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United States and Spain.

all official circles today, as the time for

Spain's final answer to the specific repre-

sentations of the United States draws near.

The State department has received a cable-

gram from Minister Woodford at Madrid expressing in a general way his hopefulness

that a solution would be had and that his interview with Premier Sagasta and the

ministry is set for 4 o'clock this afternoon, following the cabinet council at noce. This

cabinet council is one of two held regularly during the week, but the noon meeting of

Thursday has the added importance of hav-

ing the queen regent present and presiding. The difference in time between Washington

and Madrid is such that these meetings are

held early in the day, according to our time, but this is offset by the time required for

transmitting even official dispatches an-

councing results. While the hopeful tenor of General Woodford's dispatches gives some

ground for assurance, yet it is appreciated here that he speaks from the situation as it

presents itself at Madrid, and this counct take into account the conditions which have

arisen on this side and the apparent dif-

ferences of understanding between Washing-

ton and Madrid as to what constitutes the actual desires of the United States

government. The understanding at Ma-

not involved in the present negotiations. At

the same time the view in Washington is that the independence of the island is the

It is difficult to account for this differ-

ence at the two capitols on the most vital features of the negotiation. There is no

doubt that the authorities here regard the immediate cessation of hostilities and such

may be some differences as to just how or

essential feature of any plan of sectlement.

conveyed

patches from other high sources,

tention of postponing action until Menday, in view of the communications the president

yesterday and today. It was said that they

did not wish to embarrass the president when he felt that pending diploma is regotia-

The committee adjourned at noon without

action. There was a general exchange of views and it was decided that it was only

fair to the administration to give it the few

days asked to see if the demands the presi-

dent has made will be agreed to by Spain

The democrats of the committee attempted

publicans, standing by their agreement of

yesterday to wait until Monday, steadily set

their faces against having their hards forced

until Monday. They stated that if the present negotiations failed they would be willing

to act on Monday. Mr. Clark (dem., Mo.) moved that the sub-committee on the Cuban

question be discharged from the further con-

sideration of his resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba, and all kindred reso-

lutions. No vote was taken on this propo-sition, the republicans occupying the time

until the hour of adjournment in discussing

the situation and arguing that the presi-

dent, in courtesy, should have the few ad-ditional days he had asked before action was

Mr. Adams, who saw the president this

Mr. Clark's motion was pending when the

Mr. Quigg at 11 o'clock moved an adjourn-

Mr. Pearson's amendment was withdrawn

ing for Protection.

corps called attention to the fact that for

twenty-five years urgent appeals have been made to congress for money to construct defensive works, but in many instances these

requests have been ignored. They believe that all the money available should be ex-

pended on the larger cities, as the proba-bility of attacks on the smaller towns where

FIRE RECORD.

Mr. Pearson moved an amendment te the day to which the adjourn-

action,

before taking aggressive action.

force immediate

ceed or fail before Monday.

committee adjourned.

a condition as will bring about independence, morning, said the negotiations would suc-

tions chould be given more time. All republicans seem agreed upon this point.

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The Unity guild will hold a Lenten tea this afternoon at the residence Gretzer on East Pierce street. at the residence of Mrs. John Don't you think it must be a pretty good

aundry that can please so many hundreds of customers? Well—that's the "Eagle," 724 The regular meeting of Relief corps No. will be held at Grand Army hall this proon. The secretary announces busiiess of importance and requests a full at-

Mts. Callie Howe, who is making a tour of the country under the auspices of the Christian Temperance union, will speak at the Latter Day Saints' church next nday afternoon at 2:30 and in the evening

Rev. Perkins of the Christian tabernacle of the school there will be a meeting of the achers to complete the plans for the Easter entertainment to be given on Saturday of next week. All friends of the school are the slot machines to be returned?" cordially invited to be present and take part. asked. Invitations have been received by the the University of Omaha this evening.

Among the young men who will finish their

"I don't want to commit myself."

"I don't want to commit myself."

