DOUBT RIGHT OF SALE

Most Members of Canal Committee Against New Panama Company.

OUESTION VALIDITY OF ITS TITLE died here of pneumonia yesterday. Achilles

Base Objections on Relations of Company to France and Colombia

SEE DANGER IN DEAL WITH THIS CONCEN

Fear United States Might Offend Friends of Old Company.

MINORITY STANDS BY NEW CORPORATION

Upholds Its Title and Asserts that it Has Obtained Requisite Consent

of Colombia to the Sale of Property.

WASHINGTON, March 19.-Senator Morgan, from the committee on isthmian ca-nals, today presented to the senate the majority and minority reports of that committee on the question of the validity of the title of the new Panama Canal company and its right to transfer the Panama canal property to the United States for \$40,000,000. The objections of the majority to the title held by that company are largely on the relations of the canal company to the governments of France and Colombia, but the committee also discusses at length many other phases of the ques-

Among these is the relation of the shareholders, who subscribed \$260,000,000 to the old Panama company, whose interests, the report holds, cannot be lightly regarded. On this point the report says:

The spectacle of the United States congress authorizing the president, as the agent of our government, to conduct a trade with such a corporation (the new Panama company) without consulting France as to the claim of independence it (the new Panama company) asserts, will be entirely new in the history of nations and its consequences cannot be lightly disregarded.

Danger of Entanglement.

Among these is the serious danger of the United States being drawn into disagreesble relations with a large and influential body of the worthy people of France, whose friendship for us has been cherished during the entire life of our republic, and had its origin in magnanimous sacrifices for our country when this government was in the travail of its birth. Unfortunately, the report of the isthmian canai commission reveals the fact that the men who make this offer are chief among those who defrauded these 600,000 or 800,000 Frenchmen of \$250,000,000,

Speaking further of the obligations of the new company to the old, the majority say 1f Mr. Elfell and his associates get \$40,000,000 from the American people it is well
that they are sheltered from the claims of
these defrauded and despolled bondholders
and stockholders by the alleged despotism
of French courts. They would never escape
justice in American courts and would be
compelled to account for every dollar of
the money to the bondholders and to the
stocks bearing interest before applying any
of it to the profits of their speculation.

the title of the new Panama Canal company, as will be seen from the following

extract, which constitutes its opening para-

The title of the new Panama company to its concessions and other property appears from the facts and documents which have been laid before the subcommittee and is clear and free from any complications. For a transfer of its concessions to the United States the consent of Colombia is requisite, but this consent has been given by the government of that country as fully as it can be given. In case of purchase of the canal by the United States different concessions and different rights must be obtained by the treaty between this country and Colombia, and such already would necessarily involve a consent to the sale by the company of its rights and property on the isthmus to the United States, such a treaty Colombia has shown and declared its readiness to make. On every other point the right of the new Panama Canal company to transfer its property to the United States is perfectly clear. Every link in the chain of its title and every step in the course by which it came in a position to sell its property, free and clear, is plain and satisfactory.

Old Company Deals Fairly.

The report then reviews the entire origin and history of the Panama canal company and finds that the affairs of the old company were disposed of by a French court in a straightforward way when that company became insolvent, and that the court had a perfect right, not only to apoint a liquidator and receiver, but to confer on him, as was done the power "to grant or contribute to any new company all part of the corporate assessment."

The various objections to the new com pany's title are then considered and replied to. The following explanation is made of the reasons why the new company should

desire to sell:

Under the title thus acquired the new company took up the work and continued it until a large part of its capital had been expended. It would become necessary to raise funds for the completion of the canal from the public. By this time, however, a new danger menaced it, in the announced intention of the United States to build an Isthmian canal. Investors could be induced to use French money only by the prospects of a profitable return, but if the canal must compete with one built and owned by a government which could and would disregard all question of profit, the chance of a profitable return was gone. It would not pay to complete the canal and therefore money could not be raised to complete it.

complete it.

As an engineering proposition, the canal was perfectly feasible, and was attractive: was perfectly feasible, and was attractive; as a commercial proposition, the certainty of the competition of the United States made it impossible, except under the auspices of governments which might for public reasons acquire the canal. For the second time it became necessary to consider the means of saving something from this property which must be wholly lost if the canal were not completed. Since the company could not raise the money to complete the canal, the only practicable course was to sell the property.

Dumont Coming Over.

