TWO CENTS.

M'CARRELL BRIBERY

Meeting of Committee to Investigate Charges.

CALLING OF WITNESSES

Will Be Made in Alphabetical Order. The Questions to Be Propounded in Each Case-Speaker Farr, Messrs. Dempsey, McWhinney, Manning and Others Called-Mr. Adams and Mr. Engler Hear of "Boodlers."

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.-The committee to investigate the charges of alleged bribery in connection with the passage of the McCarrell bill, members were called in the rooms of the house municipal corporations committee. The members will be called in alphabetical order, and it will require several days to hear the 204 representatives. The members of the committee were examined before the members of the house were called. Chairman Fow was the first witness and was asked by Mr. McClain, of Lancaster, the following formal questions, which have been prepared by the committee and will be asked every member of the

Piert-Have you been approached, of fored or received, or consented to receive, directly or indirectly, for yourself or for another, from any person or corporation, any mency, office, appointment, employment, testimental reward, thing of value, or enjoyment, or the personal advantage or promise thereof, for your vote, official action, or for withholding the same, or with the understanding, express or im-piled that your vote or efficial action should be in any way influenced thereby, on senate bill No. 5, known as the Mc-Carrell bill upon any of its passages or upon any motion or resolutions, directly or indirectly, affecting or relating thereto; or your efficial action with reference to the present selection of a United States

Second-Have you been approached, offored or received, directly or indirectly. Reed would be nominated for vice-for yourself or another, from any person president on the ticket with Mr. Mefor yourself or another, from any person or corporation, any money, office, appoint-ment, employment, testimonial, reward, thing of value or enjoyment, or the per-penal advantage or promise thereof, for your vote either for or against the Me-Carrell bill, or for any candidate of the United States senate, with reference to any political party n eeting, agreement, or action with reference to the United States

erced or intimidated or attempted to be coerced or intimidated by or with the fear of the loss or the withholding of any money, testimonial, privilinge, advantage or preferment, by any person or corpora-tion, to influence your official action as referred to in the preceding question. Fourth-Have you any personal knewledge, either by our admission or other-

of any member of the house having been approached or offered, or received any money or valuable consideration as uired of you in the first question. Fifth-Have you any knowledge of any

nerson, not a member of this nouse, or corporation having unlawfully approached or offered any money or thing of value, to any member of this house to influence his cini action as referred to in the first question.

Other members of the committee were Mesars, Mesain, Lancaster; Kreps, Franklin; Youngs, Tioga; Voorhees, Philadelphia; Koontz; Somerset; Randall, Chester; Tighe, Lehigh, and The testimony of the members of he committee showed that they had no information, as suggested by the questions, except that gained from the testimony before the committee. Elias Abrams, of Philadelphia, was the first member of the house called. The next was Ebenezer Adams, of Philadelphia, who, after replying to the questions, suggested to the nmittee that the public press be excluded from its sessions. The promoters refused to consider the sug-Other members of the house called to testify were Messrs, Alman, Ackerman, Allen, of Philadelphia, Mr. Hoy, of Clarion, was called out of order, to allow him to go home. None of these could give the committee any information on the charges and answered the guestions in the negative,

These members were then called in the order named, and in response to the questions answered in the negativ Messrs. Anderson, of Schulykill: Baldwin, of Delaware; Barrow, of Huntingdon, and Boyle, of Luzerne The committee at this point took

recess until 2 c'eleek.

Afternoon Session. The committee resumed its session this afternoon in the rooms of the house agricultural committee. Several members were called and asked formal questions to all of wideh they replied in the negative. No information whatever was obtained from those witnesses touching on the bribery

charges. Mr. Adams, of Susquehanna, testined that Representative Engler, of Lecoming, told him before the committee was appointed that he was approached at his home by Michael J. Costello, of Philadelphia, on the McCarrell bill. Mr. Engler did not say anything to the ness that an offer of money had been made to him by Costello to vote for

the bill or to reconsider It. Mr. Castner testified that the day after Mr. Engler is nlieged to have visited a Senator Coyle at the Lechiel hotel, he sinted out Costello; who was in the ho s, and said there is the

'Boodler' who approached me "Were you taken to Washington for the purpose of influencing your vote senatorial contest," Chairman Fow asked Thomas Brown, of Clarion, when he took the stand.

