Thurston Rifles Bear the Brunt in a Red Hot Engagement.

WIRT THOMPSON WRITES ALL ABOUT IT

Omaha Boys Lead the Attack Directed Against Malolos.

BATTLE IN WHICH LEE FORBY WAS SHOT

Death of the Gallant Captain Later Shocks His Comrades.

PLENTY OF INSURGENTS BITE THE DUST

Heat and Hard Work Do as Much to Prostrate the American Soldiers as Do the Filipinos' Bullets.

The following letter to his parents from Wirt Thompson of the Thurston Rifles, now at Manila, detailing the part of the Omaha boys in recent engagements, should afford interesting reading to the friends of the soldiers about whom it relates:

MANILA, April 1 .- Well, it is sure enough war with us and no April fool joke either. I expect by the way cablegrams are rolling into Omaha within the last few days telling of the dead and wounded and how ill-fortune has fallen to the lot of the Omaha boys you people must certainly be in an intense state of excitement, to say the least. I dearly hope the last has come, but no one can tell when one of those deadly messengers

will come his way. Matters were rather quiet for several days up to March 25, when our forces began a move on the city of Malolos, the insurgents' capital. This is about thirty-nine miles from March 25, when our forces began a day which you have opened to American influence and trade. The Pacific coast citles feel especially grateful for the protection you distribute the march of the protection of the prot Manila. Late on the afternoon of March 24 a part of the newly arrived regulars, the Seventeenth United States infantry, came out of the line just outside of Manila to check your acceptance. any advance of the insurgents on the city. see that Nebraska was to form part of the Omaha, Denver, St. Paul. New Orleans, flying brigade that was to sweep the Mara- Portland, Ore., Les Angeles, Scattle. quina valley, with Malolos as the objective point. On the night of the 24th we moved in the west to have Admiral Dewey return along our trenches in the direction of the by way of San Francisco is being supple bay, where we joined South Dakota. It was mented here. The representative of one of a damp night and while we halted to sleep the large transcontinental railways called at I was busy all night in entertaining the the Navy department today and stated that chills that besieged my frame, but I said if Admiral Dewey returned by way of San nothing, yet I never felt so miserable for Francisco this railroad proposed to place at

many years as I did that night. tion of San Francisco del Monte to rout a subject to his wishes as to the places and of Nagasaki. The transports Charles Nelson band that was congregated in that vicinity. Of course Company L was made the "bat- also that this would give practically tering ram," or, to speak more military, the whole country an opportunity to join in the advance guard, as it usually is whenever it comes Nebraska's turn to stir up a little h-l, and thereby hangs a tale. Well, we advanced on the above place, but before we got close we ran into a hornets' nest, which was composed of nineteen niggers behind one of the finest breastworks I ever saw.

Under a Hot Fire.

just the warmest fire I was ever under. But | petition. it only took Captain Taylor a second to determine what to do and up the hill and Moores received a telegram from the New through a dense hamboo thicket we charged York World asking if he would join in makwith a mighty yell, fighting our way through | ing Dewey's return to this country the occlouds of smoke. The boys fought like tigers. We made short and sweet work of it and got our nineteen victims, killing fourteen in city in such an affair. Not knowing at the one bunch. It was in this short engagement that Captain Taylor and seven of our gal- secure the admiral's return by way of San lant fellows were wounded. They were Francisco Mayor Moores responded favorably Crawford, Koopman, Pegau, Fay, Barnell, to the telegram. "Bobbie" Fritscher and Hansen. But happy to say, none were serious and they are all getting along tiptop. Bill Hall was hit on the heavy brass buckle of his belt, which made a tremendous dent. Like the story partment; of William Tell, he had an "arrow" escape. Bill Mason, Harry Murray and Herb Taylor had a hand-to-hand engagement, but it did not take them but a second to lay the tiger low. Beahr and Fanning were shot through their clothes. All of this engagement belongs to Company L alone,

"Bobbie" Fritscher's wound consists having a small piece of flesh taken off the end of his little finger on his left hand. cannot as yet figure out how it was that I had the luck to get through with only a slightly sprained knee. This I received plunging through a rocky ravine to make the attack and charge. There was no more firing in that vicinity for quite a while, so we took a rest and bandaged up our wounded and got them back to the field hospital, whence they were placed in ambulances and conveyed to the large hospital in the city.

Forby Seriously Wounded.