PARIS, March 19.—M. Santos-Dumont today accepted an invitation from the St. Louis exposition to go to St. Louis, to assist the authorities in the proposed balloon contest and select a site on which to erect company could not raise the money to complete the canal, the only practicable course was to sell the property.

EVANS DENIES THE REPORT

Says There is No Truth in Story He is to Be Secretary of the

WASHINGTON, March 19 .- Commissioner of Pensions Evans today was shown a dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., to the effect that a special from Chattanooga, Tenn., states that close personal friends there of Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans claim to have information that President Roosevelt will make him secretary of the "There is absolutely no founds. tion for the report," said Mr. Evans, "and I would be glad to have the Associated

Interior.

To Enlarge Yellowstone. WASHINGTON, March 19.-The secretary of the interior today sent to the senate the draft of a bill providing for the enlargement of Yellowstone park. In a communication accompanying the bill he says the extension of the park boundaries is necessary to protect the game in the park.

ACHILLES I PASSES AWAY MEETS PRINCESS AT KIEL COURT INSTRUCTS FIFE JURY Self-Constituted King of Patagonia Dies of Paermonia in

Ports. PARIS, March 19 .- Achilles I, known as the "king of Patagonia and Araucania," who had his court in a modest apartment on the Place de la Nation, succeeded his second cousin, Antoine I, in September 17, 1876. The fatter, who was originally a lawer of Periguex, went to South America claimed to have become king of Patain 1861. Achilles, whose real name Aviarde, accompanied Antoine on his returned to Paris and assumed the difficulties between Patagonia and & rounded

h is asserted, deemed it im-. In to his kingdom and surwith a court here, appointed fun Juaries and lavishly distributed high-sounding titles and decorations. Achilles' high chamberlain, who is a saloon keeper, informed reporters that the late king in his will appointed his godson to be his successor, but the "high chamberlain" said he could not give the reporters the new king's name because etiquette required that American presidents and European sovereigns should be first informed of the facts in the case.

LANDSTHING RATIFIES TREATY Upper House of Denmark Legislature Endorses Sale of West

Indies.

COPENHAGEN, March 19 .- The Landsthing, the upper house, in committee of the whole and in executive session voted today to ratify the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. After this action there will be two readings, one of which is to be in open session. The first of these readings will not take place before March 25.

The opponents of the treaty are playing for delay, but the measure is now assured of a majority of two votes in favor of ratification. The treaty's opponents today held a meeting, which was largely attended, chief of the secret service who accompan several members of the Landsthing being present.

Fresh proposals were submitted to start a direct Danish West Indies line of steamers and to establish large sugar plantations. The meeting subscribed 3,500,000 crowns for these enterprises. The object of the meeting was to influence the Landsthing's decision.

CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS

Chinese Imperial Troops Are Unable to Cope with the Rebellion.

HONG KONG, March 19.-The rebels in the southern provinces continue to crushingly defeat the troops sent to subdue them. Generals Ma and Marshal Su report that it is impossible to suppress the re-Chuen, twenty miles northwest of the prefeetural town of Nuan Yan. They also Kwang Si province, and the town of Yung Ning, in Kwel Chou province.

Supreme Court Judge and Candidate for Presidency in Hayti Ac-

cused of Conspiracy. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 19 .-Many citizens charged with conspiring docked. against the government were arrested and imprisoned today and a number of others sought refuge in the various consulates. Among the citizens imprisoned are Judge Bourfolly of the supreme court and General Destouche. M. Seneufe, a candidate

in the French legation. The agitation is appeading. The minister of public work, M, C. Le Conte, has left Port Au Prince for Jacmel, with a detach-

for the presidency, was refused an asylum

TURKEY REFUSES TO REBATE Will Not Repay the United States the Amount of Miss Stone's

Bansom, Exchange Telegraph company from Con-

stantinople says: fused the demand of the United States for scroll, expressing her majesty's personal the repayment of the sum of \$72,500 paid to regards and wishes for a pleasant journey. the brigands as a ransom for Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme, Tsilka,

Revives Snuff Taking Custom.

created the custom of snuff taking, which sentenced to three months imprisonment, as a result promises to be generally revived. The prosecutions of the ringleaders are At the Mariborough house dinners a still pending. Georgian silver snuff box, once used by the prince regent, is handed to his majesty at the beginning of the desert, while the women are still at the table. The king helps himself liberally, sharing a pinch with favored guests.

