PAWNEE AND PROSPERITY

All Towns in the County Show a Wonderful Increase in Business.

NO VACANT BUILDINGS ARE TO BE FOUND

Bank Deposits Are Steadily Growing, While Wheat Raising and Cattle Feeding Are Very Much in Evidence.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Pawnee county people are enjoying a full share of the prosperity so general over the state. In all the towns of the county there has been a wonderful increase in business in the last two years. Not only have the vacant store rooms been all filled, but the vacant dwellings have likewise been tenanted and there is much talk of new buildings during the season. This is especially the case here, where there has been such a large increase in population that there is a scarcity of rooms for dwellings, and such a crowding of the schools that the erection of a third school building is deemed absolutely necessary. This in spite of the fact that the academy of the United Presbyterian church for the states of Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas is located here, and has such an excellent course of study and other advantages that its local attendance is large.

To show the prosperous condition of this county it is only necessary to state that on March 1 of this year the seven banks of the county contained deposits amounting to a total of $373,120. During the month of March the deposits increased at the rate of $1,400 per day, including Sundays, so that on April 1 the banks held $425,000 of the people's money, a large share of it belonging to the farmers. The population of the county is about 11,000, so that the bank deposits amount to a little over $36 per capita for the entire county. None of the banks handle any of the state funds and less than $30,000 of the total deposit is county money. The increase in individual deposits in one year has been over $100,000.

WHEAT ACREAGE.

Last year the acreage of wheat in Pawnee county was 12,000 and the average yield was about twenty bushels per acre, making a total of 240,000 bushels. It is estimated that the acreage this year is fully 25 per cent greater than in 1897. The winter and spring has been so favorable that the grain is now in excellent condition and a bountiful crop is almost assured, as the principal trouble encountered by wheat raisers in this locality in the past has been from winter killing. There are three flouring mills in the county and a new one is just being fitted up at Pawnee City, the demand for grist mills being great where so many of the farmers are raising their own wheat.

A large number of cattle are being fed in this county, probably more than at any time in the past. Careful feeders find the business profitable in spite of the fact that pasturage is now so limited that it costs about the same to summer stock as it does to winter. One feeder living about a mile from Pawnee City has been engaged in feeding cattle for the last five years, carrying on his farming operations at the same time. He has in his yards at the present time 150 head of cattle and is feeding in two lots. Most of the cattle were bought as yearlings and are all native cattle, the feeder finding that the best profits come from the feeding of high-grade cattle. During the last two years the average price paid for yearlings or spring calves has been $20, and the owner has weighed the feed and kept a strict book account of every expense, every gain in weight and the profits of sales, so that he can tell exactly how much money can be made in the business. He figures the expense as follows: Purchase price of yearlings, $20; pasturage through the summer, $3; grain and rough feed for winter, $5; pasturage for following summer, $3. Up to this time the cattle have cost $31 per head. The feeder figures that counting losses and risk the average cost will be $33, and that the animals will average 1,100 pounds, so that the cost so far has been 3 cents per pound. He then puts them in the feed yard for six months, during which time they will each eat twenty-five pounds of corn per day, or a total of eighty bushels. The average cost of the corn is figured at 25 cents per bushel and the hay and rough feed consumed during the six months brings the cost of each animal up to $55. But the cattle now weigh 1,500 apiece, and bring the feeder an average price of $4.50 per 100 pounds, counting one season after another. A large number of hogs are kept in the yard during the feeding time and a profit of $7.50 on each steer is counted in the matter of hog feed, so that the total profit is $20 per head.

TWO METHODS.

This feeder has two ways of feeding, and for this purpose he keeps two lots on hand all the time. He buys yearlings for the second lot at the same price of $30 per head and pays $3 for summer pasture. Then he puts them in the yard for a solid year of feeding, at the end of which time they will weigh 1,700 pounds and bring 5 cents per pound on the market. They each consume twenty pounds of corn per day for the year, at a cost of $32.50. The rough feed for each costs $5, and up to the time of marketing the total cost is $60.50. They sell for $85, and the hog feed has been worth $10 more. There is no mistake in these figures, as this particular feeder has been in the business for five years, has followed the plans mentioned above and has kept as strict account of every item of expense and profit as if he were keeping the books for a banking institution. In the figures above he has made no estimate of the value of the manure, which is considerable when taken from the yards and spread upon the land.

