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WASHINGTON, MONTANA, IDAHO

Evaporating Claims for the Klondike Trade—New Railroad from Portland to Seattle—Sending Montana Horses North to Edmonton—Sheep in Southern Idaho.

A Port Angeles company is evaporating claims for the Alaskan trade.

All the Whatcom county logging camps are running full blast.

Treasurer Bartholomew of Yakima county states that about 90 per cent of the 1897 personal tax has already been collected.

There are many new families entering the Wenatchee valley to settle this spring, and much new ground is being cultivated and planted to orchards.

Notice is given that state warrants Nos. 21,156 to 22,170, inclusive, on the general fund, and Nos. 2156 to 2225, inclusive, on the military fund, will be paid on presentation and will not draw interest after April 7.

The Northern Pacific railroad has increased the working hours of all employees at the shops in Tacoma from eight to ten hours per day, with proportionate increase in wages.

Spring work is progressing in the Lewis county hop yards. The county produced a little more than 4000 bales last year and can be counted at about the same this year.

Jack Leonard paid the penalty for the murder of Jacob Malquist with his life at Colfax Friday, protesting his innocence to the last. The execution was witnessed by fully 1000 people, the streets around the courthouse being filled with eager throngs, and the hillside to the east was black with people, who could look down upon the scene and get a good view of the execution.

Centralia, in Lewis county, reports a brighter outlook than since the boom days of 1890. The business houses are enlarging their stocks and making general improvement. New stores are also being opened. A new brick block is to be built in a short time. The saw mills and shingle mills are running steadily and employ a full force of men. A better price is being paid for lumber. The farmers say they find ready sale and get good prices for their products.

The British Columbia, Seattle & Pacific Railroad Company has made application to the city council of Seattle for a franchise 30 feet wide over Railroad avenue. It was stated to the council that it was the purpose of the company to construct a railroad from Portland, Ore., to Seattle, and thence to the British Columbia boundary. The company was willing that a condition be imposed in the franchise that the work of construction should begin in 30 days and the line be finished within 18 months. Two incorporators of the company are Henry J. Broker and Austin J. Fletcher, well known financiers of New York. The road will cost between \$4,000,000 and \$4,500,000. It is intimated that the proposed line has the backing of the Vanderbilt interests, and that it is in furtherance of their purpose to have a continuous line from New York to the Pacific coast.

It is also stated that connection will be made at the boundary line with the Canadian Pacific.

Six hundred friends of the late Henry H. Spalding followed the remains of the dead pioneer to the grave. Nearly every town in eastern Washington had representative citizens as mourners. His brothers-in-law, Felix Warren, Sol Warren and Joel Warren, supported their sister, the bereaved wife, during the ceremonies, having come from long distances. Herbert Bolster was present as representative of the Inland Empire Fruit Fair and as a personal friend. A large concourse came from Colfax, including lodges of the Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Knights of Pythias were given the honor of taking charge of the funeral ceremonies. Six Woodmen and six Workmen were pall-bearers. Religious services were conducted by Rev. H. P. James and Rev. C. W. Walters, with touching simplicity, while Oliver Hall delivered the eulogy at the church.

Montana.

The Montana State Sunday School Association will meet at Helena May 29 to June 1.

Two Mormon elders who have been holding services at Corvallis for a few weeks past have baptized 16 converts at that place.

M. N. Baker of Livingston has received a bounty warrant for the pelt of a gray wolf which he killed in the vicinity of the Crazy mountains. He reports these pests quite numerous in that locality, a band of 20 or 25 having killed young stock for rangeland in that neighborhood.

About 1500 head of Montana horses have been sent north to Edmonton during the past month, and 5000 more will soon go to the same market for the Klondike trade. They pay a duty of 20 per cent at the boundary line.

Messages received from Great Falls confirm the report of the death at Augusta of Phil A. Manix, one of the pioneers of northern Montana. The dead man was one of the best known residents of northern Montana, having an extended acquaintance in Cascade, Lewis and Clarke, Teton and Chouteau counties, and wherever he was loyal, generous and true.