Deutschland April 4. He will not take a day.

Slave Dealers in Bondage.

MOZAMBIQUE, Portuguese, East Africa. March 18.—The Portuguese troops captured 162 slave dealers and killed fifty emirs at Pemba bay recently, when the government forces attacked twelve strongholds of the slave dealers and liberated 700 slaves.

Emigrants Go Home Disappointed. BERLIN, March 18 .- Five hundred re turned immigrants, disappointed with life in the United States, have passed through Berlin on their way to their old homes to Posen and the provinces of East and West Prussia and Prussia and Austria.

Lord Kimberly Suffers Relause. LONDON, March 19 .- Lord Kimberly, the liberal leader in the House of Lords, who regret were read from Governor Benton income of the estate as a life interest. has been ill for some time past, suffered a relapse yesterday evening and today is in a Gaines. semi-conscious condition.

New Cabinet Commissioned. MADRID, March 19.-The queen regent

the oath this evening.

Prince Henry Joins His Wife and Sons After Long Journey.

HAS CLOSE TALK WITH EMPEROR

Relates Details of His Reception and Entertainment by Americans, but Information of Conversation is Concented.

KIEL, March 19 .- The German battleship on Antoine's death. Achilles, in peror William and Prince Henry of Prussia, arrived here at 5:30 p. m. His majesty squadron in these waters. BERLIN, March 19 .- Prince Henry landed

> cerning which those surrounding Emperor William and Prince Henry have been taken

The members of the prince's party were much amused while on their travels, at the calls of "speech," "speech," from the crowds collected at wayside places and the cries of "how's your brother William?" The only occasion when the least alarm he did not know it.

for the prince's safety was felt was when a member of the party saw a man enter the prince's car at one end while Prince Henry was on the platform at the other end, bowing to the crowd. This man was ordered out of the car. He hesitated and then

Turns to Be Detective.

A few minutes later he was seen working his way through the crowd, in order to get nearer the prince. This man wore a long coat, under which anything might have been pointed out this person to John E. Wilkie, led the prince on his trip, who at once

"Why that is one of my men." Prince Henry does not know why he did not visit the stockyards, at Chicago, except, that he was advised by Mr. Wilkie that it would be better to omit this part of the program, as the Polish workmen at the stockyards might create a disturbance. Mr. Wilkie is spoken of in the warmest terms by Prince Henry's companions for his discretion and his careful arrangements

for the prince's security. There was an awkward hitch in the disembarkation yesterday, of Prince Henry

from Deutschland, at Cuxhaven. Displeases the Emperor.

A landing stage that could not be moved had been built for the prince's descent from the Murrell case was before the court and the liner, and it was found impossible to the must insist on proceeding with it.

Shift the steamer so as to connect exactly Judge Krum, for Murrell stated that, shift the steamer so as to connect exactly the height of Deutschland's tower deck and Monday

down this Prince Henry walked to the guay. Emperor William received a wireless telehave captured the town of Liu Chou, in graph message at 4 o'clock yesterday afterthat Deutchiand was 90 miles away while indictment of perjury against him. as a matter of fact she was only twenty PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED miles distant. The emperor and his staff asked that the bonds of former Councilman stopped the dinner and hurried to the quay. Here he had a long wait until the steamer

Emperor William spoke to Commander American embassy at Cuxhaven yesterday United States and Mexico. of the wonderful reception Prince Henry

had received in the United States. "But, said Commander Beehler, "Your

To this the emperor replied: "But I cannot leave the country for so long.

"It would not take you longer than your trip to Jerusalem," said Commander Beeh-"Yes," replied the emperor, "that is so,

Downger Empress Sends Token. PEKIN, March 19 .- The downger empress learning that Mrs. Bainbridge, wife of W. LONDON, March 19 .- A dispatch to the F. Bainbridge, secretary of the United States legation, was starting for home, sent her an immense box of costly confectionery The Turkish government has flatly re- sharks' fins and other delicacies, with

Imprisonment for Bloters. ST. PETERSBURG, March 19 .- Fiftyseven of the persons who were arrested LONDON, March 19.-King Edward has here Sunday last for rioting have been

Servian Cabinet Resigns. BELGRADE, Servia, March 19 .- The Servian cabinet has tendered its resignation, owing to the adoption by the Skupsh ting (the national assembly) of a civil serv ice reform measure, against the wishes of the ministry.