Not feeling any too well at the start, together with the sprained leg and the sight of so much blood, fairly turned my stomach my finish there and then. Bill McKell was in the same boat with me. Captain Taylor had us both take him back and then he sent us back to our camp to remain and take care of ourselves. We got the captain back in good shape, and while the doctors were dressing his wound a squad came in with Captain Lee Forby, who was seriously wounded, the bullet lodging in the Lee Forby, but he could not talk a great their respective posts.

deal, as his wound was painful. I stayed around camp Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and Tuesday morning I went down and took the train to find my regiment, which was reported to be in the direction of Malolos. On Monday night neuralgia set in in my right jaw. This and the oppressive heat is what has and is keeping from the front today. Since the advance on Malolos was commenced a week ago the insurgents tore up the track and raised h-l in general. We have a construction train that is repairing the track as fast as possible in order to reach the flying columns with supplies and bring in the sick and wounded. Tuesday morning, as I said before, I started out and got as far as possible. There I found Lieutenant Richards done up from the heat and waiting for a return train. He advised me in my condition not to attempt to catch the regiment as they had advanced about eight miles. He took a train in and I waited nearly all day hopes of reaching my command, but at last I had to give in, as my face was pain-

ing me so that I was nearly wild. was nearly midnight when I got back to Manila. I hung out that night with a man of the Twentieth Kansas but was unable to sleep a wink. In the morning went to a dentist and got some medicine and am taking treatment every two days. When came out of his office who should I see but Baxter, who came in all played out. I took him out to the hospital near Santa

Good Place to Recuperate.

custom house. Buchanan, Cross, Stokes, bid for a seat.

Kambe, Auchmoody and Roberts of our ompany were retained at the custom house They have a beautiful home out in Malate where all the foreign consuls live, as well as many officers and their families. It is right on the bay front and just fine. With me are Baxter, Fritscher, McKell, Roth, Heller and Lieutenant Thompsett. A better place

recuperate could hardly be imagined. The regiment has had considerable fightng but nothing at any time like what we had the first crack out of the box on Saturday. During the week Sayles, Roy Elley Withee and Gay Blakely were brought in wounded, but none seriously. They are doing finely. But the hot weather is bringing in more men than the bullets.

Friday morning Howard Whitmore was shot and died a short time afterwards. This makes the third man taken from Company Tuesday night we were shocked to hear that Captain Forby died from the effect of his wound. On the morning of that same day we learned that he was doing nicely and that the bullet had been removed without any trouble. It hardly seems possible that this fine young man has been removed from our midst. If any man ever dled a true

American hero it was Lee Forby.

Malolog, the insurgent capital, was taken without much effort, greatly to the surprise of the army, as it was here we expected that the rebels would make a decisive stand, but I guess they-what was left of them--vamoosed to the mountains. During the week it is estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 of them have bit the dust. Just what the future outcome will be I am unable to say. WIRT THOMPSON.

## **WEST WANTS TO GREET DEWEY**

Mayors Cable Their Wish that He Return by the Golden Gate and Cross the Continent.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.-Mayor Phelan last night sent the following cablegram to Admiral Dewey:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—To Admiral Dewey, U. S. N., Flagship Olympia, Manila; On behalf of our citizens we, the mayors of western cities, cordially invite you to return by way of San Francisco across the great afforded them. The Olympia was built in our yards and the volunteers who answered your call are from western homes. We are all eager to show our appreciation of your to take our position, which was holding part patriotic services and would be honored by

The message was signed by the mayors of When the regulars came out it was plain to the following cities: San Francisco, Chicago,

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The effort begun his service an entire train, the finest that At daybreak we started out in the direc- ever crossed the continent, and make it time of stops on the way east. It was urged and Cleveland will leave on Thursday and recention of the hero of Manila, instead of restricting it to the stretch between New York and Washington.

Mayor Moores has received no direct telegram asking him to petition for Admiral rebels, but very little result. General Mas-San Francisco, but has given the matter his heartiest support on press wires. In this the Kansas and Montana regiments, which San Francisco, but has given the matter his the Kansas and Montana regiments, which men engaged in the Philippines, saying:

the Can Francisco city officials were occupy trenches that the Filipinos built in "We had a number of good stiff fights range and then opened upon us. This was warranted in adding Omaha's weight to the anticipation of an attack from the direction in which all of the troops behaved splendidly

> Before this plan was broached Mayor casion for a national reception, and if he would appoint delegates to represent the time of the efforts that are being made to

Movements of Transports WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The following

dispatch has been received at the War de-

Washington: Transport Pennsylvania left for San Francisco today; Nelson leaves 11th. Cleveland 12th, St. Paul 13th inst. OTIS

It is not known at the War department what troops are being brought home on these transports, and, owing to the general interest on this point in all parts of the of today.

