## Around the Globe.

Grant Statue-A new marble statue of Gen Grant in the cotunda of the patienal capital represents the contrinational capitol represents the contributions of Grand Army veterans in times of fee cach. Mrs Grant was present at the ceremony of unveiling, her demands in the factorist was children, Algernon Sartoris and Mrs Sartoris, Eulogies of Grant was demanded in the Louse of representatives by Messis McCleary of Mindrey of Grovenor of Ohio, Richardson et al. (1988). Warner of Himors, Linguistic Carolina, Gardner of M. Intara, Brossus of Pennsylvama and Debyer of Iowa. The statue is the serie of Franklin Simmons, an America, scriptor.

day, May 28, along a strip of territory about 25 miles wide, extending from Norfolk, Va., southwesterly across North open and Louisiana between New Orleans and Laton Roage, thence to the gulf of McMeo. It lasted two minutes. There are alout 65 total oclipses in a century, but the entire area over which it may be seen is only a very minute portion of the entire surface of the earth. The asters portion of the United States will be touched by paths of totality in 1918, 1925 and 1959.

Pension Changes-A change in the pension law has been made wher by the old policy of aggregating the penthe old policy of aggregating the pensioner's disabilities is restored. Many pensioners who have received the maximum of \$12 a month for their chief disability can now combine their minor and major disabilities, with so much per month for each, and thus get more than \$12 per month. It is estimated that this plant will reduce the number of special pension hills passed by congress, thus offsetting in part or whole the increased expenditure. Another change in the law provides that a soldier's widow whose income is less than \$250 a year is entitled to a pension, the former limit was \$96 per year.

The Race Conference at Montgomcry. Ala, brought out a vigorous expression of sentiment in favor of the repeal of the 15th amendment of the constitution of the United States and the disfranchisement of the negroes, in place of the means now employed by the distranchisement of the negroes, in place of the means now employed by some states to insure white supremacy. The speakers who urged this policy were bourke Cohran of New York, Mayor Waddell of Wilmington, N.C., and William H. MacKellar of Lowndesters, Ala, who wore be writh applicable. bore. Ala, who were heartily applauded.

Confederate Losses-For the first time since the civil war the house has passed a measure to pay confederate passed a measure to pay confederate peliers for lesses growing out of the war. It was a bill introduced by Reposentative Cox of Tennessee, to pay the confederate soldiers who surrented at Appointed for the loss of Lies and other personal effects taken from them in volation of the terms of Lee's capitulation to Gen Grant by which officers and men of Lee's army were allowed to retain their baggage, side arms and horses. The bill originally carried \$200,000, but the specific sum was stilcken out and the appropriation was made indefinite. The bill was passed out of its order as a special compliment to Mr Cox, who, after ten years or vice in the house, is to retire at the end of his present term.

Political-The platform adopted by the populists at Sloux Falls denounces the currency and banking system established by the present administration, and calls for the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1; demands graduated income and inheritance taxes and postal savings banks, the ownership and operation of the railroads by the government, and the ownership and control of the trusts by the people. The Philippine war is denounced as one of conquest, the levying of duties upon Porte Rican goods is demounced as unconstitutional and as "taxation without representation." The government is called upon to use its influence to end the Roer war. Col William J. Bryan was nominated for president by acclamation. The nominee for vice spresident is Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, formerly a republican, who became a silcurrency and banking system

ver man in 1896. The middle-of-thever man in 1896. The middle-of-the-road populists at Cincinnati nominated for president Winartof Barker of Phil-ad-lpitia, a banker, and for vice-presi-dent functions Domethy of Minnesota, Their manneal plank calls for "a spe-er's and absolute paper money based spen the entire wealth and population of the nation, not redeemable in any positic commodity."

The tepublican nominee for governor of illinois is Judge Richard Yates of Jackschrolle, son of the war governor of the state. The platform indorses the McKinley administration and favors tuch legislation as will destroy all unlawful combinations of capital."

Important Tax Decision-According to a new decision of the United States supreme court as to the inheritance tax, ( The Eclipse—An event of a lifetime was the total eclipse of the sun Monday, May 28, along a strip of territory about 25 miles with, extending from gressively, according to the relationship of the individual inheritor and the amount he receives. Heretofore a uniform tax has been levied on an entire estate, so that a person who received \$10,000 from the estate paid as large a proportion as one who inherited a million. Under the new decision legacies under \$10,000 escape the tax, and the levies increase with the size of the legacies, varying with the degrees of relationship. Thus if an estate of \$1,000,000 in personal property is bequeathed in amounts less than \$10,000 each, it escapes the federal inheritance tax. A large estate passing to a few heirs will pay a larger tax than at present, and it is pretty generally assumed that the new decision will current the treasury. The power to tax in this way is given, inferentially, to the states as well as to the federal government.

Another Island-The American flag was raised over the little island of Tuwas raised over the little island of Tutailla of the Samoan group April 17, by capt B. F. Tilley of the United States bary, the native chiefs having subscribed to a document avowing "great thanks" that our government is in control, ceding the islands of Tutuila and Manua and premising to obey our laws. These islands came to 'he United States through the partition decid-a upon by Great Britain, Germany and our government last fait, and comprise the harbor of Pago Pago, possessing great strategic value. strategic value.

From Washington-Up to May 10 the number of national banks organized with a capital less than \$50,000, under the law of March 14, was 225, scattered through many states.

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The appropriation for the navy as passed by the senate was 63 millions, two villions note than provided by the house. The bill as left by the senate authorized the secretary of the navy to procure armor of the best quality at \$445 a ten; but if he be unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$450 a ten for the armor for the battleships Maine, Ohlo and Missouri, and proceed to erect an armor factory, the cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available. The secretary is directed to purchase five Holland (submarine) torpedo boats at a price not exceeding \$170,000 each. price not exceeding \$170,000 each.

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