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## BASIS FOR BIDDING.

WHAT THE NEW 4 PER CENTS.  
WILL YIELD.

Net Rate Per Annum Calculated from  
Two and One-Half to Four Per Cent.  
—Death of Nichols, a Magazine  
Writer, in Denver.

### What Will You Offer?

The Secretary of the Treasury Friday prepared and gave out for publication a table showing the amount which should be bid for the new 4 per cent. bonds in order that the investor might realize any rate of interest between 2½ per cent. and 4 per cent. per annum. Following is the table:

2½ per cent.	130.874
2¾ per cent.	124.923
3 per cent.	119.322
3 1/16 per cent.	117.974
3 1/4 per cent.	116.647
3 3/16 per cent.	115.330
3 1/2 per cent.	114.650
3 5/16 per cent.	112.781
3 7/16 per cent.	110.292
3 15/16 per cent.	109.085
3 9/16 per cent.	107.800
3 13/16 per cent.	106.721
3 11/16 per cent.	105.551
3 15/16 per cent.	104.402
3 13/16 per cent.	103.281
3 7/16 per cent.	102.171
3 15/16 per cent.	101.978
4 per cent.	100.000

### Found Dead in His Bed.

Walter Clark Nichols, who arrived in Denver Thursday night from New York City, was found dead in a bed in his room at the St. James Hotel under circumstances which indicate foul play. Mr. Nichols was sent to Colorado for the express purpose of writing up the Cripple Creek gold country by the publishing house of Harper Brothers, New York, and was prepared for a long stay. He had long suffered from heart trouble, which threatened to result seriously. Mr. Nichols was supposed to have spent the evening at the University Club and returned to his room after midnight showing the effects of dissipation. Closer investigation develops that he missed his way to the club and wandered into the toughest district of the city, where he was drugged and robbed. He is the son of the proprietor of the Times of Buffalo, N. Y.

**Large Failure at Columbus, Ohio.**  
A. C. Ady, dwelling house builder, at Columbus, Ohio, assigned Friday, Assets, \$554,000; liability, \$400,000. The assignee is Ben Monett. Ady has 100 or 110 pieces of property. He has been a builder of what were called cheap houses. The houses had all modern conveniences, but were put together with nails, looked well, had good tenants when not sold, and his career as a builder was looked upon as remarkable. People all over the city are living in houses bought from Mr. Ady, and which have not been fully paid for. More local persons are interested in this assignment than would have been in that of any other firm or individual in the city. The annual income of the property is \$40,629; interest on mortgage indebtedness, \$19,982; valuation of property, \$554,000; incumbrance on property, \$279,000; floating debt, \$121,515.

### Real Battle Reported.

A big Cuban battle is reported, with 1,000 killed or wounded. Collazo is said to have stormed the city of Guira and Gomez came to his aid. The Spanish troops were driven into a cathedral after a fierce street fight, and the insurgents forced surrender on the threat of burning the structure.

### BREVITIES.

Gov. Jones of Nevada is dying of cancer of the stomach.

Minnie Palmer, the actress, is to marry the Duke d'Estelle of Navarre on May 15.

Gen. Ezeta and his filibustering expedition against Salvador are reported to have been captured.

At Richmond, Va., Jacob Hackett and T. K. Hackett assigned to day, liabilities \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

The New York Board of Health census shows that there are 10,942 old maid in that city, and that there are 24,055 more women than men of marriageable age.

The Spanish cabinet has refused to accept the resignation of Captain General Campos, in command of the forces in Cuba, and has decided to send him large reinforcements.

A high officer of the Government is authority for the statement that unless Turkey makes prompt reparation for the burning of American mission buildings at Harput the United States will collect the \$40,000 indemnity by force, probably by sending the Smyrna custom house.

Eight masked men dynamited the safe of the Farmers' Bank at Verona, Mo., Friday morning and escaped with \$9,000 in cash, all it contained. The robbers entered the city on horseback, secured Night Watchman Hoover, and bound him to a tree across the street. They then easily forced the front doors of the bank, and in a short time literally blew the vault and safe to pieces with dynamite.

The anti-English manifestations continue in Venezuela. At Valencia the Venezuelans divided themselves into two parties—one representing English invaders and the other the patriots—and began a sham fight. Those on the Venezuela side became so excited they went at it earnest, with the result that several who were enacting the role of Englishmen received severe stab wounds. The police had to be called in to stop it.

