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First Anniversary of the Disaster is Duly Celebrated in Havana.

WRECK OF WARSHIP DECKED WITH GREENS

Laurel Wreaths Four Feet in Diameter Tied with National Colors.

CUBAN CLUB OF HAVANA CONTRIBUTES and at the company's yards at 11 o'clock to-

High Mass in Honor of the Dead Celebrated in Merced Church.

GRAVES ARE DECORATED WITH FLOWERS

Cubans Join with Americans in Paying Tribute to the Memory of the Men Slain by Spanish Treachery.

HAVANA, Feb. 15. - The sun shone brightly this morning for the first time in | monsters of the deep. several days when the wreck of the United States battleship Maine-destroyed in Havana harbor on the evening of February 15, 1858-was decorated with a large American

At 9 o'clock the stars and stripes were holsted at half-mast by Captain Eaton of the united States auxiliary cruiser ResoMaine over the old one, for the new ship few Chinese there.

Ski-men guns. These ngures give a parerty has been removed. When the Ameriship had eleven water-light compartments,
could not mean that it was in imminent lute, who, with Mrs. Estes Rathbone and will be an embodiment of everything that At 4:10 p. m. Captain Griffiths raised the lute, who, with Mrs. Estes Rathbone and will be an embodiment of everything that Mrs. Dudley and ten sailors of the Resonant based the second of the Resonant based t laurel wreaths four feet in diameter, and tied with red, white and blue ribbon.

.The Cuban club of Havana had placed an Captain Eaton transferred to the peak of the gaff. At 10 o'clock high mass was celebrated in honor of the Maine victims in the ceremony, which was very impressive, was would hoist a battleship "with its own attended by Brigadier George R. Ernst, representing Major General Brocke, Commodore B. J. Cromwell, captain of the post, and members of the assembly, the secretaries of Havana fire brigade and other local organ- tery cannot be trained on it. There will were driven back. izations. Many women of the better classes be twenty six-pounders and several were in the congregation, which crowded the automatic Colt guns and one-pounders in now occupying the same ridge, commanding

Decorate the Graves.

This afternoon the graves at Colon come tery were decorated in the presence of American officials, military and naval details participating. The graves were thickly gible. What little woodwork will enter into covered with flowers. Father Sherman had the composition of the ship will be treated been invited by Mrs. Rathbone, who is by a process which renders it absolutely ing white flags on the American outpresident of the Women's association, to read prayers at the graveside and he appeared in full vestments and with the draught, which will enable it and its sister given his consent. Commodore Cromwell ships of the same fighting power would be the brush, and several skirmishes occurred, it was a harmless effervescent nerve tonic. that a Protestant chaplain should officiate. he (Commodore Cromwell) would not consent to the reading of prayers by Father Sherman. The latter thereupon went to his hotel. He had deferred his sailing on receipt of Mrs. Rathbone's invitation,

Commodore Cromwell informed the news paper correspondents that the sailors felt deeply on the subject, regarding the ceremeny of decoration as distinctly a naval affair. Therefore he could not permit any except a naval chaplain to officiate, although be was quite willing that both a Protestant and a Catholic clergyman should act. If either were to be excluded, then the other must be also.

General Lee Arrives Too Late.

The procession from the city consisted of marines and satiors from the Brooklyn and the Resolute, the band of the Brooklyn, Major General Ludlow's staff representing him, women in carriages containing American visitors, a portion of the Seventh regiment cavalry. It was met by General Brooke and staff at the cemetery where a wagon load of floral tributes presented by the American women and local societies was heaped on the graves, each sailor and marine contributing some floral token. The crowd looked on in silence, some kneeling.

It was 2:45 p. m. when the procession reached the cemetery and the ceremony was over in half an hour. Major General Lee and the detachments of the Seventh army sailors marched away, Commodore Cromwell, the paval officers and a few others remaining.

In about a quarter of an hour General Lee's column arrived-battalions of the Sec- of the principal participants was Sergeant has received a message from Manila saying ond Illinois, Third Nebraska, the First Maine artillery, a battery of the Second United States heavy artillery and the bands of the Illinois and Nebraska regiments.

As General Lee, on horseback, bared his head near the grave Commodore Cromwell saluted, saying: "I am sorry you were not here for the decoration."

General Lee said: "I was notified to be here at 3:30 p. m. and I was at the ceme tery gate at that hour. Now that I arrive I find everything over."

