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FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR.

## CANAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION.

Position of President Offered to T. D. Shontz, of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railway.

HE HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT.

Judge Magoon Will Be Appointed Governor General of the Canal Zone.

IMPORTANT CONSULTATION HELD

At War Department, Secy. of Navy, Col. Edwards of Insular Bureau, and Others Being Present.

Washington, April 1.—T. D. Shontz, who has been offered the position of president of the Isthmian canal commission and has just reached Washington in company with Secy. Morton, was in consultation at the war department today with Judge Magoon, who will be governor of the canal zone; Col. Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, and William Nelson Cromwell.

The announcement was made today that T. D. Shontz, president of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railway, has decided to accept the chairmanship of the Isthmian canal commission.

Theodore P. Shontz was born in Crawford county, Pa. He graduated from Monmouth college class of 1876, with degree of B. A. In 1879 degree of M. A. was conferred by the same college. He entered the railway service in July, 1881, since which he has been successively to May, 1882, superintendent of the Iowa construction company; May, 1882, to May, 1886, general superintendent of the Indiana, Illinois & Chicago road. He was then appointed general manager of the same road, and appointed, June 16, 1888, president of the system.

Run Down by Trolley Car.

New York, April 1.—Dr. R. O. Hasbrouck of Passaic, N. J., a widely known veterinarian for whom a famous race horse, Dr. Hasbrouck was named, has been run down by a trolley car in Newark. He was removed to a hospital where his injuries were pronounced serious but not necessarily fatal.

Woman Art Students Protest.

New York, April 1.—More than 200 women art students have, says a Times dispatch from Berlin, petitioned the Prussian minister of education to overrule Director von Werner, who recently refused to admit them to the Academy of Art. The women demand admission on terms similar to those now accorded them at the universities.

The decision of the minister is awaited with considerable interest as it will establish a precedent in Germany that still exclude women.

Praying for Brooklyn's Welfare.

New York, April 1.—Unique services will be held today in more than 125 churches in Brooklyn in the shape of union prayer meetings for the welfare of the city. All Protestant denominations will participate in the union meetings, while special prayers will be offered in the Catholic churches.

Fifty-one churches will be represented in the Park Slope district alone at the meetings in the first reformed church.

ST. PETERSBURG WORKMEN.

Their Demand for Release of Strikers Nearly Causes Riot.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—An assembly of workmen gathered in the quarter last evening, demanding the liberation of imprisoned strike leaders, nearly led to a riot. Mounted police fired on the demonstrators, and surrounded the meeting, who, seeing that resistance was hopeless, sullenly dispersed, a few being injured in the scuffle.

FLASHLIGHT EXPLOSION.

One Man Instantly Killed and Three Seriously Injured.

Omaha, Neb., March 31.—While taking a flashlight photograph in a saloon today Albert Butler was instantly killed and William Coffey, W. J. Murray and M. Levy were seriously injured by an explosion of powder used by the photographer. Butler had set his grip, containing a large supply of powder, near the tripod, and when he touched the powder in the flashlight the fire in some manner spread to the grip and the explosion followed. The force of the explosion threw Butler and his companions against a wall, the former's breast being torn away. The injured men will recover.

Miss Watson Will Recover.

Thompson, Ga., March 31.—Thomas E. Watson's daughter, Miss Agnes Watson, who was reported unconscious last night as a result of an accidental overdose of morphine, taken to allay pain, was much better today, and will recover.

Lands Withdrawn from Entry.

Washington, March 31.—On account of the Uncompahgre (Colo.), irrigation project, the president today ordered the withdrawal from entry of 130,000 acres of land in the Montrose land district.

LARYNX TASTE BUDS.

Prof. J. T. Wilson Announces Their Discovery.