At an adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Bank du Peuple at Montreal, Que., it was decided to go into voluntary liquidation; \$400,000 has to be met at once and \$4,000,000 of deposits in two years. The directors have given a guarantee of \$2,000,000 for the \$4,000,000 deposited, for which they are personally responsible.

John J. Ramage, ex-Auditor of Delaware County, Ohio, was sandbagged by three men near Marysville. He was robbed, thrown on a railroad track, and run over by a train. He will lose an arm and leg and may die.

### EASTERN.

**Martinus Sieveking**, the young Dutch pianist, who was to have made his New York debut about the middle of this month, is missing and now nobody knows where to find him.

The employees of W. J. Rainey, the Scottdale, Pa., coke operator, met at New Haven and adopted resolutions demanding an advance in wages equal to that recently given by the Frick Coke Company, and threatening to strike if their demands are refused. The foreign workmen are eager for a strike, but the English-speaking workmen are more conservative.

While four workmen were being lowered into the new shaft of the Luke Fidler mine at Shamokin, Pa., Monday, the "billy," which balances the elevator and which weighs 1,000 pounds, fell upon them without warning. They were instantly killed, their bodies being crushed so horribly as to make them almost unrecognizable. The shaft bucket in which the four men met their sudden death was guided by big cross pieces and arms, known as the "billy." The wire rope passed through this "billy," and it is supposed that ice had formed on the rope. The bucket passed the ice in safety, but the "billy" was caught by it and the bucket had descended several hundred feet before the heavy weight caused the ice to give way and allowed the "billy" to fall upon the men. This colliery had been idle since Oct. 8, 1894, when the mine was set on fire by a careless workman and six lives were lost, four of the bodies not being recovered for nearly a year. One of the killed Monday was a brother of one of the victims of the former disaster.

Stephen H. Emmons, who is president of a gold mining company at 1 Broadway, New York, has sent an open letter to President Cleveland offering a unique plan for maintaining the gold reserve. He said in part: "If the Secretary of the Treasury will put himself in communication with the owners of gold mines throughout the country he can cause the entire gold production of the United States to be placed at the disposal of the Government in exchange for silver coin. So far, at any rate, as the mines which I personally possess or direct are concerned, I am willing to undertake that their output of gold—a very considerable amount—shall thus be dealt with; and there cannot be any doubt of every other American gold mining corporation being ready to do the same. The assistance thus obtainable by the Government will not involve any bond issue, and will not saddle the nation with any interest charge or syndicate remuneration. It will add to the volume of home currency at the same time that it will equally increase the amount of international currency in the treasury."

Watt Jones, alias Robert Montague, alias Stetson, alias Comstock, a well-known bank thief, was arrested Monday in New York city. William Pinkerton, of Chicago, says that Jones is not so desperate a criminal as some people make him out to be. "He would be more successful if he would leave drink alone, but it always down him," said the big detective. "The story of his forcing a bank cashier in Denver, Colo., to sign and then cash a check for \$10,000 is all bosh." Jones stole \$500 in silver from John West in the West Hotel, Minneapolis, a few years ago, with "Kid" Harris for a helper. In August, 1879, Jones was with the "Jiminy" Carroll gang that robbed the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Galesburg of \$120,000. Carroll was captured by the sheriff, but the gang waylaid the sheriff at East St. Louis, and after giving him a terrible beating rescued Carroll. Jones on Oct. 2, 1891, was arrested with four other well-known bank sneaks for robbing a bank in St. Louis. He had escaped to Kansas City and was arrested there. He has served seven years in the prison at Kingston, Ont., for a job done in St. Thomas, and he has also been confined in St. Paul.

### WESTERN.

The report of the expert submitted to the Omaha City Council shows that City Treasurer Henry Bohn's shortage exceeds \$115,000.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of James Parker, aged 18, a son of the late Thomas Parker, ex-Mayor of Lebanon, Ind., for alleged abduction of Ora, the pretty 12-year-old daughter of Barton Goldsby.

At Hennepin, O. T., Mrs. Delose Nelson's clothing took fire while she was washing, and before the flames could be extinguished she was fatally burned. Her husband in attempting to rescue her had his hands burned to a crisp.

Charles Webb, a resident of Chicago since 1853, and a lineal descendant of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, died Sunday night. His four daughters and two married sons were at his bedside and each received a parting word before the pioneer left this world. His wife died four years ago.

The New York Advertiser says: Positive announcements come from Indianapolis concerning the much-talked-of engagement of ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Dimmick, and though neither one of the contracting parties will say a word, it is nearly certain that the marriage will take place.

