## FITZ IS THE VICTOR

Wins the Heavyweight Championship of the World from Corbett.

FOURTEEN ROUNDS OF FURIOUS FIGHTING

Dontest the Most Desparate of Its Class Ever Witnessed.

FITZSIMMONS' STRENGTH DECIDES THE DAY

His Antagonist Unable to Go the Long Journey with Him.

CORBETT'S SCIENCE WAS OF LITTLE AVAIL

Wonderful Skill of the Great Boxer Could Not Give Him Power to Defeat His Determined Adversary.

CARSON, Nev., March 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-The great battle for the championship of the world between Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett took place at noon today in Dan Stuart's arena in presence of 3,500 people and proved the greatest contest for the heavyweight crown ever fought in America

Fitzsimmons entered the arena a few seconds in the van of the Corbett party, arrayed in a purple and gray bath robe, his face pink with health, lips firmly set and good-natured withal. He walked thoughtpleasantly with friends about the arena, Corbett climbed through the ropes, clad in a brown bath garment, followed by his retinue of advisers and seconds, looking pale and haggard, though tanned from training. He wore a contemptuous smile and nodded askance to his numerous friends and ad-The gloves were quickly adjusted, the men were introduced to the audience and Referee Siler gave his instructions to both principals. Upon his orders Corbett crossed to shake hands with his rival, and acting on Julian's advice Fitz refused the proffered hand and Corbett returned to his corner, chided by even his friends. Fitz's extended hand on the prison road a few days ago was declined and turnabout being fair play the American's extended hand was now properly ignored and the remarks which went through the colossal arena abounded very much like "shake hands after the battle," and Jacksonville was repeated in Ne-

vada. FITZ WAS VERY WARY.

The men faced each other for the first round cautiously and with eyes alert, Fitzsimmons assuming the aggressive, Corbett backing away, feinting with knee and left hand, but Fitz was aware of his task. He was in front of the greatest boxing master this age has known.

The opening round closed with honors easy and Pitz none the worse for wear with his the battle r second and Corbett jabbed his left into Fitzsimmons' mouth, missing the return from

his glove. "He is too clever for him," went up in almost a breath. "Fitz won't hit him in a

it was not borne out, as will later be demonstrated. The third and fourth rounds came and went. "Fitz can't hit him," said the spectators and in the sixth round a right and left brought Fitz slowly downward, his long brawny arms cutwining Corbett's alabaster body as he fell. He took advantage of his position and the time allowance in which a la Queensbery he was to rise. The round closed and Corbett seemed to lack the steam necessary to finish his opponent though "be careful Jim," from his friends from the ringside seemed to excuse his apparent lack of vigor. Thus early in the contest the stories of the American champion's dissipation began to dawn upon the crowd in an incontrovertible way. Stories of his wonderful training, as told from Shaw's Hot

Springs, were lies, pure and simple. The marvelous vitality had been falsified. Corbett was a dead one, even in this round. CORBETT LACKS POWER.

ally forced the pace, bleeding his rival from mouth and nose frequently in the clinches brought on mainly by Fitzsimmons. The latter wiped his nasal organ and cleaned it of the thick, black flowing blood. Corbett's jabs, though lacking the force, were gradually taking the steam out of the body of his opponent, though the latter-never faitered, but smilingly took his punishment and biding his time, waited for the moment when his terrible right would sweep from be fore him his hated adversary and cause a long and loud acclaim, "Hall to the new star of the fistic firmament." But in rounds 11, 12 and 13 Fitzsimmons' great condition began to make itself felt, and pictures of anxiety took the place of the enthusiastic smiles that formerly wreathed the faces of Corbett's attendants. In the clinches in the thirteenth round, Corbett, looking over the shoulder of Fitzsimmons, his eyes betokening their doubts, was telegraphed encouragement from Parson Davies and Stake holder Al Smith, who sat close to the ring in the shape of approving nods, which as good as said, "That is the way, Jim; be

The awful climax came in the fourteenth round, in which Corbett looked a positive winner, judging from the execution which had gone before. Fitz again became the aggressor and with clenched teeth and set lips, advanced cel-like to within hitting distance of his supple foe. Corbett landed a light left, but received a heavy punch on the jaw from Bob's same member, which brought him bending forward and immediately Fitz's right shot out, landing terrifically over his

COUNTS OUT CORBETT.

wearing the most ghastly and agonizing face ever seen by a prize ring crowd. The breath left his body, while the referee began his fateful count, Corbett clutching frantically at the ropes with his right, his lefhand over his heart suffering frightful tor tures for the breath that could not come but making a superburnan effort and with the intuition of a man who has fought "many a time and oft," and who put many formidable antagonists in the position be now occupied himself, he attempted to arise. but nature would not respond. He endeavored to rise, but fell over, the weight of his body on his left hand and his right leg extended backward and off the ground. Then the American was declared the leser and

Robert Fitzsimmons the heavyweight champion of the pugitistic world.