That there are large profits in cattle feeding, even in Pawnee county where land is valuable and feed is high, there is not the slightest doubt, although many here as elsewhere fail to realize it because of poor judgment in buying, scant feeding of young cattle and general poor management.

Educational Exhibit.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—County Superintendent L. H. Leavy was busy all last week receiving the educational exhibits from the different schools in the county to be sent to the Transmississippi Exposition. Nearly every district in the county is represented and some of the designs are very unique and original.

Agnes Mostak has brought suit in the district court here against P. E. McKillup for damages in the sum of $3,000. She alleges in the petition that one day last January the defendant assaulted her with a deadly weapon, shot at her and threatened to kill her and otherwise ill-treated her. The parties live in the northern part of the county.

Platte County Mortgage Record.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Following is the mortgage indebtedness record for Platte county for the month of March, 1898: Fifty-three farm mortgages filed, $53,986.72; same released, ninety-three, $87,103.21; town and city mortgages filed, three, $650.00; same released, nine, $4,825.15; chattle mortgages filed, ninety, $32,459.01; same released, 129, $29,605.50. It will be seen that the real estate mortgages released for the month exceed those filed by something over $33,000.

Teachers' Association Closes.

NORFOLK, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—The Northwestern Teachers' association has closed its session after electing the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. J. Williams of Columbus; vice president, R. H. Wade of Neligh; secretary, Lucy Williams of Norfolk; treasurer, G. F. Burkett of Schuyler. Norfolk was selected as the place for holding the meeting next year.

Ben Westerville, who was mail agent on the Omaha & Norfolk local, went insane about 1 o'clock last night. He was confined in the city jail until noon today, at which time he was taken to Omaha, where his family reside and where it is hoped by careful nursing he will soon recover.

Impeachment Action Dismissed.

TRENTON, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—The proceedings instituted before the county commissioners of this county for the impeachment of County Attorney Lewis H. Blackledge for maladministration in office were heard yesterday before the county commissioners at Trenton and upon motion the complaint was dismissed. The complainant, however, promised to further investigate the matter.

The ground in Hitchcock county, while being moist a little below the surface, is beginning to be quite dry at the top and farmers are beginning to speak of the need of moisture. It is predicted, however, that the recent cold, dry weather will do away with the grasshoppers.

School Exhibit.

FRIEND, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—One of the greatest attractions ever seen in this city is an exhibition of the work of the High school pupils. The walls of one store building are completely covered with exhibits from the different grades and consist of primary work, drawing, composition, writing, map drawing and illustrated maps, geography, mathematics, grammar, history, physiology, botany, geometry and other branches. The Friend band furnished music for the hundreds of visitors yesterday afternoon. The pupils and teachers will forward a collection of their work to be exhibited at the Transmississippi Exposition.

Busy Burglars.

FREMONT, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—The dwelling house of J. H. Peters, near the Elkhorn river between Nickerson and Fontanelle, was entered by burglars Friday night, the rooms on the lower floor ransacked and considerable property taken, a gold watch belonging to Mr. Peters and a present to him being the most valuable article taken. Mr. and Mrs. Peters were asleep upstairs at the time and did not discover the burglary until the next morning. There is no clue to the thieves. Indications are that two men did the business.

Burglars at Work.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—The saloon of John Peysen of Covington was burglarized Friday night and a shotgun and cartridges, set of silver spoons, whisky and cigars were taken. Rome Sumners, a resident of Walker's island, was yesterday arrested, charged with the crime and taken before Judge Ryan, where he pleaded guilty and was bound over to the district court. Sumners is an old offender, having served jail sentences twice the last year. The property was all found buried on his premises.

