PAVLOV'S SAD FAREWELL

Russian Representative Leaves Corea at Request of Japanese Minister.

First Result of Japan's Rapid Movement to Gain Control of Hermit Kingdom and Outstrip Opponent.

(From a Special Correspondent of the the Heraid.)

SEOUL, Corea, Feb. 12, 1904.-Seoul today has witnessed the closing of the Russian legation and the departure of M. Alexander Pavlov, the Russian minister, his family and staff, as well as a complete legation guard of upward of sixty men. In addition to the members of the legation and other Russian officials priests and residents. left Corea to seek a haven of refuge.

At 8 o'clock in the morning large crowds had assembled at the rallway station, many to say goodby to valued friends, but more drawn by curiosity. In a heavy mowstorm stood American, British, French, German, Italian, Belgian and Japanese mininters and legation officials to bid farewell to their unhappy Russian colleague, and lined up on the platforms were some 130 Japanese soldiers, restraining the crowd from interfering with the comfort of the travelers.

The special train which had been provided by the Japanese Rallway company left at 8:35. It comprised three cars, and on the platforms of each were stationed Japanese soldiers. Although there was plenty of color and life, the scene was ! anything but a gay one, and bore many evidences of sadness, for none of the passengers were leaving of their own free

In less than one week the active Japanese government had outstripped its powerful opponent in striving for control of the Hermit kingdom, and some 1,509 troops of Japan had quietly and without opposition marched into Seoul, thus securing possesmion of the city, for it would be the last thought of the Corean government to use Its army of 10,000 soldiers against any force of armed men possessing evidence of strength.

The troops had scarcely found rest in temporary barracks before the Japanese minister sent a polite message to the Russian minister, though his friend, the VIcomte de Fontenay, the French minister, indicating that his continued presence in Corea was not desired at this particular moment. There was no alternative but to give immediate compliance to the wishes expressed by the representative of the Japanese government.

At a quarter to 10 o'clock the special train bearing the Russian minister, M. Pavlov, his family, the legation attaches, his marine guard and the Russian residents of Seoul, eighty-four persons all told, reached the Chemulpo railway station from Beoul. At the railway station at Chemulpo were drawn up 200 Japanese troops. At the head of the hatoba (landing stage), adfacent to the station, an additional 300 troops were on guard.

Major General Ichichi, of the Japanese forces, accompanied M. Pavlov on the train, also M. Eugene Dradier, vice consul bering sixty-four marines, were detrained fixed bayonets.

rear, passed down the line of Japanese troops a salute was blown on the bugles and the half dozen Russian residents of Chemulpo and proceeded directly to the anding stage, where launches and cutters from both the British cruiser Talbot and the French cruiser Pascal were waiting. The party embarked at once and proceeded to the Pascal, which will leave for Che Foo. China, as soon as arrangements are completed with Rear Admiral Uriu, commanding the Japanese fleet at the entrance to the harbor, for the free passage of the

In spite of the far reaching influence possessed, by M. Pavlov in the Corean ourt up to five days ago, not a single Corean official was present to wish him M. Paylov's arrivals and departures from Corea have always heretofore been events of note in Corean official circles. They were always present bearing gifts for the minister and his family, and a special deputation from his majesty, the emperor, was always con-Today's departure was marked contrast and is indicative of the of Russian influence at the Corean

Coreans Overawed.

effect upon his majesty and the higher Corean official circles of the Russian naval reverses of the last few days and prompt observance of the demand of Japanese minister, M. Hayashi, for the withdrawal of M. Pavlov and his countrymen from the Corean capital can hardly be Russias. overestimated. The Corean officials who known to be of the Russian party at with M. Pavlov for the furtherance of his fied from the city and others dare not show | ing. The king remained with his Russian

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ure among the Russian party as it embarked today, but a general air of sadness hung over it and the friends who had come to may goodby. The farewells were short and hurriedly spoken, as though all were IS PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL TRAIN anxious to have an unpleasant though unavoidable task quickly over with. And the question that was uppermost in the minds of all was. When and under what auspices will the departing ones return.