Consternation reigned supreme, and hearts stopped still. Strong men with fortunes or the California fighter were paralyzed and Two Thousand Dollars Corruptly Used in completely undone, and sought solace in the outrageous claim that Fitz had fouled their man, but they received little encouragemen in their flimsy and unjustifiable excuse. Fitz had won the greatest, the most stubborn and cleanest beavyweight contest ever brought off in this or any other country. As soon as Fitzsimmons had been declared victor his robust and handsome wife, who had sat throughout the trying ordeal in a wife's proper place, beside her husband, just beside the roped enclosure arose and with tearful face grasped his manly hand. The meeting of husband and wife was unanimously discursed by the thousands there areembied, even Corbett's friends joining in the spirit

of the congratulation. riot here ecemed imminent and the entire federation of these associations keeps in natural course, the land thus added belongs Corbett faction was vigorously denounced for close touch, and has a strong lobby here.

The letter was accompanied by a circular, stream and afterward joined to the mainland, their unmanly and unamerican mode of accepting defeat. SANDY GRISWOLD.

BLOW THAT DID THE BUSINESS.

Big Californian. CARSON, March 17 .- The blow that did the business was a left-hand blow. Jim stag- ter and circular be sent to the desk and gered and Fitzsimmons struck him right on read. Lambert refused and the sergeantthe jaw. Jim eank to his knees clinging to at-arms was sent to demand the letter from the ropes. His face was contorted with him. Under duress he gave up the whole pain and he could not breathe. He tried thing, and it was read amid the breathin vain to rise, but each time he rank back less slience of the house. in agony, with his hands over his heart. Slowly Siler counted the fatal seconds and when he raised his hand at the tenth second a roar went up from the crowd. Bob stood overlooking his fallen rival, waiting his time for a finishing blow if Jim got up, but his caution was unnecessary. Jim's seconds good-natured withal. He wanted those fully along two sides of the roped square as if to claim half the battle ground. He was rushed into the ring and hustled him to his corner, Corbett revived and when he learned corner, Corbett revived and when he learned he had lost the fight, he broame frantic. He broke away from his seconds and rushed about hunting for Fitzsimmono and strik-ing blindly right and left. It was a pitiful exhibition of impotent rage. His second-tried in vain to control him, but he struck victously at them as at others. Finally they grabbed him by the arms and carried him by force from the ring. This lacted at least five minutes and the crowd broke into the ring. They were thrown out by the sheriffs, but they came too fast and the ring was jammed. All this time Fitzsimmons sat quietly in his corner awaiting the deci-sion of the referee.

When Siler's voice could be heard abov the noise, awarding Fitzsimmons the fight Julian grabbed his red-headed brother-in-law about the neck and together they danced up and down in a frantic manner. They were crazy with joy. Mrs. Fitzsimmons in her box close to the ring laughed and cried alternately and tried in vain to get through the crowd to embrace her husband. After some minutes Fitzsimmons was escorted through the crowd to his dressing room and his wife followed.

The end of the fight came with startling suddenness. The fourteenth round was well in progress when Corbett, who had assumed the agreeaive, had forced Fitzsimmons into the northwest corner of the ring. He was jabbing Bob's bloody face, when the latter's left arm shot out and his fist caught Corbett right over the heart and he staggered. Then came a jott on the jaw that sent him down. It was just one minute past 1 when the deciding blow was struck.

STORY OF THE FIGHT. At 12:06 the men stepped to the center of the ring. Fitzsimmons face was almost pressionless, but Corbett stood like a panther ready for the spring, darting forward at the stroke of the gong, with a fearful look of hatred on his face. For a moment the men danced around one another and then Corbett's face assumed its customary fighting grin and he settled down to the fight of his life. Corbett landed several blows in the first round, one of which, on the cheek, stag-gered the auburn-haired fighter, while the atter returned the compliment with two ho ones on the head and a body blow also. Corbett all during the first round, smiled at hi

opponent. Both men were careful during conches and made no altempt to strike on breakaways. Fitzsimmons held his own dur-ing this round. Every time either man made a motion the crowd cheered. In the second round, the men grinned a each other in a friendly way. Corbett lander

two lefts on Fitzsimmon's stomach and the crowd yelled, "Too low." Corbett seemed to have the best of the round, but none of the blows were very hard. When they came up for the third round, Corbett lost no time. but got in a left on the belly. seemed supremely confident, while Fitzsim mons was a little bit nervous. The crowd shouted when Fitzsimmons landed his left on the jaw. Just as the bell rang, Corbett was about to hit Fitzsimmons, whose arms ware down. He recovered himself, however, and both men laughed good naturedly.

In the fourth round Corbett landed a hard right on Fitzsimmons' ear during a clinch.

Fitzsimmons missed a vicious left swing that would have ended the business had it landed. Fitzsimmons landed a hard left punch on Corbett's face and the crowd roared. Both men were received with encouraging cries from the crowd. The round ended in a clinch, with both men laughing.

As usual, in the fifth, Corbett struck the first blow. Corbett seemed to be able to

unable to hurt him. Fitzsimmons ned tired when the round closed and his mouth was bleeding.

FITZ IN BAD SHAPE.

