Captain Palmer Explains Attack of the Ohio Congressman.

Members Do Not Waste Public Time Nor Money Nor Charge Inmates for Drinks and Cignes. on Junkets.

gressman Cox, a democrat from Ohio, who dent, chief justice and secretar of warnade charges against the National Home would be tempted even to charge the govfor Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, alleging ernment, much less an inmate of the home that the management of the Danville the cost of a drink or cigar. branch was extravagant, Captain Henry E. Paimer, second vice president of the board answers the congressman.

"I feel less inclined to blame Mr. Cox." said Captain Paimer, "for the many misstatements in his speech for the reason that it is apparent that much of his information comes from soldiers, who for the best interests of all concerned, have been disciplined.

creased the difficulties of control and proper government. Men who think they must drink, who were satisfied with three or four glasses of beer a day, with only 24 per cent alcohol-now drink bootleg whisky, which makes their presence in the home unbearable. I believe, however, that some provision should be made to care for

and segration. 'Mr. Cox is reported as stating that no department of the government is guilty of wasting public funds to the extent found in the disbursement for the homes of disabled soldiers. Exactly the reverse of this statement exists. No department of the funds provided by congress for the main- dollars. tenance and conduct of the homes without stinting to a wrong degree the inmates. The figures given as to cost of homes, Danwille, for instance-\$1,278,000, granting Mr. Cox' figures to be correct-is not an extravagant or unwarranted expenditure for a plant to house and care for over 3,000 men, 50 per cent of whom need hospital

Cost of Administration.

"Again, he states that with an average sost of maintenance was \$2,627,148, while in was marked only by glowing embers and the huddled bodies of the dead convicts. only 7 per cent-the expenditures were \$5,268,968, an increase of 100 per cent, explained by the fact that the last item covers the cost of the new homes erected since 1898, together with repairs and reconstructing of homes built of wood fortyfive years ago; it also covers cost of gardening, parking, building roads, walks, Citizens File Complaint with Railway the per capita tax, some years 100 per cent nver preceding years.

"The reference to junketing trips is ridlculously wrong. He says in a two-days' session of the board at Dayton, O., the bill for liquors for members of the board not true. As a matter of fact, there were have filed a complaint with the State Railsion; not half of the members drink at filed with I. O. Halloway and eighteen all, and not 1 cent for drinks or cigars is others, tells the story of a long-suffering board of managers on the eve of their the charges made. departure on completion of the annual in-

to the president, and a small allowance- The office is 12x23 feet, divided into two tive Michael Link, who was charged with secretary. Every account for actual ex- the petition says, and stacked along the before the Sangamon grand jury, today calls them, are made for the benefit of persons being employed regularly. the inmates—our comrades—made to insure The petition sets out that the income of correct management and good treatment to the station is not less than \$7,000 to \$10,000 Lir out the home officers being present, all only about \$275 a month. the work performed by the managers for Attorney General Thompson has concharity's sake and for the honorable trust cluded twelve volumes of briefs printed imposed upon them by congress, costing during the three and a half years he has them at least fifty days in a year of valu- been at the head of the legal department able time to look after the honest and of state. These volumes average somecareful expenditure of from \$2,000,000 to \$3. thing over 700 pages each. When he was 000,000 a year for the national homes, and attorney general Norris Brown filled four for the nineteen state homes nearly as volumes in two years and Attorney Genmuch each year-\$100-for each inmate in eral Prout compiled seven volumes in

Personnel of the Board. Mr. Cox names the members of the New York, the president, for twenty years a member of congress, chairman of the committee on agriculture, one of the very wealthy citizens of New York state; General Thomas J. Henderson of Princeton, Ill. now over 85 years old, twenty years a memper of congress, one of the most honored citizens of that state, a man who was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln; my humble self from Nebraska, second vice president; Colonel Walter P. Brownlow of Jonesboro, Tenn., secretary; has been a member of congress for the last twelve or fifteen years, is on the appropriation committee; John H. Holley of La Crosse, Wis., one of the prominent bankers of Wisconsin; Major William Warner of Kansas City, Mo., who is at present United States senator; Colonel Henry H. Mark-