The impossible has happened. The representative of one power has ordered the representative of another power to leave, with all his countrymen, from the capital of an independent neutral country, one over which neither of the powers in question is internationally supposed to possess an atom of control. With the withdrawal of M Paylov today the Russian flag has disap peared from Corean soil and its return will be one of the important milestones in Oriental history.

One Week's Changes.

All this within six days from the date that Japan announced it would adopt its own course without further consultation keeping the house of the same political with Russia if that country continued its policy of refusing to withdraw from Manchuria and of declining to consider the claims advanced by Japan concerning Corea. But a few days ago the influence nese colleague requested an imperial audience he was informed that his majesty was indisposed.

Ever since the assassination of the former queen of Corea, on October 8, 1895. the emperor of Corea, his government and the Corean people generally have mistrusted the Japanese, and his majesty has nomination is tantamount to an election placed reliance on the pledges offered him

by Russia. Suddenly a body of troops arrived at Scoul, and the Japanese minister, without deigning to consult the trembling Corean monarch, suggests that Corea does not need advice or assistance from Russia any longer, and her minister has no other choice than to obey.

Already the emperor of Corea is pleading for forgiveness and offering assurances of better government in future; but whether Russia is able to reassert its power with the Corean government or not, Corea's days of complete independence have been numbered and the full number counted.

It is good for Corea that it is so, for a not exist on the face of the earth. Nevertheless it will be a work of time, care and rulers will no longer be able to "squeeze" by their own industry,

The Question of Refugees

One of the last efficial acts of the departaid of the American minister in removing engagement at Chemulpo, now on board to some neutral country, where they can thus avoid the humiliation of being prisoners in Japan, and the American minister, after consulting with his Japanese confrere, has wired his government for instructions.

The situation contained in this question is, indeed, one involving delicate diplomacy. The Russian refugees are not France at Seoul. No others outside of prisoners of war, at least, not yet. After the Russian party were allowed on the scuttling their ships in the harbor of a train. The Russian Legation guard, numsels of other neutral countries. The sea fully armed, with full cartridge belts and battle that led to their defeat and conse quent destruction of their ships was com-As M. Paylov, at the head of his party, menced in neutral waters and the protests with the Russian marines bringing up the of the nations who have accepted the refugees were ignored.

It is claimed that the British officer who and the men stood at attention. The party was sent with the joint protest to the flagwas joined by the consul. M. Polianovsky, ship Mikasa, of the Japanese fleet, failed admiral before the unexpected early movement of the Russian vessels precipitated firing. All circumstances considered, it is believed that Japan will agree to the removal of the unfortunate Russians to a neutral port, under distinct assurances that they will not be permitted to again take up arms during the present conflict.

The French cruiser Pascal, that carrie M Pavlov and his party from Corea, will go to Che Foo as soon as permission is obtained to pass through the Japanese fleet. From Che Foo to Port Arthur it is but eighty miles, but just now those eighty a large Japanese fleet engaged in attacking Port Arthur, the Gibraltar of Asia, and it is difficult to say when M. Pavloy will reach Port Arthur and be able to report to Vicercy Alexieff the full extent of Russia's reverses in Corea that have occurred in such an incredibly short space of time.

Russian Protest Ignored. Before leaving Seoul the Russian min

later bitterly protested against the action of Japan in ordering him and his people from a neutral country, although, course, his complaints fell upon unheeding ears.

One can imagine the consternation that has come over the Corean court in wit-nessing the official degradation of the representative of the mighty cear of all the

During the troubles following the war between China and Japan, in which unthe capital, and who have been working happy Corea was again the scene of action the Corean king fled to the Russian legaplans regarding the future of Corea, are tion for personal safety and the expostulariding in fear and trembling. Some have tion of the Japanese minister availed noth-

Exposition Coupon

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themselves for fear of Japanese reprisals, now that they hold the balance of power. There were no visible signs of discomposRussian legation until the clamoring of

his own people induced him to return to his palace Now his majesty, who has since become an emperor, is in dispair, for he has no

confidence in the promises of Japan and his only hope lies in the ultimate victory of Russia, in whose vast power he had placed

FRANKING ABUSES ARE MANY

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that not in the history of any party in fifty years have the chairmen of the joint committees come from the same state and lows is distinguished in this regard among her sister states. It has been customary to name a number of senators to aid the congressional committee in the work of carrying congressional districts. The practice, however, of associating senators with the congressional committee has gradually grown into disuse. But the senators have always been called upon for assistance in complexion as the White House, which will be of first importance this year.