Corbett tried to finish Fitzsimmons in th sixth. Fitzsimmons was covered with blood and was grinning. Finally Fitzsimmons alkoped down and stayed down seven seconds. Fitzsimmons was a horrible looking sigh but was on his feet when the round closed His mouth and noze were bleeding and both he and Corbett were covered with crimson The clinches were frequent and owing to the interpretation of the rules both men were extremely careful on the breakaways.

The picture of the two almost naked mer their muscles straining and gleaming in the orilliant sunlight, was like one from the Athenian games. ers yelled frantically at the fall of each blow Corbett's friends were in the majority, but Fitzsimmons had plenty of supporters who

were as wildly enthusiastic as those of the Californian. The gong rang the end of the first round without either man having been seriously damaged. The men hurried nimbly to their corners, where the bevies of seconds fanned and sponged and groomed for minute's intermission and then the gladiators sprang at one another, a quick exchange of blows marking the clash at the center of the ring. Fast and furious the fighting went on while the crowds in the great open arena stood on their scats, yelling like mad and shouting words of encouragement to their

For five rounds the battle continued with-out much gain for either side. Corbett landed oftener than his opponent, but when Pitzeimmons got in his terrible right on the head or body it counted heavily. In the fifth Corbett landed a staggering blow on the mouth, which cut Fitzeimmons' lio open and started his mouth to bleeding badly. The slood, which soon epattered over the bar-oreasts and shoulders of the men, inflame he crowd to the highest pitch of excitemen and nothing but the barbed wire and heavy wooden barriers prevented a rush to the ringside from all parts of the sloping floors before the end of the round. Fitzsimmons was on his knees and stayed there for seven sconds. Julian rushed frantically around the outside of the ropes, yelling, "Get up Bob; get up quick," and Bob, though bloody from forehead to waist, came to his feet nd went at his work again with renews

FITZ COMES BACK FRESH. When the round ended, Corbett's partisans vere yelling that it was over, but the min

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MONEY OF THE B. & L. LOBBY

Forcing the Bill Through.

Circular Signed by O. B. Jackman Read in the Hause-Speaker Byers Resigns Pending Investigation.

DES MOINES, March 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-The greatest sensation ever known on the floor of the Iowa assembly took place this morning in the house. The building and loan bill was under consideration. Dowell Pandemonium now broke loose in the ring of Polk offered an amendment and Lambert frequent in the past and the decisions have Corbett having recovered wildly rushed rose to oppose it. In doing so he read extoward his conqueror striking right and left tracts from a letter which he stated was at the seconds and everybody else who at- an intercepted communication between memtempted to thwart his foul intentions. A bers of the building and loan lobby. The The letter was accompanied by a circular, which set forth all the details of expense by items, for lobbying, corruption, etc. It showed that over \$2,000 had been paid in Hard Left Hand Punch Settles the by the companies and used in various corrupt

The speaker demanded that the entire let-

The letter was signed by Oce B. Jackman, secretary of the Iowa Savings and Loan association of Des Moines, general manager of the building and loan lobby. He said instead of calling a meeting of the federation he addivised them by circular letter, enclosing a said the campaign for a speaker began a year before one was elected, and that the building and loan associations having resisted in his election, had been able to get a favorable building \$n1 loan committee. The same had been accomplished in the senate. It was unprecedented that so detailed a bill should have been passed with but two negative votes. It had taken hard work and money to do this, but the committee felicitated itsel that it had done a very fine line of business of course the letter would be kept confiden-tial. Accompanying this was the detailed statement of how money had been spent. E. H. Hunter was down for \$600 and one item was "for silencing Des Moines newspapers, \$16." The money went for lobbying and The money went for lobbying and

ilke expenses.

When the letter was read the speaker called Morrison of Keokuk to the chair and took the floor. He addressed the house, saying that as the matter reflected on his integrity he demanded an investigation committee to go to the bottom of the mat-ter. Information had reached him yesterter. Information had reached him yesterday that the document was in existence, and he thought the members of the house were all innocent and should be given the benefit of an investigation. He resigned the speakership, pending the investigation, although the members generally protested. Funk of Harding introduced a resolution of confidence in the speaker, resenting the insinuations against him. Before this was read the speaker protested against envy such read the speaker protested against any such proceeding. He wanted a cold-blooded in-vestigation and no grand stand play. Lambert asked to be allowed to put the resolu-tion on its passage or at least second it. He spoke of his confidence in the speaker, and was allowed to put the resolution, which carried with enhusiasm. Then Byers' reso-lution for a committee of five carried. The committee will be three representatives and two senators to investigate the manner in which the building and loan bill passed The house this afternoon passed anothe resolution providing for a committee to in vestigate the particular charges against the speaker. Pending the report of that comnittee, Speaker Byers will refuse to occupy

the chair. amen Iment to the building and loan which the associations opposed was adopted this afternoon.