Albuquerque Invites Rough Riders ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 10 .- At a meeting of the Commercial club a committee was appointed to extend an invitation to the Roosevelt Rough Riders to hold their first annual reunion in this city. Letters were read showing that Colonel Brodle, the president of the organization, had decided upon June 24 as the time and New Mexico as the place. The Rough Riders of the southern inside out and it was plain for me to see part of the territory have voted unanimously for Albuquerque and almost every officer is in favor of the same place,

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- (Special Telegram.)-Corporal Ernest M. Bradley, Troop nationalities, including Filipinos, and B. First United States cavalry, at Fort Robinson, has been discharged. Privates Albert A. Roby, Troop B. First United States cavalry, Fort Robinson, and Louis liver. In the afternoon I took Taylor's Morrow, Troop K. First United States addressed to them a circular letter, a copy of which reached the War department today. clothes at the division hospital. I also saw ferred as privates to the hospital corps at

> Two Deaths in Brooke's Command WASHINGTON, May 10,-General Brooke reported to the War department today two billity of the United States were conceded deaths in the Department of Santiago. They no conclusions could be reached on the facts were Private Joe W. Bradler, Hospital corps, abscess of liver, and Corporal Edmund T. | The general further says that the liability Mackin, Company L. Fourth volunteer in- of the United States to indemnify owners fantry, consumption.

Raleigh Not Injured.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- A dispatch to the department from Captain Coghlan says that an examination of the Raleigh after it floated last night shows that it sustained practically no damage in grounding of

Major Logan Assigned to Duty. logan, assistant adjutant general United States volunteers, now in this city on leave of absence, has been ordered to Atlanta Ga., for duty as adjutant general of the Department of the Gulf.

No Deaths in Army in Cuba WASHINGTON, May 10 .- General Brooks at Havana advised the War departmen today that no deaths were reported on the 7th or 8th inst.

Mustering Out Missourians. SAVANNAH, Ga., May 10 .- The Sixth Mizwas mustered out here today.

Big Price for Stock Exchange Seat. I saw Captain Taylor and he advised me to exchange was sold today for \$40,000, the go out and remain with our boys from the highest sum ever paid. That sum is now

## CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF PEACE

Brief Session of Filipino Body Said to Have Advised Capitulation.

MACABEBES ARE EAGER TO FIGHT TAGALS

Property Destroyed in Capture of Hollo Will Not Be Paid for as No Adequate Proof is Presented.

MANILA, May 10.-7:20 p. m.-Reports received from the insurgent line, which. however, have not been confirmed, say that a meeting of the Filipine congress has been held at San Pedro. There was no quorum present, but in spite of this fact some bustness was transacted. The reports add that although those who attended were mostly partisans of Aguinaldo, a strong desire for peace was expressed.

Major General MacArthur will probably remain at San Fernando until fresh troops can be forwarded to him from this city to ecome exhausted from the long campaign. Filipino riflemen to the number of 8,000 are

framed by Colonel Smith and leading natives. tended, will give the natives self-government, co-operating with the military regime. Work on the constitution has been apportioned to the several members of the Philippine commission. The report of Prestdent Schurmann will give special attention to national, provincial and municipal government: Colonel Charles Denby will consider the organization of courts and Prof. D. C. Worcester will investigate tribal, physical and commercial features in the islands. All the members of the commission are consulting with resident experts.

"Tinclads" on a Tour. 4:10 p. m .- The army "tinclad" gunboats Laguna de Bay and Cavedonga, under command of Captain Grant, steamed up the Rio tire country of rebels from the bay upward. When the vessels reached Macabebe about bled upon the banks of the river, cheering the expedition lustily. Captain Grant was given an ovation when he went ashore.

of the American army for the campaigs against the Tagals. The United States transports Puebla and Pennsylvania sailed for home today by way

Many of the Macabebes expressed them-

the | Friday. 10:15 a. m .- The Filipino army of General Mascardo, inspired by wine taken from the storehouses of Bacolor and by the general's eratory, or Monday evening, attacked San Fernando. There was tremendous yelling and a great expenditure of cartridges by the record in the Philippines may satisfy the dence is in Omaha. of the sea.

Mascardo Harangues Troops. During the afternoon of Monday General Mascardo, with a large retinue of officers rode along the lines, frequently stopping to harangue his warriors. At dusk a detachment of rebels rushed toward the outposts of the Montana regiment, but were met by a hot fire from the Montana line. The insur-

gents, from trenches nearly three miles long. responded. After an hour's firing, during which one private soldier of the Montana regiment was wounded, the insurgents subsided, although they kept up a scattering fire throughout the night. Prisoners who were brought into the American lines said that General Mascardo distributed barrels of wine among his soldiers, telling them that he expected to cap-

them during the engagement. country, the adjutant general sent a cable loads in sight of the American lines. The message to General Otis asking to be in- country between San Fernando and Calumpit that it would be inexpedient to take the formed as to what troops are on each of is filling up with natives, who profess great troop ships from their regular station on the transports scheduled to sail for the friendship towards the Americans, but who the Pacific; that the Suez route is much United States, as mentioned in his telegram are suspected by many of sympathy with the longer and more expensive, and that the

amigos. Damage Claims Rejected.

