# The Great Percentage of the Prosper-sus Farmers, Ranchers, Stockmen of the West See No Other Paper Than the Semi-Weekly News. Ad-Than the Make a Note of It. DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Saturday Nights the Real Estate Col-umns of the "News" are Closely Studied by Those Interested in Buy-ing or Selling Real Estate.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

GEN. PFLUG DENIES SOME BIG LIES. Japanese Have Not Crossed the Ta Tung Pass or Engaged The Russians. MOTIEFF NOT OPEN TO THEM.

Reports That a State of Siege Has Been Proclaimed in Siberia Absolutely False.

WHAT IS CONTRABAND OF WAR?

Russians and Japanese Differ-Observance of Neutrality Commanded Throughout Mongolia.

St. Petersburg, March 24 .- Maj.-Gen. Pfug telegraphs from Mukden under

today's date as follows: "There is absolutely no truth in the report published in England to the ef. feet that the Japanese have crossed the Ta Tung pass or that they have had engagements with the Russians, while the statement that the way to the Moist (Motienling) pass, where a strong Russian detachment is allessi to be stationed, is open to the Japanese, is also pure invention. To the same cateory also belong the reports published London papers from Japanese sources of an engagement alleged to tave taken place at Port Arthur March b (March 18), and of the encounter at hivong-Siyolm (on the Yalu river), in which the Russians were reported to have lost 500 men killed or wounded. NO STATE OF SEIGE IN SIBERIA. St. Petersburg, March 24 .- The re. orts printed in Europe and the United

tates to the effect that a state of slege as been proclaimed in Siberia and in Farstoff, southeastern Russia (through which the Siberian railroad runs) will be extended to the whole of European Russia, is officially declared to be absoately false. No such measure has even teen contemplated, it being considered

unnecessary

10 PAGES-LAST EDITION a copy of an indictment returned against Dennis by the federal grand jury. Discussion of the indictment con-tinued several days, resulting in the decision that there was not much danger to Dennis in the indictment, but be-cause of Senator Burton's position it was deemed best for him not to appear as general counsel in defense of Dennis, On March 26, 1903, in the Rialto building when Mahoney paid Burton the \$500 he and Burton discussed the advisability of Burton still remaining in the em-ploy of the Rialto company. Burton said if the Rialto company had any letters from him it would be just as well to destroy them, as, owing to his posi-tion his motives might be misconstrued. Witness said he (Mahoney) thereupon told Burton he had two of Burton's lettoid Burton he had two of Burton's let-ters on his desk, and destroyed them by tearing them up. One of the letters destroyed, witness stated, related to a telegram sent by Burton to the Rialto company from Washington that S. M. McGowan, Indian agent, who was in the Indian Territory, had made com-plaint against the company. Bank of England Dividend.

London, March 24 .-- The Bank of England at its semi-annual meeting today only declared a dividend of 4½ per cent for the past six months. This was the first time in seven years that the divi-dend has been below 10 per cent per annum. The governor of the bank said the profits for the six months ending Feb. 29 were \$3,315,205, and that after providing for the dividend the amount "of the rest" on that date was \$10,093,-

### Rain Checks Prairie Fires.

Holdredge, Neb., March 24.-A heavy rain has checked the disastrous prairie fire that started yesterday, but not be-fore it had burned over a strip from three to 10 miles wide and 20 miles in length. As far as known but one life was lost, that of August Olsen, an aged farmer, and the total property loss is estimated at something above \$100,000. There were many narrow escapes.

#### Sir Edwin Arnold Dead.

London, March 24.-Sir Edwin Arnold, the author, died in London today. He was born June 10, 1832.



She Enjoyed a Nine Cent Dinner Among Factory Employes And Children.



## THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1904. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

Russia Is Very Suspicious Of China.

Her Military Attache at Pekin Applies for Passport and Permission to Visit Gen. Ma's Troops-Foreign Office Not Inclined to Grant Request-Gen. Ma Transfers His Headquarters-All Quiet Along the Yalu.

Pekin, March 24 .- The report that the Russian military attache here has applied for a passport and permission to visit Jehol and Chang Wan Tsu, where Gen. Ma's troops are stationed and also for a special letter of introduction to the general, is confirmed. The Chinese foreign office is not inclined to comply with the request.

Liao Yang, Manchuria, March. 24 .- Gen. Ma has transferred his headquarters to Tung Chou and his troops have been withdrawn westward of the Sin Min Tung railroad.

Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai is now at Tien Tsio. His troops are returning to Pao Ting Fu.

It is positively reported that the Japanese propose to land troops at Gutsia, north of Shan Mai Kwan. There are numerous Japanese spies at Shan Mai Kwan and elsewhere on the railroad to Yinkow.

Detachments of Gen. Misthtchenko's troops remain in northern Korea reconnoitering. A party is always watching Anju, but the Russians have not encountered any Japanese during the last few days.

On the arrival of Gen. Kuropatkin in trans-Baikal territory, Gen. Linovitch sent the commander-in-chief a telegram of welcome, saying the troops were thirsting to take revenge on the enemy and were impatiently awaiting his arrival.

Advices from south Manchuria and north Korea say all is quiet there.

Newchwang, March 24 .- Authoritative reports from Kirin, Kuang-Chang-Tseu, Mukden, Liao Yang and Hsuyen show that three days ago complete quiet prevailed with a regular movement of troops in the direction of the Yalu river. One regiment passed through Hsuyen on Sunday, March 20.



him to King Edward, instead of going SENATOR SMOOT to a levee hanging to the apron-strings of an Anglican bishop." Referring to the surplicing of the Referring to the surplicing of the men and women of the choir in gowns and velvet caps, Mr. Perks said: "Ritualism is a steep and slippery slope. Possibly the next thing we shall see is Mr. Campbell marching around the aisles of the City Temple followed by his surpliced choir, chant-ing a processional hours with the mofollowed by his surpliced choir, chant-ing a processional hymn, with the re-luctant deacons behind. These are days when non-conformity is confronted with a severe struggle. We expect our preachers to march with fearless, buoyant stons and not become comm puoyant steps and not become camp followers in the Anglican army." The, Rev. Mr. Campbell declines to discuss Mr. Perks' remarks.

#### ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

#### Admiral Togo Sends Account of The Fifth One.

Tokio, March 24 .- Vice Admiral Togo's report of the fifth attack on Pott Arthur on March 22 reached Tokio tonight and is as follows: "The combined fleet ficted according

to the plan arranged.

"Two flotillas of destroyers were outside Port Arthur, as instructed, from the night of the 21st until the morning of the 22nd. Although during this time our destroyers were under the fire of the enemy they sustained no damage. The main fleet arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd.

"I dispatched a part of the fleet in the direction of Pigeon bay and ordered the battleships Fuji and Tashima to make an indirect bombardment against the inner side of the port. During the bombardment the enemy's ships gradu-ally came out of the harbor and at the time when the indirect bombardment stopped, which was about 2 o'clock, the number of Russian ships was five battleships, four cruisers and several de-stroyers. We believed the enemy was trying by making a movement of their fleet to draw us near the forts. The enemy's ships shelled us indirectly and many of their shots fell near the battle. ship Fuji, but our ships sustained no damage. About 3 o'clock our vessels withdrew off the port."



Dr. Parkins, Who Has Charge of Matter, Had Hard To Pass Customs Officers.



NOT DISCOURAGED,

His Attorney, Waldemar Van Cott, Returns from Washington and Makes a Brief Statement.

THE SENATOR IS CONFIDENT.

Believes Fully That When the Full Facts Are Known That He Will Surely Retain His Seat.

Waldemar Van Cott, attorney for the defense in the Smot investigation, returned from Washington this morning and will remain indefinitely-or "until called," as he suggested.

"I do not care to talk for publication," said Mr. Van Cott. "You have had full accounts of the proceedings in the dispatches. But there is one thing

I must state, in justice to my client, Any statement that Senator Smoot 'expects to be unseated,' or 'has resigned himself to being unseated' is absolutely and unequivocally false. I don't care who says so, or who publishes it-the assertion is libelously untrue. On the contrary, Senator Smoot is confident that he will retain his seat. Thus far they have been unable to produce one atom of evidence against him individually, and he believes, quite properly, too, that he will not be made punishable for the acts of others.

"I wish to state, also, that the senator is in the best of health. I understand there have been reports that he was on the verge of a collapse. That is all rubbish. He is in excellent health and spirits, and making staunch friends every day. That's the kind of a 'nan he is." Mr. Van Cott was asked if the subcommittee was coming to Utah. "I do not know as to that," he replied. I do know that there has been no decision one way or the other as to that -at least, there had been none when left. I cannot say whether any more witnesses have been summoned; I cannot even state, with assurance, that any more will be summoned."

the authorities express the greates atisfaction with the internal situation of the empire. The hearty patriotic renet with in all parts of Russia has profoundly impressed the authorities. All the reports received by the min istry of the interior indicate that the childs of the government instead of profiting by the war have been almost letely disarmed.