Chicago, April 1.—At the third annual meeting of the Central branch of the American Society of Naturalists, Prof. J. T. Wilson has announced the recent discovery of the existence of "taste buds" in the larynx, in addition to those which are found on the tongue. Spindle-shaped cells they are, and of even finer sensibility than those of the tongue. It was declared the man with a long neck gets a greater

enjoyment from the good tasting things, through his possession of more "buds" than are brought into exercise constantly. "I experimented with a man, a chicken, a dog and a monkey, and in each case found the 'buds' in the larynx possessed a function, and that it was of a protective nature," said Prof. Wilson. "They close up the throat on substances introduced which are not palatable. They really are more susceptible to sensation than the taste buds on the tongue."

Senator Proctor's Daughter Dead.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 31.—Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont has left for Boston, called there by the death of his daughter. It is reported that he purchased a winter home in Hot Springs.

HER HEART DISPLACED.

Medical Fraternity Puzzled Over A Telephone Girl's Case.

St. Joseph, Mich., April 1.—Members of the local medical fraternity are deeply puzzled over the case of Miss Mabel Kigney, a well known young lady of this city, who died last night from an affection of the heart.

It is stated that while working as an operator in a local telephone exchange, the young lady was so severely frightened by a flash of lightning which coursed along the wires that her heart was displaced.

Gradually she was taken with pains and for the last two weeks had been in an agony, her heart beating constantly growing more rapid until just before death, 182 pulsations per minute were registered.

OXFORD WON SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL BOAT RACE

London, April 1.—Oxford today won the sixty-second annual boat race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, defeating the latter by four lengths.

The race was rowed in beautiful weather. There was not a ripple on the water and the wind was very light. Consequently there was not much advantage in the choice of stations. This contest, always attractive, drew an unusually large crowd today as the water side experts had all prophesied the best race in years, owing to the evenness of the crews. The prophecy, however, was not fulfilled. Oxford speedily taking the lead and heading the procession to the finish.

Cambridge won the toss and selected the Surrey crew as their opponents. They got away to a splendid start at 11:34 a. m., but Bucknell set the dark blues (Oxford) a slashing stroke of 36 to the minute and almost immediately established a lead which was never lost.

When Crawfords were reached the Oxonians were a few lengths to the front and the cheering of their supporters on the river banks was something to be long remembered. Both crews were still rowing strong, but the dark blues continued to come away and soon had several lengths advantage.

Facing the Sacramento works, Taylor (Cambridge) called on the light blues to make a gallant response and closed the gap by half a length. But the dark blues soon shook off their rivals, Oxford quickly regaining the lost advantage and adding to their length.

Off Chiswick it was evident that the race had already been decided. Some of the Cambridge crew showed signs that they were weakening, but Taylor made another effort with a stroke somewhat faster than that of Oxford. It was not pulled through, however, and a lack of rhythm was manifest. Thereafter the leaders were never pressed and passed the ship at Mole Lake the easiest of winners, by three lengths. Time—20 minutes, 35 seconds.

OPEN DOOR IN MOROCCO.

Pourparleurs on Subject Between Germany and America.

New York, April 1.—Pourparleurs have, according to a Times dispatch from Berlin taken place between the German and American governments upon the question of the open door in Morocco. It is intimated that the German government entirely sympathizes with Germany's determination to preserve the integrity of Morocco.

Steel Workers' Wages Increased.

New York, April 1.—Official notices have been sent out by various companies of the United States Steel corporation informing thousands of workmen of an increase in wages, beginning today. It is estimated that the increase will amount to from \$3.00 to \$3.00. No details have been made public here but it is said that those who will receive the increased pay will be the laborers, skilled mill hands and the polio-makers, who are receiving moderate wages.

Agreements with tin plate, sheet steel and other workers which expire on June 30 next will be subject to the same scale. It is expected that higher wage scales will go into effect in these departments after the present agreements have expired.

455,000 CHILDREN DIED LAST YEAR FROM POISONS

Chicago, April 1.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of State Dairy and Food Departments to be held here today reports will be submitted, showing that 455,000 infants died in the United States last year from the effects of food poisons. Food commissioners from different states, health officers and officers of the national association have arrived to attend the meeting.

