Some Talk of the Defeat of the English Ministry in the Vote of Oredit Monday Next.

England Demands that Russia's Promise Not to Advance on Herat Take the Form of a Treaty.

A Report of the Perideh, Affair Being Made in Person to the Ozar at Gatchina Palace.

#### ANGLO-RUSSIAN.

Ne Arbitrator Chosen Yet.

London, May 8.-M. Lessar, the Russian boundary commissioner, had a conference with Earl Granville yesterday with respect to the delimitation of the Russo-Afghan frontier. An arbitrator has not yet been chosen.

Earl Dufferin Bas Resigned. Lendon, May 8 .- The Morning Post asserts that Earl Dufferin has resigned as vicercy of India in consequence of the disastrous effect upon British prestige in India of Mr. Gladweak and timorous policy.

Movements of John Bull's Gunbonts. NEW YORK, May 7.-The British man-of-war Canada reached Sandy Hook this evening, but did not come up the bay. She anchored in the lower bay. The Garnett has moved further out in the narrows.

The Gladstons Ministry Copopular. LONDON, May 7 .- The opinion is gaining ground both here and in Europe that the government's arrangement is in a word a complete surrender to Russia of all the points she has demanded. Though the more moderate of the Conservatives condemn Lord Randolph Churchill's epdeavors to oppose the war credit, the probability of the defeat of the gov-ernment is talked of in many quar-

The Morning Post agrees with Lord Churchill about the urgent need of ousting the ministry. It says that the eight Independent members might have turned Mr. Gladstone's majority of fourteen into a minority, and asks whether after the terrible events of the past week they will be forthcoming. The Standard says that the dignity

and power of Russia and England were embodied in Gen. Komaroff and Sir Peter Lumsden, and that M. de Giers will take care that Russian prestige in the person of Komaroff shall not be dimmed, while the English ministry has already decided that that of Eng-

IS TO BE EXTINGUISHED. "A further misfortune," says the Standard, "is that we are by no means assured that even for an hour the necessity of using force has passed

An enconfirmed rumor is current that the Indian departments have been ordered to cease their war prepara-England Demands a Formal Treaty.

The conference between Earl Granville and Baron de Staat, arranged to be held to-day at the foreign office for the purpose of formally opening the discussion on the delimitation of the Russo-Afghan boundary line, was postponed, as Baron de Staal is awaiting a communication on the sub-ject from St. Petersburg. Negotiations continue on the demand of Earl Granville that Russia's assurances that her troops will not advance to Herat shall take the form of a treaty. It is re-ported that M. de Giers maintains that the simple expression of such intentions is a sufficient pledge.

Gen. Zelones has been recalled from

Tiffis to St. Petersburg to assist in the delimitation inquiry.

M. de Giers has instructed Gen.

M. de Giers has instructed Gen. Komaroff to prepare a detailed report with charts of the advance on Penjdeh as a basis for reference to an arbitra-

tor.

Paris, May 7.—The Republique
Francaise, commenting on the special
advices regarding the state of Afghanistan, predicts that the Afghans,
aggravated by the heavy taxation
levied, will rebel and that anarchy will reign. Russia Holds Penjdeh.

TEHERAN, PERSIA, May 7 .- Advices from Sarakha state that a small force of Russians with four guns now occupies Penjdeh. The same advices contain the statement that the Russians have completely won over the Sarakhs

Turcomane. The telegraph line is now completed to a point 1:2 miles beyond Askabad. There is an apparent luil in the Rusalan preparations for war. The Afghan troops along the Bala Murghab not having received any pay for a long time are greatly demoralized.

Russia Pushing Rer Bailroad to Mery, ST. PETERSBURG, May 7 .- Col. Zakr jiwiaki, who was with Col. Salenoff during the Russian movements preceding and attending the battle of Penjdeh, has reached here with a full report of the Russian case and has departed to Gatchma to deliver the re-port to the casr. Col. Zackrjiwiski says the inhabitabts of Penjdeh are well disposed toward the Russians. The break in the Caspian sea cable has been repaired. The Russian government has decided to push the extension of the Russian railw y to Amoo Daria on the Oxus river as rapidly as possible, with a visw to have the construction completed to Merv by the spring of 1886.

