Cloudy: occasional rains.

If there is any theme on which we can talk big, it is

Spring Overcoats

We're right at home on this subject. Not simply because we carry the largest stock of them shown in the State, with the largest trade to call it into existence, but because as

Manufacturers of Overcoats

We have advantages to offer which cannot be offered by any competition. Variety, Style and Price are the points to be noticed in particular, and we are fixed to suit all tastes and all pockets, and in each case for prices which cannot be duplicated in this market. For instance an elegantly made and trimmed Covert Cloth, up-to-date Spring Overcoat at \$10.00.

Current local advertising, from "Jobbing" and combination "Jobbing-retail" sources, accords with the previously acquired reputation, both of the Advertisers, and of the month of March, as being of an exceptionally windy and blusterous nature.

In the "hy-phenated" instance above referred to, the fact of an annually decreasing jobbing outlet in the wholesale end of the allied "wholesale-retail" business, apparently demands the strenuous efforts to retain the position yet existing, but the doubtful claims of former supremacy, together with the more distrustful assurances of present perfection, though set out in large type, and apparent candor, will hardly convince The Trade, to whom, generally, the capabilities and methods of the various markets and individual firms are well known.

It is a daily continuing condition, that, in order to have an assured clientage, and to maintain and enlarge it, the methods, stocks and prices must be right. We offer at all times a complete realization of this proven theory.

Murphy, Hibben & Co.

Dry Goods, Notions, Woolens, Etc.

Wholesate Exclusively.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Deformity Apparatus, Trusses, Elastic Hostery. Largest stock of Artificial Eyes in the State. Invalid Chairs of all kinds and accessories for the sick room. Trusses made and properly adjusted. Store open every Saturday night.

WM. H. ARMSTRONG & CO.

RAILWAY POSTAL CLERKS.

Association in Session.

responses were made by President P. P.

first division, and C. P. L. Troy, superin-

tendent of the Chicago division. "Owney,"

platform amid loud applause.
The address of President Waring showed

a total membership of 3,835, although near-

ly 50 per cent, of the railway postal clerks

tary-Treasurer G. E. Legrand reported that

the financial condition of the organization

was healthy. Credentials were examined

and the convention adjourned to attend a

promenade concert this evening. To-mor-

row the delegates will be the guests of the

local members on a steamer excursion

around the bay. They will resume business

BULLET-PROOF CLOTH.

Catholic Brother's Invention Tested

by the Chicago Police.

CHICAGO, March 16. - A "bullet-proof"

cloth, the invention of Brother Casimir

Zeigler, of St. Stanislaus's Polish Church,

was tested to-day by the Chicago police.

bullet pierced it, the force being spent to

such an extent that the board behind the

eloth was hardly dented. The invention is

as yet very crude, but promises to do all

that is claimed for it. The fabric is rather

thick and somewhat resembles leather in

NG IS AN AMERICAN

Chinaman Who Is Entitled to Hire

and Work Where He Pleases.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.-United

States Commissioner Bell to-day heard the

evidence in the case of the Chinaman, Ng

Tong Ming, who was charged with illegal-

ly entering and residing within the borders

of the United States, and declared that in

his opinion the defendant was an American

citizen and as such entitled to hire and

work wherever he pleased. Ng was born in San Francisco, in 1876, but was sent back

to China by his father five years later.

Last fall his parent sent for him and he

ALLEGED DEFAULTER.

De Witt C. Butts Charged with Mis-

appropriating \$232,000.

ciation. The bill is filed by Bessie A. Woods,

one of the shareholders of the association.

wrecked by officers who wasted its re-

she alleges that the concern has been

rmont, where he was arrested.

arrived at Vancouver, going from there to

ssions on Thursday.

Waring, Superintendent E. J. Ryan, of the

BIG 4 ROUTE A Trip to New York City

Favorite Knickerbocker Special

Affords the maximum amount of comfort.

A modern twelve section drawing-room Wagner sleeping leaves Indianapolis on this train daily at 6:25 p. m., arriving New York City via the Four Track New York Central, at 6 p. m., Eastern delivered an address of welcome, to which time, next day, at

Standard dining car and cafe the railway mail dog, was then led to the

42d Street, Grand Central Station

service entire trip. Secure sleeping-car reservations

at No. 1 East Washington street are still outside the organization. Secreand Union Station. H. M. BRONSON,

A. G. P. A.

C., H. & D. RY. BEST LINE TO

CINCINNATI Dayton, Toledo and Detroit.

