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## FIFTIETH YEAR. MORE THAN FIFTY LIVES ARE LOST

List of Casualties in the Texas  
Floods is Piling Up.

## RAGING WATERS INCREASE. See People Preparing to Flee from Their Homes—Situation is Grave— Wires Down and Traffic Stopped.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]  
Austin, Texas, April 9.—Reports today from Bastrop, Fayette and Wharton counties on the Colorado river below here, are to the effect that the full force of the flood is just being felt there. The water is rising so rapidly that the people are preparing to desert their homes with all possible speed to protect their lives.  
Reports have been received from Bastrop that twelve people were drowned there during the night.  
In Wharton and Fayette counties the situation is even more grave and it is expected today's flood in that section will not only pile up an immense property loss but the list of lives lost will be considerable.

Dallas, Tex., April 9.—Reports received at Dallas today from the flood sections show conclusively that more than fifty lives have been lost including those at Austin. Many of the localities where lives were lost are off the railroad and telegraphic lines.  
Most of them are in the Colorado valley, south of Austin and Bastrop. At point it was reported from La Grande that the river is still rising and menacing more country districts. The stream is now four feet higher than during the great flood of last year.  
Bastrop is entirely surrounded by water and cut off. The property damage is enormous.

The wires in the southern section are in a worse condition than ever before. All wires along the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad south of Temple were cut today.  
Railroad traffic in the southern half of the State is abandoned and all routes to California are gone because of the washouts on the western division of the Texas and Pacific.

E. B. Green, of the Harpoon club, has received telegrams from Rockport of heavy damage to club property on St. Joseph island by a severe storm in Matagorda bay, along Matagorda peninsula and Matagorda island. A number of small vessels were wrecked and the lives are believed to have been lost.  
Thirty river at Dallas continues to rise and is nearly a mile wide here. Considerable loss has been reported. The southern half of the State is abandoned and all routes to California are gone because of the washouts on the western division of the Texas and Pacific.

Heavy Snow in Montana.  
Bozeman, April 9.—Snow has been falling for the past forty hours and there are nearly two feet on the level. The storm is heaviest in twelve miles. The clouds are lowering and rain and the benefit will be great.

## SHOOTING OF CAPT. OSTHEIM. Coroner's Jury Decide That It Was Accidental.

Chicago, April 9.—A verdict of death by an accidental wound was decided on today by the coroner's jury in the case of Captain Louis Ostheim, of the First United States artillery, who was found dead last night in his apartment at the Auditorium annex. At first it was believed the death of Captain Ostheim was a premeditated suicide, but no motive has been found for such an act. Captain Ostheim was to have been married today to Mrs. Eva Bruce-Wood, and secured a license Saturday. Captain Ostheim, it is said, had been in the city since his return from the Philippines, and had suffered considerably from insomnia.  
The revolver with which Capt. Ostheim shot himself had been purchased by him for self protection Saturday, and he carried a large amount of money with him. It is the theory of his friends that the captain awoke Sunday morning in one of his nightmares and shot himself, not knowing what he was doing.

## ABOUT PENSION CLAIMS. G. A. R.'s Proposition Received with Favorable Comment.

Washington, April 9.—The committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Commander-in-chief A. D. Shaw and Gen. Daniel Sickles, who are endeavoring to secure legislation for the creation of a court of pension appeals, has submitted the proposed measure to some of the most eminent jurists of the country and it has been endorsed by them. The committee has also conferred with the local authorities and others who have examined the bill, said Gen. Shaw today, are of the opinion that the measure is a large amount of money with him. It is the theory of his friends that the captain awoke Sunday morning in one of his nightmares and shot himself, not knowing what he was doing.

## DEWEY WILL COME TO CHICAGO.

Trip from Washington to be in a  
Handsome Train.

## RECEPTION NOT POLITICAL. Celebration Ceremonies to be Succeeded by a Twelve-day Trip in the South—Mrs. Dewey's Religion.

