Circular Letter.

HOW TO PREPARE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Work for the Schools' Show at the Exposition and How it is to Be Mounted and Shipped.

LINCOLN, April 4 .- (Special.)-State Superintendent Jackson has igsued a new circular letter to the teachers which contains instructions and suggestions as to the preparing of exhibits for the educational department of the exposition. The letter is as

1. Our exhibit is the "general or collectlive" exhibit, and is distinct from the "specific or individual" exhibit, which is in
charge of the Board of Lady Managers.

2. All kinds of school work is acceptable
in our department if it is of the proper
guality.

in our department if it is of the proper quality.

3. We will pay the terminal charges for one shipment from each county.

4. Counties desiring to ship from more than one point may do so by sending to me \$1 for each additional shipment, to de-fray the terminal charges. The terminal charges for each shipment, we understand,

is \$1.

5. Envelopes should be made of manilla paper (or of other suitable paper), large enough to hold six or more of the mounted cardboards. These will protect the work from dust. Each should be labeled with the name of the school and county.

6. All shipments should be securely packed in boxes and labeled with the tags which will be furnished in due time by us to the county superintendents.

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7. Three mounted cardboards should be sent for each teacher represented, in order to have two to exhibit and one to replenish any damaged work. In mounting cardboards leave at least one-half inch margin for moulding to hold the same in place. We will furnish moulding.

8. Those going to Omaha to assist in placing the exhibits should not be there for this purpose before May 18 or 29. The necessary workmen's passes will be supplied. Exhibits will be placed without expense where it is not convenient for some one from the school or county to do this work.

9. We have provided for each school of the state a "Bird and Arbor Day Manual," the program to be carried out April 22. "Educational Raily Day" for your school? In addition to your program arrange to exhibit the work that has been prepared for the Transmississippi Exposition. You can make this a gala day that will inspire your pupils and secure the nearty co-operation of the patrons. Try it.

10. Let me urge that you seek to make the school room more cheery and inviting patrons. Try it.

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the school room more cheery and inviting
by suitable pictures and decorations.

GETTING READY FOR WAR. Adjutant General Barry is back from Greeley county and is hard at work making preparations for the expected calling out of the national guard. He was visited today by a number of officers of the guard who were seeking information as to the situation and making arrangements for a quick concen-tration of the forces when the call comes. Most of the mail received by General Barry and fully three-fourths of that received by the governor, is from persons desiring to enlist in the service of the state in case of war. Many of the former members of the guard who have served out their term of enlistment or received discharges for other reasons have volunteered their services. Some of these offers come from parties now living in other states. Whenever information is given out it is to the effect that the companies of the guard will be recruited to their full size before volunteers are called for. This is resulting in a large number of pplications going to the various companies

The various whist clubs in Nebraska will meet in Lincoln Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, to effect an organization of the state. Omaha, Kearney, Hastings, Seward, York, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Norfolk, Plattamouth, Sterling, Union-Commercial club and Lincoln Light Infantry club of this city have all agreed to send representatives to this meeting. The following two days'

program has been prepared:

Friday—10 a. m., business meeting, temporary organization and 'appointment of committees; 2 p. m., first play of trophy contest for teams of four, conducted under Howel's modification of Mitchell's progressive system; one team of four from each club only admitted; first play of a contest for pairs will be commenced under Howell's system, in which any number of pairs may enter from any club which is a member of the association; 8 p. m., continuation of contests for fours and pairs, second play. program has been prepared:

play. Saturday, April 16.—10 a, m., business meeting, permanent organization and election of officers; 2 p. m., final play in the contests for fours and pairs; 8 p. m., free-for-all contest for pairs, conducted under Mitchell's progressive system, in which any number of pairs may enter, whether made up of members of the same club or no.