"I was not," he replied. (Continued on Page 24 SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1899.

Excepting the application of the ac-

umulative system of voting in the

dections of directors, managers and

trustees of religious, charitable and lit-

Chairman Marshall, of the appropria-

tions committee, this evening reported

he following bills with a favorable

Norristewn asylum, \$71,000; Danville asylum, \$70,700; Warren asylum, \$45,500 chronic insane, Wernersyllle, \$5,000; de-

nelency indipent is sabe, two years, \$200, 000; care and treatment indigent lusane

\$1,500,000; Western Pennsylvania institute

epital, \$19.000; Blossburg hospital, \$13.

rary corporations.

ecommendation:

TEN PAGES.

TWO CENTS.

ICTIMS OF WINDSOR FIRE. The Unknown Dead List Increased to Nine.

New York, March 23.-Nineteen dead and thirty-four missing is the record so far of the Windsor hotel fire on Fri-day last. One more body was found to-This brings the list of unknown dead to nine. The fragments were dug up about 20 feet west of the annex on the Forty-seventh street side in a part of the ruine where no other bodies or bones have been found. The remains consist simply of a portion of a spinal column with some of the ribs attached, a piece of the skull and some small bones and charred flesh. The remains were taken to the morgue and numbered "Body number 8." Identification in this case, as in the large majority of the other nedles at the morgue, will be impossible. It is not likely that any of the bodies yet to be found will be ecognizable

The work of clearing away the debris proceeds slowly. The great mound of ment of male prisoners of the jails debris in Fifth avenue seems to grow and workhouses on the public roads in larger each day, though it was said to- the counties in which they are incarlay that fifty cares were engaged in cerated.

Many persons called at the mergue oday, the former in the none of iden- two-thirds affirmative vote. rifying some of the bodies and the latand personal property.

PRESIDENT'S TALLY-HO RIDE. Pleasing Forms of Amusement Of-

fered at Thomasville. Thomasville, Ga., March 23.-President McKinley spent pretty much the whole of today in open air, as did Vice-President Hobart. This outdoor life in a mild and dry elimate is doing much to tone up the system of each state of health. The president's programme after breakfast is to sit in a rocking chair on the porch until time o dispatch a little business with Arsistant Secretary Cortelyou. This was oflowed by a drive.

Today this took the form of a tallyho party, the whip being Charles Chapin, Senator Hanna's nephew. President McKinley, wearing a black derby instead of the accustomed high hat, occupied the box with him.

Others of the party were the Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, young Garrett Hobart, Senator and Miss Hanna. After a light lunch at the house, a drive to the country club followed. Here the club, which is the recognized social one in Thomasville, entertained the party. Tonight the president signed appointments and transacted other necessary business. The Jekyl Island trip having caused reports of a conference there and that Speak Kinley at the next Republican convention, it can be stated authoratively that politics were tabooed at Jekyl istands. Speaker Reed declined a vicepresidential nomination at the last convention and no thought of a change of view on his part has ever been

Moreover, the statment can be made that the closet and most cordial relations, personal and political, exist between Messrs, McKinley, Hobart and Hanna and that for some time they have had a definite understanding that if Mr. McKinley was renominated his running mate would be Garrett Hobert, Tomorrow the party leaves here for Talahassee, where they hope to escape all elaborate functions, and so notified Governor Bloxham. Monday, probably, will end the president's stay and will start for Washington on that

Vice-President Hobart and Senator Hanna will remain here,

FIXING TRAFFIC RATES.

High Officials of Twer g-Five Railroads at Was1 ngton.