The Basis of Arbitration. The following announcement appears in the Official Messenger: "In consequence of a divergence of views between Russia and England in the interpretation of the March agres-ment, it has been decided to submit the question to the decision of an ar-bitrator. Meanwhile both nations have agreed to resume the frontier negotiations, but on a different have agreed to resume the frontier negotiations, but on a different basis, namely, that the principal points on the frontier be fixed by a previous understanding between the two cabinets, the delimitation of the frontier on the spot, and the placing of the indicating posts being received for the commission, which both pow-

ers will send. In order to tacilitate the work of desimitation the outposts of neither side will be withdrawn from their present position until after the arrival of the joint commission, when as fast as the direction of the frontier is fixed the frontier points will be occupied by the troops of both parties concerned. It will then be the duty of each to maintain order and security in its respective territory."

#### IN PARLIAMENT.

Why to Sir Peter Coming Home? LONDON, May 7-Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, under foreign secretary. replying this afternoon in the house of commons to the right Hon Edward Gibson, Conservative member for Dublin university, stated that Gen. Ridgeway with Capt. Yates and others would remain in charge of the Afghah boundary commission now that Sir Peter Lumsden is coming to London.
"The instructions sent," Lord Ed-

mund continued, "do not cancel his appointment. He has not been summoned to London to advise the government about the frontier. The boundary commission ercort will remain with Gen, Ridgeway, who will carry on the work of the commission on the spot." THE PAPERS ASKED FOR.

Earl Granville, foreign minister in the house of lords, this evening, replying to an inquiry by the opposition for a production by the government of the papers in the Russian controversy, used the following language: "I do not believe that if England were going to urge war against Russia we should urge it at disadvantage and with every advantage in favor of Russia." Earl Granville denied that the gov-

ernment military policy had been a constant failure and denied also that Russia would go to Herat. The mo-Russia would go to Herat. The mo-tion for the production of the papers was then withdrawn.

THE BRITISH PREMIER QUESTIONED.

Premier Gladstone, replying to questions in the house of commons this afternoon, said that although, on the receipt of the first telegram he had described the Penjdeh affair as an act of unprovoked aggression, still he had never presumed that the information in his possession when he made that declaration was unquestionable. As a matter of fact, within twenty-four hours afterward news con-taining important qualifications taining of the of the first received had come to hand. Mr. Gladstone had no doubt, he said, that when the Earl of Dufferin, the British viceroy in India, at Labore, after his return from the conference with the ameer at

Rawul-Pindee, described the Russian attack as an act of unprovoked aggression without any qualification. The viceroy's statement was warranted by the circumstances under which he spoke and the knowledge in his possession, but Russia has since de-nied that Col. Alikanhoff had ordered the Turkomans under his command to make any attack. command to make any attack. The report that Col Alikanhoff had issued such an order was made to England by Capt. Yate and his party, who belonged to Sir Peter Lumsden's boundary commission and who were in Penjdeh during the battle. But it had been ascertained that neither Capt. Yates nor any of his party was aware of any other foundations for that report than that of rumor. Continuing, Mr. Glads one said that Lord Dufferin had arranged with the ameer of Afghanistan the basis upon which the British government had so far proceeded in the frontier affair, and if further com-

Being asked if Lord Dufferin, as viceroy of India, approved of the gov-ernment's course toward Russia in the Afghan dispute, Mr. Glacatone refused to say whether he did or not.

munications with the ameer upon the

subject should become necessary they

would be made.

THE IRISH INFORMER DEAD. LONDON, May 7 .- Joseph Smith, the informer who testified against the men who were hanged for the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under Secretary Burke, in Phoenix park, Dublin, and who had ever since he execution been an exile from Ireland and who was supposed to be living incognito somewhere in India, has just died in London. He had for a long time been a hopeless drunkard and his death was caused by intemporaries.

LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND. LONDON, May 7 .- Baron Fitzgerald, the Globe understands, will be ap pointed lord chancellor of Ireland. The opinion has prevailed that this appointment would fall to John Naish,

the present Irish attorney general.

Baron Fitzgerald is a Liberal. He has been solicitor-general and attorney-general for Ireland, and is a justice of the queen's bench. He is seventy years of age, and was appointed a lord of appeal in ordinary in 1882, with a peerage for life.

SESSION OF THE SUEZ CANAL COM-

MISSION. PARIS, May 7.- The subject of the proposed international control of the Sues canal is being discussed to day by the international Sucz caust commission. The German, Aus rian and Russian delegates favor international control. The English and Italian delegates oppose it.

News From the Canadian Outposts. FISH CREEK, N. W. T., May 5, VIA HUMBOLDT, May 7 .- A reconneitering

party of seventy men from Boulton's

cavairy went forward to Domont's Crossing'yesterday'and returned|at 8:30 p. m. They proceeded a mile past p. m. They proceeded a mile past out Dumont and within three miles of Batoche. About a mile this side of of Dumont they came upon half a dozen rebels, evidently outcosis, who were in a house, but who galloped away without firing a shot. All the half-breeds' thouses were found deserted and the valuables removed. The weather is hot. Dumont's acouts have been found. The steamer from Swift Curbent found for the Midland battation, a gatting rot

### AUSTIN.

The Inhabitants of the Capital City Are Again Shocked by a Blood-Ourdling Murder.

A Negress Cook Brained by a Masked Assassin-Robbery the Object-Children Parentless.

Comptreller Swain Orders the Collection of Taxes on Lands Leased by the Land Board.

Special.

AUSTIN, TEX., May 7 .- Another devilish deed startled this community this morning. The colored cook in the family of Hon. J. B. Johnson was foully murdered. Her three children, the eldest about seven, first attracted the attention of Mrs. Johnson, the doctor at an early hour having gone to market. The children were in the vard not far from their mother's room, which is some distance from the main building. They were crying and calling out that their mother had been killed. Mrs. Johnson proceeded to the room, and looking in saw a terrible sight. The cook had been struck over the left eye, probably with a hatchet, which penetrated the brain and caused instant death. The woman and her three children were the only occupants of the room, her husband being in the penitentlary. The murder was probably committed about 4 o'clock. The eldest child says a man with a white rag over his face came in the room and asked his mother for money. She screamed and he struck her. She never spoke again. He then told the child that if he made a noise he would kill him, and after rummaging through the murdered woman's trunk and drawers he left, leaving no clew as to his identity. The police appear to be powerless and prominent citizens, appalled at the flendishness of this and recent horrible crimes, to-day started a private fund to hire competent officers and detectives to protect the city.

Gov. Ireland left this afternoon for

Seguin. Comptroller Swain has instructed the tax assessors and collectors under chapter 2, article 4691 of the Revised Statutes, to sessess and collect on all lands that have or may bereafter beased by the state land board. is looked upon here as placing an in-terpretation upon the law aliuded to not contemplated, and it will un-doubtedly be resisted. The assessed value of the lands will be fixed at the rates prevailing in the several counties where they are situated.

The scholastic census of Houston, re-

ceived to-day for the year beginning September next, shows 2435 white children and 1771 colored, of whom 285 cannot read.

The report from McKinney shows 281 white and 119 colored, of whom fif y-three cannot read.