"Have you made any promises to the slot."

f people, who will form a party and attend nen of the Congregational church at the ome of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Squire, No. 203 tory street, to which all their friends are invited. Mr. Squire will give a talk on his trip to Aleska. A number of interesting curios will be on exhibition, and there will music, refreshments, palm reading, etc. be carried on?" ilssion 25 cents. Through mistake the announced in the papers for Fri-

C. B. Viava Co., female remedy; consulta-on free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. He ith book farmaned. 326-327-328 Merriam

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Millinery Opening. Grand Easter display of hats and bonnets at Mizs Sprink's Friday and Saturday, April

Grape Growers' Meeting. The Grape Growers' association will hold in important meeting tomorrow afternoon In Farmers' hall, in the basement of the county court house. The subject for conexposition. The association has determined to make a most creditable display of the vineyard products of Pottawattamie nty, and the plans and all of the details be presented and discussed. Prof. F. Taylor of Omaha, superintendent of the partment of horticulture of the state, will present and address the growers with ers of the association are enthusiastically in favor of making an exhibit that will fully creditable to the county, and have meeting the general plans will be

ned and perhaps agreed upon.
e feature that will be discussed is the sect of arranging for a "Pottawattamie position of encouraging their return. of grapes will be taken into the ng of the association held last winter matter was introduced and discussne length, and the fact adduced that of the members present were very much iat other fruit days be designated, when the crowds of exposition visitors. will mean the inauguration of a "raspberry ay." and several days with proper pomologiit exposition visitors will be treated to a A full attendance of the members of the lation to requested at the meeting to-

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and Mrs, Albin Huster have just re od from Europe and are prepared to show it this city. Their spring opening display occur on Friday and Saturday next, and Excellent music will be furnished for eccasion on Friday evening.

Poultry wire at J. Zoller & Co. Poultry wire at J. Zoller & Co.

JENNINGS HOLDS A CONFERENCE. Mayor-Elect Takes Counsel with

Members of the Council. Mayor-Elect Jennings held a long secret ference last evening in the office of Judge plesworth with the old and new members of the council, discussing the appointments be will submit at the regular meeting next Monday evening. One of the questions disnumed was the awkward power held by the republican members of the council. It decided that some sort of a compromise would be necessary, but the character of it ntion of City Clerk Philips and may ke a notion to include the chief of the department, who has the power of ap-It is believed, however, that the rewill consent to compromise upon clerk and let the democrats have the fire department with its twenty-odd ap-

While the conference was in progress a umber of applicants for a position hung round the vicinity of the stairway leading to the law office anxiously awaiting the nembers might be able to give them assur-nces that their names were written in the ew mayor's book of appointments. All of men are demanding an absolutely clean of all republican appointees in all of e departments, even at the risk of tem-

the placing of new men in their places. Do not fall to attend Mrs. Pfeiffer's milnery opening April 1 and 2.

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#### JENNINGS AND THE GAMBLERS

Ugly Rumor Affort Concerning a Deal for Restoration of Games.

MAYOR-ELECT HAS NOTHING TO SAY

Declines to Affirm or Deny a Report that He Will Sanction Slot Machines and a Wide Open Town.

Will the slot machines and all of the innumerable gambling devices that characterize a "wide open town" be permitted to run in Council Bluffs under the administration of Mayor Jennings? This question was repeated so frequently yesterday and in so many quarters as to arouse a suspicion that Mayor-elect Jennings had given the gamblers and the slot machine workers some sort of a tacit understanding that the privilege of setting up gambling devices would be granted. Mr. Jennings seemed to have will talk to the girls of the Industrial school no interest in the matter. At 6 o'clock last comprow afternoon at 2:30. At the close evening the matter was placed before Mr. Jennings by a representative of The Bee. "Will you, when you become mayor, allow

> "I haven't considered the matter at all." "Will you consider it now far enough to

> machine gamblers that you will permit them to resume their business and not interfere with them during your administration?"
> "I haven't considered the matter."
> "Will you under any circumstances permit

> this kind of gambling to be resumed Council Bluffs? "I have nothing to say now." "Are you going to permit the slot ma-

> "I have nothing to say." "It is stated positively that you have agreed that there shall be no interference with any sort of gambling. The Bee desires

> authority from you to contradict this state-ment. Will you give it?" "I have nothing to say about the matter, have not considered it." "Are you in favor of gambling and will you favor it instead of uphold the laws you will be sworn to uphold?"

