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gregation, in the mills, on the cars in tran sit, and so on. The whole of the supply called visible is counted up in less than twenty cities. These are the most important depositories, of course, but the others ought not to be overlooked. Nevertheless, I pass them by, because there seems to be no way of reckoning these amounts. ACCOUNT BALANCED.

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"Now, how does the account stand? Adding together the year's crop and the \$8,000,000 bushels, more or less, carried over on the first of last July, we find a total stock of 515,000,000 bushels that can be drawn upon. Taking from this the 200,000,000 bushels needed for export and for fall and epring seeding, we have a remainder of 315,000,000 bushels to feed some 72,000,000 people for a year. That would allow an average of four bushels and three-eighths to each inhabitant, which may be a scanty sup-ply, and may not. The consumption of wheat per unit of population has been var-iously estimated by careful investigators, from four bushels to over five-requiring, for the whole country anywhere from 288,000,000 to more than 360,000,000 bushels. There are some statisticians who used to talk of a yard stick by which crop reporters can be measured, which 'is accepted by every authority of any recognized standing,' namely the estimates of 4% bushels per capita, or 336,000,000 bushels to supply our people this year. Perhaps there may be

some who tals in that way yet. For myself I do not dogmatize. Recognizing in the alleged frequently confirmed and never seriously disputed estimate just quoted, merely a conclusion from a few crop returns no more carefully or scrupulcusly collated than were those published by this division this year, I simply enter my report as part of the evidence in the case, to be treated like other evidence of the same kind, no better and no worse.

"It is true that I am supposing a low rate of consumption for human food. But I have not a doubt that there is less of wheat flour consumed in dull times than in flush times. People may not eat less bread. but they are certain to waste less. possibly, but they are certain to use more More than that, they are certain to use more corn meal in place of flour. There will be an enormous deal of that substitution this

war, you may be sure, with our unprece-dented abundance and cheapness of corn. "It is true, also, that I am reckoning upon an unusual exhaustion of stocks car-ried over, on farms, in the great elevators and at all the intermediate points, by the end of the present crop year. But there is every probability that that expectation will be met. There is less visible wheat already than there has been at this date within five years; and I have shown you how the amount is diminishing. You see, there-, that my Kansas City critic has failed to prove his case.

NO NEW THING.

"But why is it, Mr. Robinson," asked The Bee, "that attacks of this kind are so often made on you? Did your predecessor gener-ally have an easy time of it, and were his reports accepted as sound, without ques-tion?"

"Not a bit of it. You may not remember, and people generally do not remember-for things of the kind do not seems to linger long in popular recollection-but Mr. Dodge was as vigorously lambasted in his day and generation as I have ever been. I have on my desk a copy of a milling journal, published in the far west, in which the country was enthusiastically congratulated on my appointment in 1893. The editor was good enough to explain that this was not because he knew anything whatever of me, but only because he knew that no living man could manage this statistical service worse than Mr. Dodge had done. This paper was more outspoken than most, but it was not the only one to take a similar

vlew "As to always accepting his reports, anyone who thinks that was done only shows a short memory. The last three of his wheat crops, 1890 to 1892, are all regarded as too small, and so set forth in trade journals to this day. The Prairie Farmer in March, published an elaborats report (gen-v understood to have been prepared dr. Dodge's trusted lieutenant and 1894.

John P. Fisch was today commissioned ostmaster at Dalton, Ia., and George A. IONEY FOR WATERWAY SURVEY Duke at Colvin, S. D. Directs the Engineers to Make an Es-

acrews and umbrella ribs.

timate of the Cost. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Senator Davis,

rom the committee on commerce, today reported with a favorable recommendation the mendment to the sundry civil bill, introduced by Senator Davis, making an appropriation for a survey of a deep waterway etween the great lakes and Atlantic tid. vater. The amendment was amended so as to require an estimate of the cost of such canal as is required as well as an exami-tion, to make which \$100,000 of the \$150,000 appropriated is made immediately avail-able, and so as to require that the work be done by a board of three army engineers. The committee report is written and recommends that the survey should be proeeded with as rapidly as possible.

FAILED TO COME UP WITH BID.