Trainland of Razor-Back Hors JEFFERSON, Ia., March 17 .- (Special.)-'red Sears, an Ida county man, has been lown south and bought up an entire train load of razor-back hogs, more than 2,000 of them and they are expected to arrive within a day or so. Mr. Sears will feed a portion of them, but expects to sell most of the hogs to other farmers. The razor-back is said to be remarkably healthy, and while early in the game it requires a rather high fence to hold him, yet he takes on fat readily and the cost of keeping him is small

Twenty-Six New Woodme JEFFERSON, Ia., March 17 .- (Special.)-The Modern Woodmen of America of Perry tonight admitted twenty-six candidates into the order. The occasion was a memorable one in the history of woodcraft in Perry The famous team of foresters of Des Moinwas present and assisted in the work, which took place in the Odd Fellows' hall. About midnight the ceremonies were interrupted for an hour and a magnificent banquet served. The Woodmen is becoming one of the strong

New Republican Paper. MISSOURI VALLEY, In., March 17 .-Special.)-This city is to have a new republican paper, Mr. Lusk, the new editor, is a graduate of Ames college of this state, has had considerable experience on the metropolitan press as a reporter and disposed of a paper lately at Castlewood, S. D., which ne successfully edited and managed for some time. Mr. W. R. Eckles, lately foreman of the News of this city, will be at the head of the mechanical department.

CHANGE TICKETS ON THE TRAINS.

nion Pacific Takes Up Foreign Com pany's Coupons in Wyoming. CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 17 .- (Special. The Union Pacific company has placed 'train agents'' upon passenger trains between this city and Laramie. These agents, Messrs, McLeod and Hart, who reached here yesterday from Omaha, will take up all coupon ticket or tickets issued by foreign eads, exchanging them for Union Pacific or 'train tickets" to destination. The object is to secure the return of coupon tickets to headquarters as soon as possible, so that speedy settlement can be secured from the oreign road which issued the coupon ticket. The Union Pacific officials here have placed nen at work extending the present depot bark. When completed the depot park will

the largest and prettiest on the line of Two big shovels which have been housed the Union Pacific shops here all winter re now being overhauled and will be taken to Sherman next week, when work will be resumed at the famous gravel pits of that place large number of flat cars are being enlarged for the gravel hauling service. about 150 cars a day will be hauled from the its for ballast along the line of the road

dovements of Ocean Vessels, March 17 At New York-Sailed-Paris, for South-mpton; Germanic, for Liverpool; Werkenlam, for Rotterdam; Kensington, for Ant werp.
At Southampton-Arrived-St. Louis, from

New York; Aller, from New York for Bro Mcn. At Queenstown-Arrived-Majestic, from York for Liverpool. Bremerhaven - Arrived - Karlsruhe, At Naples-Arrived-Elysia, from

Rotterdam-Sailed-Spaarndam,

CONTEST OVER ACCRETION LAND. Squatters Take Passession and the Question Will Go to the Courts.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 17 .- (Special.) took porsession of some land over on the island about four miles from this city with the intention of holding it permanently on TELL-TALE LETTER IS INTERCEPTED the ground that it was made land formed by the changes in time past, of the Miscouri river in its course. The persons claiming the land, however, soon drove the squatters off by force and burned the shantles, which for a time put a stop to the idea of ever attempting to get pessession of the land. New another set of men have built their homes on the land and are securing legal advice to bring the matter into the spring term of court. There are in all about 3,000 acres of land, 2,400 of which is very valuable. Some of the best timber land in the state is included. The squatters are confident of

winning their case.

The accretion land case have been quite noted case in Nebraska the supreme court made three exceptions to the law of accre-tion. Where ground is added to regularly surveyed land by the change of a river in its land that was omitted in the original survey, which often happened in the early surveys especially along the rivers not easily accessi-ble, and abandoned river beds, the land thus formed is the same as government land and in the case in question in Nebraska was surveyed and opened for settlement. The squatters in the case in this city expect to prove the land to belong to the government under the three above exceptions and hope to have it surveyed and opened for settle-ment. On the other hand those who claim the land are confident that they can prove

will not rest until the supreme court has had a chance at it. SOUTH DAKOTA SEPREME COURT.

that it has been added on by accretion. There is good backing for both sides and the case

Opinions Handed Down from the Bench in a Number of Cases. PIERRE, S. D., March 17 .- (Special Telegram.)-Opinions were handed down this morning in the supreme court in the following cases:

ing cases:

By Corson-Lella L. Smith against F. F.
B. Coffin, Beadle county, reversed. Edward
P. Allen company against Madison Electric
Light comp iny, Lake coin y, teversed. John
W. Fallibee against John Wittlayer and
Magdalina Wittmer, affirmed.

By Fuller-William S. McComb against
Lake county and John Fleming, county
treasurer, Lake county reversed. First
National Exchange bank against Sherman
Brothers & Bratager, Minnehaha county,
affirmed. Folcy Wadsworth Implement com
pany against Simon C. Solomon et al.

affirmed. Foley Wadsworth Implement company against Simon C. Solomon et al. Minnehaha county, affirmed. Advance Thresher company against H. H. Schmidt and M. G. Schmidt, Mctook county, affirmed. E. W. Coughran against JC n Sundback, sheriff Minnehaha county affirmed. E. H. Carroll against W. C. Nisbett, Miner county, affirmed.

By Haney-Northwesfern Mertgage Trust conty, affirmed.