The West Lincoln Stock Yards company has started a new industry here, that of sheep shearing. Sheep in transit for other yards are shorn, about 3,000 head already having been disposed of in that way. Contracts have been entered into for 3,000 head

more. Five expert shearers are employed and about 100 sheep are clipped in a day.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—J. W. Judson, H. C. Rountree, V. E. Nelson, C. E. White, M. F. King, C. L. Bouffier, R. R. Talley. At the Lincoln—H. E. Maxwell, Robert L. Reynolds, A. M. Jeffrey, A. Lansing, C. D. Sutphen.

APRIL SHOWERS IN NEBRASKA

Rain Falls Quite Generally in the CULBERTSON, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-It commenced raining at about 9:30 yesterday morning and a steady rain fell all day

The ground was thoroughly soaked. LOUISVILLE, Neb., April 4 .- Rain began falling here at noon yesterday and continued until midnight. The ground is soaked down indefinitely. Most farmers are through with

thier seeding. ITHACA, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—A cold, drizzling rain set in here yesterday after-noon and continued nearly all night. Con-siderable water fell. If it does not freeze this will be good for the small grain. Spring wheat is all sown and quite a few farmers

have begun sowing oats.

WYMORE, Neb. April 4.—(Special.)—A cold rain fell here all day yesterday, the precipitation amounting to almost haif an inch. The ground is thoroughly soaked and farmers state that conditions for good crops were never more favorable at this season of

SEWARD, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—A steady rain commenced falling yesterday at moon and continued nearly all night. It will

greatly help the winter wheat, one and a half inches being the total rainfall.

BLAIR, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—A slow rain commenced falling here yesterday at 1 o'clock. Temperature this morning, 44 degrees; rainfall, .44 of an inch.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—A old, hard polting rain set in here yesterday about 5 o'clock and continued for several hours. The soil was pretty well soaked. Nearly all of the seeding will be done here

this week.

DUNCAN, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—A steady rain set in here yesterday afternoon and continued until 10 p. m. One inch of water fell with a southeast wind. Today is clear, a heavy northeast wind is blowing. Fall rye and wheat are looking fine. Spring wheat and oats are coming all right. Farmers are getting ready to plow for corn. The spring outlook is first class.

EDGAR, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Rain fell here yesterday nearly all day and most of the night. The amount of precipitation was something over two inches. The ground is now too wet for the farmers to do anything toward apring plowing and the prog-

ng toward spring plowing and the pros-

AND SERVICE PROBLEM

TIPS FOR THE TEACHERS pects are for a rather backward spring. Wheat never looked finer or more promising at this time of year than at present.

Superintendent Jackson Gets Ont a New Su wheat never looked finer or more promising at this time of year than at present.

NELSON, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Rain began falling here yesterday at 11 a. m. and continued steadily until after nightfall. About four inches of water fell. The ground is thoroughly soaked and will soon be in prime condition.

> GENEVA, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-Rain commenced falling yesterday about noon and continued the rest of the day and night. The precipitation was about an inch and a

ST. PAUL, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-This ST. PAUL, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—This county was blessed with a fine rain yesterday afternoon and evening which will be of much benefit to vegetation. The precipitation at this station was .61.

HOLDREGE, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—One and one-half inches of rain fell here yesterday, followed by about two inches of snow. This is the first moisture for eight weeks and is productive of great good. The ground is in good condition for spring work and winter wheat is looking well.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)

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-Franklin county received its first rain of

the season by a twenty-four hour steady rain. Condition and prospects are brighter.

LINCOLN, April 1.—To Those Preparing Exhibits: You will be greatly pleased to learn that I have effected arrangements that will enable me to make an extension of the time in which to prepare the educational exhibit. It will not be necessary for the educational work to be shipped to Omaha until May 10.