NEW YORK, May 10,-A special to the Herald from Washington says: Major General Otis has virtually decided against the legality of claims for indemnity filed by residents of Hoilo whose property was destroyed during the operations incident to the capture of that city on February 11. Claimants who reside in other countries are advised to present their claims through the

governments of their respective countries. amount to several millions of dollars. Gerbe among the principal claimants. In response to these claimants General Otis has This letter calls attention at the outset to the fact that the claims presented vary greatly in their statements, and offer no proof of actual ownership by the claimant of property destroyed, so that even if lia-

as presented. of the property even if destroyed in rebellion against this country would not exist. The only valid basis for claims would be the charge that the destruction resulted from neglect by the United States authorities, and General Otis adds: "Such neglect is not charged, nor can it be truthfully alleged."

## FIRE FIGHTERS IN MANILA Report of General Hughes Shows the

Dangers Met in Combating Incendiarism. WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The adjutant

R. P. Hughes, provost marshal general of Manila, giving an account of the fires which occurred in Manila in the early days of the by General Otis, who says that it should be stated that General Hughes was present in person during the period covered and di-rected all the operations, and that his tact

General Hughes' report shows that the The firemen were shot at by persons con- feeling well."

puncture the hose. General Hughes commends the troops for the services they performed and also speaks in high terms of the Engirsh volunteer five brigade. The roops were detachments of the Twenty-third nfantry, Second Oregon, Thirteenth Minney sota and Tenth Pennsylvania

## WORK OF THE SIGNAL CORPS

Vast Number of Messages Daily Exchanged Between Firing Line and Headquarters.

WASHINGTON, May 10,-General Greeley has received a report dated March 4 from the chief signal officer at Manila, showing what the signal corps has done during the gram.)-F. M. Weeks, a traveling repre-early days of the campaign. During the sentative of a New York stationery firm, number of messages handled on the day yards and Weeks declares that he assaulted preceding the battle of February 5 was 515 replace some of the volunteers, who have and on the day following that action 1,120 to General Greeley was written 1,209 mcc-

has been considering a provisional constitu-tion for the island of Negros, which was quent on the great volume of business and It is largely modeled after the constitution importance. Among the men mentioned in stand. He says the officer called him a vile of California. This constitution, is inand enlisted men.

## FUNSTON'S POLITICAL FUTURE

Dashing Kansan Intimates that He Would Accept Recognition from His State.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 10.-Under date of Stanford university, Cal., the Star today brother and that the latter struck him sev- witness condemned in unstinted terms the prints excerpts from a letter from Brigadier General Frederick Funston, whose brilliant Grande to Calumpit today, clearing the en- | work with the Twentieth Kansas regiment in the Philippines has won him fame, to Prof. V. L. Kellogg, a former fellow student 1,000 of the inhabitants of the place assem- in the Kansas State university. In his letter, which is dated April 10, the Kansan gives the first intimation so far made by him regarding a political career. He says: "I cannot think there is much in the talk about doing the handsome thing by me. selves as being anxious to enter the service Politically the rank and file of the republican party might be willing, but how about the bosses?

"There are mighty few offices," Funsion continues, "that I would have, and the one or two in the gift of the people of Kansas I have not the gall to ask for." General Funston apparently remembers

his Cuban campaign when he says: risk of my life that I am not a fake," and than stated supply. Little is known of Mr. he adds that it is his main hope that his Weeks locally, further than that his resi-

and carried everything before them. Kan sas can always be counted on to take its place in the vicinity of the band wagon.'

# MUST RECROSS THE PACIFIC

Return of Western Volunteers Vin Suez Canal is Deemed Inexpedient.

WASHINGTON, May 10.-The secretary of war has received earnest applications from all the states west of the Mississippi having volunteer troops in the Philippines asking that these troops be brought bome to the United States by way of the Suez canal route, instead of across the Pacific to San Francisco. The applications cover every ice order. He has a number of papers before ture the city of San Fernando. The trenches and are backed by the personal appeals of volunteer organization in the Philippines undoubtedly saved the Americans from the representatives of the various states heavy loss, the bullets falling thick about now in this city. Although he would like to accommodate the people in this matter, General Luna is massing his army east Secretary Alger has been compelled to deny of the railway, bringing up troops by train- every one of these applications. The reasons given for the action of the department are route is regarded as unsafe, owing to cli-A Filipino connected with the American matic conditions at this season of the year, hospital corps was killed, it is supposed, by especially for troops which have undergone the fatigues and hardships of a long campaign in the Philippines.