John Bloss, secretary of the senate of the Fifth legislative assembly of Montana, who stole the salary bill one year ago, preventing its enactment on the last day of the session, must serve one year in the penitentiary for his crime. The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Hunt, has affirmed the judgment of the lower court and the order denying a new trial, thereby removing Bloss's last hope of escape. The opinion was unanimously concurred in by the court, which, after carefully reviewing the evidence, says that "the jury was amply justified in find-

ing the defendant guilty, providing the evidence was credible."

General Manager David S. Murray of Salt Lake, of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, has closed a contract with the mill at Herron, Mont., for 4000 telephone poles to be used in the construction of a line from Missoula to Mullan, Idaho, which will close a gap of 125 miles in the connection between Livingston, Mont., on the extreme east, and the Pacific coast, and when completed will give the longest telephone connection in the world.

The comptroller of the currency has made public an abstract of the report of the condition on February 18 of the 21 national banks in Montana. It shows that since the date of the last report, December 15, total resources decreased from \$16,631,780 to \$14,818,911; loans and discounts decreased from \$7,737,549 to \$7,082,332; reserves decreased from \$4,896,030 to \$2,862,833, of which gold holdings increased from \$640,717 to \$738,932. The deposits decreased from \$11,119,549 to \$9,074,116, and the average reserve held decreased from 45.30 per cent to 40.14 per cent.

"A large number of Montana horses were purchased by the government a few years ago for the cavalry," said State Veterinarian M. E. Knowles the other day, "and I understand that they proved entirely satisfactory. Of late years the government has been securing a good share of its horses in Kentucky. Montana can furnish as good horses as any state in the Union. Any kind of a horse can be found here, for there are well bred horses as well as cayuses. Teton county has many horses that would be suitable for cavalry service. There are some excellent horses in Custer county. For that matter, good horses can be found in every county in the state. Our native-bred Montana horses will stand more hard work than those of any other section of the country, in my opinion."

One of the largest transfers in ranch and stock property for some time past was consummated recently between Jürgen Kubr and Ernest Schluter, both of Cleveland. Mr. Schluter sold his ranch of 160 acres patented and a 320-acre desert claim for \$3000, and 3000 sheep at \$4.25 a head. The sheep were a good bunch, made up of young ewes straight Idaho.

Asa Abbott has begun the publication of the Silver Blade at Belvue.

The Baptists at Cottonwood have broken ground for a church building.

Governor Steunenberg has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$1000 each for the arrest and conviction of each of the members of the mob that murdered Frederick D. Whitney at Gen on December 23, 1897.

A petition has been sent to Washington asking that mail service be established between Riddles and Mountain City, via the Duck Valley Indian reservation. If this is granted, it will make mail connection continuous between Mountain Home and Elko, Nev., a distance of about 200 miles.

There are at least 100,000 sheep wintering near Raft river, in southern Idaho. Mr. McCormick has 25,000 there, another owner 10,000, and besides these there are numerous smaller flocks of several thousand each. The grass got such a good start last fall that now the sheep refuse the hay fed them, trample it under foot and go in search of the fresh green grass.

F. W. Vogler of Blacfort has secured the bid for the next four years on the mail contract from Red Rock, Mont., to Salmon City. He has bought up the stock, stages and complete outfit now on the line belonging to Emerson Hill, who has had the contract for the past four years or more, and entered into possession of the line. In the transfer the sum of \$10,000 changed hands. It is one of the best lines in the country, owning and controlling its own outfit houses on the line. Mr. Vogler will also run the line from Salmon City to Gibbonsville from July 1. The officers of the company are: F. W. Vogler, president and general manager; E. Hill, vice president; Mrs. V. C. Vogler, secretary and treasurer.

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United States Judge Beatty has appointed Fred W. Bacon of Butte, Mont., as receiver of the American Developing and Mining Company. This company has been operating extensively in Montana and Idaho. Mr. Bacon had already been appointed receiver for the company in Montana by Judge Knowles.

BUTTE LAWYERS IN TROUBLE.

Arrested on the Charge of Subornation of Perjury.