In compliance with my request the state commission has designated room No. 1 in the beautiful Nebraska building as "Nebraska Educational Headquarters." This from is on the first floor in the northwest part of the building, commanding a beautiful view of the exposition buildings, and is a cool, spacious room, twenty-four feet square. While in the sweathox last Saturday he confessed to the deed, saying that he did it to get even with the railroad company, as he claims it owes him for work which he did upon the new grading last winter. It was understood that McGreer was to appear in the county court today and receive a sentence to the reform school at Kearney, but when his hearing came up this afternoon he entered a plea of cot guilty and will stand trial in the district court. McGreer's 17 years of age, which gaining for him the elemency of the court. will not be considered in his present case as grounds for continued lealency. His case will probably come up for trial in the dis-

Looking for His Wife.

ITHACA, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.) - Arthur O'Kare is out on a search for his wife and little girl, who have disappeared without telling him where to find them. Mr. O'Kane is a farmer living near here. On last Tuesday he took his wife and child to Sweedburgh to take the train for Lincoln. It was the understanding that they were going to Direction to visit Mrs. O'Kane's sister. Mr. O'Kane was to meet his wife and child at Sweedburgh Thursday afternoon. He was at On returning home he found his wife's trunk was gone. She had taken it to the station the day before, unknown to him. A young man by the name of Charlie Trader is miss-ing also. Mr. Trader has been heard to say that Mrs. O'Kane wanted him to run away with her. Mr. O'Kane drove to Lincoln Thursday evening, where his wife's sister told him that his wife had gone to Ord to visit her folks. Mr. O'Kane took the train Friday morning for Ord.

Survivors of Shiloh.

SEWARD, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-The sixth annual meeting of the "Survivors of the Battle of Shiloh," to celebrate the thirtysixth anniversary of that famous battle, will be held in this city on Weinesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7. The committees have been actively engaged in making prep-arations for the visitors and a large gather-ing is expected. Generals D. M. Thayer and H. C. Russell, Adjutant General Barry, T. J. Majors, Major C. Andreson, D. A. Scoville and others will be present and relate their

experiences.

The postoffice in Seward changed hands last night, F. G. Simmons of the Seward Reporter taking possession, vice J. W. Dupin

Sent to the Asylum.

BLAIR, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Theodore Kertzman, brought here from Calhoun last week on a charge of insanity, was on Saturday adjudged insane and committed to the Norfolk asylum. Mr. Kertzman is the owner of the reported famous picture of Christ said to have been painted by Michael Angelo, and was placed on exhibition at the Washington county fair and in one of

A. C. Jones, president of the Washington County Agricultural society, was in Omaha last week and secured space for an exhibit at the Transmissiscippi Exposition.

Jail Breaking at Grand Island. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.) -Ray Raphael broke out of the county jail for the second time yesterday afternoon. He was awaiting trial on the charge of grand larceny. About a month ago he escaped, but came back, stating that the crowd he was with was a little too swift for him, and gave himself up. He succeeded in making his escape yesterday by rawing away one of the bars in front of the window, forcing the window and the wire netting on the out-

Factory for Wymore. WYMORE, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.) -- Articles of incorporation under the laws of the state of Nebraska have been filed by the Webster Manufacturing company of this city, with a capital stock of \$15,000. Wymore business, which will consist of the manufacture of Sam's Combination blow-pipe and other dentists' and jewelers' supplies. The incorporators named are C. D. Hagerman, F. S. Webster and J. E. Wait. The incorporation covers a period of twenty years.

poration covers a period of twenty years. Runs Away to Get Married. WYMORE, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-The parents of May Maybary, the 18-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in this city last Monday, have received a letter from her in which she states that she is in Kansas City and is married to a railroad man named Bristow, and as an evidence of the fact she jucked the marriage certificate in her letter. Bristow had met the girl while in this city, on a visit to a sister he has here, some time ago. She will remain in

Aid for Suffering Cubans. FREMONT, Neb., April 4.-(Spec'al.)-The car of provisions donated by the people of this city for the relief of the suffering Cubans left today for New York. The total amount given was \$400, which was used in the purchase of flour and corn meal. The Fremont Milling company, in addition to a very liberal denation, sold the flour to the nittee at below wholesale prices.