The claim of the enormous fatality among infants last year resulting from impure food has been made by J. N. Hurty, secretary of the United States dairy and food commission. Mr. Hurty produces figures to show that 65 per cent of the total deaths of infants in America last year was due to poisons administered in impure foods and the deadly concoctions placed on the markets by fraudulent food manufacturers.

Renewed efforts toward prohibiting the sale of food products containing poisonous adulterants are to be made by the association.

Morgan Smith Arraigned.

Cincinnati, April 1.—J. Morgan Smith and wife, arrested and held here under an indictment in New York for conspiracy with Nan Patterson, the actress, who is charged with the murder of Caesar Young, the bookmaker, were formally arraigned in the police court today. Detective McNaught of the New York, who yesterday secured the extradition papers at Columbus, arrived during the night and was present in court. The writ of habeas corpus which was sworn out yesterday is not returnable until Monday.

Today's arraignment was simply a formal matter, the hearing being in order adjourned until April 4, in order to await the action of the common pleas court on the writs of habeas corpus.

## Uncle Sam Has But One Big Utah Project.

In the Effort to Reclaim Arid Lands the Strawberry Valley Scheme is the Only One for Immediate Action—The Utah and Bear Lake Propositions Are for the Future—The Dusehene Idea Permanently Abandoned.

The undertaking commonly and particularly known as the Strawberry valley project is to be the first Utah irrigation enterprise backed and carried out by the government for the reclamation of arid lands. Mr. Arthur P. Davis, assistant chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, with headquarters at Washington, said, in effect to the "News" today, that the carrying out of the scheme will take, roughly speaking, from three to four years, and it will cost approximately \$1,000,000. That money, Utah's apportionment, may be had as fast as the necessities of the case demand.

In the meantime the so-called Utah lake and Bear lake projects are to be set aside, the statement being made that they are too costly for execution at this time, and for the further reason that it would be several if not many years before they could be completed. But they are not to be abandoned altogether, so far as is now known. They are to be studied and adjudications are to be made so that when the time for action does arrive, there will be as little delay as is possible. Another project that has been dropped (this one entirely) is the at-one-time much-mooted Dusehene reservoir and tunnel proposition. Mr. Davis and Mr. Swendsen said this morning that there was not enough money in the whole reclamation fund for all the states to build it. So in the consideration of schemes hereafter calculated to

add to the irrigation acreage of Utah the Dusehene idea must be regarded as having been wiped off Uncle Sam's slate. Preliminary surveys have determined that as a fact.

Mr. Davis, who is the father of the famous Salt River valley reservoir, and water storage undertaking, is a most interesting gentleman to interview and gets directly to the point in discussing questions of information. He knows the whole problem in as many of its details probably, as any man engaged in the business. In speaking of Utah conditions, he said that he knew them pretty well, too, and that Mr. Swendsen was doing a great and good work here, a work that the department realized was conservative and accurate. The work in Utah would in most cases require more time, he added, than in most of the other states of the arid belt for the reason that we had more old rights to adjudicate than our newer neighbors. Time, patience, perseverance and a full understanding of all the thousand and one little questions involved were essentials that would have to be weighed in all their phases, and eventually other projects would follow in the wake of the Strawberry effort. Even as to that there must be an absolute and specific agreement with the government before work can be commenced. But the obstacles he thought could be overcome. Long before the building of the canal is completed, its advantages

will be manifest and benefits will be reaped in a measure. This will be done by diverting the creek into Spanish Fork Canyon. Meanwhile the construction of the four mile tunnel through the mountains will go on. By sinking shafts at different points the tunnel can be worked in as many sections as desired. Its dimensions will be about six and one-half feet by four. The water can be brought in great volume as the down grade is very marked.

Mr. Davis is decidedly hopeful as to the success of the venture, as is also Mr. Swendsen, and soon definite results may be looked for. Mr. Davis leaves for home in the morning, and Mr. Savage, who has been here with him, has gone to California for a short time.