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ham of Redondo, Cal., ex-governor of Call-COX GETS THE WRONG STEER that state; Lieutenant Franklin Murphy of Newark, N. J., late governor of New Jersey, owner of the Murphy Varnish Works Iowa Congressman Opens Campaign in Newark and in Chicago, a milliona re; Colonel Edwin P. Hammond of LaFayette, Ind., attorney for the Wabash railway; SOLDIERS' HOME BOARD WORKS General Joseph S. Smith of Bangor, Mc., who during the war was chief commissary of a division of the army of the Potomac at one time: Lieutenant Oscar M. Gottschail of Dayton, O., one of the most prominent attorneys in that state and, i I am not mistaken, has been the trusted attorney for years of Mr. Cox.

"I don't think any member of the board With reference to the attacks of Con- or any of the ex-officio members-the presi-

# Convicts Burn Prison, but Fire Cuts Off Escape

"The closing of the canteen has in- Thirty-Six Negro Inmates of Alabama Stockade Lose Lives in Frantic Dash for Freedom.

SENTERVILLE, Ala., May 17.-Thirtyix negro convicts lost their lives early today when the stockade of the Red Feather these men as incurables, making them Coal company at Lucille was destroyed by hospital patients under proper discipline a fire, set by one of the prisoners in an effort to gain his freedom. Thirty-five convicts were burned to death and another was fatally shot by guards while trying to escape. Among the former is the negro who started the blaze.

It was with much difficulty that the remaining convicts in the stockade were pregovernment can show a better record for vented from eluding the guards. The economical, honest disbursement of the financial loss will reach several thousand

The fire had gained such headway as to be beyond control when the guards and duced by the Standard Oil company and other men on the outside of the stockade discovered it. At the risk of their own lives they rushed into the burning building, freeing many of the convicts from their cells. The division of the convicts which was the present law was against the tax on necessary to guard the prisoners who were hurried outside, greatly hampered the rescue work.

The wood of which the stockade was built, burned like tinder and in an hour number of 18,556 in the homes in 1898, the after the flames were discovered the spo-

# Ogalalla After New Passenger Depot in fairly good condition, and before con-

Commission Urging Union Pacific to Build.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 17 .- (Special.)-Citizens o exceeded \$159, which amount was taken Ogalalla want a new passenger depot and district. He said that Roosevelt's big stick out of a fund made by the soldier inmates- a new freight depot and to that end they would soon fall on the opponents of Taft. Answers "No" to not exceeding eight members of the board way commission to issue an order on the present at that less than two-days' ses- Union Pacific to build them. The petition, ever charged to the government. The of- community more forcible than any ever ficers at Dayton have at their own ex- told in any other petition now on file pense, as I believe, with their wives pres- along similar lines. With the petition are Representative Michael Link of Illient, given a dinner complimentary to the a number of photographs to substantiate

It is alleged that the present depot was erected in 1884 and it is 24.5x70.6 feet in dimensions . The waiting of the board for services rendered, except and has a seating capacity of seventy-five. \$500 a year-to the member who serves as rooms. Freight is unloaded from the cars, refusing to reply to questions put to him pense for travel and board, while making right-of-way, where it remains days and answered "no" when at the suggestion of the annual inspections demanded by con- sometimes weeks while waiting to be Judge Shirley in the circuit court the folgress, has to be itemized and sworn to called for, and yet storage charges are collowing form of the question concerning the before a notary public before payment. The lected always. The photographs show alleged senatorial bribery affair was asked figures and every item of expenditure by freight and express piled up in profusion, him: the board of managers or by the officers some at least 400 feet from the depot. In of the homes are open to inspection and fact, so bad are the conditions that seven- county, Illinois, offer or promise you any the reports made to congress and published ty-five different employes have been on the annually. 'Junketing trips,' as Mr. Cox payroll and quit during the year, three

the soldiers; complaints, if any, heard with- a month and that the payroll amounts to

four years. The briefs in the express rate cases more than filled one entire volume. Two Ministers from Virginia and One

### CHICAGOAN HURLS SELF FROM THIRTEENTH FLOOR

John A. Ryerson, Prominent Business Man and Athlete, Commits Suicide in Tragic Manner.