Grain Company Organized.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Another farmers' grain company has been organized by farmers of Adams county. Articles will be filed tomorrow incorporating the Farmers' Grain and Supply company, with the following well known farmers as stockholders: J. T. Maddock, Cyrus Forney, E. T. Winters, Jesse Doty, O. M. Doty, George Carter, T. J. Cooperrider, T. J. Brenner, Louis E. Doty. The company will have an office at Hastings and operate in Adams county.

Terrific Snow Storm.

LINCOLN, April 3.—Telegrams received at the Burlington headquarters say a terrific snowstorm is raging along its line in south, central and western part of the state. From Holdredge west the snow has been heavy and continuous through the day and telegraph wires are prostrated. In Lincoln and vicinity there has been a downpour of rain since morning.

Alleged Bank Robber Arraigned.

ST. PAUL, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Otto Warwick, supposed to be one of the Barber bank robbers and caught in Omaha on Thursday, was brought in by Sheriff Labowitz yesterday afternoon and arraigned before Judge H. L. Cook. He pleaded not guilty and his preliminary hearing was set for April 12.

Collection for Cuban Relief.

LYONS, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—A collection was taken up for the Cuban relief at the Methodist church this morning after a sermon by its pastor, J. M. Bothwell, on the suffering in Cuba. Eighty dollars was the result.

Rain at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A steady rain today gave Adams county a two-inch rainfall. This puts the ground in excellent condition for spring plowing.

Nebraska News Notes.

The Carleton creamery has commenced operations.

Lexington people have organized a law and order league.

Robert Pearson of Ionia shot and killed a wild swan that measured from tip to tip six feet and from toe to head six feet.

According to rumor the B. & M. has bought some land at McCandless Switch, between Nemaha and Shubert, and proposes to lay out a town there.

The State Sunday School association has set apart Sunday, May 1, as a Sunday school day to be especially observed to promote the interests of Sunday school workers.

Jules Eccoffee of Gordon roped a huge wild cat one day last week near his place, which he brought to town alive caged in a pine box. That night it gnawed its way out of the box and escaped.

A stabbing affray occurred at Tamora on Tuesday night, a man named Castle being cut by one Noyes. Castle was severely cut in the back, but it is believed that the injury will not be dangerous. No arrests have been made.

Judge Westover of the district court has ordered that the commissioners of Box Butte county convene and take action on the petition presented to them praying for an election to decide whether the county seat shall be removed from Hemingford to Alliance.

C. N. Horton, United States attorney from Washington, D. C., was in Sidney last week inquiring into Indian depredation claims against the government which have been pending many years. The Van Tassle claim has among other items a request for pay for 400 head of cattle alleged to have been done away with in 1874.

The 13-year-old son of Si Buck, who lives near Ewing, had his head blown off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. It appears that the boy was out with the hired man after hay, having with him one of the old type muzzle loaders, which he was in the habit of carrying when away from home. The gun was loaded, but to ward against accidents a cap was never put on until he was ready to use it. The boy picked it up from the wagon and had the muzzle within a few inches of his face when it was discharged, blowing the whole top of his head off.

Arnold's Bromo Celery cures headaches. 10c, 25c and 50c. All druggists.

GENERAL BOOTH IS AT CLEVELAND.

He Addresses Three Crowded Meetings During the Day.

CLEVELAND, O., April 3.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation army, arrived here last night. Today he addressed three big meetings at the Euclid Avenue Opera house, which was packed morning, noon and evening by large audiences of representative citizens.

Colonel Myron T. Herrick presided at the afternoon meeting, and in the course of his speech introducing General Booth he referred to the possibility of war with Spain. He said Cleveland had contributed many soldiers to the last grand army, and he had no doubt thousands would respond now if there was a call for assistance. The sentiment was loudly applauded in all parts of the house.