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Washington, April 9.—The Chicago reception committee, consisting of W. B. Conkey and J. M. Glenn, had a final interview with Admiral Dewey today. No mention was made of politics, the admiral's only allusion to the matter being that since he had accepted the invitation to visit Chicago last October, conditions had so changed that he was accepting no further invitations. He assured the committee he was glad to accept the hospitality of the city of Chicago. He told the committee he had received invitations from various organizations there to become their guest, but had not accepted them. He had placed himself solely in the hands of the city of Chicago. He requested that there be no separate entertainment for himself and Mrs. Dewey. He wished matters to be so arranged that he could attend all the functions at which he would be present. The admiral was assured that his wishes in this respect would be carried out, and was also informed that arrangements had been made to have his train, which is now a resident of Chicago, participate in the various entertainments.

The admiral's party, consisting of himself and Mrs. Dewey, Lieut. Caldwell, Mr. Maddy, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the Chinese servant and Mrs. Dewey's maid, will leave this city in a special train over the Baltimore & Ohio on April 23, in time to reach Chicago and rest before the ball at the Auditorium on the night of the 30th, the eve of the second anniversary of Manila bay.

The train will be one of the handsomest ever run over the Baltimore & Ohio tracks. Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will occupy Prest. Cowen's private car. No stops will be made between Washington and Chicago, as the admiral does not wish the trip to have the appearance of a stumping tour.

After leaving here the party will take a twelve-day tour through the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. So far as outlined this will include a stop of one day at Jacksonville, Ill., two days in St. Louis, two in Memphis, two in Louisville, two in Nashville and one in Frankfort, Ky.

Admiral Dewey was asked today concerning the story in circulation that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic church and would become a communicant at St. John's Episcopal church here. He replied it was a matter he did not wish to discuss; that he did not know whether Mrs. Dewey was a Catholic, a Methodist, or an Episcopalian. It was a matter entirely personal to her, and would not attempt to reveal the law in any way. Howard is in Clay county at his home.

## Price of Sugar Raised. New York, April 9.—All grades of raw sugar were advanced 1-16c.

## SALT LAKE COUNTY VOTE CANVASSED.

Board of Commissioners Meet for  
that Purpose Today.

## EIGHTY-EIGHT DISTRICTS.

## Work will, it is thought, be finished by Tomorrow Evening—Through With Twenty-one.

The board of county commissioners met today for the purpose of canvassing the returns of Salt Lake county in the special congressional election, held one week ago today. The law requires that county commissioners throughout the State shall meet for this purpose the first Monday after an election. There are eighty-eight districts in Salt Lake county, twenty-one of which only had been canvassed up to a late hour this afternoon. No discrepancies were found and the returns thus far canvassed will be the same as those already published.  
It is not believed the board will finish its labors until some time tomorrow evening. After the work is completed County Clerk Dunbar will certify the result to the State canvassing board, composed of Secretary of State Hammond, Attorney General Bishop, Auditor Richards and Treasurer Chipman. As soon as the returns from all the State are in, the State board will canvass each county and report the result to Governor Wells, who will then issue the certificate of election.

## STORM IS WORTH MILLIONS TO THE WEST.

Precipitation Equal to Fifteen Inches of Snow Has Fallen in Salt Lake Valley—Kane County Gets Rain for the First Time in Seven Years—Storm Will Break Tonight—Critical Time for Utah Fruit—Warmer Tomorrow.

"The storm of the last forty-eight hours is worth millions of dollars to the west and hundreds of thousands to Utah," said Bishop W. B. Preston when asked by a "News" representative this afternoon for his opinion as to its value.  
This is the view that is taken by a very great number of men from all parts of the State. Of this latter class there were many who thronged the "News" office today asking particulars as to the extent of the rain and snow fall. Scores of them were from the south where there has been so little precipitation the last few years. When assured that much moisture had fallen there the last twenty-four hours, they were exceedingly pleased knowing that it meant so much to them. The fact is it means fair if not good crops a strong probability and luxuriant and succulent grass for the horses, cattle and sheep that roam the ranges there.  
At Cedar City, sixty-two hundredths of an inch of rain fell yesterday afternoon and last night during