Lessie L. Bradley, Lawrence county, Teversed, L. J. Moody against Gustav Brietsand, Lincoln county, reversed. John W. Hestin president Agricultural college against Henry E. Mayhew, state auditor, original action mandamus granted.

Petitions for rehearing were denied in the cases of Dowdle against Corune, Tschetter against Heiser, Lawrence against McDonaid.

Severe Winter Causes a Great Mortislity Among stock.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—Specials from Mandah and Dickinson, N. D., state that it is generally believed among cattlemen that 75 per cent of range animals have already succumbed to the winter, the chinook of succumbed to the winter, the chinook of succumbed to the winter, the chinook of the legislature a recommendation that a bill be passed providing for a recount s impossible to travel over the range, and o exact figures can be had. Bad lands ranges, which have been overcrowded the past few years, will have but few cattle this It is stated that Pierre Wiebaux, the big cattleman of Wibeaux, Mont., puts his lesses at \$1,000,000. Last fall he put 25,000 young Utah cattle on the range, and

Rain Melts the Mountains of Snow. HURON, S. D., March 17 .- (Special Teleram.)-Rain last night and at intervals durng today, with a south wind, has made inroads into the mountains of snow through the James river valley and over this sec-tion of the state. The streets are flooded and low places are fast filling with water. Should the weather soon turn cold and freeze or should the thaw continue rapid the condi-tions will be serious. Nearly 500 sacks of delayed mail were sent from here today, the delayed mail were sent from here today, the railway trains being again in operation.

MILLER, S. D., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Rain fell here today and last night, which, with a warm whoi, has caused the snow to melt rapidly. No passenger trains have arrived from the east for one week, but the blockade is now about raised.

PIERRE S. D. March 17.—(Special Telegraphs)

PIERRE, S. D., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rain has been falling all morning and the people who live in the lower part of the city are afraid of the river breaking up before the ice is rotten and cause a gorge and flood. The rain will also be severe on stock, which have come through the winter in poor shape, soaking and chilling them to death and will cause a heavy

Saloon Men Have the Laugh CANTON, S. D., March 17 .- (Special.)-It her return. now looks as if the "blind-piggers" who have been operating in Lincoln county and many of whom have cases against them at the circuit court now in session will escape prosecution. In the rush of criminal work at the last term of court the liquor cases were continued. In the meantime the legislature repealed the law under which they were being prosecuted, and a new license law is now in force. No presecutions can be nade now against them, as there is no law under which to prosecute, and the saloon men are consequently jubilant.

Canton Does Not Want Saloons. CANTON, S. D., March 17 .- (Special.) -At mass meeting last evening it was decided by the citizens that saloons are not wanted in Canton. Under the new law saloons can be licensed in cities, towns and townships, but judging by the sentiment at this meet-ing a license will be voted down by Canton at the April election.

WOOL GROWERS MEET AT CASPER Hon. B. Brooks Makes a Rousing Speech on the Tarin Bill, CASPER, Wyo., March 17,—(Special

Telegram.)—The wool growers of Natrona county met in convention this afternoon. Hon. B. Brooks was elected chairman. Mr. Brooks, on takof the Dingley bill. In his speech he said that if the bill became law it would double that it the bill became taw it would double the valuation of the state in the next tweive months. The price for shearing will be 7 cents per head and shearers board them-selves. The price for boarding will be 25 cents per meal. Mr. Parton, president of the Omaha Stock Yards, addressed the meet-ing at some length. The convention was well attended. Tonight the wool growers of

central Wyoming meet here. Fire Consumes a Building Over Century Old.
GREENWICH, Conn., March 17.—A dis

astrous fire, completely beyond the control of the residents, is now burning in the village of Mianus Landing. The fire broke out in a office was located. Within half an hour this building was in ruine and the hotel of Stephen Newman, a building which has stood for 100 years, has been burned. Next HOPE OF THE DEMOCRATS

About five years ago a number of squatters | Members of the Fire and Police Commission Not Yet Appointed.

MANY DELEGATIONS SEE THE GOVERNOR

Urging the Appointment of Two Democratic Members, and Hoping for a Democratic Mayor, Expect to Control the Board.

LINCOLN, March 17 .- (Special Telegram.) -The expected police commission appointments were not given out today, but will in all probability be announced by noon tomorrow. While there are a great many guesses offered, it can be stated with authority that none of the slates so far named will prove correct in their entirety. It is probable that all probability be announced by noon tomorcorrect in their entirety. It is probable that one or two of the appointments will come as surprises for all concerned.

today to make suggestions to the governor, twenty-four hours. The water at this point mostly democrats, who insisted that two of is now nine-tenths of a foot above the danthe appointees be democrats. Senator Howell ger line. At Shreveport and points below the says he has assurance that the governor will mame two democrats, one populist and one Steamboat men arriving from the south resilver republican. The argument advanced is port all the levees in fine condition. that as the republicans have the mayor, two democrats are needed to balance the board. On the other hand, the hope is clumsily con cealed that by capturing the mayoralty the democrats may secure the third member, necessary to give them complete control. HOUSE CAPTURES THE BALLOTS.