Two attempts at anti-government onstrations in Kieff and Odessa, acadding to these reports, found the temper of the people violently opposed to them. Within the past fornight only a single incident occurred which could be construed as an evidence of dissatisfac-tion. This was the throwing of a bomb its chapel in Vilna, the capital of the Lithunian government in western Rus-Ea, a few days ago. Up to date the author and the purpose of the outrage have not been discovered.

#### WHAT IS CONTRABAND OF WAR?

Pekin, March 24 .- The Russian and nese notifications regarding contraand of war differing somewhat, the these government has applied to Sir thert Hart, inspector general of customs in China, for advice in the matter, ir Robert has advised it to prohibit as giving of any assistance to Japan ding to the Russian potification or to Russia according to the Japanese potification. Pekin is placarded with sites prohibiting the natives from as. sisting either of the belligerents.

QUESTIONING SUSPECTS.

Tokio, March 24 .- The house comties investigating the charge that eisuke Akiyama, a member the ent, was in the pay of the Rusans, met today and privately ques-oned a number of witnesses and exmined other evidence submitted. The slice furnished part of the evidence. It is now reported that another mems also implicated. It is expected at when the committee has reported but the house will discuss the question amorrow. The war tax measures were scussed in committee today. The abic were excluded. It is likely the mmittee will report tomorrow.

SAW JAP ARMY MANEUVERS.

Newchwang, March 24 .- Prince Alatsovereign of Mongolia, en route to capital, arrived at Kin Chou yesterrom Pekin and also from Japan ere he witnessed the maneuvers and ization of the Japanese army. rdance with the declaration of ese neutrality Prince Alatain has manded the observance of neutralshout Mongolia, thus renderlegal the large pony, beef and traffic upon which the Russians depending, but which notwithing his Japanese sympathies, he has found it impossible to suppress. maintenance of neutrality Chinese in the region between the least Wall and the Lino river is said aplete thus contrasting with alleged Russian violation of neuity in the same region by the mainarmed patrols and guards

way to Shan Hai Kwan. PASSPORT REFUSED.

w York, March 24 .- The ministry eign affairs has refused the Rusmilitary attach a passport to in-the Chinese forces in Manchuria Morgolia, cables the Herald's Pe-errespondent. He has, however, an furnished a Chinese specifi to acin furnished a Chinese escort to ac

ompany him on the same inspection. THE BURTON TRIAL.

Clerk Carr Gives Some Rather

Damaging Testimony. Louis, March 24 .- The first witstoday in the trial of United States mater Burton of Kansas, was Joseph Carr Burton of Kansas, was Joseph who was a clerk in the employ laito Grain & Securities com-n March 26, 1903, witness drew theck for \$560 in favor of Burton, ahed it and handed five \$100 bills to the President W. D. Mahoney, in the was offered in evidence. Vice President Mahoney testified that on March 2, 1992, he paid Burton \$500. 1902, he paid Burton \$500. 15, 1802, in the Willard hotel

Tendered Half a Crown, and Was. Told They Would be Sixpence More, Earl Grey Paying It.

London, March 24 .-- The routine of

royalty was interestingly broken today when Queen Alexandra paid an informal visit to the Alexandra Trust, and there enjoyed a 9 cent dinner among the factory employes and children of the east end. The queen has always taken keen interest in the in-

stitution which was founded on her plan to give the poor the cheapest possible food without savoring of charity. She arranged today's visit privately with Sir Thomas Lipton, who is the principal contributor to the institution. They drove up in closed carriages, accompanied by Princess Victoria, Earl Grey, treasurer of the household of her Grey, treasurer of the new Grey, Miss majesty, and Countess Grey, Miss Knollys and Sidney Greville, the private secretary of the queen. A rumor of the queen's coming partially leaked out and the dining rooms were packed, Among those present were John D. Crimins of New York, and Miss Crim-

ins, who had been let into the secret. Like a factory girl who had just preceded her, the queen went to the desk and asked for eight dinner tickets, tendering half a crown. She was told that they would be six pence more, which Earl Grey promptly contributed. Sir Thomas Lipton conducted the royal guest, who was simply dressed

in black, through the dining rooms. The news of the identity of this extraordinarly young looking woman traordinary young tooking wonan soon spread and the children crowded around her, curiously touching her dress and looking up in her face. Those who could not get near stood on tables to catch a glimpse of their queen. Soon the whole building rang with the shrik cheers of the delighted

children and girls. The queen saw two mites crying.