Butte, Mont., March 28.—The climax in the perjury case growing out of the Shafer murder trial was reached Saturday when County Attorney Melvin L. Wines and his former chief deputy, Edwin S. Booth, were arrested on the charge of subornation of perjury. Wines and Booth were attorneys for Shafer, who was convicted of murder, and evidence has since been accumulated that a startling lot of perjured testimony had been introduced at the trial by the defense, including depositions from Seattle. Wash. County Attorney Stapleton has also moved for the disbarment of Wines and Booth before the supreme court.

WAR RATE OF INSURANCE.

Fifty Per Cent Increase and a Heavy Demand.

Boston, March 27.—The demand for marine war insurance has greatly increased within the past few days. President Fuller, of the Boston Marine Insurance Company, says his company has recently written about 25 risks and is daily receiving many applications. In consequence of the threatening aspect of the situation war rates have been increased 50 per cent over rates previously prevailing.

NEWS THROUGH THE WEEK

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Items of Information Gathered From a Wide Area—Political Happenings and Industrial Notes—Crimes and Accidents.

The newspapers of Vienna announce that Japan between 1895 and 1905 will have devoted 193,000,000 yen to the building of warships. Forty-seven have already been ordered with short terms of delivery in England, France, Germany and the United States.

The schooner General Siglin arrived at Seattle from Copper River, Alaska. Captain Johnson states that 300 people have crossed the Valdes glacier and are now making their way into the interior. The day the Siglin left Copper City, which is now a town of 600 inhabitants, the theft of a quantity of bacon had been discovered. Notices were being posted that the thief, if caught, would be hanged.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Dares Salaam, 25 miles south of Zanzibar, East Africa, says that last Monday during a severe engagement an expedition of foresters was attacked and three Germans and many of the native carriers were massacred.

William M. Taggart, editor of Taggart's Sunday Times, died in Philadelphia.

It is officially denied that France demands a Frenchman as director of the Chinese postoffice.

Commander Willard H. Brownson, U. S. N., who is visiting Europe in the interest of the United States navy department, has started to France to inspect the ships which are being built at La Seine, on the Mediterranean.

For Brazil, concerning which vessels negotiations have been proceeding.

Treasurer William H. Holdman of Elk-hart county, Ind., has been convicted of embezzling \$22,000 county funds.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the well-known novelist, has instituted suit for divorce from Dr. S. W. Burnett.

Congressman Joseph Bailey of Texas, democratic leader in the house of representatives, will be a candidate for the speakership of that body next session.

The central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference has voted against the propositions for equal lay and ministerial representation in the general conference.

Police Lieutenant W. F. Burke was shot and killed by Park Haynes, alias "The Irish Tinker," a maniac, at San Francisco, while attempting to arrest him for disturbance of the peace.

George T. Nicholson has been appointed traffic manager of the Santa Fe railroad, to succeed W. F. Hite, deceased.

The Canadian military expedition to the Yukon, which is to the number of 200 men and officers, will leave Victoria about the middle of April.

Louisville, Ky., dispatch says that Eugene Leigh is said to have purchased Plaudit, the favorite in the Kentucky Derby, for \$20,000. He is believed to have acted for an eastern turfman, Phil Dwyer being mentioned as the real purchaser.

In accordance with the plan decided upon at the last convention of the American Federation of Labor, organizers have been quietly working for the past month organizing the building tradesmen in Milwaukee, Wis., looking to a demand on May 1 for an eight-hour working day.

The grand jury at Chicago has returned indictments against George H. Jackson, formerly chief of police of Muskegon, Mich., and William H. Willows, charging them with the murder of Andrew H. McGee. Jacks and Willows, it is alleged, decoyed McGee to an apartment house on the south side several weeks ago and murdered and robbed him.

Colonel John W. McKenzie, a well-known veteran of the Mexican war, is dying in San Francisco. He is a native of Newark, N. J., and was formerly city marshal of San Francisco and colonel of the First regiment of the National Guard of California.

The Missouri supreme court has declared the inheritance tax law unconstitutional. All gambling at Dawson City, Klondike, has been restricted to "legitimate games."