> Sketch of Wounded Major. MINNEAPOLIS, May 10 .- Major A. M.

number of years previous to the beginning self to an extent that is harmful. The claims, according to information re-ceived here, are held by persons of various tional Guard as captain of Company the president today, most of them being Colonel Price while the regiment was ments will be made from Washington. man subjects resident at Hollo are said to yet at Camp Ramsay and the promobattalion commanders. Major Diggles was chestra played the national airs.

> Captain Barker Will Be Relieved. WASHINGTON, May 10 .- Captain Barker, the senior officer of Dewey's fleet and the commander of the battleship Oregon, will home. The Navy department has arranged for Captain George F. Wilde, at present in command of the Beston, also at Manila, to relieve him. Captain Barker was one of the most active members of the naval war

has lived in Minneapolis thirteen years.

board. The cruiser Boston is also to come to the United States. It will cross the Pacific ward. The Boston is a sister ship of the as was the Atlanta.

Sailors Are in Good Health. WASHINGTON, May 10.-Rear Admiral Van Reypen, surgeon general of the navy, Oregon, Dr. Stevenson, at Manila, stating

in Kansas City.

Three-Cornered Alterention in Which the Participants Are a Policeman, His Brother and a

Presbyterian Preacher.

KANSAS CITY, May 10 .- (Special Telemilitary operations lines were constructed had trouble with L. B. Green, a special poin every direction. Where they passed liceman stationed at the stock yards, this through thickly settled districts they were afternoon, which resulted in a street fight often cut and communication was carried on later in the day between Weeks and George by rockets and other signals. As the troops T. Green, a brother of the officer. The three were advanced the telegraph wires were men met at Sixteenth and Genesee streets carried forward with great celerity. Some- and George Green draped Weeks' left eye thing of the use of the wire in field opera-tions may be judged from the fact that the George Green is a speculator at the stock

him without provocation. Weeks is a Presbyterian minister and lives were transmitted. Upon the day the report in Omaha. On account of bad health he entrenched on three sides of Bacolor. The Americans, however, are fully able to hold the city if Monday's attack was a specimes of the enemy's fighting ability.

The United States Philippine commission

The United States Philippine commission gave up his pulpit some time ago and began in a hallway and ordered him to leave the building. He refused to do so and an hour the necessity for precedence in order of later Weeks met him in front of the cigar Captain Russell, Lieutenant Charles E. Kil- aside and ordering him to leave the prembourne, jr., Lieutenant F. H. Balley, Lieutenant E. lises at once. The two men indulged in a tenant Charles H. Gordon, Lieutenant E. heated argument, but did not come to blows. Kelly, Lieutenant George S. Gibbs, jr., and Later Weeks says he met Officer Green and a large number of non-commissioned officers | his brother at Sixteenth and Genesee streets and that the latter assaulted him. Weeks also avers that Officer Green turned to his Weeks a thrashing he would pay his fine.

Officer Green's story is that Weeks was soliciting orders for work in the Stock ex- beef packers were saints, sent to our solchange in violation of an order which he diers with manna from heaven, and that is expected to enforce. He declares that he General Miles was careless because he did did not curse and abuse him and did not strike him, but that Wocks angered his to his ears that this food was bad. Every eral times. Weeks appeared at police headquarters soon after the trouble occurred with blood flowing from an ugly wound just below his left eye. He swore out a city warrant for the arrest of both men on the charge and was adversely reported on after a short of disturbing the peace and will file charges against Officer Green with the secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The Omaha city directory gives the rest-Grant street. Inquiry among local Presbyterians elicits the fact that Mr. Weeks is under the jurisdiction of the presbytery of Kearney, that he has preached for brief periods in several churches in Nebraska and Iowa, but that he has never been installed as a pastor in any of them. The minutes some of the criticisms in connection with of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church do not show that Weeks has ever "Now, I have proved a dozen times at the acted in any other capacity in Nebraska

ter as a Result of the Baths and Thorough Rest.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 10 .- The reassur-Kautz was a source of relief to the president. The extent to which he is being allowed freeedom from official cares is evidenced by the fact that not even this welcome information was forwarded to him, his knowledge of the fact being given through the Associated Press representative here. The president tested under the auspices of the governance that the Samoan situation is so retary of war to the commissary general for supposed all the streams are impassable. now at the islands further bloodshed is not

anticipated. During the morning Mr. McKinley gave some attention to the forthcoming civil servhim relating to the matter, but is handlcapped by being absent from touch with the officials upon whose judgment he must depend to some extent for the effect of the order in the various departments of the government. The formal final order need not expected for some days.