Mr. Hubbard Says the New York Par-

ties Deceived Ilim. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- The house committee on Pacific roads listened to the reading of Representative Harrison's report on the commission bill, which will be made to the house. Representative Hubbard of Missouri made a statement regarding the offer, which at a former meeting he said capitalists stood ready to make for the Union Pacific, which was \$10,000,000 better than the offer of the was \$10,000,000 better than the offer of the New York syndicate, which the government is considering. Mr. Hubbard said that a New York gentleman, Thomas Ryan, whom he understood to be a promoter of large financial schemes, had told him that such an offer would be made, but it failed to materialize. materialize.

GRANT SCOVEL A CIVIL TRIAL.

Must Take Place, However, in Prov-ince Where He Was Arrested. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- The State department has been notified that the Spanish authorities will accord Sylvester Scovel, the New York World correspondent, arrested in Cuba, a trial before a civil tribunal. The trial, however, must take place originally in Sancti Spiritus, as the law, like that of the United States, requires the proceedings to take place in the same province where the offense was committed. It is probable that in case the verdict is against Scovel in this trial an appeal will be entertained which will permit of the removal of the case to Havana according to the discatch of Concel Havana, according to the dispatch of Consul Jeneral Lee.

Leaves Postoffices for McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- No further extension of the civil service rules will be made during the remainder of the present administration. This statement is made on the authority of President Proctor of the Civil Service commission, who says President Cleveland has no intention of issuing an order bringing the host of fourth-class postoffices into the civil service. The presi dent on several occasions, it is known, has talked the matter over informally, but has never determined upon making the extenon, regarding it as not feasible now,

Christening at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-Marion, the youngest of the three daughters of President and Mrs. Cleveland, was christened at the white house today. The ceremony was the white house today. The ceremony was the brief, impressive one of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Byron S. Sunderland, the pas-tor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, officiated. The guests were the men-bers of the cabinet and ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson Glider of New York, Mr. Goodyear of Buf-falo and Mr. and Mrs. Thurber.

Unanimous Against Watson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- The committe n elections today unanimously authorized a report in the Watson-Black contested oction case in favor of the sitting member

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .--- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury close ally, B. W. Snow) in which it is calcu-lated that in the report of those three crops the understatement amounted to 177,000,000 gold reserve, \$145,905,073.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL FINISHED. House Committee on Appropriations

Gets Through with Measure. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- The house committee on appropriations today finished the

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sundry civil appropriation bill for the next fiscal year. The bill carries \$50,664,743. This is \$8,141,086 less than the estimates and \$18,644,190 more than the appropriations for the current year; \$17,529,053 of the ap-propriations is for carrying out river and harbor contracts and \$4,972,925 for public buildings. The principal items for carrying on work on public buildings are: \$ 55,000

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New York, city appraisers warehouse 300,07 priated for finishing it. The largest sums for harbor work,

tracted for by the secretary of war, include: Philadelphia harbor, for removal of Smith's windmill and petty islands and shoals, \$694,-000; Galveston, \$500,000; the Hudson river, \$500,000; improvement of channel connecting

the great lakes between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo, \$1,090,000; Humboldt Bay, Cal., \$400,000; Savannah, Ga., \$400,000; Cumberland sound, Georgia and Florida, \$400,000; Hoston \$400,000; Buffalo, \$550,000; Dunkirk, N. Y.

\$398,000; Delaware bay, Delaware, \$450,000; Winyaw bay, South Carolina, \$400,000; Sabine Pass. Texas, \$400,000; Cleveland, \$400,000 Milwaukee, \$168,000; Duluth and Superior \$500,000; Gray's Harbor, Wash., \$400,000. The river appropriations include: Alle-gheny river, Pennsylvania, locks and dams at Herr island, above Six-Mile island and Springdale, \$400,000; Upper Monongahela, six locks and dams, \$400,000; Yazoo and Vicks-burg harbor, \$400,000; Bayou Plaquemine, La. \$400,000; Cumberland, above Nashville, three locks, \$400,000; fails of the Ohio at Louisville, \$400,000; Ohio river for dam No. 6 at mouth of Beaver river, \$300,000; Chicago river, \$113,000; Illinois and Mississippi canal, \$1,000,000; waterway from Kiswenaw hay to Herr island, above Six-Mile island and 81,000,000; waterway from Kisweenaw bay to Lake Superior, \$400,000; Mississippi, from the mouth of the Ohio to St. Paul, \$673,533, not more than \$100,000 of the sum to be used to prevent the Mississippi breaking into Cache river near Beach ridge at Cairo, III.; from mouth of Missouri river to St. Paul, \$826,666, including \$30,000 for sandbar at Dubuque and \$15,000 for sandbar at Muscatine, Ia.; Mississippi, from the head of the passes to mouth of the Ohio, \$2,533,332; Missouri, from mouth of Lo Slour City \$250,000 including \$25. mouth to Sioux City, \$300,000, including \$25 000 for repairing works at Nebraska City; Wil lamette and Yambill rivers, Oregon, \$160,000 \$40,000 for lightship for San Francisco har-bor; \$200,000 for completion of two revenue cutters now building on the great lakes. and \$200,000 for a government exhibit at the Omaha Exposition are included in the bill.