Babcock as Director.

In all probability Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, will be again called upor of the Russian minister was all powerful to direct the campaign for the republicans. at the Corean court, and when his Japa- His long experience and success in manag ing congressional campaigns commending him for the position such as no other man in public life today occupies. Mr. Babcock has just emerged from a bitter contest for renomination in his district and having routed his enemies and won a signal victory it is generally conceded that his re and he is therefore in a position to give much of his time to the congressional situation, which will demand more than usual attention in the forthcoming campaign. It is expected that the democrats will shortly issue a call for a meeting of their joint caucus and elect officers to conduct their congressional campaign. The former chairman of the democratic national committee will not be a candidate for the honor of renomination. Mr. Griggs is tired of conducting a campaign in which he received so little vital support as during the con gressional campaign of 1902. In fact, the democratic congressional committee will elect new officers throughout, while the congressional committee will in all prob-ability re-elect their old officers. So far as the democrats are concerned the only more oppressed, downtrodden people does name mentioned for the chairman of the congressional committee is Representative Cowherd of Missoufi. His district is cerpatience to convince the people that their fain to return him to congress even if he and wait on the legislature for his paythem and that they may develop prosperity all his time to the congressional campaign, examination in the near future. and as he is an able organizer and pecu liarly fitted for the place it is thought if he would show a disposition of wanting the office it would be given to him hands ing Russian minister was to request the down. It is also thought that the demothe Russian refugees from Tuesday's naval licans and name a member of congress as eral of the old boys are here and are showthe British, French and Italian cruisers, the democrats have gone outside the con- is fast developing. gressional colony for a secretary, but realremain until the war is terminated, and Ising that the game is won by close assothe best front possible in the coming cam-

LAST WITNESS IN DIETRICH CASE. Rohrer Reaches Washington to Appear Before Committee,

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 20 .- (Special Telegram.)-M. S. Rohrer of Hastings, Neb., arrived in Washington this morning and is at the St. James hotel. Mr. Rohrer is the last witness who will be heard before the special senate committee investigating the charges which have been made against Senator Dietrich.

The committee will meet tomorrow at 2 o'clock to hear Mr. Robrer's testimo When his his testimony is in the case will close, so far as the examination of witnesses is concerned. The committee will then proceed to a consideration of the testimony and formulate its report to the

ARRAIGNMENT OF MODERN SOCIETY.

Washington Pastor Delivers a Caustic Sermon,

WASHINGTON, March 20 .- "Some Ugly Features of Our National Life and What to Do About Them," was the subject of a miles are important ones, as they contain | Lenten sermon tonight by Rev. Dr. McKim of the Epiphany church. He made a direct, forcible talk against the "almost conscienceless extravagance and passion for display" that has spread downward among the people.

Dr. McKim drew a vivid picture of the progressive polygamy of society divorces as compared with the polygamy of the Mormons, and made a caustic reference to the "graft from top to bottom of society and even the dark and portentous shadow of the betrayal of public trust lying across the legislative halls of the nation."

RUSSIA ILL-TREATS JAPANESE

enting Its Animosity on Noncombatants in Siberia Causes Appeal to United States.

WASHINGTON, March 20.-Russia will e asked by the United States to treat kindly the Japanese noncombatants who have been left in Siberia and to enable them to take their way back to Japan. Mr. Kogoror Takahira, the Japanese minister, called at the State department today and informed the officials that he had received reports that between forty and fifty Japanese noncombatants were in a suffering condition in several Siberian towns. The minister requested the Washington government to use its good offices to assist the suffering Japanese to reach Berlin, where the Japanese minister will take them in charge. To a correspondent of the Associated Press Mr. Takahira said:

I made this request because of a telegram received here reporting that Japanese were boycotted and found it impossible to earn a living and were in constant danger of losing their livea. In some towns it was said that they were ordered by the police authorities to leave the place at a moment's notice, without time to take their effects with them. It is not uniatural that in time of war there exists between the people of the beliggerents a degree of enmity, but it is a notable feature of the present conflict that the Russians have acted in an untoward manner with the noncombatants. The Viadivostok squadron fred on Japanese merchantmen and sunk one of them. Japanese merchantmen and sunk one of them. Japanese residents in Manchuria, many of whom were women, were subjected to indignite while on their way to a seaport to find a steamer to take them to Japan. This report from Berlin tells of the cruel treatment of innocent people by the police authorities of Vienna.