Elbe Lands Etruria's Passengers. FALLMOUTH, England, March 19 .- The teamship Elbe, having on board the passengers of the disabled Cunard steamer Etruria, which left the Azore islands March 15, passed Lizard at 2:45 p. m. to-

Cecil Rhodes Takes Nourishment. CAPETOWN, March 20 .- A bulletin insued at midnight last night said that Cecil Phodes had taken nourishment, that he was was sleeping.

STILL LOYAL TO W. J. BRYAN Chattauooga Admirera Reaffirm Chicago Platform and Suggest Ne-

braskan for Renomination.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 19 .- The in celebration of the birthday anniversary of William J. Bryan was held tonight. One

McMillin, Congressmen Wheeler, Moon and

Greetings were wired by Mr. Bryan Many toasts were responded to pledging rehas signed the appointments of the new Mr. Bryan. Several of the speakers advo presidency the third time.

Orders Either a Verdiet of Murder in

the First or Second Degree or Acquittel.

SAVANNAH, Mo., March 19.-In the trial of Stewart Fife for the mysterious murder of Frank W. Richardson the Instructions were given at the night session of court and the arguments of the attorneys begun. The instructions call for a verifict of mur-der in the first or second degree or ac-quittal. The defense tried to get instruc-

tions for murder in the first degree alone.

Prosecuting Attorney Boohr spened for the state and reviewed the evidence by Kaiser Wilhelm II, having on board Em- which Fife was traced in his movements the night of the Richardson tragedy. Jule A. Sanders, for the defendant, made the and the prince were welcomed with the point that the state's evidence had not firing of salutes and cheers from the naval placed Fife nearer the Richardson house than King's corner on the night of the murder. Sanders charged that the revolver at Kiel at dusk and joined Princess Henry found by the Rickoff boy hed been placed and his sons.

That which took place between the royal fended the character of Mrs. Richardson brothers is of course not a matter con- throughout his argument, devoting as much time to her defense as to that of Fife.

William and Prince Henry have been taken Into the royal confidence, further than to evidence of the witnesses who said they saw know that the brothers had a talk today him about the saloons and other places on lasting several hours, and that Prince Henry told Emperor William his experiences from the beginning to the end of his trip.

The arguments will be issumed tomorrow.

When Fife was recalled juday the state renewed its effort to get the gravious avi-dence before the jury. He said that if he was represented by a law, at that time "Did you give your answers poluntarily?"

was asked. "I had to answer," Fife sald "You had nothing to concest, had you?"
Fife appealed to the judge, but his lawyers indicated that he should answer the
question, and he replied: "I had nothing

to conceal." "There was a scene during the mornin when Fife's mother arose with exclama-tions of contradiction to the witness on the stand. The strain on Mrs. Fife has been concealed. A member of the prince's staff very great. The father of the prisoner has already broken down under it.

REWARD FOR ACCUSED MAN Five Hundred Dollars Offered for Ar-

rest of Alleged St. Louis

Briber. ST. LOUIS, March 19.-The case against J. K. Murrell, member of the house of delegates, accused of bribery lu connection with the passage of the subr lan franchise bill, was called in Judge Douglass' court today. The defendant did but respond.

The case against Kmit Meysenburg, former member of the council, also indicted was ready for trial. Circuit Attorney Folk told he court the

bellion with the troops at their disposal, and the vicercy of Canton has requested William, who was waiting on the quay per- Murrell, he felt reasonably and that Murthe money to the bondholders and to the stocks bearing interest before applying any of it to the profits of their speculation.

If it to the profits of their speculation of the profits of their speculation of the brother of Secretary affair, and began to give instructions as the bow Prince House, of that town.

The princetry company.

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John K. Murrell, who forfeited his bond of noon at Cuxhaven where it was announced \$5,000 yesterday and failed to answer the Mr. Polk appeared before Judge Ryan and

then sat down to dine, believing they had Charles Kratz and Henry Nicolaus, a disufficient time before the arrival of the rector of the Suburban road, both indicted steamer. At about half-way through the for bribery, be increased to \$20,000. Judge menu news was brought that Deutchland Ryan said the defendants would be brought was sighted. Emperor William then into court tomorrow at the opening of court and arguments would then be heard.

It was learned tonight that Mr. Murrell departed last Sunday night for Mexico, having forty-eight hours' start of the officers of William H. Beehler, the United States naval the law. The offense of bribery is not exattache at Berlin, who represented the traditable under the treaty between the

GIRL'S STATEMENT ADMITTED majesty would have received a greater Last Testimony of Miss Irma Brown Part of Evidence in Dr.