purse one of the attendants tried to make a

passageway for her. "Don't bother," said the queen. employes who were in the midst of their meal, which is daily served to

Roswell, N. M., Match 24 .- The New Mexico Cattle Growers' association in session here, adopted a resolution favoring a national leasing law. The following single statehood reso-

dissenting vote: "We are unaiterably opposed to the we are uniterably opposed to the union of New Mexico with any other state or territory; union with Arizona is neither desirable nor practicable and we, the stock growers of New Mexico, we make the stock growers of the territoria representing one-half of its taxable in.

none A resolution was also adopted asking for tegislation against roping contests.

#### Big Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas City, March 24 .-- Fire in Jones Brothers' mammoth retail goods store at Twelfth street and Main street today caused a loss estimated at \$130,000 and the second s

are scheduled for the traffic administration.

be forgotten. Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs and Jullus Kruttschnitt will go to Portland

this week. At the end of next week Mr. Stubbs will come to Salt Lake, when there will be another meeting similar to that which was held by the operating officials here on Monday. The contemplated changes, it is asserted, will include the appointment of three traffic managers, possibly four, At present Mr. Stubbs' plans contem-

of Chicago. The fire was started by lightning in one of the lesser of seven buildings, a five-story structure at 1.221 and 1.223 Main street that make up the. Jones Brothers' store. The main build\_ ing was saved by being shut off by iron doors. August M. Merrill, aged 50 years, a spectator, was struck in the forehead by the nozzle of a bursted pipe and fa-

tally hurt. Merrill is a clerk. KAISER AT NAPLES.

#### Saluted by the Whole Itanlian Miditerranean Fleet.

The ladies of Naples sent many beau-tiful floral designs to the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which the emperor boarded soon after his arrival here.

Cold Wave Warning.

Washington, March 24 .--- Cold way

warnings have been issued for Iowa, Minnesota, central and western Mis-

souri, western Wisconsin, Kansas,Okia-homa, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dako-ta, southern North Dakota and the Pan Handle of Texas.

Herr Weingartner Decorated.

Munich, March y announces that Herr ficial organ today announces that Herr Felix Weingartner, the conductor of the kaiser concerts here, who went to the United States early this year to con-

duct the rehearsal and concert of the Philharmonic society at New York, has been made a noble with the hereditary

Louise Michel is Dying:

Munich, March 24 .- The Bayarian of-

Naples, March 24 .- Emperor William arrived here today on board the North German Lloyd steamer Koenig Albert, escorted by the German cruiser Prinz Friederich Karl, and was saluted by the whole Italian Mediterranean fleet. The members of the German colony here met the emperor at Capri. The first message received by Emper-or William was a telegram from King Victor Emmanuel bidding him welcome and signing himself "Your affectionate friend and loyal ally." An immense crowd of people wit-nessed the emperor's arrival, and cheered while the cannons boomed.

"What is the matter?" she asked. They had lost their dinner tickets. Their grief was quickly turned to joy

by the gift of a shilling from the roya So thickly did the children, typically of the ragged urchin of the east end, crowd around the royal visitors that

did not come here to disturb them." After talking with several factory

some 3,000 or 4,000 persons, the queen and her party, accompanied by Sir Thomas, went upstairs to the room where they all redeemed their meal tickets. For her 9 cents the queen had

soup, lamb, potatoes, a large helping of plum pudding, a glass of water and a mug of coffee. She seemed to enjoy

#### For National Leasing Law.

title of Edeler von Muenzberg.

Paris, March 24.—The announcement was made today by friends of Louise Michel that the famous agitator is dywas also adopted, with but one ing at Toulon from pulmonary congestion.

terests, stand for single statehood or

Can President Dennis howed Burton ing, which is owned by Octave Canute

is stated that T. M. Schumacher will go to the Southern Pacific. Locally it is said that Mr. Schumacher will In this connection Salt Lake will not remain here with a distinct advance in salary and an enlarged territory. One story is to the effect that he will be

appointed assistant to Mr. Bancroft in charge of both traffic and operation, and that Mr. Buckingham will be appointed general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line. Mr. Schumacher declines to discuss these rumors in any shape or form affirming that should there be anything

to give out in any connection that Mr. Bancroft will make the announcement, Mr. Bancroft is out of the city. Briefly summed up, there will be changes in the traffic departments of plate the changes to be made in Omaha, San Francisco and Salt Lake. In Omaha, according to the slate, Ben Campbell, assistant to Mr. Stubbs, will have his headquarters as traffic man-

ZIMMER SCANDAL.