The towns of Leesburg, Albany and San Marcos have assumed control of their schools.

probabilities are stronger daily that if the capitol board does not adopt the Indiana stone, the capitol syndicate will be compelled to throw up its contracts, as experts and builders declare it is impossible to secure Texas stone of the dimensions

## MERIDIAN.

A Daring Jail Delivery-Three Prisoners Still at Large. **Bpecial** 

MERIDIAN, Tax , May 7 .- Late yesterday evening the town was thrown into confusion by the prisoners all breaking out of the jail. They broke an outside cell door off of its hinges and then broke through the bars of the outer wall of the cell and made their way down to the sheriff's room. There they armed themselves and, There they armed themselves and, bidding the sheriff's wife good evening, they walked out. All but three were recaptured. Those at large yet are Jerry Degraffenried, indicted for horse-theft; Jack Harvick, held for action of the grand jury, and Frank Moore, colored, convicted of stealing clothes and sentenced for two years in the penitentiary. His case is now pending in the court of appeals. He has a Winchester. The cittzens generally scoured the country in every direction for them to-day.

for them to-day.

The prospect for the small grain and corn crops are very fine. The fruit prospects are good.

# Farmers are jubilant over the present outlook for crops this season. SPANISH FORT.

Montague County Crops-Remains of the Mound Builders.

SPANISH FORT, TEX., May 4 -A report has just reached here of the killing of two parties by the name of R if and one other party whose name your reporter could not learn. The killing took place ab ut forty miles north of this place on Walnut bayou in the territory. According to the report the parties killed were deputed by a United States marshal to arrest some cattle thieves, who resisted the arrest with the above result. No full report of the tragedy has reached here yet and the above lacks confirmation. Crop prospects are fine. The wheat

and oat crops never looked better. Wheat is already heading out in many

The grass is fine and stock are getting in good condition. Our stockmen have had their forces on the range for some time gathering forth grand round-ups.

The people in this section were much interested by the article which appeared in The Gazerre a few days since on Texas Autquities. The most interesting mounds, protably, to be found in the state are in the southern part of Cerokee county

on the Neches river. They are three in number. The largest proba-bly covers three acres of ground and is about twenty-five or thirty feet high, and is covered with a growth of heavy timber. The other mounds are some-what smaller than the one described. These mounds have never been ex-plored. In Red river valley near Spanish Fort are to be found many small mounds which tradition states were made by the Spaniards. These mounds rise slightly above the surrounding plain, are usually about twenty yards across and surrounded by a deep trench resembling a circus ring. Vast quantities of bones are to be found in the neighborhood of these mounds. The bones are probably those of buffalo or other wild animals. No flint arrow heads are discovered here, but a few crude copper implements have been found.

### ABILENE.

The State and Federal Authorities Come in Collision.

Special.

ABILENE, TEX., May 7 .- A suit involving property on South First street in this city has occasioned a conflict between the state and the federal On account of the indebtedness of

the owner, Kauffman & Runge, whole-sale dry-goods dealers of Galveston, were placed in possession by Judge Kennedy of this district. Possession was granted to Sanger Bros. of New York and Dallas subsequently by Federal Judge McCormick. Judge Kennedy in turn issued a supplemental order of possession and to-day the property was taken by Sheriff Cunningham of this county. The action of Judge McCormick is awaited with interest by the bar.

### WACO.

The Sunday Law to be Enforced-A Suicide.

WACO, TEX., May 7 .- W. H. Carter. well-to-do farmer of Blue Ridge, Falls county, committed suicide here this morning at the City hotel by taking morphine. Carter said ne committed the act deliberately. He had been married only eleven months and it is said that a bachelor brother came between him and his wife.

The city council to-night refused to change the Sunday law ordinance and instructed the chief of police to enforce the law rigidly. Saloon men are very much discurbed to-night over this

The State Homeopathic association was banqueted to-night by the citi-E Fisher of Austin, president of the association, delivered an elaborate ad-

Gen. Dabney H. Maurey of Rich-mond, Va., is in the city, and will de-liver his lecture on "The Uses of the Torpedo in Modern Naval Warfare."

### TEXARKANA.

A Pocket-Book Stolen-An Aged Negro Woman Outraged.