LEAVE INDIANAPOLIS. Cincinnati Vestibule, daily...... Dayton, Toledo and Detroit Express, except Sunday..... incinnati Fast Express, daily. Cincinnati, Dayton, Teledo and Detroit, ARRIVE INDIANAPOLIS.

12:45 am; 6:50 am; 11:45 am; 3:29 pm; 7:50 pm For further information call at No. 2 West Washington street or Union Station. GEO. W. HAYLER, D. P. A.

The Popular MONON ROUTE In the best CHICAGO Time re- 43 HOURS

FOUR DAILY TRAINS

Frains Arrive Indianapolis-3:30 a. m., 7:45 m., 2:35 p. m., 4:37 p. m. Local sleeper in Indianapolis ready at 8:20 p. m. Leaves Chicago, returning, at 2:45 a. m. Can Ticket offices, 2 West Washington street, Union Station and Massachusetts-avenue Depot. GEO, W. HAYLER, D. P. A.

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-WE OFFER-

Choice Indianapolis 6 per cent. Improvement Bonds. Corporation Bonds 6 per cent., payable Other choice Municipal Bonds, Price and particulars upon application.

CAMPBELL, WILD & CO. 205 Indiana Trust Building.

IN THE "PINK OF CONDITION."

Betting Is in Favor of the Former, but Friends of the Latter Are Confident of Victory.

AND SAYS THE LANKY PUGILIST WILL MAKE A GOOD SHOWING.

Corbett Is Physically Superior, However, and Experts Think He Can Only Be Beaten by a Chance Jab.

Fighting Plans of the Principals-Jim Weighs 185 Pounds and Bob 165-What Trainers and Others Say.

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 16 .- Corbett cording to the best julges, is more perfect

the sporting men. Corbett is the favorite among the betting men, but it ion of Fitz has gained friends for the latter, as it is natural it should, when it is considered that Muldoon is a friend of Cor-

bett and wishes for his success. Corbett will enter the ring weighing 183 pounds, three more than when he fought Mitchell. It is believed Fitz will weigh in at 165 pounds, although Julian said to-day that he would be heavier than that, "or between 170 and 180." Julian said very plainly that Fitz would not concede more

than twelve pounds to Corbett. Both men have carefully planned their battles and while neither of them will discuss the matter it is evident that both have given the matter much thought. Their plans of battle are well understood, however, despite the secrecy which has been maintained by the fighters and their trainers. Corbett will fight a careful battle for several rounds, at least, will endeavor to party to have their man fight in a defensive manner, particularly with his hands, Corbett at first will endeavor to draw Fitz into making leads and rely on the chance

of landing a counter. FITZSIMMONS'S PLAN. Fitzsimmons has also planned to go handers, which have so many times returned him a winner. Fitz is not capable of remaining on the defensive for any great

to understand him. He always has something up his sleeve and he has it now, but I

I have given up trying to guess him. I just get along with him the best way I can and let the results take care of them-

Fitzsimmons to-day declared that in the event of his losing the fight he will leave the country. "What else is there for me to do?" he said, "I cannot get any more matches in the middle weight class, and if I lose this it will show that I am not in the heavy weight class; and then, I cannot act like Corbett and there is nothing for me to do but get out. I expect to win, of course, but any man may lose a fight and, of course, there is a chance of my losing this one. A fighter always takes chances no matter what he is up against. One thing is sure, if I lose I will leave the United States."

THE SMALLER FIGHTS: It is expected that both of the smaller fights will furnish much excitement. All the men are in the finest condition, and all of them are confident of the result. The betting is somewhat in favor of Billy Smith as against Green, although there are so many friends of the latter here from San Francisco that they have pushed his odds up somewhat. Green will enter the ring weighing 147 pounds and Smith will be ten pounds heavier. The fight is at catch weights, and the Eastern men who think that in any event that Smith will have the better of Green are confident that, with his extra weight, he will have a sure thing of it. Hawkins and Flaherty are to fight at 128 pounds, and both are at the weight. Flaherty is somewhat under the weight, and probably will fight at 127. Hawkins

The weather indications to-night are that to-morrow will be clear and cold. The snow clouds that have been hovering about the mountain tops west of the city have given place to-night to dark masses, which do not indicate in this locality any more than wind. This began blowing at a lively rate at 9 o'clock this evening, but no one seemed discouraged by It, as the vacuum towards which it is tending will doubtless

but to take the northeast corner.