Capt. E. A. Hammond, the drill expert of the reclamation survey, leaves Tuesday for Las Vegas, N. M. whence he will ship a special drill to the site of the Strawberry valley dam, so that active work prospecting for a site for the dam and the location of the tunnel boring can begin as soon as possible. The tunnel, as already stated, will be 20,000 feet long, and a special care will have to be taken to make the final location. The dam will be 320 feet long and impound 10,000 acre feet of water. There will be no diverting of streams into the dam other than the streams naturally tributary to that section. The waters will be conducted through the tunnel under the divide to the head of Diamond creek and thence into Spanish Fork river. This will irrigate nearly all of southern Utah county now under cultivation.

the deal was closed through a local automobile house.

This purchase makes the seventeenth since the opening of the spring season. All but five of the new machines are for Salt Lake City, the five being out of town orders for mining towns and suburban residences. With the 69 machines in the city at the close of last year, these new additions will make a substantial showing with the opening of the season.

HAD MANY UTAH FRIENDS.

Mrs. E. F. Hauch, who two years ago was a resident of this city, passed away on the 25th ult., at Culpeper, Va., after an illness of three months. Mrs. Hauch had many friends here who will be pained to hear of her demise. Her husband was a well known employee of the Short Line, and the sad news was sent by him to John D. Owen of this city.

MAIL CARRIER FOR REXBURG, IDA.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Benjamin F. Ellsworth has been appointed regular and Joseph H. Hertzog substitute rural carrier, route 1, at Rexburg, Idaho.

EQUITABLE LIFE AFFAIRS.

Conference Between Opposing Interests Resumed.

New York, April 1.—The conference between the opposing interests in the Equitable Life Assurance society was resumed today before State Supt. of Insurance, Hendricks. There was present when the conference began E. H. Harriman, James H. Hyde, John D. Crimmins, Henry Morgenthau and E. W. Washburn. The main following lawyers, representing the various interests:

Ellis Root, W. C. Galliver, Edward Luebach, Frank H. Platt, and John B. Standish. Supt. Hendricks was seen before the conference began, but declined to disclose what took place at yesterday's conference, nor would he outline any phase of the situation which might be entered into today. He was hopeful of an amicable adjustment, but could not say how this might be accomplished.

A. G. Vanderbilt Held in Bonds.

New York, April 1.—Alfred Gayme Vanderbilt, who was arrested for alleged violation of the automobile speed law, was held in \$500 bail for trial when he was arraigned in police court today. Vanderbilt was arrested in Harlem after a long chase by a bicycle policeman.

FINNS ARE EXCITED

At Helsinki Masked Men Are Ransacking Houses.

Helsinki, Finland, April 1.—The populace is greatly aroused by the renewal of ransacking of lodging houses by masked men who blind and gag the inmates and search every room. On Tuesday night these men destroyed the furniture of a boarding house when they discovered in it a picture of Maxim Gorky. The people suspect that they are agents of the police, but this the latter indignantly deny. No arrests, however, have been made.

Ice in Neva Breaking.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The ice is breaking up in the Neva.

CANDIDATES FOR MATRIMONY

Want to Know About Young Women Who Drew Farms.

Bonesteel, S. D., April 1.—Thousands of letters from candidates for matrimony in all parts of the United States are coming to U. S. Land Commissioner J. G. Keeler of Bonesteel, S. D. The writers wish information concerning the 125 young women who drew fine farming homesteads in the recent past.

The avanche of letters is the result of a recently published interview in which Mr. Keeler intimated that many of the young women wanted husbands to help take care of the farms.

The letters come from men of every age in every walk of life. With the exception of Arizona, Maine, New Mexico and Nevada every state in the Union is represented in the inquiries. The bulk of the letters, however, came from New York, Maryland, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

LORRAINE O. BANK FAILURE.

Cashier, Asst. Cashier and Bookkeeper Put in County Jail.