Dr. John Hall is Recovering.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Rev. Dr. John R. Hall, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, is convalescing. He has passed through any danger period that may have existed and at his residence today it was said he was contemplating participating in communion service next Sunday. Dr. Hall also caused it to be announced from the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church that he would participate in some of the church meetings this week.

Hood's Pills

Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveller's grip. They are invaluable when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cents.

SENATE WILL TAKE UP CUBA

Resolution Recognizing Independence Will Be Reported.

ATTEMPT TO BE MADE TO SHUT OFF DEBATE

Should the Resolution Conform to President's Message it Will Be Passed Promptly, Otherwise it Will Be Debated.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The expectation in the senate is that the report of the committee on foreign relations on the Cuban situation will be made to the senate not later than Wednesday, and if the report should be made at that time the probabilities are that it will engage the greater share of the senate's time for the remainder of the week.

The committee will make an effort to secure action upon the resolutions which it will report without having them debated, but with very little probability of success.

Undoubtedly a large majority of the members of the senate are favorable to some declaration appropos to the Cuban situation, but there is certain to be difference of opinion on the course to be pursued, and on the language to be used, which will be sufficient to prevent immediate action, except in one contingency.

This contingency is the possibility of an agreement as to details between the president and the committee. If the committee's report should prove to be in accord with the president's recommendation in all essential particulars, the senate likely would adopt the resolutions brought in without debating them.

There is, however, a considerable element in the senate which is opposed to war, except as a last extremity, and there are several others who think there ought to be delay of at least a week or ten days before action is taken in congress in order to insure the safe landing of ships and war supplies now on their way to this country from Europe.

The committee on foreign relations is not impressed with this line of reasoning, and the members urge that Spain is no better prepared for hostilities than we are. The members of the committee do not expect the president's message before Tuesday, and they are prepared to wait until Wednesday.

OBJECT TO DELAY.

Under great pressure there might be a delay beyond that time, but a request for delay would cause great restiveness on the part of a majority of the committee. While desirious of giving the president all the time he may actually require for the preparation of his message, they are very impatient of the outside influence which is being exerted to hold them in check. This pressure is in the shape of letters and telegrams from people throughout the country who are opposed to a war policy, and with these the members of the committee are being flooded.

"The writers," a member of the committee said today, "generally ask us to maintain 'an honorable peace.' Of course we all want an honorable peace, but the time has gone by when that can be secured under existing conditions in Cuba. We cannot allow our conduct to be controlled by such persons."

When the president's message is presented, it will, on Senator Davis' motion, be referred to the committee on foreign relations, which will bring in its report later in the day, or it may not do so until the following day. So far as it is informed as to the probable line of the president's communication the committee is now prepared to report, but the members realize that there will be some detail of the message that will require careful consideration, and in that event they will give more time to it than an hour or two on the day of its presentation.

Unless there is a change in the committee's conclusions after the president is heard from the resolutions reported will recommend the recognition of independence with a declaration for armed intervention to make independence practicable. They will also include the Maine explosion as one of the causes set forth for this action. The resolution will be accompanied by a carefully drawn report written by Senator Davis justifying them.

For the rest of the week the senate will probably give its attention to appropriation bills and miscellaneous measures on the calendar.

There is little in the way of a program for the house this week. Everything awaits upon the president's message and the momentous events that are to follow its presentation.

Tomorrow the bill for the reorganization of the army is to be called up. Chairman Hull of the military committee believes it will be passed without opposition. It is considered a part of the war preparations, and as such its urgency would preclude the opposition which it might encounter in ordinary times.

The senate District of Columbia naval battalion bill is on the speaker's table, and it, too, may be passed. Tuesday and Friday are private bill days.

The deficiency appropriation bill is almost ready and could be considered any time after Wednesday if the message does not come in on that day.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY MEETS.

Reports on the Character and Extent of Its Work.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Washington annual meeting of the American Tract society was held tonight in the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., pastor.

Rev. Judson Swift, field secretary at New York, presented a brief report of the society's work. Dr. Radcliffe delivered a strong and earnest sermon, setting forth the spirit and aim of the tract society.