Gray's Trial.

CHICAGO, March 19 .- The unsigned dying statements of Irma Brown, for whose death Dr. Robert E. Gray is on trial, will become part of the evidence against him, the defense having made it possible to get the statement into evidence in rebuttal. In this statement the girl accused Dr. Gray of the crime charged in the indictment.

The attempt to prove that the girl was irrational when she made the statement to the police is offset by Joseph Purvis, bookkeeper at the county hospital, who filustrated an incident tending to support the belief that she was in her right mint. "She raised her hand to brush back her hair," said the witness, "and in doing so

she struck my hand. 'Excuse me.' she said quietly, and appeared to be as keen and rational as could be." the defendant's attorney moved that the case be dismissed on the ground that the

state had not introduced evidence to support the charge. The court refused to take the case from the jury. The defense will be a denial of any criminal action on the part of the defendant who was portrayed by Attorney Northrup as a conscientious, professional man, straining a point, perhaps, in order to succor an unfortunate girl who had thrown her self upon his mercy. Dr. Gray will take

HEIRS GET THE FAIR ESTATE Children of Late California Senator Favored by Supreme Court Ruling.

the stand in his own defense.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 .- By a decision rendered today in the state supreme slightly stronger and that at that time he court the trust clause in the will of the late James G. Fair, former United State senator, so far as it pertains to the personal property of his estate, declared invalid and an order of distribution granted by superior Judge James M. Troutt to the children, Charles L. Fair, Mrs. Theresa Ocirichs and Miss Virginia Fair Vanderbilt, is affirmed.

The effect of the decision is in reality the complete dissolution of the trust which fourth annual banquet of the Bryan club the late millionaire sought to create for the purpose of passing final distribution of his property beyond his children and to their hundred guests were present. Letters of heirs, vouchsafing for them the net monthly

By a former decision the trust was invalidated so far as it related to the real property, which was ordered distributed. Upon the order of Judge Troutt for a newed loyalty to the Chicago platform, city distribution to the Fair children of that platforms and the principles represented by portion of the estate they prosecuted the appeal which is now determined in the court S. D., with \$25,000 capital, was today apministry and the cabinet officers will take cated the nomination of Mr. Bryan for the of last resort. The personal property is now subject to distribution.

WEST AND SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Attitude of Iowa Senators Stirs Up Speculation in Washington.

NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN NEBRASKA

senator Dietrich Plans a Visit Home-Cousins and Thomas in an Interesting Contest for Federal Patronage.

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STATE REFORM SCHOOL BURNS

Building Occupied by Nearly Three

Hundred Inmates Victim

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 20 .- At 1 a. m.

the fire department was notified that the

State School of Reform, six miles from this

city, and in which 287 children are con-

fined, was in flames. The inmates are

thought to have all got out safely. A fire

At 1:10 o'clock the boys' building col-

lapsed. The building in which the telephone

was cituated was on fire and one of the

guards who was answering the telephone

declared that he must run, as the heat and

At 2 o'clock the Branley building, used as

The State School of Reform was com-

Governor Bradley, at a cost of about \$200,-

It sheltered young criminals from all

smoke made it impossible to remain.

engine was sent from the city.

the institution is half a mile.

is at this time unknown.

not passed.

of Flames.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 19 .- (Special Telegram.)-Members of the house have been liscussing the position in which Speaker denderson has been placed by the action of the Iowa senators, Allison and Dolliver, in voting against the ship subsidy bill. If the speaker supports the bill he will place himself in antagonism to the two senators, and it is said that the political conditions in his district will hardly warrant this attitude. If, on the other hand, he falls to support the bill he will find himself in opposition to Senator Hanna and the ad-

It is thought that in view of these cirumstances it will be some time before the ship subsidy bill reaches the discussion stage in the house. General Grosvenor, owever, said that his committee would take up the consideration of the bill within a week or so and give hearings to all the parties interested.

thought that the Iowa delegation in the house will follow the lead and vote against The Nebraska delegation, so far as the republican members are concerned, is un-decided as to the position it will take, hoping that the expressions from constituents

In view of the action of the Iowa senators

voting against the shipping bill it is

will give them some light. Promotion in Lincoln.

