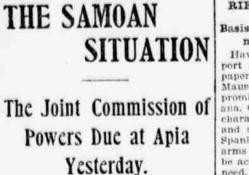




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CABLEGRAM FROM KAUTZ

The Commission Expected to Assume Supreme Authority at Once. The Present Officials to Be Superseded-Prospect of Prompt Results No Claims for Losses Presented by Germany.

Washington, May 10 .- The following cablegram was received at the navy department this morning from Admiral Kauts on board the Philadelphia:

Auckland, 10th, Apin the 3d. Secretary Navy, Washington: Brutus arrived April 23. All quiet at Apia. Condition of affairs much im-proved. I have withdrawn marines from the shore as presence be required no

The United States transport Badger, with the Samoan commission aboard, will arrive at Apla, Samoa, today and much interest is felt among officials in the important change of conditions which will be brought about when the commission assumes charge of affairs. It will involve a practical suspension of administration by which the islands have been governed for the last ten years and the temporary rule of the commission with supreme, executive and administrative authority. By arrangements made before the Badger sailed, she will enter the harbor of Apia with the flags of the United States, Great Britain and Germany displayed. The warships of the three countries will fire the salute accorded to ministers, and there will be an exchange of calls between the naval comnumbers, the commission and the con-

Suspension of Functions.

With these formalities over, the consuis of the three governments, Herr Hose and Measrs, Maxey and Osborne, will suspend their functions, as all the authority heretofore exercised by the consuls and other officials for the time being will be in the hands of the joint | Tennessee, 105,000. For the remaincommission. The same suspension of ing under cultivation the average confunctions will occur as to Chief Justice dition is 76.2, as compared with 86.5 Chambers and the president of the municipal council. The cable advices the average of the last ten years. The

RIFLES FOUND IN HAVANA. Basis of the Report That Anti-Annexationists Were Arming. Hayana, May 10 .- A sensational report has been published in the local papers here of the discovery of 500 Mauser rifles in the possession of a prominent anti-annexationist of Havana. Chief of Detectives Alfonso Lopez characterizes the report as absurd, and says that it was customary for Spanish colonels to keep the regimental arms at their homes, where they would be accessible to the soldiers in case of need. Senor Lopez said that he knew of many such officers' homes that had not yet been searched, and he believed that he could collect many more arms within forty-eight hours and probably obtain 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Casa Blanca, the fishing village across

the harbor, which was formerly a breeding place of disease, has been disinfected and whitewashed, and the Chinese have been removed from the village. Surgeon Major John G. Davis reports that the place is now free from . bay infection. The translation of the Spanish civil

work is expected soon. The engineering department is paving Tacon street in front of General bobes expressed themsives as being Ludlow's palace with asphalt. A anxious to enter into the service of the schooner is expected to arrive here soon with 25,990 asphalt blocks for paving Chispo street. The department will also try vitrified brick for paving, and will adopt which ever material proves most satisfactory.

The Cienfueges papers praise the work there of the American authorities, saying that the streets are kept clean, the poor are protected and shipping and general trade are the best in many years.

THE CROP REPORTS FOR MONTH OF MAY

of the treaty of Berlin and the system Returns to the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture-The

Wheat Acreage-Other Grain.

Washington, May 10 .- The crop re- of Monday General Mascardos with a rt for May issued by the department harge retinue of officers rode along the of agriculture follows: The May re-turns to the statistician of the de- his warriors. At dusk a detachment partment of agriculture show that the of rebels rushed towards the outposts million acres less than the area estimated to have been sown last fall, but sponded. reduction in acreage in the principal states, as compared with the area secued last tall, is as follows:

Kansas, 868,000; Illinois, 701,000; Indiana, 394,000; Missouri, 345,000; Texas, 227,000; Ohio, 149,000; Nebraska, 144,000; Michigan, 128,000; Wisconsin, 120,000;

MAKE AN ATTACK INSPIRED BY WINE AND ELO-QUENCE THEY BECOME BOLD.

MASCARDO'S TROOPS

After Tremendous Yelling and the Expenditure of a Large Number of Cartridges the Natives Are De Reform school, Morganza, \$102,000; Re-Cartridges the Natives Are Repulsed - The Filipino Congress Meets-United States Philippine Commission Considers a Provincial Constitution.