The report stated that the specific work of the society was in the first place to put the gospel truth on the printed page, and secondly to distribute it broadcast among the spiritually destitute. Forty millions of our population, it said, are estimated to be outside the churches, and a great number of these can be reached only by carrying the gospel message to them in their homes, shops, factories or wherever they may be found.

Many of our leading Christian workers, says the report, are reaching the conclusion that there is no other method by which these people can be brought to the Savior.

The society publishes evangelical truth in 153 languages and dialects and the total number of volumes that have been published in all languages at New York is nearly 36,000,000, the total number of books and tracts about 500,000,000 and the total number of periodicals upwards of 251,000,000.

The colporters, the report states, go from house to house with bibles, books, tracts and periodicals, entering the homes and mining and lumber camps, finding the people in spiritual destitution, talking and praying with them and helping them to a larger hope and more blessed way of living.

Hundreds of Sunday schools have been organized and religious meetings held in log cabins, school houses and in the open air. The whole number of family visits since the society began its colportage work has been nearly 15,000,000 and the number of families prayed or conversed with on the subject of religion amounts to 8,500,000.

The society has continued to publish its periodicals during the year in both English and German; a large number of books and tracts have also been published. A considerable falling off in donations and legacies has necessitated a large decrease in the force of colporters and also in the grants to work in the foreign fields.

The work at Ellis island was referred to as being of great importance, as the colporters there give the gospel truth in some form to the large numbers who are arriving daily on our shores.

The report mentioned that the great need of the society at the present time was an increase in donations. An appeal was made to all those interested in Christ's cause to aid with both their prayers and means.

PLAN FOR WELLMAN'S EXPEDITION.

Fast and Strong Ice Boat is Secured for the Trip.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A dispatch from Christiania, Norway, reports that the steam whaler Fridtjof has been secured for the Wellman polar expedition to Franz Josef Land, instead of Laura, previously engaged.

The Fridtjof is said by the agent of the Norwegian Lloyds to be the fastest and strongest ice steamer in Norwegian waters. It is now being outfitted and will be ready to sail from Tromso for the Arctic June 20 next.

The National Geographic society, Prof. A. Graham Bell, president, has formally endorsed the Wellman expedition, upon the recommendation of a committee composed of General Greely, Commodore Melville and Profs. Simon Newcomb, Hart Merriam and G. K. Gilbert. The Society, as well as the United States coast and geodetic survey and the United States Weather bureau, is cooperating in the scientific preparations for the expedition.

Prof. James H. Gore of Columbia university, representing the Philosophical society of Washington, will accompany the Wellman expedition to Franz Josef Land to make important determinations of gravity by pendulum observations.

IRISH-AMERICAN REPUBLICANS.

Organize and Formulate a Declaration of Principles.

The newly-formed Irish-American Republican club has issued the following address over the names of its officers, William Mulhall, president; Peter Brophy, vice president; Frank Horan, secretary; Peter Sharky, treasurer; executive committee, Michael Lee, Joseph Horan, P. J. Casey, James Gorman and Michael Ford: To the Irish-Americans of Douglas county—Gentlemen: At a meeting of Irish-Americans held Sunday, March 13, and after a careful consideration of the questions at issue, we come to the conclusion to form and organize the Irish-American Republican club of Douglas county. This is not a ward club. We invite the cooperation and support of our brethren throughout the whole county; we desire to have every ward in the city represented, also each ward in South Omaha and each precinct in the county. Our intention is to make this club an honor to ourselves and to the republican party of this, the banner county of our state.

The republican party is the party of the people; it is the party of progress and prosperity. We look on with pride and pleasure at the administration of our affairs in this city and county at the present time and the business way in which it is conducted. We ask you to come forth from your retirement and with your aid and assistance we will carry the banner of republican victory and prosperity in the coming election to a successful issue and redeem our state from those would-be reformers who have been a disgrace to our city, county and state.

