

out, have occurred today at Wall Creek, near Summit in the Siskiyous, where the

Business Streets of Town.

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that it would be impossible to get the King County delegation to support Preston, so long as he insisted on their voting for the commission bill. But the wilv old banker, who has been with the inner circle in more close political fights than have fallen to the lot of any other man in the state, soon discovered that the same influences that had prevented Preston's election would also affect him. He canvassed the situation thoroughly, checked up the votes, and then decided that Harold Preston was doing all that any man could do under the circum-

railroad company has recently completed extensive and very expensive revetments Near the state line at Cole there are several washouts. Northward in Josephine County the floods in the tributaries of Rogue River are causing much trouble. Overland train No. 15, which arrived here from Portland today half an hour late has been held at Ashland all day, and the northbound overland No. 16 has been held at Hornbrook on the south side of the Sieklyous all afternoon,

Heavy rains begun Sunday and have continued stendily ever since, increasing the past 48 hours, with a rising temperature, which has melted the snow in the mountains and swelled the volume of water in all the streams, which are overflowing their banks, and in some instances doing much damage in washing out bottom lands along their course, besides the damage to bridges and highways.

The total rainfall since the storm gan Sunday, and up to 6 o'clock this evening, according to the official record at Ashland, has amounted to 41/2 inches. The rainfall here today from 8 to 6 o'clock amounted to 1.1 inches, and there is no evidence of an abatement of the downpour. At 8 o'clock tonight it is not expected that trains will be able to move before tomorrow morning, although every effort is being made by the railroad management in the battle against the elements. A half a mile of track between Ashland and Medford is reported under water tonight.

#### HEAVY RAINFALL AT EUGENE.

#### Willamette Is Expected to Reach High Water Mark of 1890.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 24.-(Special.)-The rainfall in the past 24 hours here has been the heavlest since the establishment of any system of record, 2.51 inches. The Willamette River is rising very rapidly and much danger from flood is expected. The Government gauge now registers 195 feet, and the river is still rising. It is the general opinion that the flood will be as high as that of 1890, which was 21 feet. Farmers along the river bottoms have been busy all day trying to get their stock and chattels into places of safety, but a number of reports are coming in of sheep, hogs, etc., being lost, and a number of families are threatened with the loss of their homes. There can be no doubt that damage to the county in roads and bridges will be very great.

#### Women and Children Rescued.

At 11 o'clock tonight Mrs. W. H. Chap. pei and three children were rescued with difficulty from their home on East Eighth street by the woman's brother and J. M. Talley, a teamster. A wagon was backed up to the door and the family, together with a few personal effects, was taken from the residence, which was completely surrounded by water to a cor siderable depth. The family of C. M. Hill in an adjacent house are also in danger, At 11:30 P. M. the river gauge registered 22 feet, and the Willamette is rising at the rate of seven inches per hour Telephone wires south of here are down. and communication is shut off. Driftwood is pilling up against the Eugene bridge and endangering that structure. The north approach will no doubt be swept away.

A messenger has just arrived from the suburbs east of Eugene, saying that resi-

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 24.-(Special.)-Powder River threatens to overflow a portion of Baker City tonight. The gas works is in danger, and men are out trying to save several bridges on some of principal streets. What is known as the the Baldock dam was carried away this afternoon. The sudden rise in the river is due to a warm rain that has been falling during the past 24 hours, which has melted the snow in the mountains, A rise of two feet more will flood the main streets of the city and cause heavy damage.

#### DANGER AT ALBANY. Fear That Freshet Will Carry Away

Railroad Bridge. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 25, 1:30.-(Special.) The continued rains of the past two days have caused freshets in this section which in some instances have become somewhat alarming. This is particularly true of the (Concluded on Second Page.)

Will Pull for Preston.

Mr. Furth did not relent, however, until he had lined up the King County delegation so that it could not get away for a few days. Having accomplished this much, he returned to Scattle this afterpoon, and matters tonight, with the seasion two weeks old, are in practically the same position they were on the first day

of the session Harold Preston will not withdraw from is investigating.