May Be Postponed.

CARSON, Nev., March 16,-Midnight-The wind ceased blowing about 10 o'clock and was followed by some snow, but enough, however, to be more than noticeable. The clouds are much lighter than

INGALLS VISITS CORBETT.

The Ex-Senator Not Well Versed in CARSON CITY, Nev., March 16,-Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of

"Ought of sight, old man," said the champion, as he shook the ex-sent tor's arm into state of partial paralysis. "Glad to see

intend to see the match to-morrow. and thought I would come out and see said the ex-statesman. "I do not know much about this branch of gymnas-

"I'll be glad to post you, senator," replied Corbett. "What can I tell you?" "Well, for instance, how hard are you all) wed to hit your opponent?" asked Sena-tor Ingalls, with evident return of cour-

'As hard as you can punch," was the answer, amid a general laugh, which again disconcerted the questioner. But he was game and led back another inquiry. "But," he asked, "how much does it count when you hit the other man. I don't know

much about the score. That floored Corbett, and to cover his visitor's confusion, he began a little rapid work with the dumbbells. Mr. Ingalls hastly retreated to a far corner of the room, from which he viewed the work with evi-

"I think you must be a very nice fighter. Mr. Corbett," the ex-senator said, when the exhibit was finished, "and I think you will beat Mr. Fitzsimmons. We are both Amerialways with Americans. I don't know your opponent, but I don't think he can white you, you are so big, you know.

Mr. Ingalls soon drove back to town where he met Governor Sadler, and the two walked to Dan Stuart's big arena. "Dear me," said the ex-senator, as stepped on the ring platform. "What a big place. Why, this beats the national conventions all to pieces, doesn't it. Prize fighting must be quite a lucrative enterprise to quite glad I came. Governor Sadler was delighted with his visitor's enthusiasm and took him to din- at noon Thursday. Mr. McMillin

ner at the executive mansion. During the evening Mr. Ingalls met Parson Davies, Muldoon, Tom Sharkey, Professor Donaldson and many other men prominent in pugilistic circles, and appears to enjoy himself

CORBETT IS CONFIDENT.

Jim and All His Assistants Sure of Winning the Fight.

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 16 .- Corbett spent the last day before the battle very quietly. He arose at about 8 o'clock and lounged about the mussy little barroom and parlor, reading papers and making occasion- | Chairman Dingley and Mr. Payne discussed way to the red-haired pugilist. Trainers Mr. Payne and Mr. Dalzell, glass, earthencomes, I go as my instincts tell me and him," said Delaney, "and don't intend to Payne asserted that it was practically a re-

The curious crowds which thronged the vicinity of Shaw's Springs all day were rigorously excluded from Corbett's quarters, (Concluded from Third Page.)

AND PREDICTS DIRE THINGS IF THE TARIFF BILL IS PASSED.

Author of the Deficit-Creating Law Says Dingley's Measure Will Plunge the Nation Into Despair.

OTHER DEMOCRATS FEARFUL

IT WILL CUT DOWN THE REVENUES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Meanwhile Republicans Are Content to Trust the Judgment of the Ways and Means Committee.

PROPOSES TO "BUST" THEM WITH TARIFF BILL AMENDMENT.

Senators Introduce Over 400 Bills and Joint Resolutions and Discuss the Henderson Case.

Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, intends to introduce an element of discord into the Senate tariff debate which threatens to take up a large amount of time not hereoutlined by Mr. Pettigrew are infinite, as

have another try at the anti-scalping ticket | Lodge's bills included those to amend the paign in a quiet way. If this subject is entered on it will start an agitation that riety of amendments to the interstate commerce law. Hence the convervative elements in the House and Senate are oppos- gate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. ing the railroad demands.

House members themselves are not anxious to be given their committee assignments. There is plenty of work for them without getting into the committee grind. Republican congressmen discover that 66,000 applicants for these jobs. The transportation facilities are taxed to their limit bringing in the mail from constituents who

THE TARIFF BILL Some of Its Features Not Acceptable

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The Demojustify such splendid preparations. I am Dingley announced that he desired to remeasure and prepare a report. The Democonclusion was reached.

> proposed duties with the McKinley act. somewhat uncomplimentary | ricultural schedule; Mr. Tawney, lumber; ware and metals. Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, and Mr. McMillin took the leading part in the discussion from the Democrats.