Five small children of Pottsville, Pa., ate wild parsnips, and will probably die from the poison.

Governor Culberson of Texas has issued a quarantine against yellow fever on all coast points and along the Rio Grande.

Pearl Eyttinger, the actress, is in a New York hospital, insane from the morphine habit.

Eugene Sauley, a prominent politician of Indianapolis, has been stricken with total blindness.

The French minister for the colonies has refused the petition of Mme. Dreyfus, wife of Captain Dreyfus, to share the latter's imprisonment on Devil's island.

Many of the leading grain dealers of Illinois ask for the repeal of the law giving the right to elevator proprietors to trade in the grain of which they are merely public custodians.

Measures are being considered at Bombay, India, to deal more effectively with the black plague, from which thousands of natives are dying.

Jim Orr, a versatile and independent reformer in Kansas, is working for the passage of a law which will compel every man to refrain from signing another man's note without first getting his wife's consent.

A cablegram from London concerning Mr. Gladstone's health says: "It was his own wish to be moved to Hawarden with as little delay as possible. Whatever the precise nature of the facial palsy, neuralgia or the presence of some unhealthy growth, there can be no doubt that, though intermittent, they have occasioned severe suffering, and it necessarily follows that his physical powers and heart's action have become gravely enfeebled."

The attorney general of Texas has ruled that in consequence of the careless drafting of resolutions in the legislature there will have to be two state elections in Tex-

as this year. The regular election of state officers will be on the second Tuesday in November, and a special election will have to be held the first Tuesday, which is the first day of November, to pass on some constitutional amendments submitted by the last legislature, to be voted on this year.

The British government is massing a powerful fleet in Chinese waters.

It is understood that France's demands in China include the cession of Yang-tse valley.

The troops at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, are to join the troops at the New York harbor defenses.

Four moonshiners have been arrested, and their illicit still confiscated, in a cellar in New York city.

Threatened by a tramp, Mrs. Gesella Bond of Chicago clapped a pan of dough on his head and the vagrant fled in terror.

English newspapers hint that the French navy mobilization may be in connection with the impending rupture between the United States and Spain.

Because of the unprecedented drought, stockraisers at Fresno, Cal., have petitioned the president to permit grazing on certain portions of Yosemite Park reservation during the coming season.

The equal taxation committee of the St. Louis Single Tax League claims to have evidence that "more than \$350,000,000 worth in actual cash value of real estate and franchises in St. Louis goes untaxed."

Thomas Gassett, a farmer, near Seymour, Ind., supposed to be dying with consumption, during a violent spell of coughing recently threw out of his stomach a living oyster. He began to improve at once, and is recovering rapidly.

Barn burners, horse thieves and other wrongdoers in the east end of Clark county, Indiana, are to be ruthlessly pursued and prosecuted, an association of the leading men of that section having been formed and incorporated for these purposes.

The work of deepening and widening the channel on the bar at Pensacola, Fla., is being pushed with the utmost speed, and the largest merchant steamships now pass without difficulty. It is expected that 28 feet of water will soon be obtained.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky has vetoed the fellow-servants bill, which was considered one of the most important measures passed by the recent legislature, upon the ground that it would make the corporations responsible for a class of injuries for which they are not responsible under the constitution of the state.

Powder, shot and shell continue to arrive at Pensacola, Fla., in large quantities for the forts and batteries defending the harbor. Three of the eight big mortars for the new battery on Santa Rosa island have also arrived, and they will be mounted as quickly as possible. There is great activity in Fort Pickens. In addition to the six and eight inch rifle guns, a 15-inch gun is being mounted on the fort.

MOVEMENTS IN THE NAVY.

Fighting Bob Evans Sent to Command the Iowa.

Washington, March 25.—Captain Robley D. Evans, better known as "Fighting Bob" Evans, has reached here and was immediately ordered to take command of the Iowa.

Captain Sampson of the Iowa and also of the inquiry board has been ordered to the command of the North Atlantic fleet, relieving Admiral Siciard, who is ill.