Sergeant-at-Arms Takes Charge the Boxes and Books. LINCOLN, March 17 .- (Special Telegram.)

of the ballots cast for the constitutional amendments. The officer acted under the resolution of

mission. Messrs. Campbell, Blake. Bowlby and Ross, were in the room behind locked doors. Benton Marct, private secretary of the governor, entered the room through the will return to Santa Clara to resume operadoor opening into the main corridor of the locked, but "General" Kelsey of Omain rains, commenweal fame, and who is employed as The a night guard over the ballots, unlocked it. It was perhaps only a coincidence that the sergeant-at-arms and his deputies were waiting on the other side of the door. As soon as it was unlocked it was thrown wide open and the legislative officers crowded into the room followed by the house committee, con-sisting of Representatives Fernow of Adams. Geries of Richardson and Loomis of Butler. The sergeant-at-arms announced that he had come in pursuance of the mandate of the

house of representatives, to take possession of the ballots. No opposition was made by any member of the commission. Other men CATTLE FARE VERY BADLY. who had been summened dropped in by twos and threes until about forty were present. The boxes and packages containing the bal-

of the ballots by a committee of senators and representatives. It is possible that he will also recommend a recount of the bal-lots cast for the amendments providing for lots cast for the amendments providing for an elective railroad commission and for the investment of the permanent school

Last Seen of Her She Was Returning from School.

ST. LOUIS, March 17 .- Ella Burden, 11 years old, heiress to \$100,000, has been inexplicably missing from her home since Mon day. She lived with her grandmother, Mr. Burden, at 5032 Minerva street, and left home Monday for the Disier school, where she i regarded as one of the brightest and prettiest of the several hundred pupils. At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the usual hour, she left the school for home and went part of the

way with several other girls to a point where she usually took the car for home. Nothing has been heard of her since.

Her father, who is married the second time, has permitted the child to live with its grandmother, which was the dying re-quest of her mother several years ago. The quest of her mother several years ago. The child frequently went to her father's, and her grandmother, thinking she was there, thought nothing of her absence un'il late at night, when he father failed to bring her home. The alarm was at once given. Mr. Burden has every agency possible at work for her discovery. He declares the only cosible theory for her disappearance is that she was kidnapped and is being held by rerespoters until a sufficient reward is effected. captors until a sufficient reward is offered. Ella is a beatutiful child and well grown for her age. A large reward is offered for

BLOCK AT THE CUSTOMS HOUSE Importers Cannot Get Their Goods Ou

of Bond Fast Enough. NEW YORK, March 17.—The customs re ceipts from Wednesday last till last night were \$6,997,547. The falling off yesterday, the receipts being \$907,874.54, was not due to a decrease of the fear of all importers that they will be caught with a large stock o goods in bond when the new tariff bill is passed, but, it was said at the custom-house, was due to a block in business causes by the heavy withdrawal of tobacco. About ,000 bales are stored in the bonded houses and applications for the withdrawa of the greater part of this amount have al-ready been made. There are still goods in bond the duty on which is between \$10,000, 100 and \$12,000,000.

HUNTINGTON'S EYE ON GALVESTON Southern Pacific Magnate Seeks as

GALVESTON, Tex., March 17.-Promises made some time ago here by the Southern Pacific to shippers at Galveston are now to be fulfilled and the road is about to make Brooks this point one of its principal gulf ports. It is announced that C. P. Huntington has ing the chair, made a rousing speech in favor | made an offer of \$1,000,000 for the Galveston, La Porte & Houston road, running from Galveston, a distance of fifty-three miles, and that the offer will be accepted.

> NEW YORK, March 17.—The sliver mar-ket is duil, but slightly firmer with Lonket is duil, but slightly firmer with London. The buying abroad continues very limited and the situation is considered problematical until the action of the Japanese house on the bill for adopting the gold standard is adopted or rejected. It is not feit here that the future of the market here depends on offerings, which is the view attributed to the London Westminster Gazette, according to cables reported to the Associated press, America being a producer of silver is bound to be a seller in any event.

Rainfall Raises Small Streams ST. LOUIS, March 17 .- About midnight last night rain commenced to fall here and has been coming down steadily ever since It became a deluge after daybresk, raising the water in the small atreams hereabouts. Rotterdam—Sailed—Spaarndam, for three buildings were destroyed. Already the damage is about \$150,000, and the fire expected that there will be a considerable rise in the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

HUNDREDS HOUSED IN MEMPHIS.

Relief Stenmers Resene People Unhoused by the Floods. MEME March 17 .- Hundreds of per negroes, were landed on the Mempl ee this afternoon by relief are daily visiting flooded disstame tricts ent to Memphis. Vague reports reache = city tonight of the drowning of severa = ble in Arkansas today, but these canno verified. For the first time in the river tonight is stationary. avy rains in Missouri and other only serve to increase the broad expa water in this vicinity. There has been ady downpour of rain in Arkansas and west Tennessee all day. The gauge at Memphis, this morning, indicated 36.6 feet, this being a rise of two-tenths of a foot in

the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning. At Cairo at the same time, trict prevent any promise of speedy relief At Greenville the height is 39.2 and at Vicks urprices for all concerned.