Concerning the sugar schedule, Mr. differential between raw and refined sugar such as the Wilson bill had. While the revenue which sugar would yield had not been actually calculated, it would bring from \$16,000,000 to \$18,000,000 more in the treasury than under the Wilson law. Mr. Robertson,

of Louisiana, a Democrat, gave an opinion hat \$50,000,000 could be expected from this

In the consideration of the agricultural schedule, Mr. Dolliver explained that the countervailing duty on fish to offset bounties paid by foreign governments was directed against France. The Democrats objected to the imposition of a duty of cent on fresh water fish which are now on the free list. They also contended that the proposed rates on seeds are double the McKinley duties. The Southern members took an interest in the rice paragraphs. It was explained that the increased rate on | And broken rice had been levied to discourage the growing practice of breaking rice which is brought in for the use of breweries, before its importation to secure the advantage of the cheaper rates. The duty of 3 cents a pound on chicory root, which is now on the free list and which is used as an adulteration of coffee, Mr. Dolliver ex-plained was for the benefit of the middle

West, where chicory growing is a new in

When the glass schedule was reached,

Mr. Wheeler criticised the increase in duties on cast polished plate glass 16x24 from 6 to 9 cents and on 24x30 from 10 to 13 cents, the increase being over the McKinley rates. Mr. Dalzell said that it had been demonstrated that the McKinley duties on plates of these grades were not protective but to offset these increases the rate on plates of higher grades had been reduced. The imposition of a duty on cotton ties now on the free list, was also opposed by the Democrats. Mr. Wheeler said the American manufacturers were able not only to supply the home market, but to fill large orders for India without any protection on the article. It was contended by the Democrats that steel, finished cold, would prove very far-reaching in its scope. The average rate on cutlery was stated to be about 4 per cent. The Democrats opposed also the proposed duty of \$2 a thousand on white pine, which is double the McKinley rate They also criticised the paragraph placing telegraph and telephone poles and railroad ties of cedar and all other woods under 20 per cent. duty. The other woods are not now dutiable and the opponents of the new bill asserted that they constitute the most extensive class. The Democratic members of the committee

will offer amendments to the bill in the committee meeting to-morrow as a matter of form. Their amendments will, of course, be rejected by the Republicans.

In its second session of the day the committee finished the review of the bill, but did not go so much into detail in the last plained the spirits and wines schedule. dies from \$1.80 to \$2.50 on the ground that t encouraged the placing on the market

to specific. It was remarked by a Demo-

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the recent Demosage of the bill, both to stop the possible the Republicans an opportunity to demon-

strate that a high tariff could relieve the country of financial depression.

Retaliation Urged. PARIS, March 16 .- The La Liberte to-day United States, where the springs of credi are already stretched to the utmost and where everything is at fictitious and in flated values. In a few days the who structure will collapse.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Nearly 450 Bills and Resolutions Introduced-The Florida Senatorship. WASHINGTON, March 16 .- In the Senat were introduced. They embraced nearly every phase of public business. Mr. Allen's bunch of bills numbered about seventy-five

ble. Bankruptcy bills were presented by

Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, and Mr. Lindsay, cannot be stopped, looking to a great va- of Kentucky. Mr. Morgan reintroduced the Nicaragua canal bill before the last Congress, and also a joint resolution to abro-Numerous bills relating to the Pacific Railroads were presented, including that

of Mr. Morgan to create a board of trus tees for the Union Pacific and Central Pa cific Railroad Companies. One of Mr Thurston's bills provided for the increase of ing for information as to the operation of the civil-service rules to river and harbor

work was agreed to, after some criticism abolishing the civil-service rules. Mr. Frye said it was a step towards abolishing these rules so far as they related to labor on engineering work of the government. The President had extended the civil-service rules to all classes of labor, so that an engineer officer way up on the Columbia river who wanted a laborer for river and harbor work had to apply to the Civil-servmanner of public work," declared Mr. Frye, the marines should be withdrawn from and it is absolutely absurd and stupid. The chaplain's prayer referred to the devfor the sufferers. The President's message, ing read yesterday, was referred to the com- given to Crown Prince Constantine. The the bill pensioning the widow of Brigadier | a state of panic and most of the shops are General Stevenson at \$50 per month, which | closed. was passed, being the first bill passed at Several hours were spent early in the day

the temporary vacancy from that The debate was largely of a legal privileges and elections, where the case of Mr. Corbett, of Oregon, and Mr. Wood, of Kentucky, are pending. The Senate adjourned over to Thursday, so that neither branch of Congress will be in session to morrow. At 3:20 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and, at 3:27 p. m., adjourned until Thursday.