Commodore W. S. Schley, in all probability, will be placed in command of the squadron at Hampton Roads.

Going to Key West.
Kingston, Jamaica, March 25.—The cruiser Cincinnati and gunboat Wilmington, without the United States gunboat Castine, returned to Port Antonio and sailed an hour later. It is thought the warships have gone to Key West.

Maine Officers Ordered Home.
Washington, March 25.—Orders have been issued detaching Captain Sigbee and the other officers from the battleship Maine at Havana and ordering them to proceed home and await orders.

Monitor Terror Sails.
New York, March 25.—Monitor Terror has sailed from Tompkinsville bound for Key West.

FOR GOVERNOR OF OREGON.

Fusion Elements Distribute the State Nominations.

Portland, Ore., March 26.—The joint conference committee appointed by the populists, democrats and silver republicans on the distribution of state offices has reported. The populists get the governor, attorney general, state printer and superintendent of public instruction; the democrats get the state treasurer, justice of the supreme court and congressman from the First district; while the republicans get the congressman from the Second district and the secretary of state. W. R. King of Baker county was nominated for governor on the fifth ballot by the populist convention. King is at present a state senator.

Guns for Port Townsend.
New York, March 24.—At the quartermaster's bureau a contract has been awarded to the Northern Pacific railroad for transporting two 12-inch rifled cannon and four 8-inch ones, with their disappearing carriages, to Port Townsend. The guns are at the proving grounds at Sandy Hook and the carriages are at the factory in Watertown, Mass. The cost of transportation will be \$9500.

War Clause in Charters.
New York, March 24.—The Evening World says an ominous sign that the strained relations between the United States and Spain will result in war is furnished by English shipowners, who have cabled to their agents that all charters must contain the war clause.

Fishermen Drowned.
Copenhagen, March 27.—A telegram from Tromsø, Transvaal island, reports that 45 fishermen were drowned off the north-west of Norway in a storm.

SALES AND DEVELOPMENT

GLANCE ABOUT MINING CAMPS.

Title Deeds Passed in the Purchase of the Whitewater Mine—The Sylvanite Camp in Montana—Placer Work on the Salmon—Transactions in Red Mountain Properties.

Kaslo, B. C., reports that the entire balance of the purchase price of the Whitewater mine was paid over in cash, and the title deeds were passed, by virtue of which the property comes into the possession of the Whitewater Mines, Ltd., the flotation of which was recently successfully completed in London by the managers of the London and British Columbia Gold Fields, Ltd. The deal was carried out and consummated in Kaslo. By the sale the two-thirds interest of J. C. Eaton of Kaslo and W. C. Price of East Oakland, Cal., was purchased outright for cash, and the one-third interest of John L. Retallick and Major Montgomery was paid for in stock of the new corporation. The first payment on the deal was made December 31, with 90 days' time on the balance. The exact price is not made public, but it is generally understood that the transfer was made on a basis of \$450,000 for the entire mine. Saturday the late owners of the Whitewater mine held a meeting in Kaslo and decided to declare a dividend approximating \$40,000, making a total of \$194,000 paid in dividends to date. The amount of the dividend today includes the net profits of the big silver property to the 23d inst. the date of sale to the Whitewater Mines, Ltd. According to the terms of the contract part of Saturday's dividend goes to the new owners. The mine is now in charge of S. S. Fowler, representing the purchasers. It is believed by some he will have the management of the property.