Commodore Cromwell said: "General, the hour was 2:30. I sent you word two days

General Lee replied: "I never received it. I was told 3:30." Commodore Cromwell politely expressed

his regret at the misunderstanding. The Illinois band played "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," the crowd uncovering and the soldiers presenting arms. This ended the ceremony. General Lee was

detained fifteen minutes outside the cem-

etery, having gone to a locked gate.

IN MEMORY OF DEAD SAILORS

Flags Fly at Half Mast in New York in Honor of the Maine and Its Crew.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-A year ago today the United States battleship Maine was of the revolution, headed by General Reyes. blown up in the harbor of Havana and 261 American seamen lost their lives. event is being remembered in this city today. Flags are flying at half mast on the city hall, the public schools and all other public buildings, national, state and mu-

harbor, those going out and those at the of the Seventeenth, has arrived here and is plers have flags at half mast. This is not coaling. It left New York February 3. One Besides the public buildings, many of the are reported well. The Sherman will sail private residences have flags suspended at tomorrow for the Suez canal. half mast, and in many of the stores are pictures of the ill-fated battleship with the phrase, "Remember the Maine."

and exchanges observed the day in this way cases of plague in southern Kolar and \$1.75 in Spanish silver. They demand \$1 for and the mystery is as dense as ever.

First Piece of Battleship's Keel is Laid on Fateful Anniversary of the Explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 .- The anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was marked here with the beginning of work on the powerful man-of-war, which will bear the name of the historic battleship. The new Maine will be built by the Cramp Shipbuilding company day the first piece of the keel of the vessel was laid.

There was no formality in the proceedings. but the shipyard was thrown open to the public and a great cheer was given by the crowd as the group of workmen set in place

the first steel piece of the keel. The builders will endeavor to have the new battleship ready for launching February 15 of next year and to have it ready for service on the third anniversary of the sink-

ing of the Maine. The Maine is being built upon the new stocks, just completed, that stand to the south of those supporting the keel and lower framework of the big battleship that is being built for Russia. Thus, side by side, will grow into awful proportions two

New Maine Surpasses the Old.

any ship in the American navy.

Torpedo tubes above the water lines are artificial wreath on the boat crane and this that it is not probable that they will ever to slip past the United States cruiser port was reached on Sunday by the Amerbe used in battle. It has been recommended water is liable to be hit by the rapid fire Merced shurch, at which General Ludlow guns of the enemy while it is in the tube the occupants and wounded the other. ready for launching and exploded. This

petard." All the guns of the Maine, except the big welve-inch ones in the turrets, will be of be for smokeless powder.

Little Woodwork Used.

In planning the Maine it was sought to ing the jungle. do away with every bit of woodwork posstatement that the Bishop of Havana had ships to maneuvre in waters where other his front. The rebels opposed him from the preparation under the impression that said that as the bishop was not willing aground. This, it will readily be seen, even Maine a great advæntage over an antagonist driven out. in a fight.

> It was originally intended to have the one-half-inch Harveyized steel, but then came along the wonderful "Kruppized" armor and after exhaustive tests this armor has proved so good that the Maine will have twelve-inch plates of it put on it instead of the sixteen and one-half-inch Harveyized armor originally planned for. This change will admit of making the armor belt of the battleship broader and of extending it further forward and aft. The Maine will be especially well supplied with electrical apparatus for lighting, etc. Its turrets will be moved by electricity and the ammunition will be hoisted from below and rammed into the gun by electricity. The new Maine will be 368 feet on the water line, twenty-seven feet beam and will have a draught of twenty-four feet seven inches when it has full supplies of stores and ammunition and 2,000 tons of coal on board.

IN LIEUTENANT JENKINS' MEMORY

Sergeant Anthony Takes Part in Celebration at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 15 .- Today the naval services at the grave were preceded by a Otis to produce the telegram." from the court house in this city to Union-threaten to exterminate the Filipinos. dale, a distance of about three miles. One thony, who was a great admirer of Lieu- killed and wounded. Aguinaldo's headthe Brooklyn navy yard in order to be range of the war ships in the bay. present at the ceremony.