which period Salt Lake received but thirty-two hundredths of an inch. This means that the people of iron county got almost twice as much precipitation in the same length of time as Salt Lake. This same proportion seems to have held good in all of the southern counties except in the eastern tier where the rainfall was doubtless light as Grand Junction, which is just over the Utah Colorado line, got no rain at all.  
The storm has been quite general over the west extending from the coast through Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Arizona and New Mexico have, however, so highly favored, however, as Phoenix and Santa Fe report having received no rain. The total amount of precipitation in Salt Lake since the present storm commenced will now reach very nearly one and a half inches. At 2:30 this afternoon one and thirty-two hundredths of an inch had fallen which would equal about thirteen and six-tenths inches of snow. Measured from this standard not less than fifteen

inches of snow have fallen in Salt Lake valley since the storm commenced. The value of this it would be difficult to compute in dollars and cents.  
Inquiry at Logan brings information to the effect that the same weather conditions obtained there as here and the farmers of Cache county are accordingly very jubilant although their joy does not reach that pitch obtained by the farmers and stock raisers of Southern Utah, which appears to have been very generally and generously embraced within the storm area. The report is that there has been a very big downfall of rain in Kane county, where rain has been an entire stranger for the past seven years. The telegraphic report is: "We have had several fine rains here and it is still raining."  
During almost the whole of today, the snow fell without interruption, giving the city, valley and mountains a garb whiter and more wintry than they were at Christmas time. The snow, however, melted rapidly and the prospects are, it will have entirely disappeared

from the lower levels by the time another twenty-four hours have come and gone.  
TONIGHT WILL BE CRITICAL.  
Observer Murdoch, of the Utah weather bureau was found in his office this afternoon making a critical examination of the records and signs of the delicate meteorological instruments under his direction. This indicated a break in the storm, and at least a partial if not an entire clearing away of the clouds after 4 o'clock this evening. "Tonight," said he, "will be a very critical period for the Utah fruit crop. Last night the temperature fell to thirty degrees above zero. Tonight it may fall to twenty or three degrees below that and probably more. If it does it will do great damage. If tonight it is passed in safety the probability is that the fruit crop will be saved and that an abundant harvest will be gathered, as by tomorrow afternoon the weather will warm up somewhat. It will tell whether Utah will have an abundant fruit crop or not."  
St. George, Utah, April 9.—A steady rain fell here Sunday from 3 a. m. till 6 a. m., doing the farmers an immense amount of good.  
The prospect of showers since; stockmen are rejoicing.

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## SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD.

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According to announcement in the Chicago papers, Captain Louis Ostheim and Mrs. Eva Bruce Wood were to be married in this city today, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Walter B. Plummer. After the ceremony Captain Ostheim and his bride were to leave immediately for the East, visiting Philadelphia, the captain's former home, and other cities. After May 1, they were to be at home at Fort Stevens, Savannah, Ga., where the captain's battery is stationed.

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Captain Ostheim's military history throughout is a record of transfers to more important posts and of promotions in rank.  
Mr. Plummer was notified of the death. "I am sure the captain's death was

## GEN. BRABANT'S FORCE CUT OFF.

That is, So far as London News  
from South Africa Tells.

## ENGLISH DISHEARTENED.

Effect of Little News on the London  
Public—Afternoon Papers in  
Sharp Criticism.

London, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going as if at will, as wide a region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of the British. The retirement of the Irish rifles from Rouxville to Allval leaves Gen. Brabant without his main force. He has 2,000 or 3,000 colonials, holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested so far as London knows. Telegraph and railroad communication with Bloemfontein are kept up as usual but nothing comes through for public consumption. Lord Roberts' last message was dated April 6, and the last unofficial message bore date of April 7. The absence of news as usual disheartens the people and produces an altogether discouraging effect.