"I haven't considered the matter and don't want to commit myself. "One other mayor of this city was given just two days to close up the gambling houses and shut up the slot machines," said I. M. Treynor, "and Mr. Jennings will not be given that long. I will hire an attorney the first day to presecute and I will only be one of hundreds ready to do the same thing. The grand jury will be given plenty of work to do and the new mayor will find that he s just as amenable to the laws as the man who runs a gambling device. No matter what agreement Mr. Jennings has made with the gamblers, there will be no slot machines

allowed during his administration. County Attorney Saunders declared that he would be the first to take the necessary steps to enforce the law and would lay the matter before the grand jury at the present term of the district court if the offenses were given in time for the matter to be in-

Another citizen declared that the new mayor would encounter such an opposition that would be too strong for a much stronger man than he is likely to prove himself to be. Several saloon keepers who have had ma-chines in their places were seen and every them condemned the devices and hoped the new mayor would not take the

Pictures of Ireland numbers should taken to Morehouse & Co. for binding.

Poultry wire at J. Zoller & Co. Dr. Reller, osteopath, Beno block. CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS.

Transmississippi Association Meets and Talks Over Finances. The meeting of the Transmississippi association at the Grand hotel last evening was devoted chiefly to the discussion of the financial problems that have always been inseparable from the deliberations of the association. President Graham reported that he had received some unsolicited additions to building fund and that many inquiries had been made by business men and others, which showed a growing interest in the ob-jects of the association. Dr. Barstow thought the present subscription was worth about \$3,000, or could be made to represent that amount of available cash. Secretary Judson reported that he has experienced little diff-

culty in making the collections upon the Word was sent by the women who have undertaken to assist the association in its work of raising funds that they had practically completed arrangements for giving four entertainments. The first will be given two weeks from last night. It will be in the nature of a stereopticon entertainment, showing recent pictures of things in Cuba, accompanied by a lecture. The name of the lecturer was not given, but it is understood that Mr. Fitch will be the person. A meeting will be held in the ordinary of the Grand hotel on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to perfect the arrangements for this entertainment. The next entertainment will occur four weeks hence and will be given by the Rosedale club, a very enthusiastic association of young people who have demonstrated their ability to give a high class show. The Mandolin Glee club will be the feature of the next show, which will be ntertainment of the series will be a "Pottawattamie pow-wow," in which the society young people of the city will take part. It s believed that this series of entertainments will result in turning into the treasury of

the association not less than \$1,000. The button question was reverted and the secretary stated that several hundred butons were in the hands of the juvenile selling committees under the charge of the women. out no reports had been made. Dr. Barstow thought it would be a good plan to have another committee appointed to assist in this work and at his suggestion Wright was appointed as chairman of such

committee with instructions to appoint from the members his co-workers. General Test reported that he had been in onference with insurance companies relative getting their assistance in helping along he wigwam business and had received favorable replies from a number of them. Applications were presented from the man ufacturers of two acetylene gas making de vices, offering to light the wigwam free for the privilege of showing their apparatus. The association will meet again on Monday

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J. A. B. clgar leads 'em ali. Preparing Annual Reports.

The heads of the departments in the city government are busy preparing their annual reports, which will be submitted to the council at the regular meeting on Monday evening. These reports are a month late on account of the changes made by the new city incorporation laws, which make the fiscal year close at the end of March, in-stead of February, as formerly. The police department will show several interesting things, among them a larger number of ar-

the saloon licenses, will be smaller for any year since 1892. The police court fines and forfeitures show up very favorably with previous years, and so far as completed yesterday afternoon and placed in the hands of the city clerk are as fol-lows: For March, 1897, \$97.50; April, \$125.54; May, \$179.80; June, \$128.30; July, \$176.30 August, \$120.90; September, \$116.75; October \$153.16; November, \$124.20; December, \$80.70 January, 1898, \$120.80. A portion of these fines and forfeitures comprise the regular license fees exacted from the inmates of

Farm and garden seeds at J. Zoller & Co. Lumbermen in Conference.

ouses of ill fame.

dispute.