STATE OF WAR EXISTS THERE

President of Republic of Nicaragua Issues a Proclamation-Battle Expected.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Via Galveston), Feb. 15.—President Zelaya has issued a de- | department today: cree declaring the republic of Nicaragua to

be in a state of siege. A battle is expected to take place today west of Chile mountain, the dividing ridge of the Cordilleras. The president is sending troops to the front as rapidly as collected. An uprising was recently noted at Magalpa. The Pacific steamship company announces that it will carry passengers for half its Company H. former rate between Panama and Ocos. First

Navigation company of Liverpool. The United States gunboat Marietta, which arrived at Greytown on February 15, has sailed for Bluefields, the headquarters

Transport Sherman at Gibraltar. GIBRALTAR, British Spain, Feb. 15 .-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The United States transport Sherpan, bound for Manila with the Third Nearly all the vessels coming into the United States infantry and four companies

Coolies Flee from the Plague. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The first anniversary of the sinking of the Maine in the harbor of Havana was not generally observed today beyond the flying of flags at half mast. The principal business houses gion of the work. There have been sixty of Mysore. About 2,500 coolies have bolted views the other with suspicion. principal business houses sion of the work. There have been sixty fourteen hours a day for an average pay of

NEW MAINE REPLACES OLD Enemy Occupies Both Sides of Road to Jaro in Large Force.

TOWN OF JARO DESERTED AND LEFT BARE

Marksmen in Protected Houses Fire at Outposts and California Volunteers Avenge the Barbarity by an Effective Attack.

MANILA, Feb. 15 .- 11:15 a. m .- Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Potter of the Signal corps arrived from Hollo yesterday evening with dispatches from Brigadier General M. D. Miller to Major General Otis. On Sunday afternoon General Miller ordered a reconnaissance in force to ascertain the enemy's position. Major Cheatham's battalion of the Tennessee volunteer regiment marched beyond Molo without finding the enemy and returned to Hollo. A battalion of the Eighteenth United States infantry with two Hotchkiss guns and one Gatling gun marched toward Jaro. Midway between Hollo and Jaro this battalion encountered a large body of the enemy, occupying both sides of the road, who met the advance of the American troops with a severe and well-directed fire. The Americans deployed and returned the fire with a number of volleys. The troops advanced steadily, sup-The new Maine is to have a speed of ported by the Hotchkiss and Gatling guns, eighteen knots. It will be a ship of 12,500 and drove the enemy through Jaro to the tons displacement and in its main battery open country beyond. The town of Jaro was that only one of the compartments was will carry four twelve-inch guns and twelve six-inch guns. These figures give a parery for the described and all portable property bas been removed. When the Ameriship had eleven water-light compartments was

lute, rowed to the sunken battleship. The ment and conceived by ingenuity and study the fighting outside of the town Lieutenant only others taking part were a battalion with since 1890, when the ship wrecked in Ha- Frank Bowles of the Eighteenth infantry, officers of the First Maine heavy artillery. vana harbor was built. Among other things while working with Kellar's battery, was An immense rope of greens was festooned the new Maine will probably have under- shot in the leg. In addition one private about the fighting top, each loop hung with water torpedo tubes, the first ever put in was seriously wounded and two were slightly injured. The rebel loss was severe. All was quiet on Monday when Colonel so dangerous to the ship trying to use them | Potter left Hollo. Two natives attempted sul at Ponta Delgado, Azores Islands, which Olympia during the night in a boat. They ican tank steamer Weehawken with twentythat the torpedo tubes be taken out of all failed to respond when hailed, but kept five women and children taken from the the battleships. A torpedo fired from above paddling along. After a warning shot a Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria during a

Another Brush with Rebels. MANILA, Feb. 16.-11:45 a. m.-Four ompanies of volunteers which had been clearing the country in the vicinity of other naval officers, the city councils, com- the rapid-fire pattern. Its secondary bat- Pateros, ten miles southeast of Manila, and mittee of the Cuban assembly and other tery will be exceptionally strong and so which had been recalled, were followed by mounted that no torpedo boat can creep up the enemy today as they retired. On reachthe civil department and many department and get in a "dead angle"—that is, post- ing San Pedro Macati the Americans made a steamer. officials, together with representatives of the tion where the guns of the secondary bat- stand near the churchyard and the rebels

The Californians again advanced and are the secondary battery. The guns will all the valley of the river, which they held yes-

A gunboat near the Pasig river is clear-

Rebels Are Driven Back. 5:20 p. m.-Several rebels yesterday aftproceeded to clean out the enemy along condition. Mr. Berg two ounces of during which nine of the Californians were by a layman, might sometime give the slightly wounded before the rebels were he revived, but he suffered agonies from the

The work proceeded today in a syste- remedies necessary. matic manner, a gunboat shelling the vilarmor plating of the Maine of sixteen and lages and working its rapid-fire guns with Governor Merriam on business. very effectively on the jungle. The entire California regiment, with the exception of two companies, four companies of the Washington regiment, two companies of the Idaho regiment, and a battery of the Sixth artillery were engaged.