Representative Burkett today upon the Lincoln succeeded in securing the appointment of E. W. Nelson to a clerkship in the Lincoln postoffice, vice C. J. Whitmore, resigned, and the following promotions: John C. Heelan, from \$800 to \$900; J. G. Ludland, from \$700 to \$800; Joseph Bolshow, from \$700 to \$800; H. F. Houston, from \$600

The subcommittees of the house commitee on public buildings and grounds are daily laboring over the plans for various public buildings which are to be provided or in the omnibus public building bill. Although nothing definite has been decided in regard to the provisions for Nebraska it seems safe to predict that Norfolk and Hastings will be taken care of, both of these cities having been provided by the for bribery, was called and an attorney of last congress with sites upon which to the defense stated that Mr. Maysenburg erect federal buildings. Norfolk has asked successor of Secretary Hitchcock, who, it for \$75,000, and in all probability will get that amount, Congressman Robinson having inet. Mr. Wolcott was previously considbeen especially active to secure this sum. ered for the interior pertfolio at the time Hastings has asked for \$120,000, but this will probably be cut to \$100,000, which the when it was thought probable Secretary Tressury department believes sufficient to Hitcheock would retire. At that time, it secure a fine structure to meet the needs was also understood he was willing to accept

> convened he feels that as the irrigation bill, judicial division bill and the bill ASK EQUAL DIVISION OF LAND Shoemaker finished, the committee for the Hastings postoffice have passed the senate, now is a good time for him to get Indians Send Memorial to President away. He will be accompanied on his trip, at least so far as Chicago, by his daughter. Miss Dietrich, who is now on a visit to her

father, having come on to Washington after the destruction of one of the dormitories of her school at Bryn Mawr. Senator Dietrich today recommended the reappointment of Andrew Richmond as post-

master at Orleans, Neb. Captain Hull of the Seventh Iowa district the coal and asphalt lands. The memorial having returned from his successful campaign for re-election, it is anticipated that the Iowa delegation will get together early that all lands be allotted as soon as pracnext week to decide upon the federal appointments which have been held up for tribes be paid out in per capita payment some time on account of the continued following allotments, urges the federal govabsence of members of the delegation.

The real fight in the delegation will come between Cousins of the Fifth and Thomas the Indian appropriation bill limiting the of the Eleventh districts, who are backing candidates for appointment. Mr. Cousins is standing out for the reappointment of Patterson as internal revenue collector, while Thomas is urging the claims of Sammis of Sloux City for district attorney.

Cousins' Position Criticised. Cousins' position is criticized in some quarters because he is urging two men from the same district for two of the most important places in the state. Should Patter son be re-appointed collector, and it is understood the president desires him to be on account of his record in the office. District Attorney McMillan would probably have to go, and as the representative from Dakota snow blockade and bring a train nouncing his withdrawal as a candidate for the northern districts feel that the Eleventh into St. Paul. should have one of the places, it would

The evidence of the state is closed and the northern district, Ed Knott of Waverly. the incumbent, being slated for reappoint-

ment. The conditions in the southern districts dent's wishes are carried out and J. M. Kemble, present collector, is reappointed, then the fight for district attorney will kota for about five days. The track west Lewis Miles of Corydon. Weaver wanted are anticipated. the district attorneyship, but Colonel Hepburn decided to stand by Miles, which changes the complexion of the state considerably, Weaver being then slated for the collectorship. Should Kemble be appointed on account of his efficiency, then Weaver and Miles will fight it out for district attorney.

George M. Christian of Grinnell, present being no candidate against him. Iowa War Cinima.

It is expected that the auditor for the war department will soon pass upon the Iowa war claims and decide whether the government should pay their claims with interest or should follow the strict letter of the decision of the court of claims and refuse to pay any interest, in which event Iowa's claim would be considerably reduced. Secretary Shaw said he looked for

M. R. Kenefick, R. E. Kenefick and Henry Robertson, of Dell Rapids, S. D., were being shown around today by members of the South Dakota delegation. They are on their way south on a pleasure trip. Department Notes.

The Continental National bank of Chicago was today approved as a reserve agent for the First National bank of Tecumseh, Neb. The application of A. H. Keller, of Emmetsburg, la., H. H. Packard, Z. A. Crabe, J. W. Switzer and A. D. Eckhart, to organize the Redfield National Bank of Redfield,

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER FIZZLE OVER FUSION Forecast for Nebraska-Rain or Snow and Colder Thursday; Friday, Fair; North Winds.