SIOUX CITY, March 31 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The annual convention of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association was held in Sloux City today. The association is comthe retail lumber dealers of this section. To this end annual meetings are held. The next meeting of the association will be held at

James H. Bolton, the present deputy clerk of the federal court, has been notified of his appointment as collector of customs at the port of Sloux City. He will try to retain

Legislature Falls to Adjourn. DES MOINES, March 31.-The general asinto a tangle over the joint resolution rein the state house which could not raveled. The assembly could not adjourn until this bill had passed, so it was referred ascembly could not adjourn WRS back to the appropriations committee, which

> go through tomorrow morning. Young Man Arrested. BOONE, Ia., March 31-(Special Telegram.) opening a letter which did not belong to him and having a money order cashed which belonged to a man by the same name. His

father is lying at the point of death and can survive but a few hours. Preacher Wants to Be Congressman. IRETON, Ia., March 31.-(Special.)-Chaplain Jessie Cole, one of the best known orators in northwest Iowa, at present pastor of Methodist church here, and formerly presiding elder in this district, has yielded to the solicitations of friends and will be a

candidate for congress in this district. DUBUQUE, Ia., March 31 .- (Special.)-It is now settled that Joseph Morgan, long time private secretary to Senator Allison, and at present one of the proprietors and publishers of the Daily Times, is to be the next postmaster of Dubuque. There were sev-

eral candidates. Iowa Business Notes. The town of Charter Oak voted for a gas

franchice last Monday. A movement is on foot to extend the ctreet lighting facilities of Hamburg. The new county insane asylum in Wapello will soon be ready for occupancy. The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway will build a new roundflouse in Arm-

strong this spring. A Sloux City business house is hereafter be conducted on a profit sharing basic for all employes and customers. Sac county has no floating debt and will

able to pay off its entire bonded in lebtedness by 1904, when the bonds fall due. Heinz, the great Pittsburg pickle manuacturer, is arranging to colarge his plant in Muscatine. He will build a two or threestory addition. The University of Pennsylvania has ac-

quired one of the oldest of the Des Mories hotels, the Aborn, under a mortgage, and a receiver is in charge until a settlement is The contract for the rebuilding of the Palace hotel at Corydon has been let to Budd take another two days' work in committee.

The foundation has been etak out and the work will commence as soon as the weather permits. The city of Des Moines recently offered \$800,000 for the water works in that city and it is reported the company is about

ready to accept the offer rather than have the city build an independent system. Iowa Legislative Comment. Creston Gazette: The legislature will ad-journ this week, with an unusally good record. It is to be commended for what it lid, also for what it failed to do.

Keokuk Gate City: Taking it up one side and down the other, and looking at it both o the light of what it has done and what it has refused to do, the present general as-sembly is entitled to be regarded as the pest lowa has had for a number of years. Sioux City Journal: Mistakes of omission and commission the assembly has doubt-less made. It was a human body. These errors time will develop and future legislatures rectify. But on the whole the general verdict will be that the Twenty-seventh general assembly was a hard-working and a right-intentioned body.

Des Moines News: We repeat that this egislature is one of the best ever convened in Iowa. No party can claim the praise of The large body of democrats in both houses have had much to do in passing nearly all the meritorious measures. The work of the legislature has been all the better because it has been so largely non-

THE UMBRELLA ON THE SEA.

fever Raised Aboard Ship, but Used

When the Ship is in Port. No man before the mast ever carries an

umbrella as a part of his outfit, reports the New York Sun, but the officers of deep water ships usually do carry them. The umbrella thus carried is never raised aboard ship, but arrived in port it may be brought into use at once. The captain of a ship anchored in harbor in a tropical region and going ashore in an open boat, perhaps without an awning, to be carried for a considerable listance exposed to the sun, would be very likely to carry his umbrella along and to raise it for his comfort and protection. In such a port an officer of a ship whose duites called him along the shore would be very

likely to carry his umbrella.