Just think how Russians are treated in Japan. You never hear any complaint by them against the Japanese authorities and hold exercises in the new buildings will be the home of these organizations. All state universities may mote from the proper of them. Japan. This report from Berlin tells of the cruel treatment of innocent people by the police authorities of Vienna.

Just think how Russians are treated in Japan. You never hear any complaint by them against the Japanese authorities and hold exercises in the new buildings for chapt exercise and the exercise conducted by these organizations, and until the courts of the proper from the people at war with us anything until the courts declars such use unlawful we do not only for their sakes, but for the sake of the kood name of that great empire as one of the civilized countries.

Eliot Celebrates Birthday. take them in charge. To a correspondent of the Associated Press Mr. Takahira said:

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 20.—Charles W. Eliot, president of the Harvard University since 1820, celebrated his 75th anniversary today. This afternoon President Eliot was invited to University hall, where he met the faculty and was presented with a loving cup.

the Champion Pacer.

BANKERS UNION CASE STILL UNDECIDED

Base Ball Squad of the State Univerhity Out for Practice with Every Promise of Being a Strong Aggregation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 20 - (Special.)-The Nebraska State fair will have a fast horse as the principal attraction this year, as it did last year. Dan Patch will be the drawing card and he will go against his record made the announcement last night, did not state what the fair management would have to pay for the appearance of the horse. To secure Cresceus last year the management had to pay \$1,000, and to have the horse make a second go it cost \$600. Dan Patch is at present the champion pacer of the world, his record being 1:56%

Rabbi Cohn at Lincoln. Rabbi Frederick Cohn, who has just been the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rabbi Simon, filled the pulpit at the on a previous occasion being asked to come to Omaha. He has lately been stationed at Fort Wayne, Ind. He was greeted by a

arge congregation. No Decision on Bankers Union. A decision of much importance that was expected to be handed down by the su- Vast Strips of Grazing Lands Are preme court at its last sitting was that wherein it is to be decided whether a permanent receiver is to be appointed to wind up the affairs of the Bankers Union of injunction operates against the company, jutant General Colby, which is to be done by Examiner Wiggins of the Insurance department, he having agreed to do the work should absent himself from it and devote It is his intention, however, to begin the

Trying Out Ball Squad.

Manager Bell and Captain Townsend are this week, and announce that the team will crats will pursue the policy of the repub- include some mighty good material. Sev-

The schedule for the season and the trip as far as arranged is as follows: April 5, ciation to the object in view, it is an- 6 and 7, Omaha league team in Lincoln; sunced that the democrats purpose win- 15 and 16, Nebraska Indians in Lincoln. ning the house if they can and will put up The team leaves on its trip on the 23d, playing the first game that day in Des Moines with Drake college. The 25th the team will play Grinnell college; 26th, Iowa University at Iowa City: 27th, Luther college at Decorah; 28th, Minnesota University at Minneapolis; 29th, Beloit college at Beloft; 30th, Chicago University at Chicago; May 2d, South Bend Greens at South Bend; 3d, Notre Dame at South Bend; 4th, Knox college at Galesburg; 5th, Lombard college at Galesburg.

Anent Rockefeller Gift. Chairman Teeters of the Board of Regents of the State University has isued the fol-

lowing statement: The extended discussion of the temple The extended discussion of the temple project perhaps justifies the regents in publicly stating their position. The publication of charges with reference to the appropriation made by the state is another reason for taking this course. That the people may know our position, how the proposed building is to be constructed and managed and the facts about the appropriation, was appeared the following state. propriation, we submit the following state

ment.