The last unofficial message notes that good spirits at Bloemfontein are continuing on the arrival of animals and two fresh cavalry regiments. Lord Roberts has now 15,000 mounted men altogether.  
In the Orange Free State the situation is complex with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation, and the afternoon newspapers not being in the confidence of the managers, are criticizing the conditions of affairs as they see them. Thus the St.

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At 1 o'clock this afternoon the First Presidency, Apostles, First Presidency, and Brethren of Stakes, Bishops and counselors, were held in the Assembly Hall beginning at 10 o'clock this forenoon. President Snow presiding. The meeting was such a one as is always held by the First Presidency, and was held in the Assembly Hall beginning at 10 o'clock this forenoon. President Snow presiding.

## TRIUMPH FOR ANTI-CIGARETTE.

United States Supreme Court Ren-  
ders a Decision.

## CASE CAME FROM CHICAGO.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]  
Washington, April 9.—The United States Supreme court today decided the case of *Guindling vs. the City of Chicago*, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional.  
The opinion by Justice Peckham held the ordinance not to be unconstitutional.  
Big Box Company Fire.  
New York, April 9.—The Edward T. Smith box factory was destroyed by fire today. The flames spread to adjacent structures and caused a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.  
The loss on the box factory is about \$100,000. The wood yard of Geo. W. Piper at Provost and Page streets was destroyed with small buildings containing machinery, loss \$10,000. Other losses were as follows: Post and McCord, the Brooklyn Iron Works, \$20,000; Alexander Columbia coal yard, \$20,000; Church & Co., soda works, \$10,000; the Brooklyn Old Works, \$25,000.

## HOUSE AFTER LAND GRANTS.

Inquiry as to Acreage in Forest  
Reserves, for Railways, Etc.

## MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

Act of Jan. 5, 1893, Extended to Pen-  
sioners—Agricultural Appro-  
priation Bill.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]  
Washington, April 9.—Mr. Wilson (Idaho) called up the following resolution of inquiry, which was adopted:  
Resolved, That the secretary of the House be requested to inform the House the number of acres now included within forest reserves as belonging to land granted to railroads or other corporations at the time of the creation of such forest reserves; also the amount of land scrip issued therefor; also what extension of existing reserves are in contemplation, with the amount of railroad lands in proposed reserves, or extensions, and the number of acres located in the forest reserve strip.  
Mr. Wilson said the information was desired as a basis for legislation in contemplation by the committee on public lands.  
A bill was passed to extend the provisions of the act of January 5, 1893, to all Mexican soldiers pensionable under law.  
The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the bill under the consideration of the committee on public lands, which was closed earlier by unanimous consent.

Mr. Wadsworth, chairman of the committee on agriculture, briefly explained the federal provisions of the bill, which carried \$1,150,000.  
In the Senate today.  
Hawkins Bill, Government Work, and Muzzling Dogs Considered.  
Washington, April 9.—The bill for the government of muzzling dogs passed by the House was presented in the Senate today, and at the request of Mr. Cullum, was ordered printed.  
Mr. Cullum said he would not ask for a conference.  
Mr. Gallinger, in presenting a petition of the Association of Machinists praying that the law be passed which he done in the government navy yards instead of in the shops of private corporations, said he thought the work ought to be done in the navy yards, despite the plea of economy.  
A discussion of the muzzling of dogs was presented by the presentation by Mr. Gallinger, of letters and petitions protesting against the order of the commissioners of the District of Columbia requiring the muzzling of all dogs.  
An informal attempt was made to fix a day for a vote on the Quay case.  
The Indian appropriation was then taken up the pending question being that the United States should not be bound by the Indian school.  
The amendment for contract Indian schools was defeated, 16 to 30, as follows:  
Yale, Carter, Clark (Mont.), Darr, Hancher, Hatfield, Jones (Ark.), Kener, McLaughlin, Martin, Money, Morgan, Pettigrew, Talmadge, Turley, Van Dine, Vreeland, Wadsworth, Wilson, Wood, and others.