Umbrellas would not be likely to be carried for protection from the sun in such s place as New York; but even here one neet a sea captain, a stalwart, bronzed man. who looked as though he had been exposed to the sun and the wind all his life and as though he could stand any exposure, as very probably he could, carrying a yellow sun umbrella for his greater comfort here, or that he is a captain who spends the greater part of his time, or a large part of t, in tropical waters, and that he carries his

imbrella ashore here because he is accusomed to carrying it. The umbrella that the efficer of a ship arries most commonly is silk, just such is would be carried ashore, and which would suitable for protection either from the sun or the rain. He might need this um-brella in any port he visited for the pur-poses of a rain umbrella. If his ship were tied up here, for instance, to a wharf in South street and he should come ashore and go uptown on a rainy day, he would not ap pear in Broadway in sea togs. His apparel would be just like that of the men he met and he would be quite as likely as they to carry an umbrella; which he would do on going ashore under like circumstances in

any port round the world. War Risks Advance.

NEW YORK, March 31.-Rates on "war risks" advanced sharply today, some marine underwriters asking 50 per cent more than yesterday. "War risks" upon American steamships sailing tomorrow for the east coast of South Africa were taken at I per cent. American sailing vessels, accepted yesterday for 2 per cent, brought 3 per cent today. Rates for future sailing were proportionately higher. Shipments to sulf ports figured largely in the transactions.

previous year in the history of the city. EXPECTS TO ADJOURN TODAY

Legislature One Day Late in Finishing the HOT TIME OCCURS'IN BOTH BRANCHES

printion Bills Which Continues for Some Time Rush of the Closing Business. DES MOINES, March 31 .- (Special Tele-

Remarkable Deadlock Over Appro-

gram.)-The legislature was expected to adjourn at noon today, but at 5 o'clock this posed of retail lumber dealers in northwest- afternoon was still at work. The clock's ern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota, and hands stopped and another session will be its objects are to look after the interests of held tomorrow forement will doubt. held tomorrow forenoon, when it will doubtless conclude its work and finally adjourn. There was a remarkable deadlock between the two houses during the forenoon and re-

lations had not been adjusted till late in the afternoon. It was all on account of a fight in the house against certain bills which passed the senate last week to reduce the support funds of the state institutions. The bills had been lost sight of in the house sembly did not adjourn today according to and this morning the senate leaders became schedule. The members of the senate got | Suspicious that there was a plan to throttle them in the lower body. Efforts were made flucing the salaries of some of the employes to ascertain what had become of them and it was learned that part of them were in the house appropriations committee and the rest in the sifting committee. Then presdevised a compromise on the salaries in sure was brought to bear on the chairmen dispute. It is believed this compromise will of these committees to get the bills out, but without avail. They refused to do anything. The situation became so acute that the senate finally took a recess and word was sent to the house, in a private way, -Fred Martin, a young man who has served that the senate would go on a strike and in the regular army, was arrested here for remain there till the house manifested a disposition to consider those bills.

The senate was in recess over an hour. At the end of that time Chairman Merriam of the house appropriations committee brought in the bills that were in his committee and they were taken up and passed by the house, but the most important of by the house, but the most important of duction of the support funds of the insane asylums, was in the sifting committee, of which Representative Eaton is chairman. Mr. Eaton repeatedly denied that the bills were in his committee. He declared that they were not there and had not been referred to it. A long time was lost in efforts to locate them and finally it was learned from other members of the sifting committee that the bills were there and that the committee had decided not to bring them

There was new trouble, for the senate leaders were determined to force the com-mittee to bring them out. Finally it was announced to Mr. Eaton that unless he brought out those bills a certain pet measure of his, a bill to provide for boards of examiners for the affairs of county offiers, would be killed in the senate. the desired effect. Mitchell brought out the insane asylum bill and it was passed. So much time had been spent that it was now after noon and a recess was taken for

AFTERNOON SESSION. The afternoon was devoted to work on the appropriation and other bills. The resolution rom the joint committee on retrenchment and reform to cut down the salaries of the state house employes was considered at length in the senate and defeated, receiving three votes less than a constitutional majority. Then another deadlock resulted, this time in the senate. The omnibus appropriations bill had been prepared on the assumption that these reductions of salaries were to be made and the appropriations committee announced that it would not do to pass the appropriations bill in its present form without also passing the re-trenchment resolution. It was declared This frightened the opponents of the res-

olution. They asked a recess of the senate and went into a caucus to consider what action they would take. The result was that they agreed on a modification of the resoluion which fixes the calaries at a compromise between the first report and the present basis. When they returned it was under-stood that they would allow a reconsideraion of the resolution and adopt it if amended on the basis demanded by them. was finally agreed that this should be done, but that it would require a session tomorrow. Accordingly the adjournment resolution was reconsidered and the hour of adjournment fixed at noon Friday. CHESHIRE AMENDMENT DIES.