Washington, March 23.-The prostdents, general managers or other representatives of about twenty-five railroad companies, comprising almost the entire trunk line service between Chieago and Lake Michigan and the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and beyond, were in executive conference throughout today with the interstate commerce commission. The result was a verbal assurance on the part of all the representatives present to maintain the traffic rate as at present. This committee will row morning. The general conference closed after being in session from 11 clock this morning till 6 o'clock tonight, and most of the magnates have returned home.

At the meeting tomorrow, definite action may be taken looking to insuring as far as possible against possible future contingencies which might precipitate demoralization in rates.

HORSE PERISHED IN FLAMES. Barn Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning.

At 1.45 this morning a barn owned by George McCarthy in the rear of 921 'apouse avenue, was destroyed by fire. A horse valued at \$150 was burned to death and narness, hay, etc., to the value of another \$100 was also de-

The barn adjoined the greenhouses of Marvin & Muir, and was rented by reading: that firm. They owned the horse, harness, hav, etc., destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery,

John Beagle, the caretaker of the greenhouse and harn visited the place

The fire was extinguished by the Nay Aug Chemical company.

Maritime Improvement Company.

Trenton, N. J., March 21.-Articles of neorporation were filed today by the Chief Maritime Improvement communi and an authorized capital of \$3,000.000. Th ompany is authorized to construct cana wharves, electric light and gas plant and to put up telegraph and telephone lines The incorporators are Charles H Cretop, Philadelphia: Gustave Linthenal New York, C. N. Dutton, Ang. L. Barber New York, and Charles G. Hill, Newark

"Young Griffo" Insane. Chicago, March El.-Albert Griffith, the Australian puglilst, known as "Young Griffo," was declared insens tolay by a jury of physicians. He was sent to Jef-ferson asylum. Lattle hope of his recovery is entertained.

MORE REVENUES ARE DESIRED

BILLS LOOKING TO INCREASE

Bond Measure Calculated to Increase the State's Income \$200,000 Annually-Tax on Beer, Ale and Porter-A Bonus of One-Third of One Per Cent. on Charters and Upon Increase of Corporation

PASS THE HOUSE.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.-In the senate this morning several bills were read in place and properly referred. Among them was one by Mr. Mitchell, of Jefferson, authorizing the employ-

The bill amending the present pool law was defeated on final passage by und the cast Fifty-tirst street station a vote of 25 to 16, not the necessary

After the joint convention the senter, mostly women, to claim lost arti- nate re-convened and Mr. Chisholm, les to preserve as keepsakes. The seconded by Mr. Wentz, moved that search continues to reveal small articles the vote by which the pool was defented be re-considered. This was agreed to, and upon motion of Mr. Muchl Bronner the bill was placed on the postponed calendar of bills on fin-

By a vote of 14 to 26, the bill grantng power to councils to re-adjust the imber and salaries of officers, cierks and employes in the several municipal departments of Philadelphia was defeated, A delegation of Philadelphia ouncilmen came to Harrisburg and advocated the passage of the measure, and today each showed an improving The chief opponent was Mr. Martin, Philadelphia.

> The House Proceedings. The order of business in the house today was the consideration of rev-

enue bills on second and final reading, though several bills were read in The following revenue bills passed

finally Providing for the payment of bonus upon bonds which corporations (except orporations of the first class) are authorized to issue. By this measure all orporations (except corporations of the first class) existing under the laws of this state are required to pay a bonus of one-third of one per cent, opon all onds that they are now authorized o Issue and no corporations can issue bonds or increase its bonded indebtedtess until it has paid the bonus of ne-third of one per cent. It is estimated that this will increase the state evenue \$200,000 annually.