#### Further Statements as to the Kompe Story in the Tribune.

# A MINISTERIAL FALSIFIER.

Woman Whom He Figures So Prominently With Has Been Spirited Away -- Does He Know Where She Is?

A story concocted by one G. A. Zimmer, a German preacher in this city, not known to the public except through the falsehoods he has circulated and that have been refuted by hundreds of set on foot and sent to European jourhis fellow-countrymen, appeared in a lished! recent issue of the Salt Lake Tribune, and was so grossly untrue that several gentlemen here, conversant with some of the circumstances alluded to in the "terirble tale," determined to find out its real origin. It was claimed to have been told by Mrs. Franz Kompe, whose address was given, and it was alleged that she made it in the form of an affidavit witnessed by a notary public. They therefore called upon the woman who, with tears and protestations, declared she had never made such statements as those in the Tribune. She was told that all that was wanted wasthe truth as to whether she made them or not. She signed a written specific denial both in her present and maiden name, which was witnessed by four persons and which is now in evidenc They traced up the affidavit affair, and found that Zimmer took her to a

man who has a desk in a saloen on Second South street, where she signed

PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE TRADE.

The enterprising merchant who expects to divert to his establishment a share of the vast stream of business that will flow into this city during conference week, is already at work. His first act is naturally to place an advertisement in the Semi-Weekly News, the great country paper of this section, which is read regularly by 150,000 people in their homes. Later he will use the daily issue, as country patrons receive it free during their stay in the city.

The Semi-Weekly News is printed Mondays and Thursdays. Special rates will be accorded daily advertisers.

that of Mr. Schumacher, and the friends of Messrs, Reeves and D. R. Gray ar expecting to hear something. It is also on the cards that there will be a divi

sion freight agent appointed at Boise to look after the Idaho business. A single joint agency at Ogden may also be established.

The proposed reorganization of the Harriman system both in the operating and traffic departments is generally conceded to be a good move on the part of Messrs. Kruttschnitt and Stubba for it will have the effect of arousing competition, and each traffic and operating manager will be spurred on to the best efforts possible in order to make

a good comparative showing. The two chief organizers are getting down to business, and when the organ-ization is completed the Harriman system will become practically invincible and give all competitors a run for

the paper prepared for her and which she avows she did not understand. The witnesses to her denial, all reputable citizens of Utah, some of them well acquainted with her and her affairs, and who know the story in the Tribune to be false, took a notary public with them and went again to obtain her sworn statement, but she had been spirited away and had been spirited away and is kept in seclusion and they have not been able to find her after repeated endeavors.

As the Tribune declares that the poor crippled creature, who has been grossly misrepresented, still "stands by her guns, which we do not believe, we propose that Mr. Zimmer produce her in the presence of three reliable non-Mormon c, izens and the persons who have been ramed in the articles that have been pu shed, so that the truth may be made plain and the falsehoods by whomsoever uttered may be exposed. We want the matter thoroughly investigated. We believe the entire story has been worked up by the man Zimmer, whose true character ought to be made known to the public. Also the course of "the woman in the case" and the Elders who have been accused of trying to marry her should be disclosed. We do not propose to allow the slan. ders that have been published by the German preacher to go unrefuted, whether he is willing to come to the light or not. Every fair newspaper here ought to be willing to aid in the sup. pression, or at least the settlement, of such scandals as that which has been Let us have the facts estab-

# CONSTERNATION IN NON-CONFORMIST RANKS.

London, March 24.-Consternation has been caused in British non-conformist circles by a speech of Robert W. Perks, Liberal member of parliament for the Louth division of Lincolnshire, delivered yesterday at the opening of a Methodist bazar at Louth, in which he vigorously criticises the Rev. Reginald John Campbell, minister of the City Temple here. Both men are pillars of non-conformity, one of them being practically the head of the ministry and the other one of the most prominent laymen. The two main points of Mr. Perks' attack were the Rev. Campbell's recent presentation at court by the bishop of London and the projected surplicing of Mr. Camp-

bell's choir of the City Temple. "I am sorry," said Mr. Perks, "to see a few days ago when Mr. Campbell wished to go to court that he asked the bishop of London to present him to asked the king. What would have been said in the days gone by if Puritan preachers, persecuted not by parliament as they are now, but by a feeble Stuart king, had asked Archbishop Laud to present them to King Charles? Mr. Campbell would have been far better advised if he had asked the veteran

WANTED EXAMINATION PAPERS.