The rebels were driven toward Lake Laguna de Bayo. They held their fire, apthey fought desperately.

are now fully twelve miles out. All is contest provided McCune would withdraw quiet along the rest of the line, with the and give the democrats an opportunity to exception that an occasional exchange of select some other candidate that would reshots between the sharpshooters breaks the ceive the united support of the party. Mcmonotony of the day.

Filipino Agent Claims He Had Nothing to Do with the Na-

here have received a cablegram from Felton, 1; Grant, 27; Scott, 2; Bard, 2; reserves and the Duquesne Grays commem- Agoncillo, the agent of Aguinaldo, saying: White, 27; Rosenfeldt, 2; Jetter, 1; Phelan, 1. orated the blowing up of the Maine by "The statement of General Otis that he has HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 15.-The demospecial services at the grave of Lieutenant a copy of a telegram from me advising crats and anti-Quay republicans absented Friend W. Jenkins of Allegheny, who was Aguinaldo to attack the Americans is an themselves from today's session of the joint corps had not arrived. The marines and a victim of the Maine horror. The memorial absolute fabrication. I challenge General assembly to break a quorum and to prevent

tive Attack.

The European junta announces that it of Marines William B. Anthony, whose the Filipinos have made all arrangements famous report to Captain Sigsbee of: "Cap- necessary for guerrilla warfare around tain-I have the honor to report, sir, that Manila, that fighting has been in progress the ship is blown up and sinking," will without intermission since February 4, and make him live in history. Sergeant An- that the Americans have lost heavily in tenant Jenkins, secured a furlough from quarters are now near Caloocan, out of

WOUNDED IN SKIRMISHES

Severely Injured-South Dakotan Drowned in Pasig River.

casualty report was received at the War

MANILA, Feb. 15.-Twentleth Kansas wounded: February 12, engagement at Caloocan, Sergeant Ira Keithly, Company D. slightly. First California-Wounded desultory firing yesterday: Frivates A Frivates Allen Grant, severely; Albert Egger, slightly Ray Hursh, Company C, slightly; William (William F. Walsh, severely: Sergeant severely; Corporal Henry Ritter, slightly; Edwin A. Hartig. South Dakota, drowned last night

CUBAN LABORERS MAY STRIKE

Longshoremen Demand Shorter Day and Trouble is Likely to Follow-No Rioting Will Be Tolerated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: A strike which physical and mental condition of Prof. will involve 3,000 to 3,500 'longshoremen and stevedores is threatened and should it come the authorities fear that it will bring Cuban affairs to an early crisis. These men confined to any class or order of shipping. private soldier died today. All the others are desperate and ugly and strikes in the past have invariably resulted in serious bloodshed. As the strikers will be largely Cuban it can be readily understood that collision between them and the American BOMBAY, Feb. 15.-A plague panic has soldiers would have most serious conse scurred in the southern Kolar gold fields quences, coming at this time when each side

The longshoremen have been working

MAINE REMEMBERED and all the ships in the harbor, including the British and other foreign vessels, were NATIVES WAIT IN AMBUSH ten hours a day and will probably make trouble if their demands are not met. The ten hours a day and will probably make may be able to prevent the strike which now seems inevitable. General Ludlow compelled the Western railroad last week to deal fairly with the engine drivers, who struck, and the men believe he will now

right their wrongs.
On the other hand, General Ludlow has said that rioting would not be tolerated and even the Cubans who most dislike the American general know that he cannot be bluffed and are slow to give him cause to call upon his troops.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN LANDED

Rescued Passengers of Bulgaria Report that Cargo Shifted, Throwing Ship on Beam's End.

LONDON, Feb. 16 .-- A dispatch from Lloyd's agents at St. Michaels, Azore islands, announces that the twenty-five women and children taken off the disabled Hamburg-American steamer Bulgaria by the American tank steamer Weehawken were landed at St. Michael's vesterday. The rescued passengers report that the cargo of the Bulgaria shifted, throwing the steamer on its beam ends. During the gale 150 horses were lost and a boat with five men on it went adrift. The Weehawken, which met the Bulgaria 800 miles from the Azores on February 5, stood by until noon of February 6, but at that time the disabled steamer had been lost sight of and the Weehawken proceeded.