We will now call your attention to some indisputable facts which cannot be denied. Can the Irish-Americans of this county and state cast their votes for any party or parties that will pledge themselves to return Senator Allen to the United States senate? Do you forget his record in connection with your fellow countryman, Attorney General McKenna? We wish to call your attention to the fact that he used all the means in his power, both by letter and petition, to defeat the nomination by the president of Mr. McKenna to the supreme bench.

We will now call your attention to the late reappointment of Lee Herdman to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of this city. It will fill the bill altogether by informing you that "no Irish need apply."

The Irish-Americans of this state have faithfully supported this reform party. Please to inform us what recognition did you receive? They have been weighed in the balance and have been found wanting. We need not call your attention to all the knavery, jobbery and trickery that these reformers have been guilty of at this time. We will reserve that for the fall elections and then we will give you the facts and proofs that cannot be denied.

Irishmen throughout the whole world are lovers of liberty and freedom. The republican party of this great, grand and mighty republic is the champion of human freedom and liberty.

Washington by his sword and afterwards by his great statesmanship laid the foundation and set it on a firm basis, that the exiled children of every land might have a home and a refuge from fraud and oppression. Next comes Abraham Lincoln, the father of the republican party in the great state of Illinois and the champion of human liberty and freedom. In a letter written by him from Springfield to a friend in Kentucky, on August 24, 1855, we take the following quotation: "You inquire where I now stand? That is a disputed point. I now do no more than oppose the extension of slavery. I am not a know-nothing, that is certain. How could I be? How can anyone who abhors the oppression of the negroes be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that all men are created equal. We now practically read it; all men are created equal, except negroes. When the know-nothings get control it will read: All men are created equal except negroes and foreigners and Catholics. When it comes to that I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia for instance, where despotism can be taken pure and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

This needs no comment. These are the sentiments of one of the greatest lovers of human liberty and freedom; they are the sentiments of the republican party of the present and they should be the sentiments of all true lovers of liberty and freedom and as such we endorse them as ours.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our struggling brethren in Cuba in the cause of liberty and freedom in which they are engaged and we sincerely hope they may be successful in their undertaking in rescuing their beloved country from tyranny and oppression. We also desire to pledge our loyal and undivided support to our worthy president and we honor him for the noble stand he has taken in this trying crisis.

While our hearts are filled with sorrow for the loss of our noble ship, the Maine, and its noble and gallant crew, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the widows and orphans in their sad bereavement, hoping, trusting and knowing that the dignity and honor of this great nation is in safe hands and that when the time comes and all things are made clear that it will be properly taken care of.

Missouri Populist Convention.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—The populist state committee has decided to hold the state convention in this city on July 7, when candidates for supreme judge, superintendent of public schools and railroad commissioner will be selected. A new state committee will then be elected. The basis of representation was fixed at one vote for each representative and senatorial district and one vote for each 100 votes and fraction over fifty cast for O. D. Jones for judge of the supreme bench in 1894. This will result in about 600 delegates. Ex-State Senator Owen Miller and Frank Ritchie of St. Louis and B. H. Cowgill of the Eighth congressional district were appointed a committee to edit and promulgate an address to the public showing that the populist doctrine is the true "vox populi."

Colonels Defeat the Brewers.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 3.—The Colonels defeated Milwaukee in an exhibition game today. Score:

Louisville	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	4	x—11
Milwaukee	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0—5

Base hits—Louisville, 10; Milwaukee, 10. Errors—Louisville, 4. Batteries—Magee, Haffy and Fuller; Dowling and Wilson; Rettger, Barnes and Speer.

DETAIN TORPEDO FLOTILLA

Halted at the De Verde Islands to Await Reinforcements.

TWO CRUISERS ORDERED BACK TO HAVANA

Spanish Cabinet Holds a Long Session—Members Take a Gloomy View of the Situation.