The principal argument against the acceptance of the temple fund is based upon the proposition that the acceptance of gifts is contrary to public policy; that the state should support its own institutions and receive no assistance from individuals. As regents we do not believe that we are permitted to discuss this question on its merits. Our oath requires us to support the constitution and the laws of the state. The policy of accepting gifts in aid of policy of accepting gifts in aid of to schools is clearly and distinctly rec-sed in the constitution. Section 2 of the viil, reads as fallows:

"All lands, money or other property granted or bequeather, or in any manner conveyed to this state for educational purposes shall be used and expended in accordance with the terms of such grant, bequest or conveyance."

quest or conveyance."

Following the example of other states the legislature has made specific provision for the acceptance of gifts by the university, from individuals. Section 19 of chapter 87, compiled statutes, provides that all moneys or property donated, where no purpose is stated by the donor, shall belong to one of the two permanent funds, as the regents may direct. "The interest and income of donations made with particular objects and uses specified shall be applied by the regents to such uses and objects only." In view of the constitutional provision requiring the expenditure of gifts in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the positive directions in the statute in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the positive directions in the statute respecting the use and disbursement of gifts to the university, we do not feel that we have a legal right to refuse gifts tendered the university. The legislature has the power to prescribe our duties in such instances, and the legislature has spoken in this statute. And clearly this statute does not authorize and empower us to discriminate between donors, and for personal reasons, accept the gift of one individual and refuse the gift of another. Some have been led to believe that the dividual and refuse the gift of another.

Some have been led to believe that the building to be erected by the temple fund, will not be constructed and controlled as other buildings of the university are. The building when completed will be the property of the state, and will be under the control of the regents to the same extent as all other buildings. It will not be constructed as a monument to the donors or any one of them. The regents will treat the building as the property of the state and will permit nothing in it nor upon it that is inconsistent with its character as state property. state property.

state property.

Literary societies, Young Men's Christian association and Young Women's Christian association societies have existed in the student body for years. The regents have permitted these societies to organize and meet in university buildings, believing that they were helpful to the students. All state universities, so far as we can ascertain have encoursed such so-

the university.

The legislature appropriated \$8,000, to be expended in the purchase of property adjoining or near the campus. The members of the appropriation committee of the legislature were shown this property before they recommended the appropriation. Before this money became available Chancellor Andrews, at the suggestion of the regents, secured an option on three lots near the campus, with the understanding that they were to be turned over to the university at the cost price, \$5,000, as soon as the appropriation became available. This was done, the price, with interest and taxes, amounting to a little over \$5,000 and the remainder, a little less than \$1,000, is in the bands of the state treasurer, where it will remain unless the regents find prop-

erty, in the purchase of which it may be TRACT SOCIETY

MUNICIPAL TICKETS IN THE FIELD

Agree on Candidates. COLUMBUS, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)-The democrats and republicans held their city conventions last evening and the fol lowing ticket was indorsed by both parties Mayor, August Boettcher; city clerk, Wil liam Becker; police judge, J. M. Curtis; treasurer, Bert J. Galley; city engineer, R. L. Rossiter; councilmen, First ward, August Deidrich; Second ward, A. Clark; Third ward, C. C. Gray; members Board of Education, Henry Lubker and Dr. E. H. Nauman. This makes no contest and no fight on any candidate. It leaves the council evenly divided-three republicans

and three democrats.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 20 .- (Special.)-The municipal election at Central Brewer presided and made a brief address City this spring involves the same old ques- setting forth the work of the tract society. Tuesday, August 30. Manager Flick, who tion that is fought out each year, that of both in the home and foreign field. He license and anti-license. The city having emphasized the necessity of this work, as hitherto adopted the initiative and referen- well as showing that there was no other dum, an ordinance is to be submitted to agency so well equiped to furnish the electors to repeal the liquor license Christian literature in the many languages ordinance. If the ordinance is adopted by and dialects, the popular vote saloons will be an impossibility in the city for at least one year without regard to the license or anti-license sentiment of the city council. The following ticket has been nominated: Anti-License-W. S. Derch, mayor; Arthur Lindcalled to Temple Israel at Omaha to fill ley, treasurer; Dr. Copple, clerk; Fred the vacancy occasioned by the resignation | Keeney, city educator; J. R. Rateliff, A. Fitch, T. J. Lack, aldermen; William Mil-Jewish synagogue here tonight. Rabbi ler, G. E. Curtis, members of Board of Cohn is well known in Nebraska, having Education. License-R. Tovley, mayor; Cleve Scott, treasurer; W. W. Welcott, clerk; Morse Rodgers, George W. Payne, John T. Harris, aldermen; W. H. C. Rice. R. E. Barge, members Board of Education.