The German consul at St. Michaels adds that the quartermaster of the Bulgaria says danger. But, in view of the very severe thought it right to attempt to put the passengers on board of other steamers. It is not know whether he succeeded in transferring all his passengers.

More of Bulgaria's Crew Rescued. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The German con sentry fired at the boat and killed one of severe storm, 800 miles from the Azores islands on February 5, cabled to this city today that owing to the high seas neither the passengers from the Bulgaria nor the crew of the Weehawken have as yet come ashore. The consul reports that it is not believed at Ponta Delgado that the Bulgaria has sunk.

Another boat from the Bulgaria is said to have been picked up by an unknown

Secretary of State Berg of Minnesota Has a Close Call from Taking Patent Medicine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- A heavy overdose of a proprietary preparation containing chloral nearly resulted fatally to Alernoon having fired from houses bear- bert Berg, secretary of state of Minnesota, It was only with the greatest difficulty that effect of the stomach pump and other heroic

Secretary Berg came here some time ago

TRY TO END THE CONTEST Powers and King Provisionally Agree to Drop Out of the Senatorial Fight in Utab.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 15 .- In order to parently being short of ammunition, but bring the long-drawn-out senatorial contest to a close Judge Powers and Congressman The American outposts in this direction King tonight agreed to withdraw from the Cune personally would not consent to such an agreement, but said he would refer the LOUD DENIAL OF AGONCILLO matter to his supporters. No further action

has been taken. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 15.-The fifty second ballot for United States senator has been taken without result, the deadlock con- Scott of Pawnee, who changed from Field tinuing unbroken. The vote was as follows: LONDON, Feb. 15.-The Filipino agents Barnes, 11: Estee, 1; Bulla, 13; Burns, 25; the possible election of a United States parade of the two military organizations. Agoncillo adds that the Americans senator only fifty-five votes were cast, of which Senator Quay received 50, George A. Jenks 4 and Congressman Dalzell 1. The house by a vote of 88 to 85 adjourned today without taking action on the McCarrell jury bill. The bill now goes over until March 21, when it will be taken up for second Grandstaff, Grell, Grosvenor, Hale, Hardy, ence of all the republicans and the adopcharged, is in the interest of Unitde States Senator Quay, has already passed the senate. The Quay conspiracy trial has been fixed for February 27.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 15.-The three resident members of the Delaware legislature again held a joint session and voted for United Number of Volunteers Reported States senator today. The vote was: Addicks 2, Gray 1. A quorum is expected tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-The following EUCHRED IN HIS CONFESSION

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 15 .- The trial of Prof.

George H. Stevens, charged with burning

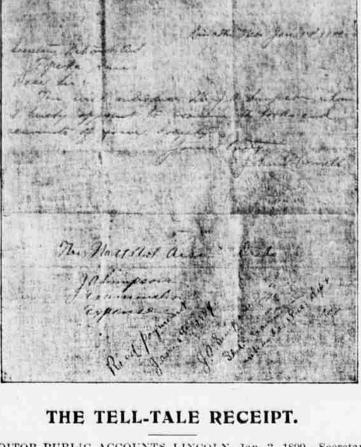
Pardee hall, Lafayette college, reached a

dent of Lafayette College Develop in Trial of Prof. Stevens.

climax today, when counsel for the defense introduced as evidence a confession made by the prisoner the day after his arrest. The paper is a remarkable piece of work Guatemala, in opposition to the Pacific while attempting to load Hotchkiss gun at and dramatic in the extreme. Slevens admits all the charges under which he is indicted, but lays the blame of his downfail and his present predicament at the door of President Warfield. He claims that he was inveigled into signing a paper by the college president that later turned out to be an agreement on his part to quit the fac-Warfield is severely scored and con-

> Evans, who is in an insane asylum. Stevens says Evans was induced to return rom Rome on a promise of a position from Warfield, who at the last moment refused to keep his part of the agreement. Stevens osition stood four for open voting and five was much affected during the reading of his At times he would weep bit-Warfield sat near the prisoner.