CHICAGO, May 17.-John A. Ryerson, a cording to the announcement made shortly prominent Chicago business man, jumped after the opening of the conference today from the thirteenth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building tonight and was of Birmingham, Ala., was elected as the instantly killed. Relatives believe the seventh bishop, filling the college of bishops suicide was caused by supposed financial difficulties. His wife, who formerly was TO HOLD REUNION OF Miss Violet Stone, daughter of Rev. James S. Stone, rector of the St. James Episcopal church, is prostrated and fears for her life are expressed by her family.

Ryerson came to Chicago about twentyfive years ago, soon after the death of his father, George W. Ryerson, a member of the New York Stock exchange. After engaging in various business enterprises no in August by the Douglas County Veterans' formed an electrical company, of which he association were laid at a meeting held was president, and about a year and three in the city hall last night. months ago began the manufacture of automobiles. Business associates say that his made. The exact time of the reunion has affairs seemed to be in a flourishing condi- not been set.

Mr. Ryerson had attained considerable the well known Grand Army men out in fame in American tennis circles. He was the state," said M. J. Feenan, secretary. western champion in 1890-91-92. In recent "Just who they will be we have not deyears he had played little tennis, but had cided yet." taken up golf, and last summer was a frequent player on the links of the Onwentsia club, of which he was a member. He and restorative and a prompt corrective of was a graduate of Columbia university, all urinary pregularities. Refuse substi-His wedding to Miss Stone was the eastern tutes. For sale hy all druggists. society event of 1905.

"Died of Paeumonia" TABOR, la, May 17.—(Special.)—The bacand colds with Dr. King's New Discovery, Guaranteed. Sc and \$1.00. For sale by the Congregational church by Rev. J. W.

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#### SMITH DEFENDS REGULARS Creamery Men Oppose Change in the Oleo Law with Criticism of Insurgents.

Years-Hones for Postal

Savings.

further delay of great reform measures ment.

criticism of insurgency.

to be right than 10 per cent.'

Better Tariff Law.

minimum tariff, by which, for the first

time, we are getting fair trade relations

with foreign countries, every vote against

Power of Commission.

that he and Representative Tawney of

Minnesota had prepared a provision now in

the sundry civil bill, widening and ex-

tending the powers of the commission. Re-

garding the work of congress Judge Smith

"The railroad bill has passed the house

bank bill will be passed and at least one

Judge Smith made a bitter attack on Sen-

that the real charge of Cannon and Aldrich

he would not be swerved by others than

the 200,000 masters he acknowledged in his

nois Denies Allegations Before

Grand Jury.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 17.-Representa

"Did any person or persons in Sangamor

money or other valuable consideration for

your vote in the forty-sixth general assem bly of this state for United States sena-

Link appeared in circuit court in answer to the charge against him, but before the

lawyers finished their talks Judge Shirley

Attorney Reid of State Attorney Way

man's force said he was willing his client

should answer the question and Link was

forthwith ushered before the grand jury

from Tennessee Chosen on

Fourth Ballot.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 17.-Rev. W. R.

ambuth of Tennessee and Rev. E. D.

Mouzon and Rev. R. G. Waterhouse of

Virginia were elected bishops on the fourth

ballot at the general conference of the

On the sixth ballot Rev. J. H. McCoy

Village Chosen as Meeting Place for

August Gathering by Douglas

County Association.

Plans for a reunion to be held at Florence

Several committee appointments were

"We hope to get speakers from among

Foley Kidney Pilts are antiseptic, tonic

Commencement at Tabor.

will be preached next Sunday morning in

Ferris. A class drama will be played in the opera house on Wednesday. The annual alumni banquet follows the next evening and graduating exercises Friday even-

ing in the Congregational church. Miss

Frances Wyman will give the class oration and Dr. Hugh A. Orchard will give an ad-

dress on "What Shall We Do with Our

of the class follow: Frances Wyman,

Gladys Green, Lucy Smith, Helen Woods

Sertrude Reeves, Ruby Asman, Ethel Chan-Arthur Mauk, James Tompkins and

A persistent cough should not be neg-Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will

Brains?"

h Jones

The names of the ten members

VETERANS AT FLORENCE

Methodist Episcopal church (south), ac-

**ELECT THREE BISHOPS** 

suggested the form of question.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS

and answered "no."