Manila, May 10, 4.10 p. m.-The army "tinciad" gunboats "Laguna de Bay and Cavedonga, under command of Captain Grant, steamed up the Rio Grande to Calumpit today, clearing the entire country of rebels from the When the vessels upward. reached Macabebe about a thousand

of the inhabitants of the place ascode promises to develop the need of sembled upon the banks of the river, many reforms. The completion of the cheering the exceedition lustily. Captain Grant was given an ovation when went ashore. Many of the Macacampaign against the Tagala. The United States transports Puebla and Pennsylvania sailed for home today

by way of Nagasaki. The transports Charles Nelson and Cleveland will sail on Thursday and Friday. Attack on San Fernando.

Manila, May 10 .- The Filipino General Mascardos' army, inspired by wine taken from the store houses of Bacolor and by the general's oratory on Mon-

day evening attacked San Fernando There was tremendous yelling and a great expenditure of cartridges by the rebels, but very litle result. General Mascardos holds the outskirts of Bacorlor, west of the railroad. In front of his position are the Kansas and Montana regiments, which occup tronches that the Filipinos built in antici-

pation of an attack from the direction of the sea. During the afternoon

acreage in winter wheat in cultiva- of the Montana regiment, but were tion on May 1 to have been about met by a hot fire from the Montana 25,900,000 acres. This is about four regiment's line. The insurgents, from the crowd outside the court room door trenches nearly three miles long, re-After an hour's firing, durit still slightly exceeds the area of ing which one private soldier of the to control the curious who desired to winter wheat harvested last fail. The Montana regiment was wounded, the get inside to hear the proceedings. A

night. Prisoners who were brought into the American lines said that General Mascardos distributed barrels of wine he expected to capture the gity of San Fernando.

The trenches undoubtedly saved the set affoat. Americans from heavy loss, the bullets falling thick about

STATE APPROPRIATIONS. Bills Approved by Governor Stone Yesterday. Harrisburg, May 10.-The governor has signed the following appropriation bills: Eastern state penitentiary, \$124,-000; Cottage State hospital, Mercer, \$11,000; State Board of Public Charities, \$27,200; State Board of Health and Vital Statistics, \$12,000: State Asylum for

form school, Huntingdon, \$160,500; support of National Guards of Pennsylvania, \$775,000; care of indigent and chronic insane, \$1.500,000; Western state institution for feeble minded, Folk, \$247,425 State Board of Game Commissioners, \$800; Hospital for Mid-

dle Coal Fields of Pennsylvania, \$40,-600; State Hospital for Insane, Warren, \$45,000; State Hospital for Insane Norristown, \$71,009; Danville Hospital for Insane, Danville, \$70,700; Cottage State hospital, Connellsville, \$15,650; Western Pennsylvania, \$126,190; Soldiers' Orphans' schools, \$361,200; fish commissioners, \$35,000; Cottage State hospital, Elosaburg, \$20,000. Governor Sione has vetoed the following bills: Making county, city, school, borough, road, poor and township taxes a lien upon real estate and giving such lien priority for two years over any tax liens or other obligation. The governor says there is no necessity for such a law. Recognizing the service of Colonel

William Bender Wilson, to the commonwealth during the Civil war and providing for a gold medal. Making active or visiting committees of soci-

eties incorporated for purpose of visiting and instructing prisoners, official visitors to penal and reformatory institutions.

Testimony at the Trial of Bertha Beilstein-Cousin Frederick Williams, of Chicago, Tells of His Manner of Correspondence-New Recipes for Making Invisible Writ-

ing Appear. Pittsburg, Pa., May 10 .- When the

rial of Bertha Beilstein for the murder of her mother was resumed today overpowered the officers and it was necessary to send the sheriff and posse insurgents subsided, although they large part of the morning session was kept up a running fire throughout the taken up with the cross-examination of Miss Belistein, the defendant, but nothing important was elicited.

Doctors Ure and Berg were also on the stand. They testified to having among his soldiers, telling them that made an examination of the girl, and the examination revealed nothing to support the rumors which had been

> A large crowd gathered for the afduring the



Tribune.