PRAIRIE FIRES SWEEP THE RANGES

Ruined. HEMINGFORD, Neb., March 20 .- Disastrous prairie fires have swept the range country. The ground being dry the fire the World. The court spent a whole day burned the roots of the grass, destroying looking over the evidence introduced be- it for grazing for three years. One strip fore Referee Ryan and then allowed the burned is six by twelve miles, another is case to go over, having been unable in more than twenty miles long and very the limited time to thoroughly consider the wide, while another strip, still burning, matter. In the meantime the temporary north of the Niobrara river, seems to have been more extensive. Ranch sheds, barns, which prevents the afficers from soliciting groves on timber claims, and property more business. This case has delayed the along the railroad has been destroyed. examination of the books of former Ad- Several narrow escapes from death are reported from the ranches.

High School Declamation Contest. BLOOMFIELD, Neb., March 20.—(Special.) trying out the university base ball boys 30. There were eight contestants. The confunds to supply literature in the language test opened with "The Ruggles' Dinner Party," by Pearl Mitchell; then came "The Boy's Story," by Irvie Dolphin; "His Pa secretary of their committee. Heretofore ing off good, while lots of new material Goes Skating." Homer Grimes; "A Mansion In the Skies," Bertha Leigh; "Mary, Queen of Scots," Dora Wegner: "When the Cows Come Home," Hazel Funk; "Scene From Last Days of Pompelt." Grace Kinney, "and Scorching Against Diamonds," Buelah Grimes. First place was awarded Grace Kinney, who rendered her selection in a forceful and impressive manner. Buelah Grimes secured second place. Much interest was shown in the contest and a well filled house greeted the speakers. The receipts of the evening were nearly \$50.

On Trail of Horsethief.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 20 .- (Special.)-Sheriff Carrig is hot on the trail of the fellow who stole the team of horses here Wednesday evening. The rig belonged to J. F. Seims, a wealthy farmer living twelve miles north. The rig was found yesterday on the south side of the Loup river at Genoa, tied to a telephone pole. The bridge being out of repair he could not drive across, so he left the team. The fellow Spaulding and unless the thief escapes into the sand hills he will soon be overhauled. Good descriptions have been sent all through the country and it is hardly believed that he can escape.

Robs Lunch Counter. TABLE ROCK, Neb., March 20 .- (Special.) -The lunch counter of J. Murphy was entered and robbed of \$8 about noon yesterday while the person in charge was absent for a few moments. A warrant was sworn ously ill. out today and a lad of 17 years living in town is under arrest charged with the crime. The lad is in charge of the officer and the case will likely come up for hearing before Justice M. H. Marble on Mon-

Date Suits Monona People. ONAWA, Ia., March 20 .- (Special.)-The iate of the congressional convention at Cherokee, May 4, seems to be entirely satisfactory to the republicans of Monona County Chairman C. E. Underhill says that he will call the republican county convention about April 19 so ss to secure a good attendance of farmers before spring work commences The call will be issued in a few days.

DEATH RECORD.

Samuel Galley. CREIGHTON, Neb., March 20 .- (Special rélegram.)-Samuel Galley, an old resident and business man of this place. dropped dead suddenly at 1:20 p. m. today. Deceased established a general merchandise store here in 1880.