Bribery Charge

of about \$25,000,000 a year."

great conservation measure."

tariff. He said, among other things:

in congress,

SEES MUCH GOOD FROM CONGRESS Ex-Congressman E. J. Hainer Appears Before Agricultural Committee Says Present Session Will Be Most on Proposed Act. Prolific of Value of Any in

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 17.—(Special Tele gram.)-Ex-Congressman E. J. Hainer of VILLISCA, la., May 17 .- Congressman Lircoin appeared before the agricultural

He regards the present session of congress law. Major Harry C. Hale, adjutant general as promising to be the most prolific of good of any in years. In the course of of the Department of the Lakes, Chicago, his talk tonight he said he felt that he upon the arrival of relief has been ordered would be able to convince the voters that to report to the commanding general of the they should support the administration of Department of the Missouri at Omaha for President Taft and not contribute to the duty as adjutant general of that depart-

by weakening the strength of the regulars James W. Welch was appointed postmaster at Georgetown, Custer county, Ne-"Between 85 and 90 per cent of the rebraska, vice E. W. Pierce, removed. The secretary of the treasury nublicans in both houses of congress," he awarded the contract for the construction said. 'are loyally supporting the administration and that certainly ought to be of the public building at Lander, Wyo., some presumption in a republican form of to Tom Lovell of Denton, Tex., at \$99,943. On the recommendation of Congressman government that 90 per cent is more apt Hipshaw, Dr. F. L. Beck has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Geneva, Neb., vice Dr. B. B. Mozee, despeaker dwelt at length upon the

A. H. Surgent of Cedar Rapids and "Every man who voted on the present James A. Devitt of Oskaloosa, Ia., were tariff law was voting, not for the new law today admitted to practice before the suso much as on the question whether the preme court. new law was better than the old one. Mrs. Norris Brown, wife of Senator

Every man who voted against the present Brown, leaves for Nebraska tomorrow, golaw voted to perpetuate the Dingley law, ing to Lincoln first to see her daughters, every man who voted against the new law who are attending the University of Nevoted for high duties on everything probraska, before going to her home in Kearevery such vote against the maximum and ney.

#### CHARLES FIRST, EDUCATED CHIMPANZEE, IS SMOTHERED

corporations, which now brings a revenue Famous Animal, Seen by Omaha Theater Crowds, Recently, Suffocated in Car. Regarding the tariff commission he said

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17 .- Charles I, the famous educated Chimpanzee, valued at \$65,000, which has been exhibited all over the world, was suffocated in a car last night while enroute from Seattle to this city. The animal was found dead when the car was opened today, the heat from a steam radiator having proved too much for it. Charles I smoked cigarettes and signed gress adjourns I think a postal savings his own name.

The High Cost or Living Increases the price of many necessities ator La Follette, whom he charged with without improving the quality. Foley's being the "master muckraker." He added Honey and Tar maintains its high standard of excellence and its great curative qualadherents against himself had been that ities without any increase in cost. It is the best remedy for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and all ailments of the throat, chest and lungs. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

## METHODISTS AFTER CRITICS | record of the Methodist Episcopa both as to teaching and method lea and throughout the world. Board of Bishops Issues Statement Flip Up Copper Covering Situation in Italy.

ROOSEVELT'S VISIT THE CAUSE

Reference Made to Catholic Attack with Statement that Missions Are Open to All Who May Enter.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.-The board of Waiter I. Smith opened his campaign for committee of the house today in opposi- bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church flip of a penny today. Gates won \$2,500 or renomination here tonight with a vigorous tion to any abolition or reduction of the through its secretary, Bishop L. B. Wil. the first throw. Another toss and he won defense of the regulars in congress and tax on oleomargarine. Mr. Hainer said he son, tonight issued an official statement \$200 representing the costs of the action. represented very large creamery interests which had been prepared by the board at The litigation arose over \$11,000 worth of Judge Smith indicated that he will largely of Nebraska and as president of the Lin- its meeting in Chicago, May 2, relative to confine himself in his campaing to an ex- coin and other creameries which make 12,- the Italian mission. The statement is the which the former refused to accept. position of the work of congress and to 000,000 pounds of butter yearly he protested outcome of the recent controversy in Rome a defense of his course in the vital issues. against any modification of the existing caused by the visit of Colonel Roosevilt. The statement follows:

Deploring and at all times seeking to Deploring and at all times seeking to avoid interdenominational controversy, we are, neverthtless, compelled to recognize occasions when personal preference must yield to a proper sense of official duty. We cannot allow to pass unnoticed the recent improvoked and unwarranted attempt to discredit one of our most useful missions by widely published accusations which, if based upon truth, would bring dishenor upon the church which supports that mission.