Honored by Elections to Important Grand Commandery Offices-Nomi- 19 Local-Dispute as to Old Forge Borough Ticket. Donahoe & O'Boyle Will Build North nations Made for the Succeeding Scranton Sewer. Year - Local Commanderies and Visiting Knights Join in a Grand CONFEDERATE Parade, Which Is Viewed by Thousands - Jubilee Meeting in VETERANS MEET the Lyceum, at Which Addresses

Are Made by Mayor Moir and Thousands Unable to Gain Admittance to the Anditorium-General

John B. Gordon the Speaker. Charleston, S. C., May 10 .- Almost the first official act of the ninth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, which began its sessions today, was an attempt of General Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippl, to secure an indorsement of President McKinley's suggestion made in his recent Atlanta speech that the care of the graves of the Confederate dead should be undertaken by the Federal government. The resolution was referred to the committee on resolutions. The matter will probably be taken up tomorrow. The enormous floor space of the auditorium was crowded and thousands were unable to gain admittance to the building. When General John B. Gordon, the commander in chief, appeared upon the stage he was greeted with and cheered again. In calling the assemblage to order, General C. L. Walker spoke of Charleston's invitation to of the secession, and said that the gavel he was using was that which in 1860 had been used to call to order the

secession convention, General Walker then introduced Lieutenant Governor McSweeney, whose mention of Wheeler and Hampton was applauded and cheered.

Wheeler was a considerable disap-

pointment. He reached the city early

today, but did not participate in the

Including kindred organizations and

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

ing her instantly, it is believed.

Copperas Mill Destroyed.

then hanged himself.

from rail to main truck.

they had that power, but did not ex-Mayor Smyth, of Charleston, extended to the visitors a welcome. orcise it, he supposed, because it would General Gordon was then escorted to be too flagrant a violation of what the front of the stage. His appearance was right, and would result in legal was the signal for a storm of applause. grand tourney, the only public session restrictions which would break their heers and shrill mander in chief, mingled with the power. They preferred mercly to alcrush of the bands and hats, handkerlow the independent miners to exist, chiefs and flags were waved franticand their low prices forced the minealls. operators to grind down prices for When order was finally secured, the old Confederate chieftain was presentmining coal, ed by General Walker and delivered an Mr. Mullin also complained of the eloquent address. He spoke with all competition of the railroad owners of the vigor, eloquence and grace which coal mines and of their exorbitant have won for him a reputation as an prices for transporting coal. Speaking orator After the applance following the genof the operations of the labor organeral's speech had subsided. General izations, Mr. Mullin said they had Gordon led Mrs. Stonewall Jacks # 10 been in the interest of the mine ownthe front of the stage and she was ers, because they insured more stable enthusiastically applauded. As he presented Mrs. Jackson, General Gordon prices and a certain security in many said: ways which could not otherwise he "I will shake her hands for all," and had. Norwithstanding their organizain an instant he added, "I will do more than that; I am going to hug tions the wages of miners had deher for you," and suiting the action to creased to the extent of about 12 per the word, he did so amid the approving cent, in the past fifteen years. This shouts of the vast throng. was due to the increase in the output. Several other ladies whose husbands or fathers were Confederate leaders, Mr. Mullin stated that the organizawere presented and the meeting then tions had secured the applishment of adjourned. the company stores in the past two The parade of the veterans occurrent years, and said that to this extent the this afternoon. They marched through a dense crowd of cheering people, Led men were better off, their pay now by Generals Gordon and Wade Hampheing in money. He also testified that ton a long line of the grizzled men the men now did as much work in who had followed these leaders and eight hours as they formerly did in ther captains of the Confederate armnine and one-half hours. He said there ies through four years of hard ship and battle, marched sturdily under the were no trusts among bituminous coal blazing southern sun to the inspiring operators, but he had heard them strains of many bands. The non-appearance of General

Washington, May 10 .- R. G. Brooks, of Scranton, Pa., and Walter J. Mul-

Affairs in Anthracite Coal Regions

Which Is Very Disadvantageous

to Independent Operators - Rail-

road Companies Force Mine Opera-

tors to Grind Down Prices for

Mining Coal.

in, of Wooster, O., were before the industrial commission today, Both are mine owners in their respective local-Ities. Both complained of the discrimination of the railroads which own coal mines, and both spoke favorably of the labor organizations.