Flour Mill Sold. ST. PAUL, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-J. J. Frederick has just sold out his flour mill to new corporation just organized, under the name of the St. Paul Milling company, with a capital of \$20,000, and consisting of the following citizens: N. J. Paul, president; J. S. VanCott, vice president; Roger Scribner, recretary and treasurer; additional directors,

A. N. Dunn and George E. Woodberry. Brick Works Resume. LOUISVILLE, Neb., April 4 .- (Special.)-The Louisville Brick company began work this morning. For some weeks passed it has had a force of men loading brick manufactured last winter. About twenty-five men are employed.

Quotations for Spanish Securities. LONDON, April 4.-The stock market opened better, with American securities showing an average of two points above the New York parity. Spanish fours are strong, opening at 49½ and advancing to 50%, a net gain of 3% from Saturday's closing price. At 2:30 p. m. American securities showed another material advance from the opening. Spanish fours have further advanced to 51%. net gain of four points since Saturday. PARIS, April 4.—Spanish fours were quoted on the Bourse at the opening at 51%, after which they fluctuated and at 1 p. m. were

quoted at 50 15-16. BARCELONA, April 4.—Spanish fours were quoted here today at 79.46.

Hostilities.

CAUSES HOPEFUL FEELING AT MADRID Looks to Negotiations Between the Cubana and the Spaniards...

Ministers and Wood-

ford Confer.

MADRID, April 3 .- (Delayed in Transmission.)-It is reported here that an armistice in Cuba may be proclaimed within two days. It is reported that the earlier reports are somewhat inaccurate. What really occurred was substantially as follows: The pope sent an eloquent telegram urging the queen to grant an armistice to Cuba in view of the negotiations now reported to be going on between the insurgents and the Cuban authorities for an early conclusion of peace. The pope dealt with the suffering on the guilty in the county court last week to steal- island of Cuba and urged action on humanitarian and non-political grounds. It is asserted by Spanish authorities that an armistice may yet be arranged between them and the Cubans, one single condition remaining open to discussion.

Senor Moret, the minister for the colonies, thing to preserve peace consistent with what with the United States minister, Woodford, today (Sunday) at which he expressed Spain's willingness to grant an im mediate armistice. He pointed out that the only condition Spain asks in return is one "which America would grant, even if unasked," and refers only to "its action after Spain proclaims the armistice." The United States minister was busy at

United States minister was busy at the legation all day long, but the corvespondent of the Associated Press saw Senor Moret at the colonial office this (Sunday) evening. He confirmed the announcement made of the pope's mediation between Spair trict court in the near future, as court is and the Cubans and added that the suggestion did not come from the United States government but from Rome direct. added: "I cannot say anything more on the subject, as the matter is unsettled, pending an answer from the United States." Senor Moret's manner, as well as that of

General Woodford, conveyed the impression that they both believe that peace, for which

Rome, which he immediately took to the palace. A few minutes later the nuncio arrived and had an interview with the queen regent, after which the cabinet council commenced, at which all the ministers were present. At its conclusion a favorable reply was sent to Rome." Senor Moret had a long interview with

General Woodford before the former went o the cabinet meeting and the United States minister afterward conferred with Sence Gullon, the minister for foreign affairs.

After the cabinet council Senor Me again called upon General Woodford and had

again called upon General woodford and had an hour's interview with him. The Correspondencia says: "Spain's reply to the pope, in accepting his mediation, said the honor of Spain would be safe in his hands and that full justice would be done
in the case, owing to the high prestige of
his holiness everywhere." The mediation,"
the Correspondencia adds, "can clear up every point at issue, but we must not be too sanguine, because things in America have been precipitated in such a violent manner that, even taking for granted Mr. McKinley's great faith, we are not sure the

rights being ignored."