The battleship Oregon, ready for sea, which Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Secretary of State of the Transvaal, had with Emperor William Tuesday his majesty declared that he would not recognize any claim of suzerainty over the Transvaal. Great Britain by the treaty of 1884 claims suzerainty over the Transvaal Republic. A semi-official denial was issued of the statement from Cape Town, contained in a dispatch from the Times of London, that Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Secretary of State for the Transvaal, with a secret fund at his disposal, had floated a German colonization company, with the intention of introducing 5,000 German military settlers into the Transvaal.

Dispatches received in London after midnight Tuesday from Berlin reiterate in terms which almost compel belief that it is Germany's intention to declare the independence of the Transvaal republic. London morning papers credit the announcement, and they interpret that it means war. The editors of the principal London journals were invited to meet Mr. Chamberlain Tuesday. The results of the inspiration received at these interviews are words that will send the country to arms as soon as they are read. The Government announces that several regiments from the First army corps will leave England at once for the cape. A fleet has been ordered to Delagoa Bay, where German cruisers are now lying. It is plainly intimated in the inspired editorials that England is prepared to deal both with the German emperor and with any dictator, plainly meaning Mr. Rhodes, who may assert himself in British South Africa.

These allusions strengthen the belief that a revolution has been attempted or is now existing in Cape Colony under Rhodes' leadership. The news of the surrend-

er state of civilization. We have laid out and constructed highways. We have built cities and towns, school houses and churches. That we have accomplished all this in spite of the wrong-doings and numberless privations which because of unfriendly legislation we have been forced to undergo proves beyond question our capacity for self-government."

### WASHINGTON.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate to revive the grade of lieutenant general in the interest of Gen. Miles.

Congressman Fletcher (Minnesota) introduced a resolution to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents and Congressman Woodman of Illinois introduced in the House the following: "Whereas, the republic of Cuba has, by its enterprise and ability in statesmanship and arms, secured the control of the greater portion of the territory of the island; and, Whereas, the armies of the republic of Cuba are now within sight of the capital city, the former government of the island and the great majority of the entire population do accord allegiance to the newly formed republic; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be requested to make an early report on resolutions heretofore referred to said committee touching on the affairs of the Cuban republic and its proposed or existing rights as a civilized nation."

An echo of the Associated Press dispatches from Venezuela was heard in the House of Representatives Thursday. As soon as the journal had been read Mr. Livingston (Dem.) of Georgia sent to the clerk's desk and had read the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States is hereby requested to forthwith ascertain whether Great Britain is advancing her outposts on the territory in dispute between her colony of British Guiana and the republic of Venezuela, or is reinforcing posts heretofore established with troops, police or ordnance; and should the President become cognizant of the fact that British military or police force is advancing to invade or reinforce, or since the 17th of December last, has invaded or reinforced posts formerly occupied within said disputed territory, he demand the immediate withdrawal of said soldiers and the reduction of the police force in said territory to not a greater number than were occupying the British outposts on the aforesaid 17th of December, 1895." Mr. Livingston asked for unanimous consent to make a brief explanation of the resolution, but Mr. Bonelli (Rep.) of Maine objected and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

### FOREIGN.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Standard says the papers there say that the Emperor has ordered Prince Leopold of Prussia to a fortnight's confinement in his own room, owing to his behavior toward his wife, Princess Louise Sophie of Schleswig-Holstein, after the skating accident at Griesenitzsee, which nearly resulted in her being drowned.

It is said that never since the days of the Crimea has England been so militarily excited. The leading papers grow more belligerent in tone; the whole nation expresses the greatest bitterness toward Germany for the Kaiser's action in the Transvaal matter, and the latest apparently authentic report that France and Russia will sustain the Emperor has but added fuel to the flames. The war spirit is high also in Germany.

A dispatch was received by the Boston Globe Monday afternoon from Batatabano, Cuba, saying that the insurgent forces had captured Havana. It was impossible to either confirm or discredit this report. The dispatch is claimed to have been received by the cable operator from Havana and is as follows: "Cubans have captured the city—Havana. Morro castle alone holds out. General Campon is—Here the dispatch ended abruptly, as cable communication between Havana and Batatabano was cut off.

In view of the numerous misstatements which have been made with reference to the improvements at Blenheim Castle, the home of the Duke of Marlborough, the duke authorized the publication of the report of the chartered accountant, showing that the entire improvements were paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the Sunderland Library, and the portion of the Blenheim pictures, enamels and china, to which the present duke became entitled at his majority, his father being only entitled to the income of the capital sum.

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