Mr. Brooks said that in the anthracite regions nearly all the raffroad companies control coal mines either in their own behalf or for their officers, The competition which this condition of affairs caused was very disadvantageous to the independent coal operators. He said the independent mine owners had nothing to do with fixing the price of their products, as the thunders of applause. The band struck railroad companies insisted upon do-up "Dixie" and the veterans cheered ing that service for them. The railing that service for them. The railroads could afford to lose money in the mines they run because of the the veterans to meet at the birthplace profit they secure in carrying the coal. This fact allowed them to depress the profits of the independent operators to a very low level. When asked whether the railroad companies could fix the price so that they could close every independent operator, he replied that

LOVE LETTERS WRITTEN IN MILK

SIR D. F. MELVILLE, Of Braddock, Present Grand Generalissimo and Next Grand Commander,

Yesterday was the red letter day of the Knights of Malta, witnessing as it did the three most important features. cenerally speaking, of the convocation. At the business sessions the annual lections occurred, and nominations vere made for the succeeding year. In the afternoon was held the big parade of the visiting Knights and local com-manderies, and in the evening the

Grand Commandery Officers.

that all is qulet in Samoa give renewed assurance to officials that the work reducing the acreage as indicated, is of the commissioners will be product- as follows: Pennsylvania, 86: Maryive of good results, as it will enable land, \$3; Virginia, 78; Texas, 67; Ten them to begin their labors free from the excitement of open hostilities.

In view of the Berlin press reports that a number of German claims would 96; Oklahoma, 86, he pressed, growing out of the recent bombardment, it is stated in an autheritative quarter that no such claims have been presented, and that if any claims are made by individual Germans they will be passed upon by the joint commission, their functions havvania, where the conditions are 96 and ing been made broad enough to permit 87 respectively. Spring plowing is unthem to pass on all such questions.

Their report, however, would be con fined to the morits of the claims. amounts, and the parties liable, and it would remain for the respective governments to carry out the recommen- | cent. of the whole. dotions by making the necessary appropriations.

LADIES OF GOLDEN EAGLE.

Officers Elected by the Grand Temple at Lancaster.

Lancaster, May 10 .- The Grand Temple Ladies of the Golden Eagle today elected the following officers:

Grand templar, Mrs. Kate Waives, Philadelphia: grand vice-templar, Mrs, Lottie Rogers, Allentown; grand priestess, Anna Chinnick, Philadelphia; grand guard of records, Mrs. J. Y. Walter, of Philadelphia; grand guardian of exchequer, S. Anna Kerr, of will be raised and the men will be at Balla: grand master of evremonies, Mrs. Anna Narron, Philadelphia; grand

Zorger, of York; grand guardian of town; grand trustee, Miss Mary Gordon, Philadelphia.

LETTER CARRIERS ACTIVE.

They May Induce Colonel Roosevelt to Visit Scranton.

New York, May 10 .- The Letter Carviers' association will hold its national convention at Scrauton, Pa., Sept. 4 to 5. A citizen's committee from Scranton held a meeting here today representing the national and local branches of the association and made all necessary arrangements.

This afternoon a delegation went to Albany to try to induce Governor Roosevelt to attend the convention.

MRS. GEORGE'S LECTURE.

Only Fourteen Persons Pay the Admission Fee.

Stenioenville, O., May 10 .-- Mrs. Anna E. George delivered her first lecture at the Olympia in this city tonight. were present. The house scats 1,200, but there were only fourteen people who puld the admission fee to hear her.

She, however, delivered the lecture. which was practically a sketch of her life.

Teller Boggs Sentenced.

Wilmington, Del., May be-William N. Boggs, the defaulting teller of the Dover National bank, was today sentenced in the United States district court to five years in the Trenton N. J., penitentiary, beginning foday and a fine of \$6.500. The bank was forced to suspend in May, 1857, but resumed with its capital reduced from \$100,000 to \$10,000. Bogas was the princi-pal witness against United States Senapal witness against United States Sena-tor Keliney in the latter's two trials for picacy to misapply the bank's funds, in both of which the jury disagreed.

condition in the principal states, after nessee, 78; Kentucky, 76; Ohio, 92 Michigan, 60; Indiana, 68; Illinois, 54; Missouri, 65; Kansas, 64; California,

ard the Americans, but who are sus-The average condition of winter ry pected by many of sympathy with the is \$6.6, as compared with \$4.5 on May insurrection. 1858, and 90.8, the mean of the May A Filipino connected with the Ameraverages for the last ten years. About one-half of the entire winter rye crop upposed, by Amigos. grown in New York and Pennsyl

The Congress Meets. Manila, May 10, 10,30,- Reports re-

ceived from the insurgent lines which usually late in almost every part of the country. The work already done however, have not been confirmed, say is estimated at 57.2 per cent, of the total contemplated. The proportion that a meeting of the Filipino congress has been held at San Isidro. There was no quorum present, but usually done by May 1 is about 75 per in spite of this fact some business was transacted. The reports add that

BUFFALO STRIKE.