6 p. m. . . . 54 7 p. m. . . . 52 8 p. m 44 9 p. m 41

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 34 1 p. m. 50 6 a. m. 35 2 p. m. 52 7 a. m. 36 3 p. m. 35 8 a. m. 37 4 p. m. 56 9 a. m. 39 5 p. m. 56

Less Than Two Score Attend Out of Five

NOTHING TO DO BUT GO HOME AGAIN

Bryan Shakes Hands All Around and Goes to His Barn.

Judge Shoemaker Urges All Issues Sidetracked Except Imperialism-Actual Work Referred to Executive Committees. (From & Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 19 .- (Special Telegram.) -The widely heralded conference of fusion leaders in conjunction with the simultaneous meetings of the democratic and popuoffices and dormitory for boys, was in ruins list state committees, held here today, and the flames had attacked the manual proved a grand fizzle. Although Chairman training building. The engine sent from De France of the populist committee had the city had arrived and was playing a sent out nearly 600 special invitations to stream on the flames. The nearest tap to officers of county committees, populist editors, and reform beliwethers, less than two No lives are lost. The origin of the fire score put in an appearance, notwithstanding the reduced rates put into effect by the railroads as a special concession to

pleted in 1896, during the administration of reform. The visitors came in on the morning trains with a bewildered look on their faces, wondering what it was all about. One memparts of the state and there has been much ber of the committee said: "This is rank complaint recently about its crowded confoolishness. We don't know what we want dition. The trustees of the school were to do, and are not ready to do it if we did ecommendation of Postmaster Sizer of desirous of obtaining a large appropriation know. The only thing on the program is for its improvement, but the measure was

> Mrs. Lunsford Yandell of Louisville ! president of the board of managers of the institution and W. P. Walton of Stanford is secretary.

WOLCOTT FOR THE CABINET Colorado Senator is Mentioned as Possible Successor to Hitchcock.

WASHINGTON, March 19 .- The Post will tomorrow say: It is understood that Senator Edward Olliver Wolcott of Denver is being considered by the president as the possible is understood, will soon retire from the cabof Mr. McKinley's second inauguration.

days. The senator has many matters of several days. It is believed the attention issues except imperialism. Shoemaker has

and Congress and Oppose Appropriation Bill. ATOKA, I. T., March 19 .- The convention of Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians adjourned today after memorializing President Roosevelt and congress. To President Roosevelt the Indians oppose the sale of to congress makes a plea for the equal division of lands, the closing of the tribal rolls, ticable, that all funds and annuities due the

Indians to 320 acres of land. An amendment to the effect that when lands are allotted no reservation be made of the coal and asphalt lands was lost by a big

ernment to protect the Indians against

wrongful invasion and opposes the rider to

majority after a heated debate. SOO FIRST TO CLEAR TRACKS Lowry Line Forces Its Trains Through Tremendous Snow

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 19.-The Soc line was the first of the transcontinental

Late yesterday the Soo managed to get seem as though Thomas might land his its tracks through the eastern portion of There is no fight over the marshalship of light today one of the belated trains reached St. Paul. The Northern Pacific and Great plated at this time. Northern will, it is now definitely stated,

bring in their trains tomorrow. BILLINGS, Mont., March 19 .- The first been tied up by the blizzard in North Da-

SAYS COMPANY IS A FRAUD presses himself for an early date. V. R. Subscriber to Home Benefit Concern Applies for Appointment of

Receiver.

KANSAS CITY, March 19 .- A receiver for marshal, has no fight on his hands, there the Home Benefit association, a dissolution of the company and a restraining order to prevent the officers or the company from paying out its funds were asked in the circuit court today by a subscriber to the association. The petition alleged that the association's plan of operation is visionary and its motives dishonorable. The association promises to furnish homes on the payment of \$5.35 a month on each \$1,000 and has hundreds of subscribers.

> Movements of Ocean Vessels, March 19, At New York-Arrived: Molike, from Hamburg via Southampton and Cherbourg; Nomadic, from Liverpool; Teutonic, from Liverpool; Senousa, from San Francisco; Furnessia, from Glasgow. Sailed: Germanic, for Liverpool; Lensington, for Antwerp: St. Louis, for Bouthampton; Phoenica, for Naples and Genoa.
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> At Auckland-Arrived; Sonoma, from San Francisco via Honoluiu, for Sydney, N. S. W. N. S. W.
> At Hong Kong—Arrived: Empress of
> China, from Vancouver via Yokohama;
> Pak Ling, from Seattle, Yokohama, etc.,
> for Liverpool.
> At Liverpool—Arrived: Dominion, from
> Portland. Portland.
> At Southampton—Arrived: St. Paul, from New York.
> At Queenstown—Salled: Ivernia, from Liverpool, for Boston. Arrived: Majestic, from New York.