For the Chickamauga and Chattanooga national park, \$75,000 is appropriated; for Shiloh, \$60,000; for Gettysburg, \$50,000, and Yellowstone, \$35,000.

The Treasury department estimates in cluded \$1.584.785 for lighthouses, beacon and fog signals, but the bill allows only \$196,500. Under this head there is an iten of \$37,500 for a steam tender for the second

of \$37,500 for a steam tender for the second lighthouse district and a similar item for the seventh district and \$40,000 for a light-ship for San Francisco harbor. The sec-retary of war's estimate of \$1,000,006 for the enlargement of military posts was cut to \$400,000 and the estimates for military eacher and The Objects was cut

to \$409,000 and the estimates for military parks were reduced. The Chickamauga and Chattanooga park, for which \$145,000 was asked, gets \$75,000, and the Shiloh park, for which the estimate was \$\$7,000, gets \$60,600. There is \$50,000 carried for continuing th work of marking and improving the Gettys burg park, with an authorization to the secre tary of war to lease the lands for agricultural purposes. The recommendation of the joint committee on Chickamauga and Chatta-

First Lieutenant Tracy C. Dickson Ordnance department, has been granted two months' leave.

at Fort Leavenworth for examination and

Canadian Commissioners Encouraged WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-After a week' tay at the capital city Mesara, Cartwright and Davies, the Canadian liberal cabinet members, will leave the city tomorrow for their homes. According to the statements of the commissioners they have had a very atisfactory visit, having been given hearty reception by the public men on whom they have called. They have found a decided opinion on the part of the public men that there should be a thorough investigation into the matter of trade between the two nountries, which should be made by a com-nission, and they have found that a rea-

> out to the Dominion government they will ecommend the formation of a commission to nake this inquiry and they hope that similar ction will be taken by the United States.

No War Ships for Freighters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Secretary Herbert has been obliged to refuse the request of a number of California's leading citizens as set forth by Colonel M. H. DeYoung for the assignment of a naval vessel for the transportation of a cargo of wheat and corn to the famine-stricken natives of India. The secretary finds that naval vessels of the modern type are totally unfitted for the purpose of carrying cargoes and that in the case of such a long voyage as that from California to India they cannot carry coal enough to carry them across without replenishing at some intermediate port, much less undertake to carry cargoes.

MINERS ARE RUSHING TO ALASKA icason's Stampede of Gold Hunters

Alrendy Commenced. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 11 .- Once again niners and searchers of fortune are getting eady to enter the gold regions of Alaska. The news brought down yesterday on the Topeka by a party of men who made the dangerous journey out from the uppen Yukon of a new discovery and a marvelous one on Klondike creek, has touched the match to the excitement. Boats leaving for the north are bload. the north are already carrying passengers who are anxious to get near the gold districts as early as possible and by March it is expected that the rush will begin greater than ever. Transportation and mail greater than ever. Transportation and mail facilities will be greatly improved this year. It is probable that the greater number of gold hunters will this year go into the Yukon country, but reports of good finds at Cook irlet late last season will un-doubtedly attract a great many people. J. P. Hopkins, a mining engineer of San Fran-cisco, and others who are said to be re-liable and experienced miners, say they found rich deposits of gravel in different localities, near the inflet, in paying quan-tities, and in the spring they expect to ship in hydraulic machinery to work their claims. The steamer billed to leave March 15 has already engageds a full cargo of freight for the iniet. There is not a stamp mill for the iniet. There, is not a stamp mill working in Alaska now that is not making working in Alaska how that is not making big returns on the quartz handled. The number of mills will be largely increased this year and their puiput, together with the output of the placer, mines, is confi-dently expected to make a great record for 1897. Next month will undoubtedly wit-ness the beginning of a great rush to all the mining districts of the big territory.