Elmira, Ohio, April 1.—Cashier E. F. Kaneen, Asst. Cashier E. B. Walker and Bookkeeper Dana Walker, charged with embezzling the funds of the Citizens Savings bank of Lorain, were brought here and placed in the county jail today. Later the three men were arraigned before Justice Lord. They each pleaded not guilty and waived a preliminary hearing. The judge at first was inclined to fix the surety bonds at \$10,000 in each case. The attorneys for the men under arrest strongly urged that the bonds be fixed at \$5,000, declaring that the young men were not ordinary criminals; that they had made no effort to run away and had no intention of doing so. Justice Lord finally decided to fix the bonds at \$5,000 in each case. The attorneys for the prisoners said that bonds would be furnished during the day.

W. J. Bryan's Plow.

Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—"I left my plow standing in the field to come to me," said William J. Bryan, who arrived here today to attend the Jefferson day banquet tonight.

Mr. Bryan said that one lesson to be derived from the matter is that Democracy must unite if success is to be achieved. He expressed great hopes for the future, declaring his belief that the country would be united and that the only means of everything to the party. Mr. Bryan will deliver the principal address at the banquet, which will be his first political address since the St. Louis convention.

Mrs. B. Harrison Goes to Europe.

Boston, April 1.—Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, widow of former President Harrison and her daughter were passengers on the White Star steamer Canopus which sailed today for the Mediterranean. They will spend several months in Italy.

Junkin Anti-Trust Bill Passed.

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—The Junkin anti-trust bill, aimed at the meat packers, has passed both houses of the legislature and will be signed by the governor with an emergency clause. The bill seeks to make it impossible for packers to force prices down in certain localities in order to kill the competition of independent butchers. It is a state application of the Sherman anti-trust law.

## SPRY NOW HEADS STATE LAND BOARD

Outgoing Commission Held Their Final Session This Morning. Then Retired.

DEGRAY DIXON, SECRETARY.

Former State Treasurer Gets a Good Appointment Under the New Administration.

GOVERNOR IS NOT A MEMBER.

Chief Executive Under the New Law Has Nothing to Do With The Commission.

This afternoon at 2:30 the new state board of land commissioners took formal charge of the office, and the old board, some of the members of which have served on the board ever since statehood, retired. The old board held its final session this morning and cleaned up the business before it, and then turned over the office to the new board this afternoon.

An organization of the new board was effected by the election of William H. Spry as chairman and Former State Treasurer John DeGray Dixon as secretary. The other members of the board appointed by Gov. Cutler are W. D. Candland of Mt. Pleasant, William H. Thain of Logan, and H. N. Hayes of Richfield. Under the new law the governor is not a member of the board, as has been the case heretofore.

Of the old board, Mr. T. D. Reese of Sanpete county has served the longest term in connection with the board. He has been a member ever since it was established, at the beginning of statehood, in 1896.

Secretary Byron Groo has been a member of the board ever since November, 1897, when he succeeded Wesley K. Walton, the first secretary of the board. Mr. Groo has established an excellent record during his two terms of office, and has had the esteem and confidence of the administrations with which he has been connected.

The other two members of the board, H. Bullen of Cache county, and J. A. Melville of Millard county, have been members of the board during the last four years.

Mr. W. H. Thain, who was chairman of the old board, retired when his term of office as governor expired the first of January.

DR. GOULD DECLINES SAN DOMINGO COLLECTORSHIP

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—William A. Gould of this city, who was appointed by the president as deputy collector of customs in San Domingo, formally announced today that he has declined this place.

Washington, April 1.—It is quite probable that when Secy. Taft returns he will designate G. E. Colton as chief of the San Domingo customs. Mr. Colton has been a member of the San Domingo board of customs since 1898, and has had three or more assistants, who have had some experience in the insular possessions will be appointed to perform the duties better results would be obtained by the selection of a man like Colton for chief of the service because of the experience Colton has in the Philippines and his familiarity with the people, who are similar to those in San Domingo. Dr. Gould's position was that the selection of the man should be made with regard to the interests of the government and not to the interests of the collector. Dr. Gould could not go to San Domingo in that capacity.

DR. GLADDEN'S REPLY.

Answers Rogers on the Ten Commandments Proposition.