In the house the Cheshire amendment met tragio death. It had passed the senate unanimously, but strong opposition was developed in the house and today, after a long fight, it was killed. The sifting committee refused to report it out and Ray presented a resolution to instruct the committee to report it. A motion to lay this on the table failed and the vote was taken on the original motion. The clerk approunced the result as 45 yeas and 44 nays, and the motion was delived and the table. But a form where the table tabl clared laid on the table. But a few minutes after it was learned that the roll call had not been properly recorded; that two members who voted in the negative were not recorded and that had they been recorded the motion would have been defeated. Later a motion was made to reconsider the first vote and force the measure out. This falled by a considerable majority and the measure was

The only business to be done tomorrow is passing the general appropriations bill and the Eater measure, on which there will be a fight; also to reorganize and adopt or will cause a big fight in the house. reached by noon. On the whole, today's were about the most sensational closing hours that an Iowa assembly has known in many years. All kinds of charges and counter-charges were made, the feeling between

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS. The democratic state central committee met here this afternoon to fix the place zed large enough attendance to make action adboth bidders for the convention. It was dea date probably later than September 1, the date of the republican convention, will be named.

The convention also considered propositions from two concerns that want to establish the backing of the state committee. One the Iowa Homestead company of this city which owns the Homestead and other agricultural papers, has a great newspaper of the company and assures the committee that he has the capital and plant and wants only the backing of the committee. The other concern is headed by Horace M. Rebok, now editor of the Tama Democrat, and some wealthy men who hay they will put up \$50,000 cash to start the paper, and only want the committee to stand by it. Some of the democratic members of the legislature appeared and wanted the committee to adopt a resolution condemning the Des Moines Leader, the only democratic paper now at the capital, but the committee declined to do so. No action was taken in the matter of the silver daily, but it is believed that for establishing one are better that ever before.

The Future.

when these results are to be reached, but there appears to be no doubt that the results themselves are expected in this counment. try as the ultimate end of any negotiation. How far Spain will accede to the American ment should be taken to Saturday, and Mr. propositions can only be conjectured. Gen-eral Woodford's dispatch is the most hopeof the democratic fight against any furful indication, and yet, as already stated, this may relate to features of settlement ther delay whatever, moved to meet tomorcow. less advanced than those generally under-stood here as the requirements suitable to and Mr. Williams' veted down by a strict the case. If the complete independence of party vote, Mr. Quigg's motion was then agreed to. States government there is reason to be-The members of the committee present were: Messrs Adams (Pa.), acting chalelieve that the situation may become exremely grave. man in the absence of Mr. Hitt; Quigg (N. On the other questions involved, the cessa-Y.), Cousins (la.), Smith (Mich.), Heatwole on of hostilities and the relief of the recon-(Minn.), Pearson (N. C.), and Henry (Ind.). centrador, the hopeful outlook is much republicans; Messrs. Dinemore (Ark.), stronger. The dispatches received by the Spanish legation last night, stating that the (Mo.), Williams (Miss.), and Howard (Ga.).

econcentrado decree had been revoked in the

eastern provinces of Cuba, is looked upon

as a significant step in the direction of the demands made by the United States and the order issued by General Blanco extend-ing it to Havana and the western provinces is an even more significant act.

As to the cessation of hostilities, there are evidences that this also may be favorin the way appears to be that the Spanish while at the same time the insurgents continue in arms. There is no doubt that this branch of the proposition is being very maturely considered at Madrid.