Mystery Not Unraveled. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Fred E. Hovey and Dr. Edwin F. Hitchcock were the only ses examined in the Adams Dr. Hitchcock attended Mrs.



Anditor of Dublic Accounts.

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AUDITOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, LINCOLN, Jan. 3, 1899.—Secretary National Aid, Topeka, Kan.: Dear Sir-This will introduce Mr. J. A. Simpson, whom I hereby appoint to examine the books and accounts of your society, Yours truly. JOHN F. CORNELL, (State Seal.) The National Aid Association, Dr., to J. A. Simpson:

Examination \$ 75 Received payment January 6, 1899. J. A. SIMPSON,

State Examiner Nebraska Insurance Department,

The certificate of authority is in the handwriting of Simpson and is signed by his uncle, the auditor, on the 3rd of January. Three days later, as shown by the receipt, the examiner had made the trip to Topeka, finished the examination and put in a bill for \$100, although the law limits the charge for examining benefit societies to \$5 per day and expenses. The receipt is entirely in the handwriting of Simpson.

Scott Votes for Him as an Accommodation for Representative Jansen.

NO CHANGE OF SENTIMENT IS RECORDED

dication of a Solution of the Deadlock-Few Absentees.

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	Ballots.						
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Allen	58	58	58	43	40	54	57
Hayward	28	43	38	29	29	36	36
Thompson	7	7	10	10	9	10	10
Webster	10	10	10	1)	6	10	10
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Weston	- 12	4	4	:3	- 4	4	- 4
Reese	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Foss	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Hinshaw .	2	1	1	1		1	1
Van Dusen	1	1	1		1	1	1
Lambt'son	::	2	1.	1	1		1
Adams	- 22	1	1	1	1.	1	1
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LINCOLN, Feb. 15 .- (Special Telegram.) -The only change in the vote today was to Lambertson, explaining that he did it to accommodate Mr. Jansen, who was absent because of sickness.

The absentees were: Beisner, Armstrong, Morrison, Jansen, Pollard. Of these Armstrong, Beisner and Pollard are Hayward supporters; Jansen has been voting for Lambertson, and Morrison is a fusionist. Individual Vote.

The record of individual vote is as fol-

Allen-Boulier, Canaday, Carton, Caw-Dobry, Dunn, Easterling, Eastman, Elwood, Loomis, McGinley, McCracken, Memminger, Miller, Moran, Morgan, Murray, O'Neill, Butler, Siecke, Shore, Spohn, Sturgess, from solution. Swan, Tanner, Taylor of Custer, Taylor of Fillmore, Thompson of Clay, Vandegrift, Wright, Wyman-57.

Hayward-Alexander, Allen, Arends, Berlet, Blake, Currie, Ditmar, Evans, Fow-Giffert, Halderman, Hall, Hannibal, Harris, Hastings, Hathorn, Hicks, Holbrook, McCarthy, Nesbit, Newell, Prince, Reynolds, Rouse, Sandall, Schaible, Smith of Richardson, Steele, Thompson of Merrick, Tucker, Walling, Wilcox, Young, Zellers-36. Thompson-Anderson of Lancaster, Burns,

Webster-Beverly, Burman, Cox. Crow, Detweiler, Houck, Myers, Noyes, Olmsted, Field-Barton, Chambers, Wenzl-3. Weston-Chittenden, Hibbert, Jones,

rout-4 Reese-Haller-1. Foss-Grafton-1. Adams-Milbourn-1. Cornish-McCargar-1. Hainer-Conwell-1, Van Dusen-Smith of Saline-1.

Rocke, Talbot-10.

Lambertson-Scott-1. Disagreement on Caucus Ballot.

Hinshaw-Smithberger-1.

demned and he is held responsible for the The senatorial conference committee had another meeting today and the result was national democratic platform adopted by the disagreement over the question as to democratic national convention in Chicago whether the caucus ballot should be an open one or a secret one. The vote on this propfor secrecy. This vote was not taken as mittee, appeared and addressed it briefly meaning a final decision and the committee adjourned over to tomorrow, when there will be another attempt to get together. From the best information obtainable the members who were in favor of an open ballot were Jansen, Steele, Prince and Noyes, while those who favored the other method were Clark, Wenzi, Smithberger, Milbourn after she had taken the poison. No developments of any note were brought to light

To analyze this division brings about some prices ruled from \$20 to \$24.