WASHINGTON, March 20 .- Representaive Charles Thompson of the Fifth district, Alabama, died in this city this afternoon of

pneumonia. SIX FIRES THERE IN MONTH

Blaze at Twelfth and Jones Believed to Be the Work of In-

Fire, supposed to be the work of incendiaries, started at the Creamery Package Manufacturing company, Twelfth and Jones street, last night, but was extinguished without much damage. The fire started in an unloading shed on the south side of the building and, according to Chief Salter, originated from the outside. There was nothing in the shed but a couple of empty freight cars. The inside of the shed was lined with zinc and the opinion is that the fire flends must have had to feed the fire for a long time before

it would have begun burning inside. This is the sixth fire fire within the past nonth and the latest of a series which have occurred in the same district of late and every fire is traced to the work of an incendiary. The inclement weather had formed a large amount of slush and mud and the firemen worked under great difficulties. The same firm had a building burn down to the ground two years ago.

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Dun Loss His Chickens. George Washington Johnson of til Fort street, reported to the police last night, "dat one black Spanish rooster and twelve black Spanish hens had done bin lifted" from his chicken house, "Ah 'spicion de feller, Ah 'spicion him," he said to the police, but Ah'd like to know fo' sho,"

Contract Made for Appearance August 30 of Columbus Republicans and Democrats Justice Brewer Presides at Annual Session of the Organization.

EXCELLENT EQUIPMENT OF THE SOCIETY

Work Among Mormons of Utah Intensely Interesting, but Funds Neded for Work in India and China

WASHINGTON, March 20.-The Washington annual meeting of the American Tract society was held this afternoon in the Church of the Covenant. Justice Rev. Judson Swift, field secretary, re-

ported the year's work, and William H. Taft, secretary of war, delivered an address, which gave an account of the progress in the Philippines, relating particularly to education and Christianity. The secretary of the society said that eightynin publications have been added to the list during the year. These were in English, Polish, Bohemian, German, Hungarian, Spanish, Swedish and Italian and the total number of distinct periodicals added was 180, making the grand total of publications issued since the organization of the society, including volume, tracts and periodicals, 749,135,572.

The tract society furnishes all or nearly all of the Christian literature in the Spanish language and during the year has distributed in the American colonies upwards of 1,000,000 pages and the total for the year in the Spanish speaking countries is 5,152 pages. Six colporteurs are laboring in Cuba and Porto Rico.

The work among the Mormons in Utah is of intense interest. The distribution of Christian literature by colporteur wagons and by colporteurs reaches | thousands, placing wholesome readings in the hands of youths. The society has expended a total of \$750,000 in creating and circulating Christian vernacular literature at the foreign mission stations. The great need of the foreign field at the present time is a large increase of Christian literature. Many of the missionaries state that the education of the youth at the mission schools will be The high school declamatory contest was largely in vain unless a sufficient amount held at the opera house Friday night to of Christian and wholesome literature is decide apon who should represent the provided for them upon their graduation. Bloomfield schools in the annual declama- This is particularly true of India and tory contest to be held at Columbus March | Japan. The need of the hour is additional or dialect which the people speak.

Cassint Denies Report.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, as been invited by the Russian minister of finance categorically to deny the report which has been current in several European capitals to the effect that Russia was forbidding the exportation of any grain from the empire. The Russian minister of finance, in a cablegram to Count Cassini today, says there is absolutely no truth in the report.

Foreign Crop Report.

The foreign crop report of the Department of Agriculture gives the following: Austria estimates of wheat crop of 1903. 46,014,068 bushels of sixty pounds each; rye, \$1,157,628 bushels of fifty-six pounds; barley, 73,872,512 bushels of forty-eight pounds; oats 128,328,181 bushels of thirty-two pounds; maize 16.055.089 bushels of fifty-six pounds. Australasia wheat crop of 1903-04 undoubtedly very large and will leave an unusual quantity available for export.

General Payne Improves.

The condition of Postmaster General Payne, who has been confined to the house for some days, continues favorable. Last night he slept ten hours and awoke re-He is said to be gaining in freshed. strength and there is less extreme nervous-

Mrs. Miles Resting Easily. Mrs. Miles, the wife of Lieutenant General Miles, retired, is reported tonight to e resting easily. She has improved steadtly for the last four days, but still is very ser!

WHEN POSTAGE WAS TWO-BITS

Former Express Magnate Haled Into Court for Suggesting a Reduction.