ROME, April 4.—It is stated in vatican circles today that the pope has not formally offered to mediate between Spain and the United States, because he has not been requested to do so by the United States government. It is true, however, that the pontiff hear conveyed to Madrid his ardent wish for the avoidance of a conflict and has asked Spain to arrange for a suspension of war-like measures or decisions.

EXPLAINS SOME CONTRADICTIONS. The correspondent here of the Associated Press has just had an interview with a high personage of great authority, who cleared up many discrepancies in previous reports, showing just how the papal intervention occurred Unfortunately, the name of this high person age cannot be quoted, but no one is better qualified to speak with knowledge of the

subject. This minister said:
"There is no papal telegram whatever.
What happened was that the Spanish am-Cardinal Rampolla (the papal secretary State) who told him the president of the United States had allowed it to be understood that papal intervention would be ac-ceptable. The Spanish ambaesador wired here to that effect and thereupon we in-dicated that, though having sent a categorical relpy to President McKinley, the terms having previously been conceded to the last point consistent with Spain's honor, we were certain the pope would respect the rights and honor of Spain and agreed to regular army fighting rebels, to agree to offer an armistice at the suggestion of a certain foreign power, but when the father of christendom, without force, but with vast moral power, offered intervention, we could not refuse it, knowing well that reliance might be piaced upon his independent judgment. So, not an armistice, but a truce truce of God, has been agreed upon. This, however, requires action upon the part of the United States, consequential action to our concession. The rebels have not deeignedly, we believe, essisted and encour-aged the presence of American war ships in the neighborhood of the island. A continuance of this would militate against the juestion whether any barrier or embankment he would set across its progress would be strong enough to withstand its force. Spain the power of the American government in CONFIRM THE POPE'S REQUEST.

ccatrolling hostile public opinion."

LONDON, April 4.—In the House of Commons today Michael Davitt, member for South Mayo, asked if the report concerning the selection of the pope as mediator in the Cubar difficulty was true.

Mr. Ballour, the government leader, said the government had received a report on the

the statement in details.

Replying to John Morley, who asked whether the government could furnish any information in regard to the situation between Spain and the United States, Mr. Bal-four said: "I do not know that I can say more than that the question is causing agxery at every capital. On both sides of the Atlantic there is a very strong desire on the part of the governments concerned preserve peace and anything we can do will

POPE NOT ASKED TO MEDIATE.

Absolute Denial of Rumor from WASHINGTON, April 4.-In view of the sensational character of the news from Madrid, one of the officials in consultation with the president was induced to look over the press bulletins. When he read one which bitrator.

At 2 p. m. Spanish fours have advanced to 51%, a net gain of 2% since Saturday's closing.

BARCELONA, April 4.—Spanish fours were quoted here today at 70.46.

Rome, like every other Christian man, would like to avoid a war if possible. That fact is the control of the administration, unofficially, of course, but only that way. The president has never been caked to submit the dispute to the

From another source it was learned that the efforts of the pape have stended toward mediation between the Spanish and the insurgents rather than betwien the Spanish and the United States. It blead on good authority that if the president was looking for a mediator he would be more likely to take the queen of England wan the pope. The Monroe doctrine expressly forbids any possible interference by European powers in American affairs and the pupe-has never yet given up his claim to temporal power. It has been understood here that the first effort of the pope was to induce Spain to give up Cuba peaceably and these effects are supposed to be the ones referred to in the Madrid dispatch.

Dr. Rooker, secretary of the papal legation of Cuba by the Spanish troops, every-ation of Cuba by the Spanish troops, every-

Dr. Rooker, secretary of the papal lega-tion in Washington, was waked up at midnight and asked about the ceport. He said: "I place no dependence in it. It is not the custom of the pope to offer his services in any matter of this kind. Any negotiations for such mediation must of necessity come from the countries interested. It would be here, who would lay the matter before President McKinley. If the president asked the pope to mediate it might be done, but not otherwise. I have never heard of any such negotiations in any manner."