Taxing all beer, ale and porter manfactured or brewed within this comconwealth. By this measure a tax of three-fourths of one per cent, per gailon is levied upon all beer, ale and porter manufactured or brewed in the state. This measure requires a uniformity of taxation upon all the brew-Under the law of 1897 the small brew-

r brewing less than one thousands arrels paid a tax of twenty-five cents barrel and the brewer brewing 200, 000 barrels paid a tax of 1 2-3 cents a This legislation is corrected by barrel. the bill passed this morning, as it places a uniform tax of three-fourths of March 9, 1899; of one cent a gallon upon all beer, etc., manufactured in the state. The estimated annual amount of revenue that will be derived from this bill is \$515,539, or \$307.380 more than the state now eceives. This measure repeals the act of 1897, taxing browers, etc.

Providing for the payment of a benus f one-third of one cent on charters and upon the authorized increase of the capital stock of corporations.

At the afternoon session the house esumed consideration in committee of the whole of the Creasy hill, which was ramed by the Pennsylvania State Tax onference. The clause taxing the capital stock of manufacturing corporaions called forth a long discussion and the clause was stricken out. The bill

then passed finally by a vote of 131 to 9. Chairman Fow, of the bribery committee, offered a resolution which was adopted, that the time for filing the that I recommended you to the senate report of the committee be extended for the advancement, which you had from Monday, March 27, until the folowing Monday.

The direct inheritance tax bill was rate as at present. This committee will defeated on final passage. The bill tax- North Atlantic station, t meet with another commission tomor- ing manufacturing corporations was New York, Havana, Cuba. also defeated.

Order of Business.

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, reportd from the rules committee the folwing resolution, prescribing the orfer of business, which was adopted. That hereafter, until otherwise oriered, the following shall be the order of business after the usual, daily or-

For Tuesday morning and afternoon exsions, house calendar bills on third ending and final passage. For Tuesday evening sessions, first

evenue bills, first readings; second perenue bills, second reading; third, appropriation bills, first reading; fourth, apprepriation bills, reading; fifth, general calendar bills, second reading.

For Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions, first, revenue bills, first reading; second, revenue bills, second third, revenue bills, third reading and final passage: fourth, ap propriation bills, third reading and

tinal passage. For Wednesday evening sessions first, appropriation bills, second readat midnight and found everything all ing; second, local and special bills, second reading.

> For Thursday morning, afternoon and evening sessions, first, appropriation bills, third reading, and final passage second, local and special bills, third reading and final passage; third, gen- at an end, eral calendar bills, on second reading That no bills shall be read in placafter Thursday, March 30, except by unanimous consent of the hence.

Evening Session.

Bills on second reading again occu pied the attention of the house this vening. The proposition to reapportion the legislative districts of the state was overwhelmingly defeated while the bill legalizing the sale of oleomargar ine when it is not colored met with the approval of the chamber. These bills were also read for the sec-

Jome Blind Men. Philadelphia, \$25,000; Deaf and Dumb, Philadelphia, \$25,000; Pennsylvania Oral School, deaf, Scranton, use of refuge, Len tilen Mols, \$10,000; loldiers' Orplinus Industrial school, \$53 280; National guard and naval force, \$75,-000; state fish commission, \$25,000; state board of health, \$12,000; emergency fund,

suppression of epidemics, \$50,000; mang-tral expenses, \$6,298.55; election of sci-dlers in the field, \$5,000; board of public Sec. Sci. 19; deficiency fish commission, re-payment of funds advanced by citizens, \$16,763.75; Pennsylvania institute instruc-tion of blind, Philadelphia, \$68,400; reor-manization of National guard, equipping Silmo, \$98,000.

Mr. Towler grose to a question of personal privilege and charged that some of the newspaper correspondents were constantly misrepresenting him and his fellow-members in the newspapers they represented. He added that he would ask the house to expel from the floor any and all correspondents who were guilty of such a prac-

A bill was introduced by Mr. Dey on to limit the sale by distillers of the product of their distilleries to quantities of over five gallons in a package The house adjourned until 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning,

THE FIFTY-SIXTH BALLOT.

saffet today resulted;

Smith

voting, 46: no election.