MADRID, April 3.—(Sunday morning, via Paris.)—The Spanish cabinet has decided that the torpedo flotilla is to remain at the Cape de Verde islands until further orders. The flotilla will be joined later by a squadron composed of the armored cruiser Emperor Carlos V, of 9,235 tons; the cruiser Alfonso XIII, of 5,000 tons; the armored cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa, of 7,000 tons, and the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon, of 6,840 tons, which will accompany the torpedo flotilla to Cuba.

It has also been decided by the government to send the armored cruisers Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo, both of 7,000 tons, back to Havana. They will receive orders to this effect as soon as they sight Porto Rico.

A national subscription to strengthen the Spanish fleet will be organized by a royal decree, but the decree will not be published before a declaration of war.

The cabinet, which met at 8 o'clock last night, discussed the situation until midnight. At the close of the conference it was declared that no official news had been received at that time from Washington, but it was admitted that the ministers were filled with gloomy impressions. One cabinet minister declared that he had received private information confirming the extreme gravity of the situation.

The minister for war, Lieutenant General Correa, submitted for the approval of the cabinet elaborate plans for the organization of the military forces of the kingdom.

The minister for the home department, Don Ruiz y Capdepon, in an interview declared that everything pointed to war. The cabinet has examined propositions for the arming of merchant vessels as privateers, but it has been decided to await events before coming to any decision on this subject.

Finally, a telegram from the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, was read at the cabinet meeting, in which Senor Polo said President McKinley will be overruled by congress.

EXHAUST ALL EFFORTS FOR PEACE.

Bishop Lawrence Pays a Tribute to President McKinley.

BOSTON, April 3.—Episcopal Bishop William Lawrence preached the sermon in the Emanuel church today and pleaded for an honorable peace in our dealings with other nations. He said:

The time has passed for discussion as to how the present troubles about Cuba arose, whether from unscrupulous plantation owners and sugar importers, from low demagogues in high places, or from a false and vulgur form of patriotism. Sympathy with a people struggling as did our fathers for freedom from tyranny has had its part, and a profound sympathy for thousands of starving sufferers near our coast. Whatever the cause or the motives, the fact is that we stand today in imminent danger of war.

If war must come let it come, but before it comes let us strain every nerve for peace as behooves a Christian people. The point is not whether Cuba must be freed today, or whether we intervene today, but whether by diplomacy, by conciliation, by conference, by any means except war, the object which this nation in its sober judgment, and not in excitement, believes it should attain, can be attained by peace.

As a people it behooves us to allow no rumors of war, no appeal to passion, no cheap journalism, or even tender sympathy for suffering Cubans to paralyze our reason, throw away our self-restraint, or sweep us off our feet.

Let us do our part toward showing our representatives in Washington that we expect them to use every effort for peace. They have got to be trusted when it comes to action, but they represent a people that are, on the whole, self-restrained and lovers of peace. As men in responsible places it becomes them to act with even more self-restraint and quiet judgment than the people.

We thank God that he who stands at the head of the nation, that representative American, has shown himself to be strong, self-restrained and a lover of peace. He has had grave judgments to make and he has made them as if the Prince of Peace stood before him. He has the facts, and he can well be trusted by congress and by the people in his own time to act upon them.

THEY REGARD WAR AS INEVITABLE.

Spanish Newspapers Urge an End to the Uncertainty.

MADRID, April 3.—The majority of the newspapers here today regard war as inevitable. They think General Stewart L. Woodford has communicated a final answer to the government.

The Liberal says: "It is clear that no concession will satisfy the United States except the independence of Cuba, and we had better immediately end the uncertainty."

The whole article of the Liberal on the subject is bellicose in tone.

The Pais asserts that "great uneasiness prevails at Washington concerning the attitude of the southern states in case of war with Spain, and also because the Spaniards are organizing in Mexico to invade the states from the Mexican republic."

In conclusion the Pais asserts that it will not be "all beer and skittles" for the United States.

Much excitement was caused today by the receipt of a dispatch saying the passports of the Spanish minister at Washington will be handed to him on Tuesday.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE AGAIN.