Few Democrats and Populists Brave the Cold March Winds.

MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW RESPOND

Hundred Asked.

ALTGELD REMEMBERED WITH RESOLUTIONS

to adjourn and go home." Bryan Exchanges Compliments.

And this is what proved to be the case. The democratic committee met at the Lindell with fourteen present and enough proxies to make up an apparent quorum. Mr. Bryan came in for a few minutes to shake hands and explain that he was celebrating his birthday anniversary by moving out to his farm, where he will occupy his new barn until his new house is finished, and repeated his performance later before the

geld and a motion delegating to the executive committee full power to fix the time and place of the state convention in conjunction with the populists. The rest of the time was put in listening to uncorked oratory on all sorts of subjects. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island arraigned the eastern democrats who

are trying to reorganize the party and re-

called the cold reception he and his asso-

The only formal action consisted in the

adoption of resolutions in memory of Alt-

clates had received in 1896, when they were This afternoon Circuit Attorney Polk announced the offer of \$500 for the arrest of he has not been at home since congress home in settling up his brother's estate.

A private character to look after and as of the secretary will now be in demand at been given the floor on a motion by J. J. to avoid what he knew was coming. When

> journed, although several others had managed to speak before him. The populist committee meeting made even a worse showing than the democrats. It had a membership of ninety, but only about thirty were present, while the outside visitors brought the whole number in the meeting place up to forty. The only business was to authorise the executive

committee to fix the convention time and place. Ex-Congressman Sutherland and ex-Senator Allen had to play lonesome as "dis-

tinguished leaders" There was not even enough timber pres ent to construct the proposed populist editorial association, so only a temporary organization was effected, with Eric Johnson of Wahoo as president and H. F. Mc-Intosh of Omaha as secretary, and a committee consisting of E. A. Walrath, J. V. Wolfe and H. F. Wilson, in addition, to perfect preliminaries for a permanent association.

Meserve Hovers on Edges.

Ex-Treasurer J. B. Meserve skirted around the committees, apparently fearful that some resolutions directed at him might be forthcoming, but breathed easier when he made sure that no guns were loaded. Chairman Lindsay came in tonight in advance of the meeting of the republican state committee scheduled for tomorrow night. A persistent rumor has been affoat to the effect that the committee may expect a railroads to break loose from the North communication from Governor Savage an-

renomination. The governor has been in Omaha all day on private business, but his closest politi-North Dakota open and shortly before day- cal friends deny emphatically that anything in the nature of a withdrawal is contem-There seems to be two distinct influences

at work with reference to the time of the are somewhat easier, although if the presi- through train from the east arrived in urging a late convention and a short camconvention. Governor Savage's friends are Billings tonight at 6 o'clock, after having paign, while other candidates for governor are advocating an early convention. be between H. O. Weaver of Wapello and of Billings is clear and no further delays without settling upon their program indicates that they want the republicans to act first, although Chalrman De France ex-

> COURT UPHOLDS A BOYCOTT Supreme Judges of Missouri Hand Down an Impertant Decision.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 19.-In the supreme court, sitting enbane, today an opinion was rendered sustaining labor organizations in the enforcement of the boycotts without the interference of the courts The opinion, rendered by Judge Sherwood affirmed the judgment of a lower court which had refused the application of the Marx & Haas Jeans Clothing company of St. Louis for an injunction to restrain An thony Watson and other officers of a toes! Knights of Labor organization and a branch of the United Garment Workers of America in that city from pushing a boycott.

Chief Justice Burgess and Judges Brace Gantt and Marshal concurred in the opinion and Judge Robinson dissented. Judge Valliant, who heard the case originally when on the circuit bench, took no part in hearing the appeal. The supreme court holds that if the labor

unions of the state are not permitted to tell the story of their wrongs, or their supposed wrongs, by word of mouth, or with pen and print, and to endeavor to get other persons to aid them by all peaceable means in as curing redress of such wrongs, what becomes of free speech.