Whether it is the effect of his absolute remorning, this treatment having been begun today, the president is recuperating perceptibly. A gentleman who has known him for many years, after seeing him today, said he never knew the president to appear to be in better health. His color, he explained, was an apparent statement of facts in itselt. Friends of the executive are much annoyed by stories that Mr. McKinley is smoking ex-Diggles of the Thirteenth Minnesota, who cessively and injuriously. Friends in our was wounded in the head while leading two new island possessions have sent him quanti- this from a conversation with him about companies of his regiment and two com- ties of cigars of various brands, but they three weeks since) believe that General panies of the Oregon volunteers on a recon- have remained untouched. An aftermeal noitering expedition near San Miguel, is a cigar is a source of thorough enjoyment to ing any person or circumstance which he resident of Minneapolis and had been for a the president, but he does not indulge him- did not honestly believe to be well founded and lasted about fifteen minutes. Hall fell as

The resignation of Lieutenant army promotions. The formal announce-Secretary Gage accompanied the president tion of Major Fred Ames to the lieutenant for a stroll through the grounds late in the colonelcy made Captain Diggles, who was at afternoon and tonight, assisted by his wife that time the senior captain of the regiment, and Secretary and Mrs. Gage, Mr. McKinley the junior major, and the resignation of reecived the guests of the Homestead in General Reeve advanced him another grade the commodious parlors, being introduced to and made him the second in rank among the each by Manager Frank Sterry. The or-

born in Boston May 18, 1855. He spent his President McKinley was given the Asso youth in New England and was educated clated Press news from Manila, reporting the For a time he attended a military failure of the Filipino congress to act on school at Sing Sing, N. Y., and then entered the cessation of war through a lack of a Yale college, where he graduated in the quorum, but showing a strong peace ten scientific course with the class of '76. He dency, just as he was retiring for the night. The information was most pleasing to him. Secretary Gage, though he did not express

countenance that he shared the president's

feelings.

Physician and His Three Children Are Unable to Escape from Burning Residence.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 10 .- Dr. L. P. Bagwell, a leading physician and drugto San Francisco and will be extensively gist of Spring Point, a village in Murray general has received the report of General overhauled and altered at the Mare Island county, Georgia, with his three children. aged 10, 8 and 4 years, and an aged woman Atlanta, which is just emerging from the who did housekeeping duties, were burned hands of the repairers at the New York to death in a fire that consumed their home Filipino rebellion. The report is indersed navy yard, and will be improved at all points, about 4 o'clock this morning. The residence was just outside of the little town and parties arriving after the alarm had been given saw Dr. Bagwell with his three children in his arms making his way amid souri regiment. Colonel Lester Hardemann. and vigilance saved the city from conflagra- has received a letter from the surgeon of the the smoke and blaze to a front window. Be- Mrs. Anna E. George delivered her first that the health of the ship's company is was overcome with the heat and smoke and The house seats 1,200, but there were only fires were clearly incendiary, and that even excellent, notwithstanding the trying heat fell, covered with the burning debris. Two fourteen people who paid the admission fee after they started the Filipinos tried in of the tropics. Surgeon Stevenson adds:

every way to prevent their extinguishment.

of the tropics. Surgeon Stevenson adds:

young men, whose names were not learned, to hear her. She delivered, however, the hord of the due of the du barely escaped, both being horribly burned her life.

# cented in bouses and efforts were made to OMAHA DIVINE IN A FIGHT CONDITION OF THE WEATHER DAMAGE BY

Porecast for Nebraska-Fair; Southerly Winds. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

3 p. m...... 4 p. m...... 5 p. m...... 6 p. m..... MIXED UP WITH A STOCK EXCHANGE MAN 9 n. m..... 61 10 n. m..... 61 7 p. m..... 63 S p. m..... 62 9 p. m.... 62 11 a. m..... 65 12 m...... 61

> and it is feared they will die. The Bagwell residence was a frame building and was easy prey for the flames.

## DEFENSE OF GENERAL MILES

Counsel Reviews the Testimony and Points Out Inconsistency of the Verdict Rendered.