Terms.

Major General MasArthur will prob-The Trouble Is Near a Settlement ably remain at San Fernando until Grain Shovelers Prepared to Make fresh troops can be forwarded to him

from this city to replace some of the volunteers who have become exhausted Buffalo, May 10,-The trouble by from the long campaign.

Filipino riflemen to the number of tween Contractor Connors and the grain shovelers is nearer a settlement \$,000 are entrenched on three sides of tonight that at any time since the Bacorior. The Americans, however, are fully able to hold the city if Monshipping season opened. The prosday's attack was a specimen of the pects now are that before the end of the week the whole matter will be enemy's fighting ability,

The United States Philippine comstraightened out, the grain blockade mission has been considering a provincial constitution for the island of Negros, which was framed by Colonel Between the time when the meeting guardian of inner portal, Mrs. Bella, of the grain shovelers at which Bishop Smith and leading natives. It is largely modelled after the constitution of Quigley submitted his report outer portal. Miss Ada Keim, Potts- Monday night conference with the lake California. While it has good points, the commission will probably recomcarriety, ended this afternoon and at

to o'clock tonight the aspect of the mend a uniform government for all ituation changed completely, the provinces. This constitution, it is intended, will give the natives self-This afternoon the grain shovelers government, co-operating with the miland their leaders and advisers apparitary regime. Work upon the constiently were firm in their determination tution has been apportioned to the sevnot to accept a compromise. Tonight

eral members of the Philippine the leaders were propared to make terms along the lines laid down in the mission. The report of President last proposition made by the lake car-Schurman will give special attention to national, provincial and municipal riers, which provided for the appointment of a general superintendent who will consider the organization of courts should have entire charge of the unand Prof. D. C. Worcester will invesloading of the grain at this port and who was to be appointed by Bishop igate tribal, physical and commercial Quipley and paid by the Lake Car features of the islands. All the memriers' association; Mr. Connors, 'the bors of the commission are consulting present contractor, merely to draw his with resident experts.

commission until the end of the year, Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, May 10 .- Pension certifi This change of attitude was brought

ontes: Increase-Churles Randol of Plane, Bradford, \$14 to \$17; out by a conference held at Bishop Quigiey's residence tonight at which West Burlington, Bradford, \$17 the bishop, the Rev. Father O'Connell. to \$24. President Keefe, of the International

Longshoremen's association, and the Smith's Execution. Harrisburg, May 10.-Governor Stone has fixed July 11 for the execution of Alofficers of the Grain Shovelers' union

The conference lasted from 9 o'clock bert Smith (colored), of this city, who until 10.20. Upon its conclusion it was evident that the leaders of the grain ued his wife. shovelers were ready to advise the mer to compromise.

Alger at Harrisburg.

when his contract expires.

Washington, May 10-Secretary Alger vill leave here tomorrow night for Harrishurg, Pa., to attend the ceremonies incident to the unvelong of the equestrian statue of General Hartranft at that place next Friday.

Three Tobacco Houses Burned.

Three Tobacco Houses Burned. Richmond, Va., May 10.--An accidentat fire at South Boliston, Halifax county, this afternoon destroyed three tobacco sousses and several dwellings. The loss settmixed at 270000 this afternoon destroyed three tobacco houses and several dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$70,000. leight great grandchildren.

engagement. General Luna is mass- previous time during the trial, but the ing his army east of the railway, sheriff and deputies were prepared and the disorder of the morning was not bringing up troops by train loads in sight of the American lines. reneated.