President McKinley Recognizes

Washington, March 23. - Admira Sampson has received from the president, the following reply to his letter

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of you very considerate letter of the 9th inst

in which you express a desire that, with out reference to your own interests, the ther naval officers who rendered st considences service in the naval computers in the West indies may have the advancement which you resommended for them, and in which you ask nothing for yourself. I highly commend this distriterested action on your part. Let me as sure you that I have the highest apprehation of your services as commander-l hief of the Atlantic naval forces during the Spanish war, in blockading Cuba, co-operating with the army, directing the movements of the great number of vessels under your orders and at last, afte the most effective preparation, consum mating with the gallant officers and me under your command, the destruction of the Spanish fleet. It was in recognition of your services and of your great skill

for the advancement ours.

Carned, Very truly yours.

William McKinley. Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson, U. S. Nommander-In-chief U. S. naval force

THE QUAY TRIAL.

Between Fifty and Sixty Witnesses Have Been Summoned.

Philadelphia, March 23.-It was anounced today that the commonwealth has subpoensed all its witnesses in the trial of former United States Senator Quay and his son, Richard R. Quay, which begins April 10. Between fifty and sixty persons have been summoned to testify for the prosecution. It is said that Assistant District Attorney Clement personally attended to the summoning of two Pittsburg bank cashiers. The trial is expected to take place before Judge Beitler.

MR. SHERMAN BETTER.

Physicians Regard His Condition as Improved.

Santingo, March 23.-Mr. Sherman is feeling very much better this evening. and his physicians regard his condition as much improved. During a part of the afternoon he sat on the deck of the steamer Paris, viewing Santiago,

The United States cruiser Chicago is expected here by daybreak tomorrow, and Mr. Sherman will be immediately transferred to her. The anxiety of his relatives on the Paris is now virtually

The Much Dreaded Anthrax.

Towanda, Pa. March S.-Or. W. G. Rice, the representative in Braiford ounty of the state live stock samilary surd today completed an examination the case of live cows belonging to a armer at Monreetewn, and he has pro-connect the disease to be the much breaded anthrax. Five animals died since March II, such living but a short time

BLOODY RACE WAR IN ARKANSAS

To enable foreigns corporations en-LARGE NUMBER OF NEGROES gaged in this state in the publication and sale of books, newspapers and peri-HAVE BEEN KILLED. odicals, to hold real estate in this com-

> Seven Blacks Known to Have Been Lynched and the Work Is Not Yet Done-Bodies of Mob Victims Dangle from Limbs of Trees, Guilty and Innocent Suffer Alike. Two Are Whipped-Colored Families Fleeing for Their Lives.

feeble minded, Polk, \$20,000; training in speech deaf children, \$47,000; Morgansea reform school, \$62,008.22; Huntingdor re-Texarkana, Ark., March 23.- A race formatory, \$180,600; Metcer Pospital, \$800; Connellsville hospital, \$13,550; Phillipsburg war is on in Little River county and during the last forty-eight hours 00): Haspital Injured Persons, middle coal field, \$40,90); hespital Fountain Springs, Ashiand, \$63,100; Eastern penia large number of negroes have met their death at the hands of the white population. Seven are known to have ontary, \$98,000; Western Pennsylvania enitereinry, \$126,000; Western Pennsyl-ania institute for blind, 552,000; Working been lynched and the work is not ye done. The bodies of the victims of the mobis vengeance are hanging to the limbs of trees in various parts of the county. The country is in a state of most excitement. White men are col lecting in mobs, heavily armed and determined. The negroes are fleeing for their lives. The exact number of negroes who have been summarily dealt with may pever be known. Seven bod ics have been found, and other victims charities, \$19.00; Joseph Knoppock, mine are being hunted and will meet a simi-nspector, litigation, \$300; state college, lar fate when run to earth, The known dead to date are: "General" Duckett, Edwin Goodwin,

Adam King, Joseph Jones, Benjamin Jones, Moses Jones, and an unknown mun. Joe King and John Johnson were also

taken in hand by mobs and whipped. They were afterward turned loose and have disappeared.

