

concluded that Great Britain's case is untenable, and that Venezuela's claim is a just one. Unless some new facts come to light this will be the nature of their decision.

In the negotiations which have been going on between the Washington and London governments, it is stated that some weeks ago Lord Salisbury showed a disposition to attempt a settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty by negotiation with the United States. He had already endeavored to make terms with Venezuela on a money basis and failed, President Crespo rejecting his proposition.

Lord Salisbury then intimated to the United States his willingness to permit the dispute to go to arbitration, so far as the boundary line is concerned, but insisted that the question as to what was to become of the interests of British settlers in the disputed territory, and what is known as "The settled districts," was to be left as a subject of future discussion. This proposal was not accepted, however. President Cleveland and Secretary Olney declined to recommend to Venezuela any plan of arbitration which did not include the whole subject and provide for settlement of all the points at issue. This government replied with a suggestion that Great Britain agree to place before the arbitration tribunal the whole question, so that in case the verdict should be against England the settlers and miners now operating under the license from the British crown would become subject to the laws of Venezuela. President Cleveland was firm in his insistence that if the territory rightfully belonged to Venezuela, all licenses, privileges and control belonged to her also.

To the suggestion that the United States would recommend arbitration on these terms, Lord Salisbury has as yet made no reply.

Unofficial intimations however have been received that he will ultimately submit the question to arbitration, the only obstacle in the way being as to the distribution of the British settlers, in case the decision should be adverse to the English claim. It will be at once seen there is a formidable obstacle, because these people have been induced to settle in the disputed territory under the impression that they were under the British flag and subject to British law. They are naturally disinclined to be forced to recognize Venezuelan authority.

The Venezuelan boundary commission has already made such progress in its work that it is able to form some idea as to the merits of the subject with which they are dealing. It can be stated that the commission has come to the opinion, from the result of the investigations already made, that the British claim is untenable and that Venezuela's claim is a just one.

The British blue book which was so laboriously prepared by a commission of distinguished lawyers is regarded here not only as extremely weak, but as having been put together in a careless and slipshod manner.

The conclusion drawn by persons close to the President is that England will ultimately yield her scruples on the "settled districts" and that she will arbitrate the matter before the boundary commission makes its report.

## NEWS NOTES.

There is danger of another great strike on the Northern Pacific, caused by a reduction of wages.

James McCarthy dropped dead in Oakland, Cal., last Sunday, from the effects of too much whisky.

Mayor Frank Rader of Los Angeles, Cal., who was in Salt Lake a few months ago, is so seriously ill with typhoid fever that it is feared he cannot recover.

John Buckley, 60 years of age, got into a row with Charles Gercken, of San Francisco, on Sunday, and received a blow from Gercken's fist which fractured his skull with fatal results.

The Deming, New Mexico, Headlight, in giving the account of the arrest of parties charged with cattle stealing, says they were "accused of handling stock not belonging to them."

The organized trades and labor unions of California have formed a new political party, called the Trade Labor Alliance. Twenty-three labor organizations are represented in the new party.

Thomas Davis, the man who spanked Grover Cleveland, when the latter, as a boy, was saucy to the janitor at Hamilton college, Clinton, N. Y., in 1840, died at Los Angeles, Cal., on Sunday, aged 79 years.

On Sunday morning the doors of many residences in Oakland, Cal., were discovered to have been marked with hieroglyphics during the night. Many women and superstitious people were very much frightened over the markings, which the police declare to be the work of mischievous boys.

A dispatch from Torres, Mexico, says a battle occurred between Yaquis and Mexican soldiers in the Yaqui country on Tuesday. The soldiers are back at Ortiz, and report that they killed forty Yaquis, as against six Mexican soldiers killed. One is wounded in six places. After being shot he sat up and killed six Yaquis. The people of Ortiz have fettered the soldiers and hung wreaths about their necks.

An Italian named Antonio Fugazzi was fatally injured Sunday afternoon by being struck by a falling tree while cutting wood near Largo, Cal. Both legs were broken and he was pinned to the earth by the tree, and remained a prisoner for two hours. His companion was so badly frightened that he could render no assistance, simply sitting beside his injured friend and crying until help came.

Ex-Governor Penneyer has consented to become a candidate for mayor of Portland, Oregon, at the coming election. He said: "I will not accept the nomination of any party, but if it comes to me otherwise, I may consider it." Penneyer is the individual who, when governor of Oregon, sent an insulting message to the President of the United States shortly after Mr. Cleveland's inauguration.

Caroline, wife of Thomas Crittenden, of Cheyenne, Wyo., committed suicide last week by taking strychnine. The woman was 58 years of age. She and her family have furnished a number of unpleasant sensations in Cheyenne

during the past ten years. She has been married three times. George Perry, her first husband, killed Henry Gillardou in a quarrel in that city two years ago. Her daughter, Rose Callahan, by her second husband, committed suicide on her wedding night seven years ago. Her son, Eugene Callahan, a boy of 14, attempted to kill a young girl because she refused to go skating with him, and then killed himself. A month ago Mrs. Crittenden attempted to take a dose of strychnine but was prevented by a neighbor.

Mr. John Higgins of Schuyler, Neb., confirms the report that water is welling up from the ground in that locality. On his own land where there has been practically no rainfall for two years water is now found in the runs and creeks that have been dry for months and wells that have long been dry are also filling up. Reports from others throughout the state are similar and indicate that moisture is coming from below. Various reasons are assigned for this, the most plausible being that it seeps through the ground from the mountains. This is further strengthened from the fact that springs that have been dry for two years are again flowing freely.

A Nebraska man has patented a sugar beet harvester that he claims will both top and dig one row of beets perfectly, and as rapidly as the team is driven. The machine is elevated on four wheels, the forward wheels being placed nearer together than the rear ones and only striding one row, while the rear ones stride three rows. The cutter or topper is operated by the driver, who by means of a treadle elevates or lowers the knife quickly and at will, as may be necessary to cut off the top of the beet at the base of the bottom or lower leaf. He makes the further claim that he has had a crude machine made, and worked the past season with the above results. By using this machine a saving of \$4 per acre is claimed over other methods of harvesting.

California cattle-raisers are indignant at what they claim is a willfully perverted application of the law for the inspection of live stock in the interest of Eastern beef-packers. In accordance with instructions from the department of agriculture, cattle shipments to the East have been stopped for an indefinite period under the assertion that the cattle are diseased. A trainload of thirty cars shipped from Amadeo, Cal., was quarantined at Ogden Friday by government officials. An inspection showed the cattle to be free from disease and in excellent condition, yet they have been detained in quarantine and the shippers say the promulgation of the order through the bureau of animal industry is due to the influence of Eastern packers, who fear California competition. A circular has been issued by that bureau, notifying dealers and transportation lines that contagious and infectious diseases known as splenic or southern fever exists in the cattle in California, as well as in Arizona and New Mexico, among the coast states and some of the middle and southern states as well. California cattle-raisers claim that the disease does not exist among their cattle and that the quarantine is a scheme to build the market by shortening the supply.