Several delegations from Omaha were down has been two-rixteenths of a foot in the last

COMMENT ON WELVLEY'S MESSAGE

Copyright, 1897, by Press Publishing Company.) MADRID March 17 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The message to change, no votes being recorded against of McKinley concerning the tariff policy and it. The new site comprises about 200 acres the contemplated increase of sugar and to- and the work of making the grounds will bacco duties caused a rensation among West be commenced at once. After the meeting was Sorgeant at Arms of the House L. A. Belt- Indian representatives and Spanish liberals. over Manager Kirkendall of the Departzer tonight at 7:30 o'clock took possession Republicans say a fresh motive is thus given for a prompt execution of the colonial home rule plan, or at least for putting into force meanwhile the announced provisions of the Cuban tariff with much reduced import duties the house and tonight the rooms of the calculated to pave the way for an under-secretary of state are guarded from the standing with the United States for a reciincide by about forty men. The sergeant-at-arms secured possession of the ballots by a ccup. Four members of the recount com-

tions against Maximo Gomez with a view to capitol. After conversing with members of the commission for a few minutes Maret went to the door connecting the room with the suite of the secretary of state. It was will only want ordinary reliefs after the

The Madrid press again complains bitterly of the unsatisfactory and slow results of the military operations in Cuba, the delay in the execution of the home rule program with the unwelcome prospect of making necessary fresh sacrifices of money

ARTHUR E. HOUGHTON.

ITALY AND ENGLAND TRADING. French Object to the Carrying Out of the Proposed Scheme. PARIS, March 17 .- The Echo de Paris saya it understands that Italy is on the eve of ceding to Great Britain the island of Pantellaria, situated sixty miles southwest of the Island of Sicily, and about half way between the coast of Africa and the Sicilian coast, in exchange for the Island of Perim, off the Arabian coast in the strait of Babel-Mandeb and at the entrance of the Red sea. The island of Perim is a bare rock about five miles long on which turtie shells are taken, belonging to Great Britain, whereas the island of Pantellaria has an area of fiftyeight square miles, a population of about 7,000, produces fine fruits and has a con-venient port, Oppoldolo, at its northwest point. Situated about thirty miles from Sicily, almost in the middle of the main thoroughfare of the Mediterranean, Pantellaria, now an Italian convict depot, could be converted into another of the strongly YOUTHFUL HEIRESS DISAPPEARS. fortified stations of the British. Under th hope that the powers will interfere and refuse permit the transfer of the islands re-

RUSH IN SUGAR FROM EUROPE. Importers Striving to Get Ahend of

the New Tariff Law. LONDON, March 17 .- The wholesain sugar market in this city has entered upon an interesting phase. In anticipation of the new tariff bill, which is expected to go into effect on May 1 the sugar importers are actively engaged in buying up all available sugar n the markets of Germany and Cuba for prompt shipment to this country in men effort to get the commodity into the market without paying to the government the new tax. The comparatively small sugar out-put of Cuba has made it necessary to depend largely on Java and Germany for the project, and a large percentage of the-article imported here during the last year has come from these two countries. There is now stored in Hamburg for shipment to this city alone more than 15,000 tons of raw sugar, and steamers are being sent for it as rapidly as they can be chartered and Loaded. Four large steamers are now due here from Hamburg, and six large vessels from West Indian ports.

THREE SHIPS BOUND FOR CUBA.

Material Stored on the Enroute for the Island. KEY WEST, Fla., March 17 .- A fishing schooner that came in late last night reports seeing three large steamers passing Cape of fibrida island Friday noon, going south. They were well out and seemed to be under full speed. One of the vessels had an unusually large number of men on deck, while one of the others seemed heavily laden. No names could be made out, seemingly being covered up. This seemingly corroborates the leaving of the expedition from Key Palo. Alto Thursday. It indicates that they secured the immense amount of material stored on the keys and that Captain Lewis and Colonels Nunez and Carbo knew their business when there. Cubans openly state that there large expeditions have left the United States shores within the last three days.

SILVER MARKET MUCH DEPRESSED.
Fears that Japan Will Become a Free Sciler.

LONDON, March 17.—The Westminster Gazette rays the silver market is very depressed, adding that the main reason for the downward movement is the fear that Japan, as the result of its adoption of the gold standard, will be a free seller and that the price will be still further reduced. Continuing the Westminster Gazette remarks:

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"As reards the use of the north half of block 4 in Kirkwood addition, at an expense of about \$1,090; said expense is incurred in removing a house of their loss. Which would be worth to the exposition at our scill core. \$500 at least.

"We are offered the use of three lots in this block 4 free of rent. The other three lots in this block 4 free of rent. The other three lots in this block 4 free of the county and the Kountze ground.

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He describes the function as "a white stone in the social and political annals of the two countries." The lord mayor has warmly acknowledged the communication.

LONDON, March 17.-Replying to a long speech of charges as to dangers in the use of lanadian canned salmon, Sir Joseph Colmer ecretary of the Canadian high commissioner publishes a telegram from Minister Davis, giving an unqualified contradiction of the reports and saying the allegations are at direct variance with the facts.

## INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Change in Location of the Transmississippi and International Exposition.

SELECTION OF OLD FAIR GROUNDS SITE

Proposition Includes a Donation of Two Blocks of Land to the City.

VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS IS UNANIMOUS

Euildings Make a Better Showing in Contrast with Other Structures.

ACTIVE WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

Topographical Survey of the Grounds to Be Made at Once, and Plans for Location of Buildings Prepared.

The location of the Transmississippi Exposition has been changed from Miller park to the location known as the "Old Fair Spanish Republicans Say it is a Fresh Grounds site." This action was taken at the Motive for Colonial Home Rule. adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors held yesterday afternoon. Thirty-seven votes were cast in favor of the proposition ment of Buildings and Grounds announced that work will be commenced today. Bids for lumber to be used in building a fence to enclose the entire grounds have been received and the lumber will be purchased at once. A topographical survey of the grounds dine and plans for the general location of the buildings will also be made. The work will now go ahead with a snap and vigor which will atone for all of the delay and everything in connection with the work of preparation will be pushed with all due speed.

BOUNDARIES OF THE PLAT. The site now decided upon as the exposition grounds is an irregular body of land which is, practically, in three pieces. It in-cludes the old fair grounds, a tract of about thirty-seven acres lying south and west of Ames avenue and Sherman avenue; Oak Chatham addition, lying immediately west Chatham addition, lying immediately west of the fair grounds and extending to Twenty-fourth street, being bounded on the north by Ames avenue and on the south by Sprague street; these two plats constitute the north piece. The forty acres lying several hundred feet south of the fair grounds and known as "Kountze's Reserve." extending from Sherman avants to Transport out from Sherman avenue to Twenty-fourth street, forms the south piece. The long nar-row piece of ground lying east of Sherman avenue along the edge of the blaff overlook-ing the river valley forms the east piece of ground. This latter piece contains about sixty acres and extends from the point where the bell line tracks cross Sherman avenue, just south of Ames avenue, to Locust street. The old fair grounds and the Kountze tract are to be connected with a boulevard of a width yet undecided. This will include Twentieth street and more or less ground upon either side of that street as may be later decided upon. It is proposed to connect the tract on the cast side of Sherman avenue with the main ground by means of viaducts raised above the street grade in some fanci-ful and attractive designs.

The following directors were present at the meeting: Carpenter, Dickinson, Evans, Hitchcock, Hussle, Jardine, Johnson, Kilbe converted into another of the strongly fortified stations of the British. Under the circumstances the Echo de Paris expresses the Reed, Rosewater, Thompson, Wattles, Webster, Weller, Wharton, Wilcox, Wilhelm, Yost, Youngs-30.

PROPOSITION FOR THE SITE. President Wattles announced that the first business would be the reading of the report of the special committee, consisting of him-self and Messrs. Kirkendall and Wharton, appointed at the last meeting to investigate conditions surrounding the obtaining of the old fair grounds site for exposition

The report in full was as follows:

"We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to investigate the grounds offered for site at the old fair grounds, bog leave to report as follows:

"We are offered free of all rent to the exposition the old fair grounds, comprising about thirty-seven acres.

"We are offered the ground lying immediately west of the old fair grounds, comprising Oak Chatham addition to the city of Omaha, of which we can use about thirty-five acres, at an expense of \$450 for removing buildings now on said grounds.

"We are offered about forty acres of ground lying two blocks south of the old fair grounds by Mr. Kountze, free of all rental.

"We are offered by the numerous owners The report in full was as follows:

rental.

"We are offered by the numerous owners the free use of the ground lying east of Sixteenth street and west of the Belt line tracks, from Locust street north to the point where said tracks intersect with Sixteenth street, comprising about sixty nerse, free of all expense, except we are ouiged to remove two or three small houses from said land and to rent at \$12 per month a cottage on said land, which can be used for exposition purposes.

tion purposes.
"We are offered the tract lying north of the old fair grounds and south of Ames avenue, comprising about lifteen acres, free of all rent."

standard, will be a free seller and that the price will be still further reduced. Continuing the Westminster Gazette remarks:

"As regards the immediate future, much depends upon the action of the American holders, who have lately been offering the white metal freely. The feeling at the moment is that the selling is rather overdone and that the low price will undoubtedly induce continental buying."

Bayard Thanks the Lord Mayor.
LONDON, March 17.—Mr. Bayard has written a letter, effusive in thanks, to Lord Mayor Phillips, for the hospitality extended to him at the recent Mansion house banquet. He describes the function as "a white stone of the report was followed by the reading of the report was followed by the report was followed by the reading proposes and that the city for

Inner referred to in the report.

The reading of the report was followed by a running fire of questions from different directors. The details of the idea were quickly brought out and then Superintendent Geraldine was called upon as an expessition expert to express his opinion as to the comparative merits of Miller park and the comparative merits of Miller park and the proposed site for exposition purposes EXPENSE WILL BE LIGHTER. In reply Mr. Geraldine said that in the

light of his experience in the exposition busi-ness he regarded the fair grounds site as by far the best of the two. He stated that the buildings could be erected much cheaper