CINCINNATI, May 10.-The Enquirer tomorrow will print the following interview with Hon. H. R. Probasco, ex-United States district attorney here, a relative of ex-Sec retary Sherman and recently counsel for General Miles:

"When the court convened, having proviously served General Miles as counsel in other matters, I was asked to go to Washington and confer with him as regarding the proceedings before the court of inquiry. It was determined that inasmuch as General Miles was not in the attitude of one accused, that it would be inadvisable to introduce a lawyer, and Major J. M. Lee was selected by General Miles to aid the court and the recorder." "What is your opinion as to the report of

the court of inquiry?" "I have not read the full report, but have seen the synopsis of it. I was amused that three intelligent army officers, sitting as a court for weeks, and examining several hunbrother and told him that if he would give dred witnesses, should have rendered such an illogical and uncertain decision. The decision amounts to the court finding that the not report the first vague rumor which came so-called canned roast beef as an unfit ration. The chief clerk of the commissary general's office testified that canned roast beef in 1878 was as an experimental ration trial. The court was evidently so well satisfied as to the proof of the truth of General Miles' allegations as to canned roast beef that when, before the testimony closed, they were asked to subpoenae an additional dence of Rev. Frank M. Weeks as 4327 list of 134 witnesses they declined to subpoenae all except ten, for the reason that the 124 would give cumulative testimony only against the canned roast beef."

### Proof of a Process.

"What about the embalmed beef?" cattle and beef men that fre h beef would 9 p. m., got as far as Thurston last evennot hold up twenty-four haurs after de- ing, then backed down to Blair and went to livered from the refrigerator in the climate | Sloux City on the lowa side of the river. that prevailed in Florida and the West In- All the men available have been put to dies, and that the best course to pursue work, and it is expected trains will be runwould be to issue the beef on the block, or ning by Friday, fresh beef had a process which they said gram.)—The worst rain in years fell in President's Health is Noticeably Bet- would enable them to deliver meat which would keep sound and fresh for seventytwo hours after delivery from the refriger-

ator. The day after the bids were opened attorneys in Washington addressed a com- bard and about that amount near Wayne, ing news forwarded from Apia by Admiral munication to the secretary of war, making No trains from the north have run today. the argument that notwithstanding their Workmen from the south arrived here this clients bid somewhat higher than the oth- morning to repair washouts. ers, that they ought to be awarded the conhis consideration, who returned it to the inference that the other bidders also had Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and processes for the preservation of meat, the Pacific Short Line roads were also large which had been tested. This letter was re- lesers.

turned by the secretary of war. by chemical analysis that the meat furnished ing many families from their homes. Much the soldiers contained chemicals, was in no live stock was lost. At Winnebago agency wise contradicted. Three witnesses, Ser- the storm was accompanied by enormous geant Mason. Lieutenant Gampher and Dr. hall, many of the stones being of the regula-Castle, testified that the agent at Lake- tion hen's egg size. laxation from duty, the dry atmosphere, or land, Fla., had told them that they had is the result of his medicinal bath this found it impossible to comply with their A strip of seventy feet of track between the contract to deliver fresh meat which would junction and Pender was torn from remain sound and sweet for seventy-two right of way. Trains on the entire Nebraska hours after delivery from the refrigerator division of the road north of Emerson, inwithout the means of a chemical process, cluding the Bloomfield, Hartington and which process was a secret even to him. If Newcastle branches, have been abandoned, the court found in the face of this testimony that no meat delivered was chemically At Jackson 300 feet of the Pacific Short treated-it amounts almost to stultification. Line's track was washed out. The damage "The great majority of the papers and of was all done between Laurel and Belden. the people, including the president (I know No fatalities have been reported.

Miles would not make a statement concernnor any other office than I do."

Mr. Probasco blames the secretary of war and the adjutant general with opposing the general commanding the army.

## STONE IS STILL FOR BRYAN Says the Nebraskan Will Again Be

the Nominee and Silver the Issue.

William J. Stone of Missouri said in an lowed by a light shower this morning. This interview last night: "William J. Bryan | will stop the farmers in the midst of their will be the next democratic nominee for the corn planting. A very large acreage of presidency. As to the platform, I do not corn will be put in because of the loss of know what better we could do than reaffirm the wheat crop. himself, showed by his smile and brightened that of Chicago. Nothing can be gained by a change. If the silver plank is left out, 3 p. m. yesterday a hallstorm did consideraway go the populists and the silver repub- able damage, breaking windows and deicans who flocked to Bryan, and in their stroying vegetation, pounding it into the stead would come the gold democrats of the ground. Hall stones fell the size of hen's ast, whose number is inconsiderable.

here should be any war planks. I believe beast. there should be a declaration against imperialism. The declaration against trusts might be strengthened and we should be strong in favor of an income tax."

## MRS. GEORGE HAS POOR HOUSE

Only Fourteen Persons Pay Admittance to Hear Story of Her Life.

COLUMBUS, O., May 10 .- A State Journal special from Steubenville, O., says: fore he reached the window, however, he lecture at the Olypmia in this city tonight-

Rain, Wind and Hail Play Havoc in Northeastern Nebraska.