Cause of Massachusetts Explosion. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- In answer to the department's order that details of the accident on the battle-ship Massachusetts, which occurred last week, resulting in the death of an entire gun crew of nine men. be immediately furnished, the following cablegram was received from Rear-Adbers of either house present, and the miral Higginson, dated San Juan, January 24:

fore the return of the Legislators Sunday

While opening the breech of an S-inch gun with the lock, a primer exploded by concussion, the breech being one-third opened. Responsibility not yet placed by the board."

#### Beat His Child to Death.

SMITH CENTER, Kan., Jan. 24 -- Albert Jordan, a wealthy farmer, has been placed in jull at Crystal Plains, near here charged with the murder of his 4-year-old adopted child. While in a rage Jordan beat the child and later it died. The citizens are excited, and there has been some talk of violence. A Coroner's jury

Madden was u for until this afternoon, when it was learned that he was at home ill with grip, and had been forbidden to leave his house by his physician. In spite of his condition, however, he decided to attend this evening, and at the hour named was in his seat and cast his vote for Mr. Teiler. There were no Republican mem-

Representative M. J. Madden, of Denver.

legality of the election is not admitted by the Republican leaders. The session today had been uneventful and when, at 4:45, Representative Madden came into the Senate chamber, he was greeted with a burst of applause. This

was renewed when, on the rollcall for a The Senate discusses the Indianola postoffice ballot, he cast his vote for Mr. Teller, and when the call was finished and the

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nocratic Representatives had signed sentatives. It has taken three years to agreement to vote with anti-Wolcott obtain the consent of the British and Republicans for the expulsion of 'any Democratic member who willfully ab-Canadian governments to adjust the boundary disputes on this basis.

It is understood that the treaty has een drawn up after thorough consultation with the leading members of the Senate of both political parties, the Administration desiring to do everything possible in advance to secure its ratifica-

The commission proposed is curious in omposition, consisting of an equal number of members upon each side, without an umpire or odd man to cast the deciding vote. No other terms of arbitration would have been acceptable to the people of the Northwest, who see in this arrangement a practical extinction of any chance of a decision hostile to their plans. On the other hand, to get a verdict favorable to the American claim, our case must be so strongly presented as to win the sunport of at least one of the Canadian contingent.

The treaty will be submitted to the United States Senate very soon, and an effort will be made to ratify it before the expiration of the present session.

### WHAT ALASKA MOST NEEDS.

Provision for Poor and Insane Suggested by Grand Jury.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 24 .- Secretary Shaw today sent to the Senate a report of the grand jury of the First District of Alaska, indorsed by Judge Brown, in which are contained several important recommendations. The jury reports that there is

great need of some provision for the care and maintenance of the insane, indigent sick and paupers of Alaska. Other recommendations are for the payment of fixed salaries to United States Commissioners and Deputy Marshals instead of fees; the rebuilding and enlargement of the Juneau Jail; and adequate laws for the protection

and preservation of hte salmon supply. The grand jury finds after investigation that past attempts to regulate gambling have been ineffectual, as owners of public gambling-houses, upon conviction in the courts, were fined triffing amounts, which they promptly paid and in five minutes had returned to the practice of their unlawful occupation. The slot machine nulsance, the jury believes, could be stamped out if the Marshal and his depities would but earnestly endeavor to put a stop to the illegal use of these devices, The jury recommends that there should e a more severe penalty for repeated offenses against the law prohibiting the

sale of liquor to Indians.

## SENATOR MITCHELL ILL.

#### Under Doctor's Care for Several Days, but Now Recovering.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 24 .- For three or four days past Senator Mitchell has been confined to his room as a result of an attack of indigestion. He has been under the doctor's care and has been unable to look after his routine business or correspondence, and will not be able to do so for several days to come. His trouble proved somewhat stubborn at the outset and did not yield readily to ireatment, but his doctor says tonight that the Senator's temperature has gone down to normal, his pulse is strong and he is greatly improved. He expects to see him out again the middle of next wook,

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