Forecast for Nebraska-Colder by Thursday Night. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 n. m. 30 1 p. m. 47 6 a. m..... 27 7 n. m..... 26 S a. m 27 9 n. m..... 34 10 a. m..... 38 6 p. m..... 47

9 n. m. . 41 curious results. Taking into consideration the way they have been voting in the joint sessions, the four men who favor an open ballot represent the strong candidates in the joint convention, while the five men represent the weaker candidates. Again, it are meeting with some trouble on account vote in the caucus, only one clearly repregents the outspoken wishes of the candi-Prout has from the first voted for Weston,

the subject.

whose wishes in regard to the manner of

the committee were appointed, not paricularly because of their own personality. but because they represented candidates for whom they had been voting, makes it all the more curious that the secret ballot men and wanted the vote whereby the conference should adopt the report to also be taken

in secret.

also have come and the matter would have been as far from settlement as ever. The condition is that the work of the committee thra, Cosgrove, Crockett, Cunningham, is not binding on the members, the report brought in, if one should be agreed upon, Endicott, Farrell, Flynn, Fretz, Fuller, would not be hinding on the joint conferreading. The bill, which, it has been Howard, Johnson, Klester, Knepper, Lemar, tion of the report by the conference would not bind individual republicans to go into the caucus on the terms thus proposed. Peck, Schaal, Smith of Antelope, Smith of This shows that the problem is still far

The action of an improvised conference Watson, Weaver, Wheeler, Woodard, showed how far apart the factions are on the caucus question. It is said that twentythree members assembled in the Hayward headquarters and entered into an agreement that they would never go into a secret that they would never go into a secret you are right and then go ahead." This is caucus, and it is also said that the anti-the best rule of life. If the "pass brokers" secret caucus men who can be depended succeed in hypnotizing Cornell until he upon to stand out number between thirtyfive and forty.

Among the members in general there is not much hope of a speedy agreement that Clark, Fisher, Harkson, Israel, Lane, Mann, will bring all the votes into a caucus and know each other better unless the committee tomorrow arrives at some satisfactory plan that has not yet been suggested or even thought of the same monotonous grind for another week is in

APPROVE NATIONAL PLATFORM

Democratic State Committee of Minnesota Adopta Resolutions Adhering to Principles of '96.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 15.-The democratic state committee met here this afternoon and adopted the following resolution: "That the democratic state central com mittee does hereby reaffirm and endorse the

in 1896, and the principles of the democratic party as therein enunciated." W. J. Bryan, at the request of the com-

Prices of Zine Are Booming. GALENA. Kan., Feb. 15.—All records were broken today when zinc ore sold at \$47 to \$50 a ton in Galena. Joplin and Wehb City. The Scott Mining and Smeiting com-pany was today offered \$50 a ton for its en-tire output for the next ninety days. The offer was not accepted. Six months ago

LICHTY STANDS PAT

Declines to Recognize Any Committee But that of the Legislature.

CORNELL'S SUPPORTERS OFFER EXCUSES

Senate Joins with the House to Conduct Searching Investigation.

COMMITTEE OF THREE SENATORS NAMED

Currie of Custer, Prout of Gage and Hale of Madison Appointed.

UNION PACIFIC LAND SALE BILL IS DELAYED

Company Desires to Present Some Legal Arguments in Its Behalf Before Final Action is Taken.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15 .- (Special Telegram.) -The legislative investigating committee appointed to look into the affairs in the auditor's office is just getting ready for business and will aim to make a searching investigation. All danger of a clash with the other committee composed of state officials seems to be passed for the reason that Deputy Lichty refuses to recognize the authority of any committee but the one appointed by the legislature.

This came to a focus today when Lichty appeared with an attorney and denied the jurisdiction of the state house committee. There was an interesting session for a time. but finally the committee adjourned over until Friday when, in the absence of specific charges or testimony, it will probably bring in a verdict exongrating Cornell. Attorney General Smyth admitted today that his committee lacked the power to compel the attendance of witnesses. Lichty has em-ployed as attorneys W. J. Lamb and A. G. Wolfenbarger and it is said that M. F. Harrington of O'Neill is also assigned in the

News comes from over the state that much interest is being taken, sentiment being divided as between Cornell and Lichty. In Richardson county, the home of Cornell and Lichty, as well as of the other depuies in the office, a mass meeting of populists s called for Saturday night to take some action in the matter. One deputy of Cornell, who also acts as a legal adviser, said in an interview today that Cornell wanted to enforce the reciprocal insurance law all TOOK OVERDOSE OF CHLORAL KEEPS LAMBERTSON IN RACE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER other deputy, in speaking of the Palm letter, the year, but was prevented by Lichty. Ansaid:

"As soon as we got that letter and found what kind of business Palm was doing Cornell shut him off and you will notice that since December he has not been allowed to

2 p. m. . . . 40 examine any more companies."
3 p. m. . . . 50 This statement, however, does This statement, however, does not coincide 4 p. m..... 50 with that of Auditor Cornell, who claims 5 p. m..... 49 never to have seen the letter or to have known anything of its contents until it was

Following is a letter from a well known penulisi to Mr. Liebers commencing his for his position:

Letter to Lichty. FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 8, 1899. Hon. Samuel Lichty, Lincoln, Neb My Dear Friend: I am informed that you

is seen that of the five favoring a secret your opposition to the "free pass" iniquity and that some bogus reformers who have been having a good time for the last year date for whom he has been voting. Clark is for Thompson, who is in favor of a secret transportation are even demanding of Mr. Cornell your discharge. Now, I am sorry ballot. Wenzi has been voting for Field, to know this feeling exists among the met Smithberger for Hinshaw and Milbourn for whom we ought to honor, but I know you Adams, three senatorial candidates said to are in the right and when one knows he is favor an open vote in the caucus. Senator in the right he should never yield. Your Prout has from the first voted for Weston, friends here all agree with you—by the word "friends" I mean the whole populist party conducting a caucus are not known and condemn you, and he had his pockets full who is not here to express his sentiments on of free passes at the time to my certain Populists here are all proud of the mand taken by Governor Poynter. If all The fact that the gentlemen composing Poynter in fighting this damnable evil and purify themselves and keep clear of cor-ora-tion taint in the future we may save our party next fall, otherwise it is gone beyond redemption. I know the hardest thing we had to fight in this county last fall was the are in the majority on the committee. It could hardly look a republican square in the free pass record of our state officials. I is said that Representative Clark not only eye without laughing. The arder of our favored a secret caucus but he desired the committee to ballet secretly on the subject express their diggust and I know whereof I speak when I say that unless our state officials clear their skirts we will find it im-possible to carry this state either next fall A majority of the committee having voted or in 1900. I have a warm personal feeling for Mr. Cornell. I did all I could to secure in favor of a secret ballot, a report might his renomination and re-election. I believe have been made, but this was not done for at heart he is a honest man, but there have obvious reasons. A minority report would been close to him some very bad advisers. There is no doubt in my mind that there ought to be a cleaning out of his office, but t is not yourself that should be discharged He had not been in office six months until I became thoroughly convinced that he had made a serious mistake in some of his appointments, but I held my peace, for I have long since found out that the blunt, outspoken friend who will tell you to your face ciated, while the fawning, cringing sycophant will worm his way into your confi-dence to your undoing. There are those under Mr. Cornell who have been heard to say that it was perfectly right to take all the The action of an improvised conference that it was perfectly right to take all the of Hayward supporters this afternoon favors he could get, that they belonged to him as perquisites of his office, etc. Such loathsome parasites ought to have been kicked out of the state house long ago.

Well, my old friend, you know David Croketa's motto was, "F kicks you out it will burt him worse than it will you. Meantime I hope he will learn to know his real friends and that your refriendly as the years go by and you learn to

Yours for peace and good government, GEO. A. ABBOTT.

Senate Names a Committee. The senate did not entirely concur in the

house resolution to have an investigating committee of three representatives and two senators to inquire into the alleged irregularities of the auditor's office. ernor's message was taken up at 11 o'clock this morning. Motions and substitutes concerning the action to be taken by the senate were pired up crosswise, until it was hard for the chair to know just where "they were at.

Farrell of Merrick resented the motion of Talbot of Lancaster to take the naming of the committee out of the president's hands saying that was very discourteous, to the presiding officer. In reply Senator Talbot clated the history of the appointment of the somewhat celebrated "Mutz and Beal" investigating committee by the fusion senate two years ago that did such good work in eating up the \$10,000 appropriation placed at its disposal. Senator Farrell being a member at that time. He could not say much in reply to the history of that commit-

The senate finally decided that it would name three senators, making Currie of Custer. Prout of Gage and Hale of Madison the committee.

When the committee on engrossed bills