Reported in Madrid that it is Now in Force.

LONDON, April 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Saturday, says:

"Information has been received here to the effect that an alliance has been concluded between England and America for mutual action in the far east alone. As a matter of fact such an alliance, if concluded, would influence considerably any conflict between America and Spain.

"There is also a report current that France and other powers, including England, propose that the Cuban people themselves should decide the Cuban problem by a plebiscite, Cuba being a civilized country. In this connection it may be noted that one of the chief arguments in Spain's answer to the American demands is the postponement of some of these questions belonging to the Cuban people, who cannot decide upon them until the Cuban Parliament meets May 4."

Will Command the Mangrove.

ERIE, Pa., April 3.—Lieutenant Commander Everett, commanding the United States steamer Michigan, was detached today and ordered to command the Mangrove, stationed at Key West. He will leave as soon as possible.

Recruiting the Naval Militia.

CLEVELAND, O., April 3.—Lieutenant Commander George R. McKay of the naval reserves was in communication with Adjutant General Axline today and received orders to recruit the Cleveland division up to its war strength.

The Ohio brigade will be organized at once by recruiting four additional divisions, one at Toledo, another at Sandusky, a third at Ashtabula and a fourth here.

Commander McKay was ordered to rush the work of arming the men.

Authorize More Treasury Notes.

MADRID, April 3.—A decree has been gazetted creating 225,000,000 pesetas of new treasury notes on the guarantee of the receipts from the tobacco stamps and octroi duties.

SEVERE SNOWSTORM IN COLORADO.

Heavy Drifts Are Reported Interfering with Trains.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 3.—Reports received at railroad headquarters here show that a severe snowstorm is raging in Colorado and is coming this way. About two inches of snow has fallen already. A high wind is blowing and snowplows have been placed on all the engines to fight the drifts.

The storm is most severe from Limon, Colo., westward, the worst drifts occurring at Flagler and Arribau. No damage to property or delay in railroad traffic are reported. Telegraph wires in western Kansas are generally prostrated.

At Santa Fe headquarters a general heavy rain throughout eastern Kansas is reported.

DENVER, Colo., April 3.—A heavy, wet snow has been falling in Colorado since noon today and promises to continue throughout the night. The snow was preceded by high winds and a misty rain, which quickly changed to snow, and the ground is now covered to the depth of several inches. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and railroad traffic is being interrupted. The snow is a blessing to stockmen, however, as it insures plenty of early grass on the ranges.

Business Men Shoot Each Other.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 3.—A desperate revolver duel occurred at Haynes, Ark., Saturday night between Dr. W. W. Scott, a prominent physician of that town, and John J. Hughes, leading merchant. Scott entered Hughes' store and opened fire upon him. The latter drew his weapon and both combatants emptied their revolvers at each other at close range. When the shooting ceased both men were lying on the floor. Scott bleeding from four wounds and Hughes had been struck by five bullets. Both men are still alive, but their recovery is doubtful. The cause of the trouble is not definitely known, but it is said to have grown out of family affairs.

Gold Coming from Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The steamship Alameda, from Sydney, via Auckland and Honolulu, which is due here next Wednesday, carries $2,000,000 in English sovereigns in its strong box. This is the eighth shipment of gold received from the same source since last fall, bringing the total amount received up to the enormous sum of $18,500,000. This money is in payment of the balance of trade in favor of the United States for wheat, flour, lumber, canned goods, raisins and other staples shipped abroad, in excess of our imports of merchandise.

Denver Wins at Hand Ball.

DENVER, April 3.—John J. Fitzgerald and George O. Dostal, composing Denver's crack hand ball team, defeated the world's champions, Messrs. Casey and Dunne of Brooklyn, N. Y., here this afternoon in a most exciting contest. The score was 21 to 20. At every point of the game the local players outplayed the famous Brooklyn team.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, April 3.

At New York—Arrived—Merida, from Buenos Ayres; Rotterdam, from Rotterdam; La Bretagne, from Havre.

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