TEXARKANA, ARK., May 6 .- Mrs. Mary O'Connor, proprietress of the Everett hotel, near the State Line depot, died this morning Mayor C. C. Dorrian and wife left to-night on a visit to New York and

other Eastern cities.
Col. Pitts of Pittsburg lost his

pocket-book, containing \$92, at the Union depot last night. He thicks he left it lying on the baseboard at the ticket-office, after purchasing tickets for himself and wife to Jeffer-son, from which place he telegraphed

The city council of West Texarkana The city council of West Texarkana met in regular session last night, at which the following business was transacted; T. T. Murray qualified as secretary, and J. M. Benfield and Charles Goldberg as deputy assessors and collectors. David A. Carpenter resigned the office of street commissioner, and ex Marshal John J. Taylor was secreted. was elected to succeed him. L A. Hoffman was re elected city physician, and J R Sabini city scavenger.

The high water on Red river in this

section has greatly injured crop pros-pects. Nearly all farms along the stream were more or less overflowed, and in a majority of cases replanting

is rendered necessary.

An aged negro woman residing four miles from town on the farm of Mr J. D Armstrong, was set upon and rav-ished yesterday by a young buck negro aged only nineteen years. The scoun-drel fled but was captured by Sheriff Hamilton and last night lodged in the Miller county jail.

## CROWLEY.

Apecial.

CROWLEY, TEX., May 7 .- The citisens here have succeeded at last in raising a sufficient amount of money to erect a nice school-house at this place. The house will be built this summer and will be ready for the school to open on the 1st of Septem-

The heavy rains lately have put the farmers behind with their crops but if the weather remains fair a few more days they will catch up again.

## MARSHALL.

MARSHALL, TEX., May 6 .- Acting Mayor L. T. Willson is looking after the city's interests during Mayor Pitts' absence in Fort Worth.

A refreshing rain fell last night. The good Lord smiles upon us. Messrs. Abrams and Salulu were the only representatives present yesterday at the adjourned meeting of the stock-holders and directors of the Texas & Pacific Railway company. They held proxies for a majority of the stockholders and did the business all the

EVERY first-class dealer seils Opera Puff Cigarettes. Will not stick to the

same.

WASHINGTON.

The Issue of One and Two-Dollar Notes Ordered Discontinued by Secfetary Manning.

Blanche K. Bruce, Register of the United States Treasury, Hands in His Resignation.

A Successor Named to Postmaster Palmer at Chicago-An Appointment for San Angelo.

SECRETARY MANNING'S ORDER. Washington, May 7.—Secretary Manning has directed that the issue of

one and two dollar notes be discontinued for the present. REGISTER BRUCE RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, May 7 - Ex Senator Blauche Bruce, register, has resigned. It is reported that the resignation was requested.

CHICAGO'S NEW POSTMASTER

WASHINGTON, May 7 .- S. Corning Judd, who has been appointed postmaster at Chicago, is an old citizen of Chicago and a prominent member of the Episcopal church. He is about fif y-five years old, is a lawyer and was an applicant for the office of solicitor-general of the United States. He has always been id intifled with the Democratic party. He is at present a member of the Democratic national committee from the state of Illinois. He has been a member of the legislature of his state and was a member of the last state constitutional conven-

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS. WASHINGTON, May 7 .- Among the

postmasters appointed to-day are J. Parker Vessey at Baltimore and R. E. Harris at San Angelo, Texas.

Nelson Acers has been appointed collector of internal revenue for the district of Kansas, vice John C. Carpen-ter, suspended, and Eugene B Sykes has been appointed collector for M sissippi vice James Bell, suspended.

J. E. Chamberlin, one of the special agents of the treasury department re-cently removed by Secretary Man-ning, has been appointed special in-spector of customs. He is temporarily on duty at Baltimore.

COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE. WASHINGTON, May 7 -It is understood that James Blackburn, brother of Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, has been appointed collector of internal revenue for the Ashland, Ky , district, vice Mr. Stoll. Mr. Blackburn's commission has not been issued to

AN UNFOUNDED LAND CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, May 7 .- A letter has been issued from the commissioner of the general land office to Royal H. Johnston, surveyor-general of Tucson. Ari., in whose office certain papers have been filed in the matter of an alleged grant to one Peralte, claiming and embracing a region of country forty-nine by one hundred and fifty miles in extent, aggregating 4 000,000 acres of land, inclusive of the city of Phoenix and the towns of Florence, Globe and Silver King, also the major portion of the countles of Maricopa, Pinal and Graham, and a large portion of the White Mountain and San Carlos

Indian reservations.