TO CONTROL SOFT COAL OUTPUT

Ohio Producers Hold a Secret Meeting and Form a Combine.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 11 .- An evening aper says:

"At a secret meeting held in this city there vas consummated an agreement that will

practically control the soft coal product of the state. It was a session of representa-tives of the Ohio Soft Coal association and of railroads in the association territory. It was decided to establish a single sales agency for all of the Ohio bituminous coal producers. There was a discussion of the porcentage of the fraffic to be handled by each of the lines. The details of the agree-ment were not completed, but they will be, it is expected, at a meeting to be held in tooga park that state memorials be placed Chicago next Tuesday."

with the leading nations of the world.

At the conclusion of Mr. Turpie's remarks enator Morgan took the floor and went over ecutive session and at 4:50 p. m. adjourned the ground which he had before discussed paying more particular attention to the points adopted by Senator Turple with refer group and sore throat, Dr. Bull's Cough nce to the Nicaragua canal. He declared Syrup, should be kept in every home. hat under the terms of the treaty and unless specifically protected by an amend FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. ment and especially the abrogation of th Clayton-Bulwer treaty, the canal would h subject to arbitration. Mr. Morgan also pointed out the influence which England was Generally Fair Today in Nebraska exerting in the Central American states an declared the senate must protect the inter Friday is: ests of this country. He replied to Mr. Tur-pie's attitude and said if the Indiana For

Indiana winds. icnator was such a man of peace as he nov For Missouri-Fair and slightly colder; onable basis can be reached. In their rerefessed to be, he had created a very fals orthwest winds. upression in his attitude on the Cuban For Iowa-Generally fair; variable winds. iestion At the close of Mr. Morgan's speech Mr

For South Dakota-Increasing cloudiness Teller made a motion to have certain cor respondence which had been sent with the probably with snow in western por-tion; warmer in eastern portion; winds becoming southwest. For Wyoming-Cloudy and threatening, probably with light snow in northern por-ion; west winds. treaty made public. This correspond ence has been printed some time and the facts it contains were pub lished before the treaty was sent to senate. The motion was withdrawn for the OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU. resent. Senator Teller saying he would

renew it again. Senator Sherman took no part in the dis cussion, but he told several senators that he was exceedingly anxious to have the question Maximum temperature ... lisposed of as speedily as possible. He said Minimum temperature ... Average temperature Rainfall that he was contemplating asking the senate soon to fix a day by unanimous consent fo a vote. It is the general opinion that the

request will not be acceded to PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE

Members Drift Into a Discussion or Financial Questions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- The house today passed the fortifications appropriation bill with but a single amendment, and made some headway with the postoffice bill. But the major portion of the day was consumed in a political debate on the financial question, which was precipitated by an innocent provision in a bill providing for funding the debts of the territories. The bill aroused the opposition of Mr. McMillin be cause it provided for gold bonds and the

payment of interest in gold or its equiva-Mr. Knox, republican of Massachusetts, said the stipulation regarding gold bonds applied only to Arizona, which had out-

Omaha, clear North Platte, clear...... Salt Lake City, cloudy... Cheyenne, cloudy ... Rapid City, part cloudy... Huron, clear Chicago, snowing ... St. Louis, snowing ... St. Paul, snowing ... St. Paul, snowing ... Helena, snowing ... Kansas City, cloudy ... Havre, cloudy ... Biemarck, cloudy ... Williston, clear Galveston, cloudy ... standing gold bonds to be refunded. Mr. Payne, republican of New York, saw no reason why the territories should not be permitted to assue gold bonds. This bill bore this relation to the question whether we should put gold in the bonds of the United States. He had voted to put gold in the bonds when the administration put the country in a position where not to do it would cost the people \$12,000,000. Congress refused and now taxpayer would have to pay those \$12,000,000.

"And yet you maintain," interrupted Mr. Terry, democrat of Arkansas, "that we should pay those honds in gold, although we paid \$12,000,000 for the privilege of pay-

ing them in silver." "Every one maintains, almost every one maintains," replied Mr. Payne, "that the bonds are payable in gold. Even the late democratic candidate for vice president (Sewall), who ran on a silver platform, held gold bonds, and the silver mine owners who were rampant for free silver sentiment 'gold' in their notes.