Frederick William Bellstein, the The country between San Fernando and Calumpit is fiiling up with na- Chicago cousin, who has been talked tives, who profess great friendship towso much about in the case, was the first witness. Mr. Burleigh went into an examination of the witness, asking him several direct questions regarding his relations with Miss Bell-

ican hospital corps was killed, it is stein. To each of the questions, each of which would show that the relations were not proper, Mr. Bellstein

> answered: "No, sir." "Did she speak of her mother during

her visit to Chicago last July?" "Yes, sir; she seemed to be worried about her mother, thinking that the death of her father had affected her greatly and would injure her health." "During that visit did she say that thought sne had seen her father?" she although those who attended were "The question was objected to but mostly partisans of Aguinaldo, a strong was permitted, and the witness andesire for peace was expressed. saw him as a spirit?"

> "Yes, as a spirit." The cross-examination by District Attorney Haymaker was then begun. The witness was requested by the dis-

trict attorney to give a specimen of his handwriting, which was done. It developed during the examination that the witness had written to his cousin. Bertha, in clpher, not because of any secret between them, but because it was "a little scheme between them." The district attorney elicited the fur-

ther information that the witness and Miss Bertha had written several of their letters in milk in order to keep the contents from other persons. "Could you see the writing from the

paper when it was written in milk?" Not at first." "How could you prepare this paper to that it could be read?"

Well there are several ways. You could rub soot on the paper and bring H Kittleman, No. 49, Quakertown, and out the writing." "Did you keep soot at home, doctor, J. Concally, No. 29, Philadelphia,

for this purpose?" "We had a stove."

Questioning did not bring out any ason for the secret correspondence. government; Colonel Charles Denby Mr. Haymaker, from a letter to Edward, in which Dr. Bellstein had said that Bertha had written to him asking "advice" and "consolation." and said that he might "set her mind at CRAG

> "Why did she need advice and consolation?" asked the district attorney. "Well," said the witness, after pause, "Bertha had told me that she contemplated committing suicide, and I told her that she would do wrong if

she did this. I gave her advice." "In this letter, written after the shooting, you say that If Bertha had received your letter she might not have done what she did. Do you mean she might not have committed this shooting?"

DEATHS OF A DAY. "Yes.

ancaster, May 10,-Rey, Daeld Co. pastor of the Presbyterian church 1 Mt. Joy, this county, died last night rom injuries received in a runaway acident on Sunday. Gettysburg, May 10.-Peter . Shead, the oldest and best known passenger con-ductor on this division of the Western

Maryland railroad, dropped dead tod just as his train reached New Oxford, Chambersburg, May 10 .- The Rev. J.

In the letter written by Dr. Belfstein o Edward, the former stated if the etter which he had written to Miss Sectha in milk, late in September, had fallen into her hands, it might have revented this act, "that the person who kept the letter from Bertha was more responsible for the crime than iny body else on the face of the earth."

The balance of the day was taken up with the examination of relatives of the prisoner, all tending to show that Bertha was under spiritualistic influence and carrying out a command to do the shooting at the time the deed was committed.

of the convocation, took place The parade was most creditable in

every respect. In size and in the matter of interesting features it was especially noteworthy. The excellent appearance and fine marching of a numher of the commanderies evoked most favorable encomiums all along the route of march.

Scranton was honored in the elections by having two of its citizens chosen for grand commandery officers, Rev. George W. Welsh, of the Calvary Reformed church, being selected for grand prelate, one of the highest officer within the gift of the grand commandery, and Evan R. Jones being reelected grand sentinel.

Immediately after the convoking of the morning session, in accordance with the special order of business, nominations for representatives to the supreme commandery which meets in Philadelphia in October next and for the next place of convocation of the swered that she had. "She said she grand commandery of Pennsylvania ere made.

For supreme representative there

were twenty nominees and from these ten will be selected at today's session, the state representation being based upon one for 1,500. The nominces are as follows: David F. Melville, No. 129, Braddock; J. Leibensberger, No. 7, Hazleton; J. D. Klefer, No. 22. Mt. Carmel; L. W. Lane; No. 218, Johnstown: John Gowland, No. 88, Philipsburg; Charles H. Hall, No. 177 Scranton: J. R. Myers, No. 132, Middle town; J. G. Boughter, No. 256, Frack ville; John Bain, No. 203, Pittsburg George A. Ebersol, No. 114, Harrisburg: Ralph Laverty, No. 96, Harrisburg; Perry J. M. Heindel, No. 174; York; parade. Rev. G. W. Welsh, No. 230, Scranton; S. J. Barrett, No 143, Delta; H. R. Fulmer, No. 77; Williamsport; Milton Grimm, No. 50, South Bethlehem; William H. Priest, No. 244, Olyphant; M. P. Kistler, No. 88, Allentown; A.