NEW NICARAGUAN TREATY.

Secretary Sherman May Negotiate One in the Interest of the Canal.

with them for some time. The principal made by Secretary Frelinghuysen, which was withdrawn at the beginning of Mr. man, when discussing the Rodriguez letter against the old Nicaragua bill, indicated his desire to negotiate a treaty on the old

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GREECE IS DETERMINED ON DEFY-ING THE GREAT POWERS,

Will Neither Withdraw Her Troops from Crete Nor Refrain

from Fighting the Turks.

BLOCKADE NOW IN EFFECT

AND THE NATIONS SENDING SOL-DIERS TO THE ISLAND OF CRETE.

Colonel Vassos and His Hellenie Army Fortifying Their New Position in the Mountain Region.

BOTH TURKS AND GREEKS HURRY. ING THEIR TROOPS THERE.

Thessaly Also Teeming with Warriors Ready for the Fray-Programme of the Powers.

LONDON, March 17 .- The powers are Greeks and restore order of the nations are blockading Cretan ports and may soon close the ports of Greece; the Hellenes are rushing their army re-Turks are sending thousands of soldiers to the borderland of Greece. Such is the situation in the disturbed section of Europe this morning, and it does not pressage peace. Advices from Athens say it is the general belief there that nothing now can its plan of campaign fully prepared. The Greek Cabinet had a long session yesterday

The center of interest in Greece is now transferred from Crete to the Macedonian frontier. It is evident from the haste ich the Greek government has displayed sea before the commencement of the blockade that there is a strong conviction that they will be needed at once.

be overland, and this would be an wing to the lack of horses and the very inomplete railway system in the northern portions of Greece. Many of the war correspondents have already arrived at Volo. Greek officers on the frontier find the utand the departure of Crown dangerously exciting influence upon the troops. It is reported that the Turkish forces on the Macedonian frontier are raising a double line of fortifications and being

Since the publication in the semiofficial press of the exposition of Count Muravieff's Cretan policy, which appeared at the mothe public press of Greece has been one of The Greek royal family is also seriously disappointed by the attitude of Russia, and France is believed to have sacrificed her Cretan sympathies on the altar of the

According to a Vienna dispatch to the in Austrian official circles as to whether Macedonia. The Porte has been encourpowers to send large bodies of troops to listricts along the Greek frontier, and there s no doubt that, in the event of war, the Turks would be allowed to deal with the Greeks without fear of European interven-

The Rome correspondent of the Daily News understands that Greece proposes to the powers that she should concentrate her troops now in Crete at some spot near the coast, where they could be easily provisioned and would be quite isolated from the insurgents; that the Turks should do likewise, and that the powers should then pacify the island and the Cretans be given an opportunity to declare freely how they wish to

The Russian consul at Canea has received formal instructions to proclaim auconsider that this step has been taken too late. After a conference yesterday the consuls addressed notes to their respective embassies, declaring that if any portion of Canea looting and lawlessness, aggravated by hunger, will dangerously increase,

The Greek army in Thessalv will be formed in two divisions and the command perior to the Turks, though the latter are being reinforced with all haste. Jania is in

Reply to Senate Resolution.

WASHINGTON, March 16.-Secretary

received from D. N. Botassi, consul general of Greece at New York, transmitting a cablegram from the Greek minister of foreign affairs, in acknowledgment of the resolutions agreed to by the Senate before the expiration of the last session, expressing sympathy with Cretan revolutionists. The cablegram is as follows:

"To the United States Senate: The warm thanks of the Greek nation as well as of the government of Greece, are due for the expressions of its sympathies, which are a most valuable assistance to us towards the accomplishment of our national aspira-The consul general adds on his own behalf, that the resolution has made a most favorable impression on the Greeks in the United States, "who, while enjoying the blessings of liberty in this country under her liberal laws, are in hearty sympathy with their motherland in her efforts to free their oppressed brethren.

Cretan Ports Blockaded. LONDON, March 16.-In the House of Lords to-day the Marquis of Salisbury, rewaters to commence the

the Island of Crete without any further delay. The premier stated that an