Little River county is in the extreme outhwestern part of the state, bordering on the West Indian territory and on the south by Texas. The negro population is large, and for a long time has proved very troublesome, Frequent murders have occurred and the fights have become common affairs.

A Plot Discovered.

One or two negroes have previously been severely dealth with when the people found it necessary to take the law into their own hands, but it was not until Tuesday that the trouble assumed a serious aspect. It then developed that carefully laid plans had been made by a number of negroes to precipitate a race war and that many white men had been marked for victims. It is learned that twentythree negroes were implicated in this plot and the whites are now bent on meting out summary punishment to the entire coterie of conspirators, Seven have been killed and the work of wiping out the entire list continues without relaxation. All implicated in the plot are known, and parties of white men, varying in number from twenty-five to fifty, are scouring the of those corps under the sole confound he is quickly strung up, and his has held the construction based upon body perforated with bullets. The the letter of Secretary Lincoln, work of despatching the first two or three was an easy matter. But the news soon spead among the negroes, who, instead of making the resistance and offering the battle they had threatened, became panic stricken and began getting out of the community as quickly as possible. Two whose names were on the list of conspirators got a cuba, as he is acting under orders isgood start and succeeded in reaching sued by Secretary Alger. the Texas state line before being over-

taken. King and John Jones were taken to the wood and whipped, but yesterd

the wholesale lynching began. In the gang that was plotting for a race war were twenty-three negroes and it is probable that near this number have been killed. are neeeing from the district. Today three wagons full arrived at Texarkana, having crossed the Red river at Index last midnight.

WATER ORDINANCE FAILS.

Philadelphia Will Be Obliged to Drink Mud for Some Time.

Philadelphia, March 23,-The ordinance appropriating \$3,200,000 for the improvement and extension of the water supply of the city failed of final passage in select council today by three mon council and recently passed that vote was announced a member favoring the bill changed his vote in order to move for reconsideration at the next session but the general opinion is that there would be no further water legislation on large lines until after Mayor-elect Ashbridge takes his seat on

The subject of better water for the city has for some time past occupied the attention of leading trade, business and scientific associations.

It is stated by a number of councilmen that the opposition to the ordinance is based upon differences between some of the members and Mayor Warwick's administration, and that it is the desire of those members to postpone action on the water question until the installation of the new mayor.

Digby Bell Bankrupt.

Chicago, March 23.-Digby Bell, the ac tor, filed a petition in bankruptcy today confers in which he asks to be relieved of lia-bilities aggregating \$27,000. He states that tions. he has no assets, except an interest a judgment for \$25, given recently New York. The filing of the petition said to have been induced by the rest of an unsuccessful season which close n Chleago Sunday night, when the ac tor's latest play. 'Joe Hurst, Gentleman," was taken off the boards and the company disbanded.

Pennsylvania Complimented.

New York, March 21.—The Fennsylvania railroad and other trunk lines leading from New York are in receipt of a latter from Assistant Quartermaster General A. S. Kimball, United States army, ex-pressing his appreciation of the excellent service rendered in the moving or troops during the last year.

Famous Thoroughbred Chloroformed Lexington, Ky., March 23,-The famous American thoroughbred stallion, Han-Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, March E.—This Pennsylvania pension has been issued: Louis W. Church, Susqueherna, 38.

American thoroughtered stablon, Handow, dam Heile, was put to death today by chloreform. Gangrene of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined that the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined that the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined that the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing. Milton Young has declined the pension of the left fore food resulted in the killing of the left fore food resulted in the pension of the left fore food resulted in the pension of the left fore food resulted in the left fore food resulted i

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; NORTHERLY WINDS.

General—The Jury Bill Sensation, Battle of floils, Work of the State Lawmakers.