Sylvanite.
The town of Sylvanite, in the north-western corner of Flathead county, Montana, is a gold camp where there have been no setbacks, and where new finds of value were made every week during the past prospecting season, with an abundance of ground yet unprospected that is doubtless as good as any. The town has grown from a village of tents about one year ago with a population of 100 to a substantial place of 600 inhabitants with graded streets and better buildings than are usually found in mining camps of a year's growth. There are several good business blocks and five hotels, one of which is a three-story structure. There are two properties that are sufficiently developed to be called mines. They are the Keystone and the Gold Flint. The Keystone is equipped with a 10-stamp mill and concentrator which are running day and night and working 36 tons of ore daily. The clean-up is made once a month, and substantial gold bricks find their way to Spokane with regularity. Keystone ore runs from \$4 to \$12 per ton—low-grade, to be sure, but easily handled, and so abundant that it is a big thing for the owners. The Keystone employs about 50 men in the operation of the mine, not including the ore haulers, wood choppers and others directly connected with the property. The Gold Flint has a fine new modern mill, built at a cost of \$35,000. The plant consists of a 20-stamp mill, six concentrators, and a gravity car line 2800 feet long connecting the mine with the mill. The equipment enables the company to handle 70 tons of \$8 to \$12 ore per day. The property is developed to the 200-foot level, and the ore body is from six to 28 feet wide and consists of oxides and sulphides. The base ore is treated by the concentrator and the oxides by the mill. The mine employs about 65 men in all departments.

Mineral Hill District.
A great many Butte men are interested near Pany, in the Mineral Hill district. It is said more men than ever before are working in that section, and that from three to five carloads of ore are being shipped weekly from this district. The claims that are the large producers are: The Belle, Summit, Mountain Cliff, Willow Cree, and Ned. The Watsaka mine, which has been worked by Mr. Miller and Mr. Whipple during the winter, is producing some fine ore, and the gentlemen will soon begin shipping their ore. The Watsaka is one of the old stand-by claims of Madison county. Seldom a season passes that some one does not make a lucky hit in this mine, and take out a nice shipment of ore which pays them handsomely for the time expended, and yet the vein is so irregular that a company could do nothing with it. The ore seems to be in pockets and chutes.

A Red Mountain Claim.
The Gertrude claim, on Red mountain, in Rosland, has been sold to an eastern syndicate. The property was owned by a Spokane company, and the consideration of the sale is half the stock of the new company, with \$40,000 to be placed in the treasury by the purchasers for development purposes. The Gertrude is the second claim west of the War Eagle, and adjoins the Number One, You Know, Surprise, and Novelty. The property is but slightly developed, but it is said to show a well defined vein. No work has been done on it for a long time. Wallace Mount was president and J. M. Murphy secretary of the Gertrude company.

On Salmon River.
The Horseshoe Placer Mining Company operating on the great horseshoe bend of Salmon river are engaged in a mammoth undertaking. They are making a cut of 1320 feet through the neck of the horseshoe to turn the channel of the river; 150 feet have been already completed. This cut when finished will lay bare two miles of the river bed. The gravel taken from the cut yields from 60 to 70 cents in gold per cubic yard. The company proposes to work all the available gravel of the neck, and then the bed of the stream, which will undoubtedly prove very rich.

New Free Milling Camp.
A new free-milling ore camp is about to be opened up about two and a half miles

up the North Fork from Grand Forks, B. C. The gold-bearing ore is a decomposed white quartz. Joseph Pounder has just received an assay return which shows a gold value of \$8 in the surface cropping of the Rose Bud claim. There is every indication of this new strike being the commencement of a camp equal to Camp McKinney, as the surface ore is identical with that of the famous Cariboo mine.

The Monita.
The Monita, on Red mountain, Rosland, has been purchased by the War Eagle Consolidated Mining Company on a basis of 12 1/2 cents per share, or about \$94,000 for the property. The Monita was stocked for \$750,000, and market quotations have been from 12 to 15 cents. The mine is about 300 feet west of the War Eagle and has considerable development work done.

The War Eagle.
Rosland reports the transfer of John R. Cook's one-fifth interest in the Pilgrim mineral claim to the War Eagle company, practically gives that company the control of that claim, and completes important negotiations which have been in progress lately for the acquisition of properties which are especially valuable in the working of the War Eagle mine.

Baker City District.
From the present outlook it will not be at all surprising if, before the season of 1898 is far advanced, there will be upwards of 1500 quartz and placer miners laboring in the mineral regions tributary to Baker City, Ore., and that the yield of gold for this year will surpass that of \$3,000,000 in 1897 by many thousands of dollars.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Something of the Talks and the Acts of Both Branches.