Columbus, Ohio, April 1.—Dr. Washington Gladden again vigorously answers H. H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil company regarding the gift of John D. Rockefeller. Dr. Gladden says:

"Mr. Rogers says that I would not trust the Ten Commandments for ten days with the deacons of my church because they would surely break some of them and bend others. I surely would not. I hope that these commandments are in stronger power than the deacons of any church, a power in which they will not be trusted for the benefit of Mr. Rogers or anyone else."

"Mr. Rogers says that under Mr. Lincoln's emancipation proclamation slavery was legal in certain sections. But it was just as much an abomination and a curse in those regions as in the regions where it was abolished. Mr. Lincoln did not touch it there because he had no power. The rebates of the Standard Oil company were just as outrageous before the law was passed forbidding them as they were afterwards and the methods by which under the law the Standard Oil company entered Werra, wrecked the soda shops, became drunk and terrorized the inhabitants. The police were powerless, and troops were called for. The telegraph and telephone wires are cut and communication with the outside world is severed."

PEASANT MOBS.

Are Marching Through Country And Pillaging.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The latest outbreak of peasant disorders is in the Werra district of Lithuania. Mobs of peasants are marching through the country, pillaging estates and demolishing the houses of the land owners. One proprietor was shot. The peasants entered Werra, wrecked the soda shops, became drunk and terrorized the inhabitants. The police were powerless, and troops were called for. The telegraph and telephone wires are cut and communication with the outside world is severed.

## TO EXPLORE TUBURON ISLAND

Henry E. Miller and Capt. Gus Olender Lose Their Lives in The Attempt.

MANNER OF DEATH UNKNOWN.

May Have Been Killed and Eaten by Cannibals, or Have Been Murdered.

San Francisco, April 1.—A special dispatch to the Examiner from Yuma, Ariz., says it is now almost an assured fact that Harry E. Miller and Capt. Gus Olender have lost their lives in an attempt to explore Tuburon Island. Whether they were killed and eaten by the cannibals or Zeri Indians on the island or drowned in the turbulent waters of the gulf of California or were slain by some renegade band of Yaqui Indians on the mainland of Sonora, is a mystery that will probably never be solved. The fact remains, however, that the men are lost and the circumstances lead to the conclusion that they met death in one of the three ways mentioned.

Miller was a school teacher of Los Angeles of an adventurous turn of mind, and Olender was a seaman engaged by him to accompany him on an exploration trip to Tuburon.

GREEK CATHEDRAL.

Will Be Transferred from San Francisco to New York.

San Francisco, April 1.—The Greek, Russian cathedral is to be transferred from San Francisco to New York city. It has been officially decided that in about six weeks the cathedral and staff of priests will move to the city of New York. The cathedral is the seat of the presiding bishop of the orthodox eastern church of North America. The cathedral staff to leave San Francisco will consist of the Rev. Father Popoff, Nicodemus, Deacon Elias and other assistants. Father Dabovich will visit Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Philadelphia in the service of the Orthodox church.

Japanese New Customs Tariff.

New York, April 1.—Official announcement has been made by the Japanese government here of the new customs tariff on imports into Japan. The change will go into effect July 1 with an increase of duties on nearly all articles that are now subject to import tax. In all cases it is an ad valorem increase and is designed to afford an increased revenue for the war fund.

Up to this time the customs receipts have been devoted to internal administration entirely but after July 1 the excess receipts from the new rates will be used for the war fund.

At present the customs receipts of the empire are about \$8,150,000. The change is expected to produce additional funds of at least \$2,000,000. A dozen other indirect taxes will be increased at the same time.

The increase in the customs duties ranges from 5 per cent in the cases of raw materials and certain partially manufactured products to 100 per cent in the case of tobacco, which must pay, all told, a duty of 250 per cent. Malt and spirituous liquors are subjected to a 50 per cent ad valorem increase. Wood pulp used for manufacturing paper will continue under the present schedule.

Italian Stabs Italian.