#### He Finally Got Them Through -- Examinations Will be Held

April 13.

New York, March 24 .- Dr. George R. Parkin, representative of the trustees of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships who has just arrived from England to make arrangements for the holding of preliminary examinations in the United States and Canada had a brief encounter with the customs officers over the inspection of his baggage. The latter contained the examination papers and the inspector declared he must examine them. The doctor made a vigorous protest, and Collector Stranahan quickly notified his deputy to desist. The examinations will be held simultaneously in this country and in the Dominion, April 13, at places selected by the various committees in charge in this coun-try composed of the presidents of universities and colleges

"The trustees of the scholarship fund are now simply feeling their way," said Dr. Parkin, "and the method of select ing the first scholars may not be good for all time. During the last year we have been receiving suggestions on the matter of examinations from all of the leading educators in the English speak. ing world, and now we are trying to work out the substance of these aug-gestions. We first want to make sure that the men who get the scholarships are qualified to enter Oxford according to the Oxford standard. I have brought with me examination papers in subjects which a fellow must pass before he is eligible to enter Oxford, and the men here who pass them are qualified as competitors for one of the scholarships, This examination is only the preliminary step, and because a man passes he does not necessarily go to Oxford. The papers are about on a grade with those used in the entrance test at Harvard except that a knowledge of Greek is reuired 'America is a world power, and she

now must have men with world knowl-edge to represent her abroad. Oxford the place where those men will get that training that will fit them to stand with the statesmen of other great coun-

#### The Bayan Not Blown Up.

St. Petersburg, March \$4, 6:40 p. m .-The Associated Press is officially authorized to dony the reports originating in Berlin and published in the United States by a news agoncy that the Russian armored cruiser Bayan was blown up by a floating torpedo in the harber of Port Arthur March 16, at the time a Russian torredo boat was said to have been sunk, owing to

#### Japs Preparing to Land.

colliding with a mine.

St. Petersburg, March 24, 4:30 a. m.-The war office is in receipt of perssitont reports that the Japanese are preparing to latid on neutral Chinese terri. tory on the west coast of the gulf of Liao Tung, either at Tien Kalen Cheng, in Kin Chau bay, or at Shan Hai Kwan

Fair Will Perjurers Sentenced. Paris, March 24 .- The correctional

ribunal today sentenced Masse and Moranne () three years' imprisonment each for perjury in the Fair will case Masse and Moranne are the bicyclists who were touring at the time of the automobile accident near Evreux France, in August, 1902, which result. ed in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair. The men claimed to have seen the Fairs thrown out. The testimony showed, however, they were not present, but they so represented SENATOR SMOOT DENIES.

Declares That"Resignation" Story Is Without a Shred of Truth. (Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., March 24 .- The attention of Senator Smoot was called to a dispatch in the Salt Lake Tribune this morning in which it is alleged that he expects to be unseated and is preparing for that event.

"What have you to say, senator?" asked the "News" correspondent.

"It is an absolute and unqualified lie, without a shred of truth to it." That is all the comment Mr. Smoot would make.



#### Marshal Heywood Has About Given Up Hope Concerning Them.

Marshal Heywood is in town today. So are all his deputies. There is no excitement around the marshal's office. In fact, they have given up hope of ever receiving a subpoena from Washington.

Nearly everybody in town is inquirng "Who is subpoenaed? Am I on the list?" etc., but notwithstanding the supposition that a batch of subpoenas left Washington last Saturday, marshal steadfastly avers that he has ween nothing of them. There is a report on the street that

the subpoenas were brought here just after the adjournment of the investigation committee by a special officer from Washington, but the report is not credited.

### TTAH MEN WANT A CONTRACT ON PANAMA CANAL

(Special to the "News,") Washington, D. C., March 24 .--William O'Brien and Thomas . Dee, representing the Utah Construction company, are here and accompanied Col. Willard Young to the senate this afternoon where they saw the senators. Later they will be presented by Messrs. Kéarns and Smoot to members of the Isthmian canal commission. The Utah Conout contracts involving many millions of dollars for the Union Pacific, Central Pacific and San Pedro raffroads and its intention is to apply for a seven mile contract on the canal. It is probable that Messrs, O'Brien and I Des will accompany the commission to the isthmus on the 29th. Col. Young intends to go In any event.