Mr. Hartman, republican of Montana, indignantly denied this statement, but Mr. Payne insisted that he was right. He said the western debtors, in order to get money at a respectable rate of interest, were obliged to agree to pay principal and in-terest in gold. He said he believed every. United States bond should be paid in gold.

HONESTY QUESTIONED.

Mr. Maguire, democrat of California, re-plied to Mr. Payne. He said the honesty of the believers in free silver was not to be questioned, because some of them in loan-ing their money made gold contracts. Sil-ver had been deprived of its legitimate function as money. Gold had been given special privilege. Silver was mere token money. Why should a business man abanmoney. Why should a business man aban-don the business advantage which the law ***********************************

passed. At 1:30 p. m. the senate went into ex-

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Local Record.

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth meridian time

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Superior mines, stands directly in the track of the cyclone which has swept away every combination and pool in the iron and steel trade for the division of business and the maintenance of prices. What the Rockefel-The old reliable remedy for cough, cold ler-Carnegle combination will do in the ore peol will become manifest within a fortnight. The first announcement, it is said, will be in the shape of large sales of the ore for delivery during the coming season of Even more important than the collapse of the steel rail pool will be this collapse. It will mean a terrible war of prices by the It WASHINGTON, Feb. 11-Forecast for iron mining companies of the north. Among some there is serious fear of the result. Nebraska-Generally fair; west

No allotment has been made and no prices No allotment has been made and no prices fixed for the coming season. CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 11.—What is called the last move in a long line of re-ductions has been made by Carnegle. Here-ductions has been made by Carnegle. ofore he has received his ore through midliemen. Hereafter he will use the Rocke-celler ore and it will be looked after by his Cleveland agent. An item of interest in connection with the collapse of the rail connection with the collapse of the rail pool is the fact that the Cleveland Rolling pool is the fact that the cleveland follows Mill company has been receiving \$100,000 per annum for refraining from making steel rails. Many of the Cleveland ore men claim the ore pool is not affected by the death of the rail and billet pool for the reason that

OMAHA, Feb. 11.—Omaha record of rain-fail and temperature compared with cor-responding day of the past three years: the railroads, taking advantage of the lower prices, are putting in heavy orders for rails, which will call for a vast quantity of ors. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—The flurry and excitement in the iron trades here 1897. 1896, 1895, 1894, 19 4 12 T Record of temperature and precipitation it Omaha for this day and since March 1, caused by the dissolution of the steel rail pool and the cut to \$17 per ton in Chicago subsided today and the belief that a recov-1886: Normal temperature for the day..... 23 Accumulated excess since March 1..... 202 Normal precipitation for the day.... 03 inch Excess for the day..... 01 inch Total precipitation since M'ch 1.35.16 inches Excess since March 1. Deficiency for cor. period, 1895.15.36 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1895.15.36 inches ery will follow before the close of the week is felt. It was officially stated this afternoon that no sales had been made by any of the companies in this state below the

\$20 rate, and Joseph Wharton, a director of the Bethlehem Iron company, said he did not believe the cut rate made by the Illinois Steel company would be met in Pennsylvania. Mr. Wharton denied that any meeting of the various companies had been called and stated that it would be folly to endeavor to have a conference in the present condition of affairs.

Train Robber Hard Pressed.

KINGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 11 .- The posse in pursuit of the train robber is completely worn out. The man hunters followed the trail through snow two feet deep and came close on the fugitive about forty miles north of the railroad. The latter was pressed so closely that he abandoned one of his horses and took to the woods. Several shots were exchanged, but no one was hurt. Sheriff Cameron of Coconino has a carload of fresh Cameron of Coconning to take up the trail, horses this morning to take up the trail, and before night it is thought the robber will be surrounded. He is known to be a desperate character. Warrants are out for the arrest of several men suspected of being accessed to be beldun T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official. accessories to the holdup.

> Drex L. Shooman is into everything that has a sale to it-he's now gone to Washington to see that they have a grand clearing sale of the entire Union Pacific system-the kind of a sale he's been having at our store-everything goes-prices cut away down-just to get rid of the odds and ends of a big season's business-nothing bought-just for this sale-but it's our regular stock at clearing out prices.

Drexel Shoe Co., 1419 FARNAM STREET.

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