Thomas Sherman says that in eighty years California went through the same progressive changes that in England reuired a thousand years to accomplish. The history of the last half of these eventful years of the Pacific coast would, in no part be the history of the great Wells-Fargo Express company. After its establishment, in 1852, the company rapidly absorbed all other lines of the state and was the banker, mail carrier and errand runner for every city, camp or cabin in California.

Henry Wells and William G. Fargo were

eterans of the express service before we find their names coupled in that union, as closely identified with the west as are the quartz and granite of her hills. Wells was Harnden's agent in Albany in the first branch establishment there, and in 1834. he, with others, planned the first express office of the "west." This was at Buffalo -an outpost then four days and three nights from New York, almost as far as California is today. Fargo was ex-press messenger for Wells on this Buffalo line. In 1845, Wells ever lured toward the west, ever tracking the frontier, pushed out his express to St. Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati. On accout of his fine tact and iron resolution, Fargo was chosen as manager of this unique and adventurous enterprise. Here in this unjostled space, with his convoy of boats and wagons he won a large experience in his work. Wells, ever fertile in ideas and quick to

give them shape, now set on foot a letter express, at one-fourth the price charged the government-6 cents in stead of 25. Immediately the government was hot upon his track. He was haled into court again and again, but always victorious. Then the audacious expressman proposed to the assistant postmaster to take charge of the entire mail service of the United

"Zounds, sir!" cried the zealous postmaster, his ears to the ground, "such a proceeding would throw 16,000 postmasters out of office! It would never do. Wells' request was declined by the wary officer, but his protest against high postage went on sounding through the nation, and the next congress, by the leverage of public opinion, was forced to divide the ernment rate by four. So to Henry Wells, leading the host of reform we owe one of the greatest forward steps in our civilization.-Edwin Markham in Success.

Rain in Wheat Belt. KANSAS CITY. March 20.—Reports re-ceived from all parts of the Kansas wheat

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belt show that today's heavy rainfall was general. Santa Fe headquarters at Topeka ias advices that wheat everywhere good condition.

Foreign Stock Exchange.

LONDON, March 20.—The Steck exchange has been active and stronger, especially in the early part of the week, owing to the cheapness of money and the absence of news of the war in the far east. The new cheapness of money and the absence of news of the war in the far east. The new Irish loan, issued in accordance with the terms of the Irish land purchase act, is considered attractive for investors and will be easily covered. Business during the week will be confined to small volumes, but there was no pressure to sell, and the report that the government is buying consoles for the sinking fund had a reassuring effect. The American market was strong at the beginning of the week, but weaker afterward on the news of the collapse of Sully & Co. in New York.

Argentine—Visible wheat supply about \$6 per cent greater than a year ago and

Argentine—Visible wheat supply about 16 per cent greater than a year ago and double that at a corresponding date in 1802. The surplus available for export out of the 1800-94 crop is unofficially estimated at over 19,00,000 bushels.

Roumanis—Wheat area sown in the fail of 1800 officially estimated at 4,10,419 acres; rye, area, 33,923; barley, \$1,494, and rape, 145,557. E.557.
Russia-Official estimates: Wheat area or 1965. 57,296,718 acres; production, 921,457,-

Russia Official estimates: Wheat area for 1983, 51,286,718 acres; production, 627,457,459 bushels of sixty pounds; ryc. 912,407,555 bushels of fifty-six pounds; cats, 759,782,196 bushels of thirty-two pounds, and barley, 367,470,601 bushels, 1.4vo stock: Horses, 28,070,500; cattle, 44,751,500; sheep and gosts, 71,561,200, and swine, 13,762,100.

Turkey—German consul general reports grain crops of European Turkey extraordinarily good.

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Italy—Crop conditions fairly good.

France—Official preliminary estimates of 1903-04 crop areas are: Wheat, 15,920,428 acres; rye. 3,236,439; barley, 260,099; oats, 20,021,078. The winter wheat area is over 8 per cent less than a year ago, Condition of cereals stated as falling somewhat below "good."

"good."
Netherlands-Weather too mild and wet.
Portugal-Wheat crops larger than at
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abroad estimated at 3,000,000 bushels.
Uruguay-Wheat, medium yield, but of excellent quality.



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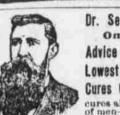
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