Many Negroes Killed in a Race War in Arkansas. General-Jury Bill Sensation (Concluded). Financial and Commercial.

General-Whitney's Weekly News Eudget. Editorial.

News and Comment. 5 Local-Reception and Parade in Honor of the Thirteenth Regiment

Local-Reception and Parade (Con 7 Local-Common Connell Lacked 2 Laickawanna Steel Company at Leb

Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 0 Local-Court Proceedings.

Supreme Court Decision of Local Im-

SECRETARY ALGER IS SUPREME

All Questions of War Department

Authority Are Settled by a Recent Washington, Murch 28.- The follow-

ng order has been issued at the war department: Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office.
The following decision has been made

and is published for the information and guidance of all concerned: War Department. Washington, March 22, 1890. Ordered—That hereafter no chief or act-ing chief of staff corps shall be detailed

or ordered to any duty by any authority without the approval of the secretary of war. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War. By command of Major General Miles, (Signed) H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General. This order of Secretary Alger has

been issued to set at rest all questions as to who is supreme authority at the war department. It is an old controversy dating back to the time when Jefferson Davis was secretary of war and General Scott commanding general of the army. The last time the matter was brought prominently to the attention of the country was during the administration of President Arthur, when Secretary Lincoln wrote a very caustic letter to Lieutenant-General Shorldan, stating that the staff corps of the war department, and subject only to orders by the sec-

with the exception of the adjutant general's and the inspector general's corps, were under the direction throughout retary of war. The order of Secretary Alger will hereafter include the chiefs a recent order of General Miles to Lieutenant Colonel Garlinton, acting chief of the inspector general's corps during the absence of General Breckinridge to Arlington to visit several points. This order does not refer to General Breckinridge's present duty in

BRYAN ON BELMONT.

Thinks the Gold Bug Unfit to Pose,

as a Jeffersonian. Birmingham, Ala., March 22,-W. J. Bryan spent today in Birmingham and was enthusiastically received Not only the citizens of Birmingham alone, but from neighboring cities and towns, many came to hear him talk on the currency question.

"Just as a good Christian would revolt at having the sacrament administrated by an infidel, a good Democrat objects to having a Jefferson banquet presided over by Perry Relmont," was the manner in which Mr. Bryan referred to the much talked of New York

banquet. When Mr. Bryan was shown the despatch sent out from New York to the effect that Mr. Teller was conspiring with Mr. Bryan to work discord in the votes short of a necessary two-thirds Democratic party, he said he had nothvote. The ordinance originated in com- ing to say; that he would await till he received Mr. Belment's book when it body after a long fight. Before today's will endeavor to point out at length some of the differences between Bel-

mont and Jefferson, Tonight at the Alumni he addressed over 6,000 people.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN ILL.

The Pontiff Continues to Disregard In the statement Moore says: Doctora' Prescriptions.

London, March 24 .- According to the Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, Dr. Lappont, the Popu's physician, has been ill for two days He is suffering from an attack of bronchitis, and will not resume his attendance upon the Pope until he has fully

The correspondent further says that the Pope ignores his doctor's prescriptions and follows his usual occupations though he is so feeble that it is doubtful if he will be able to hold the next conference. The question of a conclave is the subject of much secret negotia-

recovered.

English Officer Killed.

Calcutta, March 21-A despaten from Pechawur, Capital of the Punjab divistor of that name, on the Afghan frontle s that two Afaganistans have shot and chert Lieutemant Colonel E. H. Le Mar chand, of the Hamishire regiment. Th murderers have been arrested.

Their Wages Advanced

Voccessiown, O. March 31-Today all Maharina valley manufacturers volun-turily advanced wages of laborers from \$1.15 to \$1.25 a day. Fifteen hundred men Millford Conter. O. March 25. "Acat"
Katle Sundarress died today of the golg,
aged 50 years. She was the object weman in the Woman's Relief corps. will be benefitted by the increme.

Berlin, March El-Michael Minavza, the famous painter, who has been seeinded n a hospital for the insone

Famous Painter Dying.