President McKinley denied today to a lead-

ing member of congress, who has the confidence of the administration, that there was any truth in the reported mediation of the pope in the Cuban incident, and he (the president) had no knowledge of it whatever. He also announced that he was hourly ex-pecting a cablegram from the Sagasta government notifying this government of the formal proposition for an armistice to the insurgents. Chairman Cannon of the house appropriations committee and Representative Grout of Vermont, a member of that com-mittee, told a conference with Mr. McKinley at the call of the president.

While no offer of mediation has been made

by Leo XIII to the United States, since services as mediator or arbitrator and this country has made no such request, there is little doubt that unofficial representations have been made as to the deep interest felt by the pope in the preservation of peace. There is reason to believe, however, that the pope's influences are being exerted much more directly and with greater effect at Madrid than at Washington. I Leo is the godfather of Alphonso XIII, young king of Spain, and Pope Pius IX was the godfather of Alphonso XII, the late king of Spain. This indicates the great influence which the vatican exercises over Spanish dynasty, the royal family and that they both believe that peace, for which they have so eachestly labored, will result from the present negotiations.

The Correspondencia (semi-official) tonight (Sunday), under the heading, "Mediation of the Pope," gives a history of the day's events and says: "Senor Sagasta received a message from the Spanish ambasador at a message from the Spanish ambasador at known officially that these influences are maintenance of peace. Furthermore, it is known officially that these influences are being exerted at the present moment and that they promise to be productive of re-

> BELIEVES A MINE WAS USED Says He Superintended Making Then

for Spanish Government. LONDON, April 4.-Details have been obtained by the Associated Press of the manufacture of submarine mines in London for Spain, which was first brought to the attention of the United States embassy and cabled to the Associated Press. A man who afterwards described himself

as being an electrical engineer, and whose name was forwarded to Washington, then several years ago a large number of mines, eight or ten of which were placed in Havana harbor. He said they were made in a special way, had a specially constructed cable, which he can identify if the smallest piece is produced, and the added that some of the mines were fixed so they could be fired from a fort, and two had bulbs so arranged that McKinley's great faith, we are not sure the mediation will arrive in time to prevent congress from making a question of its own."

The ministerial Globo, in its leading article today (Monday) will say: "The papal meditod is satisfactory, but the government must not discontinue its preparations for the worst. The good offices of the pontiff are admitted, but Spain can never countenance her rights being ignored."

a fort, and two had bulbs so arranged that they would explode on a vessel coming in contact with them. The man added he believed the bulbs would not be used in shallow water. Finally, the man exhibited place of one of these mines which he said was the most likely to produce the effect described as causing the wreck of the Maine. It was numbered "2," and was constructed to contact with them. The man added he believed the bulbs would not be used in shallow water. Finally, the man exhibited place of one of these mines which he said was the most likely to produce the effect described as causing the wreck of the Maine. It was numbered "2," and was constructed to contact with them. The man exhibited place of one of these mines which he said was the most likely to produce the effect described as causing the wreck of the most likely to produce the place of one of these mines which he said was the most likely to produce the effect described as causing the wreck of the main exhibited place.

tain 500 pounds of gun cotfon.
Lieutenant Commander J. C. Colwell, the harbor was mined, and they unquestionably prove that Spain purchased mines for that

The firm of Lattimer, Rhodes & Clark, electrical engineers, during 1887-8 filled a large order for Spain of a lot of mines in which were used fourteen and one-balf tone of gun cotton. The work was directly under the surveillance of General Fernandez and Captain Bustamento. The latter was then the head of the Spanish torpedo school. By order of these officers the mines were divided into four consignments, for Havana, Ferrol, Cadiz and Carthagena. The mines were manufactured under the direction of J. P. Gibbons, after Gibbons' patents, which

described in Siemen's book on torpedoes Gibbons, from whom a representative of the Associated Press obtains the informa-tion, and who furnished Lieutenant Colwell a written statement of the above facts, and outlined his theory of the explosion, was then employed by the firm as superintendent of the torpedo department. He says a simi-

