the 15th of January loaned at 4% per cent, no commission

### Say Treaty is Anomalous.

HAVANA-The chairman of the ban potatoes were apparently only allowed 20 per cent. It has been de cided to refer the question to Washington.

Alaska to Have a Delegate. day passed 235 private pension bills.

### TELEGRAMS OF GOOD WILL. President and King Edward Exchange

Wireless Messages. SOUTH WELLFLEET, Mass.-The following is the text of the message

ransmitted by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy between Cape Cod and Cornwall, England, between President Roosevelt and King Ed-"His Majesty Edward Vii, London,

England: In taking advantage of the wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity which has been achieved in perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, I extend on behalf of the American people most cordial greetings and good wishes to you and to all the people of the British empire. (Signed.)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"Wellfleet, Mass." "SANDRINGHAM-The President White House, Washington, America: I thank you most sincerely for the kind message which I have just received from you through Marconi's trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphy. I sincerely reciprocate in the name of the people of the British empire the cordial greetings and friendly sentiment expressed by you on behalf of the American nation, and I heartily wish you and your country every possible prosperity. (Signed.)

"EDWARD R. and I."

TARIFF FOR PHILIPPINES.

Senate Committee Authorizes Favorable Report on House Bill. WASHINGTON - The senate committee on the Philippines Thursday, authorized a favorable report on the Philippines tariff bill which recently passed the house, but with important the Dorrance colliery, was called and his competitors, in order to wreck a amendments. The house bill carried 12-cent rate on livestock between the Philippine goods imported into the On cross-examination he said the Missouri river and Chicago, which left United States, making the rate only company did not deliver enough cars them a net rate of between 7 and 3 25 per cent of the rates imposed by to the men and that the union had no cents per 100 pounds for hauling the the Dingley law. The senate comrule restricting the number of cars to traffic 500 miles, and which injured no mittee amended the bill so as to provide for the admission of all Philip-He followed the lead of other rail- pine-produced articles free of duty road officials in asserting that the except sugar and tobacco, and on rates as at present adjusted favored these two commodities fixed the tariff ules. This change was made to meet the objections of the sugar and to bacco producers of this country, who

> The committee also decided to recommend an amendment to the bill admitting into the Philippines all material used in the construction and equipment of steam and electric railroads duty free for the next five years, at the discretion of the commission

### MAMMOTH GUN BLOWS UP.

Explodes on Proving Grounds and Scatters Sea with Fragments. NEW YORK.-One of the mammoth guns exploded at the far end of the proving grounds Thursday. The gun was valued at \$40,000.

The big gun had been through evthrowing high explosives under conditions that might have happened in actual engagement, but which are spoken of by officers as "abnormal." No one was killed, because of the elaborate precautions for the safety of officers and men. A shell bearing a large charge of gelatine was fired successfully under abnormal pressure. The gun was loaded for a second shot with the exposive shell and a large amount of brown powder put behind detonation cap and the officers went a mile and a half away for protection.

A lieutenant turned on the current.

There was a great cloud of yellow

smoke and the sea was whipped up

a mile off shore with fragments of the

SALT LAKE. Utah-Twenty-seven loaded cars of a Denver & Rio Grande coai train broke away while the train was pulling into a switch at Red tance of about seven miles. All the cars left the track and were literally ground to kindling wood, having reach-NEW YORK-About a dozen of the ed a speed of probably 100 miles an

> Cuba Wars on Tobacco Trust. HAVANA-Four of the largest cigar brands or plants to the tobacco trust. Other factories are expected to follow

EXPLOSION SHAKES A TOWN.

### the Explanation of Movement.

WHITMAN, Mass.—Two fissures in the earth about three feet deep and a few inches wide and running for a distance of a quarter of a mile are the only evidences of a mysterious explosion which shook this town just before daybreak Thursday.

Houses were shaken violently and crockery was broken in several instances. A number of people, aroused by the explosion, began searching for the cause at daylight.

In a meadow they found a crack in the earth's crust about three feet WASHINGTON-The house Satur- in depth and two or three inches wide. They followed it for three-quarters of of General Franz Sigel, at \$100 a Later they discovered another fissure month, the widow of General Francis of the same description about seventy Negle, at \$50, and of Rear Admiral five feet away from the first and par-Henry Parking, at \$40. The Alaska allel with it. An explanation of the explosion is lacking.

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