The State department and the Spanish legation maintain an outward aspect of

serenity today, despite the critical conditions existing. Among the callers at the State department, this being diplomatic day, were the German ambascador, the Austrian minister, the Venezuelan minister and Mr. McArthur, secetary of the United States legation at Madeid, who has just arrived from Spain. The presence of the Austrian minister, Mr. von Hengelmuller, was of more than passing interest, owing to the close relations between Spain and Austria and the reports on a number of fortifications already partition. Vienna that the Austrian minister at on a number of fortifications already partition. Washington was instructed to aid in any as a result of the recommendations of the Washington was instructed by France toward media. retary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Day. The State department officials were reticent as to the purpose of his call. It is power thus far has taken the first step toward mediation, although it will not be un-expected, and it even apprecianted at any time. The French arbassador, M. Cambon,

department, so that it was apparent that France had not yet determined to make the first overtures for mediation. of mediation to being seriously discussed on actual factor in the situation if a war crisis develops within the next few days. A mem-ber of the corps said today that mediation preceded a declaration of war, and that if he great powers took any action it would follow quickly when it became apparent, as the result of Spain's reply, that an inevitable conflict was at hand. He said also that under such circumstances before congress took up the consideration of the recently proposed declarations of war it would be advised through the executive branch that the powers desired a few days delay in order that their friendly influences might erted in order to avert war. This diplo matic officer did not state this as an actual program now contemplated, but as the usual

procedure suggested by the present tendency The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, maintains his usual composure. His endurance has been placed to a test within the past ten days, for hardly a night passes that he and file entire staff are not engaged until 2 and 3 in the morning. When the critical condition of affairs was suggested to him this morning, he shook his head, indicating that he believed the apprehension was mag-nified, and suggested that as he had received an invitation to dine with a distinguished official the latter part of April it was hardly

### Two Fires at Hastings.

reasonably small.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 31 .- (Special.)-At 10 o'clock this morning the large barn belonging to William Stewart was burned to the ground. Three fine horses, one cow one buggy, one phaeton and three or four sets of harness were destroyed. The loss will reach over \$1,000, partly insured. It is thought the fire was incendiary.

The fire department was called to the Bostwick hotel at 6 o'clock this morning to extinguish a fire which originated in the kitchen. The prompt response of the departdued before much damage was done.

Illinois Town Wiped Out. CHICAGO, March 31.-Fire today detroved most of the business section of Barrinton, Ill., twenty-eight miles west of Chicago. Fifteen persons, most of them boarders at the Vermyla hotel, barely escaped with their lives. Loss, \$42,000. In

Business Troubles of a Day. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.-W. H. Byers, doing business as Cannon & Byers wholesale millinery, at 517 West Main street assigned today to John M. Byers. Assets are estimated at \$60,000; liabilities, \$70,000 probable that the would be called upon to I The bulk of the creditors are in the east.

## "RUGBY"

Is the name of the new style Felt Hat to be worn by both boys and girls this spring. Light colors seem to be preferable and we have a new line of them to show you. We have also just received an invoice of those round Cloth Hats that the girls are so

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democrats,
While the committee was in eession, Repesentative Marsh of Illinois, who has a resolution before the committee for a declaration, went to the door of the committee and attempted to gain admission. The committee, however, had given the door-keeper instructions neither to allow any one to enter nor to bring in a card. Mr. March said he desired to urge the committee, if they decided to formulate a declaration of war not to slight the blowing up of the

Mable. "The murder of our sailors by Snain." said he. "is the strongest ground upon which we can go to war." Smaller Towns Along the Coast Ask-WASHINGTON, March 31 .- Many applications are being received at the engineer's office of the War department from small

with these requests, as there are no funds available for the purpose. The allotments

ered to any part of the city.-Telephone 360. Mail orders

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The Future.

Detroit Journal; The soothsayer gazed into the tender paim and shuddered; for she was herself a woman.

"You are brave?" she asked, anxiously.

"Tell me ail!" commanded the beautiful creature, firmly.

"As you will, then! Your husband is going to bring company home to dinner!"

Presently a figure might have been observed flitting through the crowded thoroughfares in a street car; and it was heavily veiled, and sobbed loudly ever and anon.

the two houses was extremely bitter and there was bad blood everywhere.

date for the democratic state convention and consider other matters. There was not a cided to meet again May 3, when Burlington is likely to be chosen as the location, and