1896. The manager of the Westminster Engineering company, which is the successor of the aforementioned firm, and with which Gibbons is connected, confirms the latter's statement as to the manufacture of mines

Gibbons, who is a former sergeant of engineers, and a government inspector of tor-pedoes, believes the Maine's first explosion was caused by what is technically called a ground mine, containing 500 pounds of gun cotton, several of which were manufactured for Spain. He has experimented largely with these mines at Portsmouth, and says that once laid they retain their properties for

Gibbons asserts that it is utterly impos-sible for them to explode accidentally, as the electrical currents for their explosion are formed only by the manipulation of a pope's good offices and against the hopes of peace. We know President McKinley has worked for peace, but an influence has been growing like a rising tide and it is now a question whether any harder of the peace obtained possession of them it would be impossible to manipulate the manipulation of a complicated keyboard. Three keys are necessary, which are always kept in the possession of different officers, and even if an outsider obtained possession of them it would be

Gibbons says the mines and their connectstrong enough to withstand its force. Spain has shown its willingness to secure peace by concessions to the last point consistent with its national honor. The future depends upon its secured.

He Asks Spain to Arrange to Suspend Hostilities.

ROME, April 4.- The vatican refuses to publish the text of the communications which have passed between the pontiff and Madrid, but the statement that his holiness subject from Madrid, but it did not bear out has asked Spain to arrange for a cuspension of heatilities in Cuba is confirmed.

The Osservatore Romane commenting on the cituation unofficially, says: "We must regard America's demands as "We must regard America's demands as excessive, especially as Spain has proposed to submit the whole independence question to the Insular Parliament, it is difficult to perceive on what pretext Washington could declare war, even if so disposed; and we have confidence that the wisdom and moderation of President McKinley, with the practical common sense of the Americans, will avert the horrors of war.

The Italia, confirming the report as to the communications that have passed between the vatican and the Spanish government, says:

ment, says:
"The prespect that mediation will eventually be offered is not excluded; but the greatest difficulty will be to induce the United States to accept the pope as ar-

agreed to select the pope as a mediator and ithat the pope had accepted the position he said with emphasis:

"This country has not asked the pope to mediate. Every one knows that the pope of Rome, like every other Christian man, would like to avoid a war if possible. That fact like to avoid a war if possible. That fact has been repeatedly published. It is known what a strong man the Americans shown what a strong man the Americans have in their president. With a weak man to the administration, unofficially, of course, to the administration, unofficially, of course, to the administration, the dispute to the said with emphasis:

LONDON, Application of the pope between Spaniards and Cubans reflects infinite credit upon all parties. The tension of the last few days has shown what a strong man the Americans have in their president. With a weak man it is certain that by now the United States would have been awept into war."

A special dispatch from Madrid says that

does, and the ultimatum requires the evacu-ation of Cuba by the Spanish troops, everything goes to show it may as well be left unwritten. If the worst happens it is obvi-

ous that Spain will go to war with the firm conviction that it worked from first to last in the legitimate interests of peace, making "The nation, from the highest to the lowest, believes it has done what it can and what it should toward a pacific solution of the difficulty. More it is unlikely to even attempt, and unless European intervention of a diplomatic but strongly persuasive and in-

fluential description be knmediately brought ing war. "The message of protest forwarded to the United States by the Cuban autonomist gov-ernment is felt to be by no means the direct inspiration of that body and evokes but little

"All attention is centered on the mother ountry and its prospective entagonist.
"Outside of the office of Ei Heraldo is posted a notice saying the pope will mediate etween the United States and Spain."

Texas Ordered to Sea. NEW YORK, April 4 .- It was stated at he navy vard today that orders had been received from Washington for the sailing of the big battleship Texas, and that it would leave this port not later than Wednesday. Rumor at the navy yard was to the effect that the Texas is to proceed to sea to meet the San Francisco and New Orleans, now enroute from England, so that there may be no danger of the two latter ships being intercepted by Spanish cruisers in the case of war breaking out.