The stirring scenes of the Fifty-first congress, when the members of the minority were charging down the aisles protesting the rules of Speaker Reed, were recalled Friday in the turbulent scenes and protests made by the minority against the chair's rulings during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The ruling in effect compelled the members to confine their remarks under the five minute rule to the subject before the house, and was made against Mr. Hartman of Montana, who attempted to make a political speech. The ruling was denounced as a usurpation and appeal after appeal was taken. When all else failed, every expedient was resorted to to block progress with the bill. As a result but four pages were disposed of.

During the debate on the naval appropriation bill Saturday in the house every utterance in favor of aggressive action against Spain was applauded to the echo by the crowded galleries. A strong effort was made to increase the appropriation for the naval reserves, but it failed. Another effort to have the government uniform the naval militia also failed. The main contest of the day was over a proposition to decrease the number of timber drydocks authorized by the bill from four to three. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, who made the motion to discuss the whole question of war preparations and to vote against undue extravagance, was voted down. No point of order was made against the proposed steel dock at Algiers, La., on the ground that a dock now in construction in the future the establishment of a navy yard. There was some further discussion of the relative merits of large battleships and smaller craft, in which the temper of the house seemed about equally divided, but the paragraphs relative to the ships had not been reached when the house adjourned.

President's Message Received.
Every available inch in the senate public galleries was occupied Monday and all the senate galleries were packed to the doors by 1 o'clock. In the diplomatic gallery were Abner McKinley, the president's brother, and Mrs. Captain Sigbee. The attendance of senators was unusually large. At the conclusion of the reading of the president's message, Senator Davis of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, amid a buzz of whispered conversation, rose and requested that the findings of the court of inquiry be read. At the conclusion of the reading, Senator Davis moved the message of the president, the findings of the court of inquiry and the testimony taken before the court be referred to the committee on foreign relations and ordered printed.

A big crowd was present in the house. At exactly 12 o'clock the speaker called the house to order. There were no preliminaries. While the journal was being read, Chief Executive Clerk Pruden appeared with the message, which was announced as soon as the reading of the journal was concluded. When the reading of the message was concluded, a wave of applause swept over the floor and the galleries. The speaker immediately announced the reference of the message to the committee on foreign relations, under the rule. Mr. Bailey, the democratic leader, asked if the report of the board of inquiry had not accompanied the message. The speaker replied that a foot note to the message contained the information that the testimony had been transmitted to the senate.

Charles B. Wright.
Philadelphia, Pa., March 25.—Charles B. Wright, formerly president of the Northern Pacific and heavily interested in real estate and industrial enterprises in the west and northwest, died at his home here yesterday. He had large financial interests in Tacoma and other cities in Washington. He died possessed of great wealth.

Smallpox in Arizona.
Flagstaff, Ariz., March 27.—There are 12 cases of smallpox at the village of Bellmont, 12 miles west of here. Bellmont has about 100 people and the entire population, largely Mexican, has been exposed to the disease.

REPORT OF COURT OF INQUIRY

THERE WERE TWO EXPLOSIONS

Result of the Investigation of the Wrecking of the Battleship Maine in Havana Harbor—No One on Board to Blame.

Washington, March 27.—The report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wrecking of the battleship Maine is made up of eight parts as follows:

First—The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

Second—The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stored according to orders—ammunition, guns, stores. The temperature of the magazines at 8 p. m. was nominal, except in after 10-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

Third—The explosion occurred at 9 o'clock on the evening of February 15. There were two explosions, with a short interval between them. The ship lifted the first explosion.

Fourth—The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence except as to technical details of the wreckage, from which the court deduces that a mine exploded under the ship on the port side.

Sixth—The explosion was due to fault of those on board.

Seventh—The opinion of the court states that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of two magazines.

Eighth—The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix responsibility.

Report is Unanimous.
The report is unanimous, and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or non-existence of the mine in the harbor of Havana, except in the specific findings that a mine was exploded under the ship and that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of the two magazines.

The report as a whole is a formal, impassioned recital of facts and bears stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, exceeding 1800 words, and among eight points goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the discipline and order of the ship.