Butte, Mont., April 1.—A Pitt. Mont. special to the Miner states that Gus Makel was probably fatally stabbed by Nik Milson yesterday during a saloon row. Both men are Italian miners. They had been bitter enemies.

Lt. Marble Relieves Lt. Gillis.

Tokio, April 1.—Lieut. Frank Marble, formerly secretary of the general board of the navy at Washington, has relieved Lieut. Gillis as naval attaché of the American legation in this city.

## SPINAL MENINGITIS SPREADING RAPIDLY

In Germany Has Become Almost Epidemic and the Mortality Is Very Heavy.

GOVERNMENT'S AID INVOKED.

Leading Physicians Declare That the Disease is Contagious.

New York, April 1.—Cerebro spinal meningitis has almost attained the dimensions of an epidemic, cables the Berlin correspondent of the American. In many districts of Germany the mortality is so large that the government's aid in combating the disease has been called for. The malady chiefly attacks the young, and there have been few cases where the victims have been over 30. Leading physicians declare that the disease is contagious.

DIAGNOSE DISEASE.

New York, April 1.—A commission appointed by the health department to study cerebro spinal meningitis, which is causing many deaths in and about New York, has decided, according to Health Commissioner Rarlington on a diagnosis of the mysterious disease.

"This method," said the commissioner, "perforates the skull and the lumbar culture and examine under the microscope the microbe secured from the puncture at the base of the spine. If the microbe thus examined is found to be a tubercle bacillus, the disease is unmistakably meningitis."

HOW TO PREVENT IT.

Chicago, April 1.—A preventive of cerebro spinal meningitis, "spotted fever," the dread plague which is ravaging New York and eastern cities, and from which at least one death, that of a young girl, occurred in Chicago yesterday, has been suggested by Dr. W. J. Class of the city health department. An atomizer, a little carbolic acid, and a duster are the required ingredients. "The disease is contracted through the throat," said Dr. Class. "While the most reliable preventive consists in staying away from infected places and doesn't appear at all capable of working a clever game of deception. He was taken by Deputy United States Marshal Page to the county jail at noon today to await trial."

Marconi and Wife Arrive.

New York, April 1.—William Marconi and Mrs. Marconi arrived here on the steamer Campania from Liverpool. Mrs. Marconi was the Honorable Beatrice O'Brien, fifth daughter of Lady Titchin. The marriage took place in London, March 17.

## HEYBURN PROTESTS AGAINST WITHDRAWAL OF LANDS

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Senator Heyburn has made a vigorous protest to the president against the temporary withdrawal of 40 townships in northern Idaho with a view to creating a new forest reserve to be added to the Bitter Root reserve. The people of Idaho don't believe such a large withdrawal of the public domain is necessary. The proposed new reserve lies to the north of Bitter Root reserve and runs up to within about a mile of the town of Wallace. Last night a conference was held at the White House, attended by Senator Heyburn, Acting Commissioner of the Land Office F. M. and Asst. Forester Price. The president heard all sides of the controversy, but thus far has not announced what his decision in the matter will be. It is strongly intimated, however, that he favors Senator Heyburn's contention that these lands should be held for homestead entry.

## KNIGHT SUGAR CO. PAYS DIVIDENDS.

Eight Per Cent is Declared on Capital of One Million Dollars.

FACTORY IS AT RAYMOND.

Has Made a Successful Record in Sugar, Lands and Cattle.

The Knight Sugar company of Raymond, Canada, a corporation formed several years ago by Jesse Knight of Provo and his sons, and in which they own more than 50 per cent of the \$1,000,000 capital, has just been placed upon a dividend paying basis. At a meeting held in this city on Friday, the officials made a report of the company's operations for the past two years, and a dividend of 8 per cent, payable 2 per cent quarterly, was declared.

The stock of the company is owned entirely by Utah and Canada people, the main stockholders in addition to Mr. Knight and his sons, being David Eccles, Thomas D. Dee of Ogden, E. P. Ellison, formerly of Kayville, Thomas R. Cutler, Geo. Romney and others. The sugar company