Bill to Create Military Reserve. WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house com mittee on military affairs, has introduced a oill creating a military reserve, to be liable to duty in time of emergency.

FORECAST FOR TODAY'S WEATHER. Probabilities of a Fair Day, with Northerly Winds. WASHINGTON, April 4.-Forecast fo

For Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas -Fair; northerly winds. For South Dakota-Fair: northerly winds becoming variable. For Wyoming-Fair and warmer, winds becoming southerly.

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Local Record.

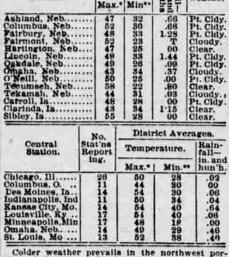
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

OMAHA, April 4.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

1898, 1897, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1898,

Normal for the day.
Deficiency for the day.
Accumulated excess since March 1....
Normal rainfall for the day08 in: eficiency for cor. period, 1897...... 12 inch eficiency for cor. period, 1896...... 47 inch Reports from Stations at S p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF Chicago, cloudy
Williston, partly cloudy
St. Louis, raining
St. Paul, clear
Davenport, cloudy Havre, clear Bismarck, partly cloudy Galveston, cloudy



Colder weather prevails in the northwest por-tion of the corn and wheat belt. Heavy rains fell in the Omaha and Missouri districts; light rains fell in all other except the Minneapolis and Columbus districts. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official. Weather Bureau. T indicates inappreciable rainfall. *Maximum for yesterday. **Minimum for 2s hours ending 8 a. m., Seventy-fifth meridian time. Note—The average maximum and minimum temperatures and the average rainfall are made up at each center from the actual number of reports received. The "state of weather" is that prevailing at time of observation.

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For Catarrh Is Best During the Spring Months. Miss Belle Gunsalis, 208 Seventeenth Ave-

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ENGLAND TURNS A CARD IN CHINA.

Secures Concessions Without Knowl-LONDON, April, 4 .- It is semi-officially innounced that Great Britain has made arrangements with China to take over the port of Wel-Hal-Wel on the Shang-Tung penineula when the Chinese government has paid the war indemnity due to Japan, and the Japanese troops have evacuated the place. The arrangement, it is added, was made with the knowledge and approval of Japan with which country an understanding had previously been acrived at. The latter fact was kept secret until Cuina had actually agreed to the lease and the British fleet had assembled in the vicinity.

It is said on good authority that neither Russia nor Germany is pleased at the arrangement, and it is added that the island of Leu Kung Tau, at the entrance of Wel-Hal-Wei will be strongly fortified, while the land batteries destroyed by the Japanese can specify be reconstructed. speedily be reconstructed.

Return Exeta's Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.-The Examiner says: General Carlos Ezeta, exiled ex-president of the republic of Salvador, has been vindicated by his people. His vast estate, the stocks and money confiscated by the government by Guitierrez after Ezeta was forced to leave his native land four years ago, have been returned to him and Ezeta is again worth more than \$2,-00,000. The money that Ezeta has used in this country was furnished by his wife, who is now in the South American republic settling up the exiled general's affairs. She will return here on May 8. The seneral says he will never again interest himself in Salvadoran politics. He is now living in Oakland. ex-president of the republic of Salvador, has in Oakland.

Receiver for Insurance Company. NEW YORK, April 4.-Andrew Freedman was today appointed receiver for the Lincoln Fire Insurance company of this city in a proceeding begun for the voluntary dissoluwas fixed at \$300,000. At the office of the company nothing could be learned regarding the receivership. The company was organized last November. Its capital was fixed at \$200,000, and, as each chare sold at \$115. a surplus of \$30,000 was added to the com-pany's capital. The concern has large offices, magnificently fitted up.

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