The letter says: 'Evidence of no such record exists. There is sufficient evidence that no such grant was made. The essential foundations of recognizable claims under the laws of Spain and the treatles and laws of the United States do not appear in this case. It is my opinion that the futile work in which you have been engaged for a year and a half in investigating an alleged claim, which from your statements had not been placed before you in condition to be entitled to consideration, should forthwith be discontinued."

## ICICLES IN MAY.

The Coldest Weather on Record for This Season of the Year. THE COLDEST MAY DAY ON RECORD

JANESVILLE, WIS, May 7 .- A powerful wind storm set in from the northeast last night, and the thermometer fell to 28° above zero, making ice a quarier of an inch thick. The tobacco beds suffered severely. The thermom-eter stood 38° above zero during to-day, which is the coldest ever known here in May. THE FRUIT DAMAGED.

DESMOINES, IOWA, May 7 .- Threequarters of an inch of ice formed here last night, severely damaging the fruit, it is feared MERCURY BELOW THE FREEZING

POINT. BURLINGTON, IOWA, May 7.-The

thermometer ranged 20 below freezing point here last night. The formed half an inch thick. Small fruit was dam-aged but no field crops were injured.

A MAY SNOW STORM. ST. PAUL, MINN., May 7 .- Consid-

erable snow fell in this section yesterday and last night. The thermometer fell way below freezing and reports have been received of water pipes free alog.

## GREENVILLE.

Citizens to Meet the Officials of the Marshall & Northwestern. Pecial.

GREENVILLE, TEX., May 7.-Judge H. M. Cate and Capt. C. D. McKnight, representatives of the Marshall & Northwestern rallway, were here last night conferring with the citizens of Greenville regarding the extension of their road to this point. No propositions were made, but a committee of leading citizens, headed by Mayor B. D. Martin, was appointed to meet the officials of the road at Mineola May 16.

Full preparations are making here for entertaining the Ross, Eston, Grandbury and Polignac's brigades of Maxey's regiment and the Eleventh

Texas cavalry at their August. The central of elected Mayor B D Maron J. G. Mathews, vice-proof. Collier, treasurer, and v. S. R. Etter and G. H. financies.

The city council met the but failed to select a locally new school-house.

CROOKLYN HOLOU

The Work of Searching Victims Goes on

BROOKLYN, N. Y. M. first thing found this me ruins of the catastrophes South Brooklyn weretmy ments of human flesh. ments later another flesh, in which the velu v were visible, was uncon beside the first.

Superintendent Goff at at the police headquarts told that there were still as missing."

Tue number of persons missing up to 11 o'clock

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Egger and Edward Butte
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It is the general belief to one does not cover all the the calamity, and debris is removed mincluding those of young girls, will be found where the dead have been the rear of the west exist the fixor fell in and the man shop were burned wreck before the fix All the injured parket well and will probably me the trunk of a man as boy were found this aftern

TELEGRAPHIC BE

Gen. Grant passed a que terday, preparing makes book Hon. Erastus B. minister to Denmark, sale

Gen. Wolseley reviewed yesterday at Suakim and Australian artiliery.

for Denmark.

James Russell Lowell in bus, of Coleridge, the pa-minster abbey yesterday. The supposed murder the Italian Pittsburg to has been arrested in New York

The committee of the Eq of lords having the male has passed the Manchour Madame Barrios, the President Barrios of tion rived in New York cap

from San Francisco. The statement that Sea B. Payne of Ohio intends his seat in congress one health is pronounced by a man to be ridiculous.

The Austrian ministers try said to an Associated er yesterday that he has communication from their ment concerning Ministers

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