We regret that, after repeated challenges for details of the specific acts supposed to justify these charges, they still remain in such general terms that their validity cannot be tested before the judgment of the world. We can only observe: d. We can only observe: That ordinarily the use

1. That of the methods of our mission in Italy, now for the first time thus publicly condemned, are the same that have been pursued from the beginning, almost forty years agreement. 3. That the same methods.

a. That the same methods, namely, preaching the gospel in its simplicity and conducting schools where they are needed, schools which recognize the plain teachings of the New Testament as a suprrime authority in religion and ethics, have long been followed by our missions in South America and Mexico, as well as in Rome, and no such indictment has been brought and no such indictment has been brought against those missions, even to this day,

against those missions, even to this day, so far as we are informed.

4. From these facts the inference appears to be irresistible that other considerations than the methods of our mission in Rome must have been the real cause of this suddeen outcry.

Possibly some urgency of diplomacy, local in its origin, but farresening in its

cal in its origin, but far-reaching in its portent, required this attack as a diversion portent, required this attack as a diversion from the real issue involved.

The facts that support this inference are known to all who have followed the course of secent events in the city of Rome.

Had there been any other way to avoid certain issues of etiquette and precedence created by coincident circumstances of a public nature, the Methodist mission might nave escaped calumny and thus lost the valuable recognition of its success.

Under such circumstances we enter upon no defense of our work in Italy and make no plea for abatement of the judgment of the world.

We decline at the present time to enter upon any counter attack on the Roman

We decline at the present time to enter upon any counter attack on the Roman Catholic church.

We ask only that all fair men interested in the situation study for themselves its methods of propagandism and the traditional attitude of that church toward other Christian faiths.

We believe that there are standards of equity and moral rectitude by which, in the estimate of all progressive proples, all religions and all methods must be rated by what they contribute to intelligence and

what they contribute to intelligence and moral character.

We now content ourselves with affirming out entire confidence in the moral integrity of our missionaries and methods in Italy and against the denunciations of their accusers we place the wide-open

record of the Methodist Episcopul church,

# to Settle Lawsuit

New York Business Men Call "Heads" and "Tails," and "Tails" Wins \$2,700.

NEW YORK, May If "-According to a story published here, John A. Gates and John A. Madden settled a lawsuit by the oil stock bought for Madden by Gates and After Madden had testified before a referee Gates suggested that they decide by the coin who should pay for the refer

ence. Madden accepted and cried "Heads. The copper fell "Talls." "Now I'll flip you," said Madden, "to see whether I pay you \$2,500 to settle the case or whether you settle it for nothing." "Tails," was Gates answer.

"Talls it is," said Madden. Together they cisited the referee to tell him his services were no longer needed.

#### SMOKE FROM FOREST FIRE HINDERS LAKE NAVIGATION

Flames Rage with Increasing Pury in Woodlands of Michigan, Doing

Enormous Damage. HOUGHTON, Mich May 17 - Forest fire which apparently had died have started again with renewed fury. The fire is get ting close to the city. Today men em ployed by the Champion Mining company at Plainesdate fought back the flames from the company's property. A number of

houses were destroyed. Navigation on Lake Superior is made dif ficult because of the smoke, the sun being obscured. Unless heavy rains come soon many of the smaller towns in the copper ountry, it is feared, are doomed.

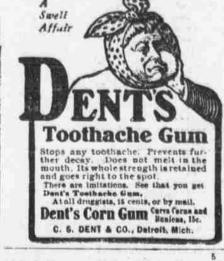
CALUMET, Mich., May 17.-Rain tonight saved several small settlements from destruction by forest fires. Farmers in the vicinity of Calumet and Lake Linden have been fighting fire two days. The situation here is much improved.

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