DESPERATE **FIGHTING** AT ILOILO

General Miller Reports That Fifty Rebels Were Killed.

THE BATTLE ON MARCH 16

Riflemen from Pania, to the Number of 400, Were Engaged-100 of Them Wounded-American Loss, One Killed and Fifteen Wounded, Report of Casualties Made by General Otis-Narrow Escape of a Photographer.

Mantia, March 23.-Details of the fighting at Hollo on March 16 show that 400 rebel riflemen from Pania were met by seven companies of the Eighteenth regiment of United States infantry and a battalion of the Tennessee volunteers. As supports there troops had two-inch Hotchkiss guns, under General Miller, north of Jaro, across the river,

The Americans were met with a heavy fire. One man was killed and fifteen were wounded of the Eighteenth regiment and there were several cases of sunstroke. General Miller estimates that fifty

xounded: Report of Casualties. Washington, March 23,-General Otis oday reported to the war department

rehels were killed and that 100 were

he following casualities: March 16, near San Pedro, Macati, wounded, First Idaho, H. C. A. Benedlet, forearm. March 21, near Mariquina, wounded, First Colorado, E. Artificer Archie A. Aldrich, armpit, moderate. March 16, at Jaro, Panay, killed. Eighteenth infantry, B. Private Louis Biehl: wounded, Eighteenth infantry, B. Joseph Daly, thigh; Theoorde Burr, chest; Preston Savage, forearm; William Brischke, chest; L. Tax Horme, forearm; C. Joseph R. McCreary, hand; William Lohmann; thigh; John E. Rodgers, thigh; William Bixman, leg; H, Riley G. Callaghan, scalp; William R. Rhodenberger, hand; Markwood, leg: E. William Buster leg; I. Corporal Charles E. Bates, foot; First California, L. Private T. A. Marlow, shoulder.

MR. PETERS RELEASED.

The Photographer Wounded and Tortured by Filipinos.

San Francisco, March 23.-A letter from Captain McQuesten, surgeon of the Twenty-eighth regulars, now at Manila, tells of the release of A. B. Peters, a photographer, who was captured and tortured by the Filipinos. Peters was made prisoner while taking pletures outside the lines. He was thrust into a filthy fail, where he was visited by a native captain, who tested his sword on his body and threatened to kill him. The rebel chief then called n a number of naked savages, all armed, who executed a war dance and made passes at Peters, one of whom wounded him in the mm. The next morning he was taken to Malolos, where he found eight Americans, two Englishmen and a Spaniard. From here

he finally secured his release through the intervention of American officials. "The savages who attacked Peters." continues Captain McQuestes, "were of the tribe known as head hunters and cannibals. They live in the interior of the islands and will not show any mercy after this to any unfortunate white man who may fall into their

hands." MOORE'S CONFESSION.

The Hutchinson Murdarer Signs a Statement of His Crime.

McPherson, Kan., March 23.-John Moore, the Hutchinson murderer, today make a signed statement of his harrible crime. Moore murdered his five children with a hatchet and knife, then burned the house over their heads He and his wife had quarreled and he claims they were about to separate,

I had been feeling pretty had for the past two or three days. The children were all in hed asleep. I turned the lamp down and went to bed. then had one of my worst spells and my head hurt me awfully and everything seemed floating before me and the next thing I remember after this was in trying to get out of the house. I have a recollection of going through struggle like a disam that I half remember. All the recollections I have about this is that I would rather see my children dead than leave them in the hands of my wife's people. was like a dream to me that I had done something to the children, but I do not resolvet using the knife or I toyed my children and I

Mr. Reasoner's Successor.

Syracuse N. Y. March 2.—Superintend-mir E. G. Russell, of the Rome, Water-own and Ogdensburg rullroad, who has seen offered the superintendency of the care, Lackawanna and Western rathroad, will necest

Oldest Woman Dies of Grip.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March gu-Forecast