NEXT CONVOCATION CITY. For the next place of meeting Read-

ng and Easton were nominated. Readng seems to be the winner.

The special order of business dis-pensed with the first order of the regular business was called, being the report of the linance committee. The report was statistical and very com-

plete. It was accepted without comment. The committee comprised Sir W. J. Rugh, P. S. C., No. 107, Pitts-No. 47, Reading, and Sir Toner Lang-

stroth, No. 39, Ambler, The report of Grand Recorder Sir George H. Pierce, P. S. C., was sent in by the committee endorsed. It contained many interesting features of general interest and was of a very encouraging nature to the members of the order.

With the close of the year, March 1. 1899, the roster of the grand commandery showed 11.317 members, in 111 commanderies, located at 79 places in 32 different counties. The average membership of the commanderies is 128. rafters.

During the year new commanderie vere organized at Reading, Taylor, lark's Summit, Eimhurst.

The \$50th anniversary of the order was celebrated on Saturday, June 24. 1898, in various appropriate ways throughout the entire state and much benefit to the organization resulted

talked of as probable. -----

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEAL.

Three Large Companies Consolidated at Hazleton.

uests there were about 5,000 persons Hazleton, Pa., May 10 .- An Importp line, probably 3,000 of them veterans, ant electric light deal was consummat-The cruiser Raleigh came up to the ed here today whereby a syndicate repcity today and anchored off the batresented by A. C. Jones & Co., of New tery where she lies dressed in bunting York, secures complete control of the All day a fleet of small craft has plied to her Edison Electric Illuminating company of this city; the West End Electric Light company, of West Hazleton, and arrying visitors, and Captain Coghlan and his officers have been busy the Electric Light and Power comshowing off the bandsome little cruiser heiped Dewey in the battle of pany, of Freehand. The three plants are to be consolidated. The present Manila at the other side of the world. capitalization of the companies affected by the deal is: Edison Electric, \$50,-000; West End, \$28,000; Freeland, \$15,-000. Alvin Markle and O. W. Kline, George Uhler Kills His Wife and large stockholders in the Edison company, are interested in the deal.

Hangs Himself. Negotiations are pending for the sale Lancaster, May 10 .- George Uhler, a farmer, 59 years of age, residing near to a Philadolphia syndicate of the Leburg, chairman; Sir Harry N. Mills, Mt. Hope, this county, approached his high Traction company, of which Mr. wife from the rear last evening while Kline is president and Mr. Markie she was milking a cow and struck general manager. her over the head with an axe, kill-

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Shipping News.

New York, May 19.-Arrived: Teutonic, Laverpool; Southwark, Antwerp; Lake, The double tragedy was not discovred until this morning and it is Bremen via Southampton Salled: Paris, Bremen via sono Britannos. Bouthampton: Britannos. Pelesland, Antwerp. Cleared: Rotter. Pelesland, Antwerp. Cherbourg - Sailed: asceibed to religious insanity. The on was absent on a fishing trip and Peledand ou his return found his mother lying dam, Rotterdam, Cherbourg - Satied; on the ground with her head split open New York, from Southampton for New on the ground with her head split open. Boulogno-Arrived: Spaarndam, rdam. Southannoton, - Arrived: York. and the bloody axe by her side. In Rotterdam. the corn barn adjoining he discovered Trave, New York for Bromen the body of als father hanging to the St. Louis. Queenstown-Arrived: Majustle, from New York.

Allentowa, May 10. The copperas mill of K. Williams & Co. and the butcher WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, May 10,-Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Penn-sylvania, showers and probably thunder storms: brisk southerly wolds, probably high on the coast; Friday, fair. ausing an explosion followed by fire. He + Priday, fair.

K. Williams & Co. and the butcher ops of John T. Kramer and Wilson trum, wer destroyed by fire today, caus-ng a loss of \$10,000; insurance, \$2,500, tenry Wegster, a pain mill employe, was ooking into a large tank of oil when a park from his lamp lanited the oil,

was unharmed.

therefrom.

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