THURSTON, DIXON AND DAKOTA C OUNTIE

Hailstones of Immense Siz Demolish Crops and Break Windows.

REGULAR TWISTER NEAR BY EMERSON

Several Houses and Barns Wrecked and Some Stock Killed.

RAILROAD TRACKS COVERED WITH WATER

Omaha Line Submerged and Trains Compelled to Go on East Side of River-Pender is Partly Inundated.

EMERSON, Neb., May 10 .- (Special Teleram.)-Reports received today indicate that Emerson was about the center of vesterday's storm. So far as learned no lives were lost, but an immense amount of damage was done to buildings, live stock and

The storm was of the nature of a cyclone, but the whirling winds only touched the ground occasionally. Southeast of Emerson Robert and Thomas Ingrams' buildings were all blown to pieces. George Kirschner's dwelling was unroofed. William Schoening's barn was destroyed and forty head of hogs killed. In Emerson the twister only touched in two places, tearing down the barn of James Hemstreet and the dwelling of Frank Paul.

The most damage, however, was done by hall and floods. Within a radius of ten miles of Emerson small grain was pounded into the ground, window lights were broken out, fences and bridges were swept out. The ravines and sloughs became rivers, carrying away live stock and buildings. In ome cases familles barely escaped with their lives. Hallstones were picked up that by actual measurement were eight inches in circumference, and plate glass window lights a quarter of an inch in thickness went into pieces the same as ordinary glass. It hailed for just an hour and then the rain came down in torrents, flooding the stores and dwellings and ruin-

ing merchandise, furniture and carpets. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad was one of the greatest sufferers. About a mile of track was taken out and turned bottomside up in the ditch between Hubbard and Coburn. Threequarters of a mile was taken out between Emerson and Wakefield and between here "Before bids were received by the com-and Thurston the track is out or under-dissary general he was advised by expert mined. The St. Paul limited, due here at

> Inundation at Pender. PENDER, Neb., May 10 .- (Special Telethe northern part of this and Dixon and Dakota counties last evening. Fifteen hundred feet of railroad track is washed out between here and Emerson, 800 feet at Hub-

The track at Wakefield was three feet tract, because of their ability to perform under water this morning. This town was their task, by means of the Powell process partly inundated and two feet more still for the preservation of meat, which they coming. This amount of water will come controlled, and which had been satisfactorily into one-third of the houses in this town SIOUX CITY, May 10,-The terrific rains secretary with his indorsement, in which he which fell over northeastern Nebraska last said: 'These tests are not the only tests night destroyed a considerable amount of which have been made,' leaving the plain property, especially on lowland farms. The

The town of Homer was the principal suf-"Dr. Daly's testimony that he had found ferer. Omaha creek rose twenty feet, driv-

Much damage was also done at Hubbard.

Heavy Hail at Fairmont. FAIRMONT, Neb., May 10 .- (Special.)-A hail storm of considerable magnitude struck Fairmont yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock and well timed. General Miles has no po- large as hen's eggs and did a great amount litical ambition whatever, and no more of damage, breaking forty-seven lights of thinks of being a candidate for president glass out of the High school building. Scarcely a house in town escaped. Some shingles were blown off the roofs. Several farmers were caught out in the storm with their teams. Sid Avery had four horses nitched to a harrow when the storm struck. They ran away and scattered the harrow all over the field. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 10 .- (Spa-

cial.)-A heavy rain fell here last night and this morning. The continued wet weather is delaying corn planting. DUNBAR, Neb., May 10,-(Special.)-A NEW YORK, May 10 .- Former Governor heavy rain fell here yesterday afternoon fol-

OAKLAND, Neb., May 10,-(Special.)-At

eggs. Fortunately the storm extended over "By the time the conventions are held the a small area and with no wind. Otherwise war will be all over and I den't see why it would have been dangerous to man and

Cyclone Touches Up Kansas. WICHITA, May 10 .- A special to the Beacon saya a cyclone struck Coldwater, Kan., at 10 o'clock last night, completely destroying twelve houses and killing Joseph Bowers, a prominent cattleman. Aldrich's general store was wrecked and a brick block on Main street blown down. The Presbyterian church was blown away and the court house was unroofed.

British Man-of-War at Tampa. NEW YORK, May 10.—Information has been received here that the British war ship Pearl will arrive at Port Tampa, Fia., on May 29 and remain until May 25 to accept an invitation extended by citizens of Tampa. who will hold a relebration on May 24 in "The admiral (Dewey) is looking well and were boarding with Dr. Bagwell and they lecture, which was practically a sketch of bie that the Pearl will be accompanied by