RUIN SPREAD BY WATERY PLAGUE

Great Flood Swamps Pittsburg and All Surrounding Towns.

THOUSANDS ARE MADE IDLE

Rivers Force Close of Steel Mills and Other Factories-Beats Are Means of Traffic - Whole

Ohio Valley Is Flooded.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 15 .- Spreading rule and disaster in its path, the annual flood of the rivers and small streams of this section holds Pittsburg in its grasp tonight. At 10 o'clock the water had reached a stage of 26 feet and was rising a halffoot an hour. The weather bureau predicted 30 feet by tomorrow morning, and possibly a foot higher when the crest of the flood arrives late Sunday afternoon

At the headwaters the rivers continue to rise and scores of cities and towns in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are partially inundated. In the Pittsburg district alone the dam age, it is expected, will amount to several

Million dollars. The record flood of last year, when the water reached a stage of 35½ feet, caused damage estimated at 10,000,000, but sufficient warning was given this year to save much property.

Makes 20,000 Men Idle.

A conservative estimate places the number of men thrown out of work by the flood here at 20,000. This great increase to the army of unemployed is expected to result in much suffering. For weeks charitable organizations have been soliciting funds for the unemployed, and today additional appeals were made for contributions to assist the flood victims.

A great number of families have been

A great number of familles have been compelled to move their household goods to upper stories. They go to and fre in skiffs. On the north side of Pittsburg tonight the policemen are patrolling their beats in skiffs.

Thousands of families have been com-pelled to move to the second floor of their homes; trolley lines in some sections are homes; trolley lines in some sections are out of commission; several railroad lines have been abandoned in part; cellars are filled with water; pavements in the lower portion of the city have collapsed; several towboats and barges have sunk; telegraph communications interrupted; hundreds of men thrown out of employment in the mines and manufacturing plants along the river manufacturing plants along the river banks at Springdale, near here; two valuable Government dams in danger of demolition from heavy loe gorges,

As the water rises the serious proportions of the flood increase and it is expected that a majority of the steel and mills will be forced to suspend The men have only recently resumed ork after weeks of idleness and a great

Large ice gorges in the Allegheny and Youghlogheny rivers above this city are momentarily expected to break, wrecking and demolishing craft in its path. Some alarm is also felt for a number of bridges, Several railroads and streetcar lines been forced to abandon service in this city on account of the water covering their tracks. All the small streams in jowns surrounding Pittsburg are beyond their banks and the water is rapidly The tow-boat Robert Taylor, which

was wrecked last night at Coraropolis is entirely submerged today, and will be a total loss.
Flood stages are reported from all points above here. At Franklin, Pa., the water is several feet above the danger mark this morning and rising. A similar situation prevails at Johns-

wn, Freeport, Warren, Greensboro ad other places. The Allegheny River is filled with floating ice, and a large gorge several miles long is slowly approaching the River, and another from West New-

ton, on the Youghiogheny River. Landslides on Railroads.

Several heavy landslides happened along the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston Rall-road from the rain, delaying trains and making the run dangerous. The Baitimore & Ohio tracks, freight-houses and

McKeesport the water is rising gradually and it will be necessary to close the steel and iron mills of that district. Thousands of workmen will be affected and great hardship will be experienced, as the men just recently returned to work after weeks of idleness.

Many coal mines along the river banks are flooded and thousands of coal miners compelled to abandon their work, In Allegheny a squad of patrolmen are guarding the inundated districts. Many

plants are partially submerged and hun-dreds of men are out of work. At Beaver, Pa., the Ohio River has risen II feet in ten hours and indication

a flood stage of dangerous pro-

STREAMS RISING IN KENTUCKY

Lumber Concerns Along Rivers Fear Great Damage.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 15.—Streams throughout Eastern Kentucky are rising rapidly as a result of the four days' rain and great damage is feared by lumber concerns along the Kentucky, the Red, Cumberland, Lloking and Big Sandy rivers. Rivermen have extra forces of en at work, strengthening log booms to thousands of logs which will own upon them. This rush has

eral towns in the lowlands along the Licking River are reported as in danger of the water. Most of the fencing in the owlands has already been carried away. on railroads and interurbar running out of this city is delayed be- withdrawn. cause of high water.

WASHOUT ON BIG FOUR ROAD

Water Submerging Many Towns Along Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—Flood condi-tions are reported at various points on the Ohlo and its tributaries, and the danger line will probably be passed here within a few days, Damage has en reported at Springfield, Dayton, Over half a mile of track on the

Whitewater division of the Big Four Railroad, near Harrison, slid into the flooded Whitewater River early today, tying up traffic on that division. The Whitewater River is higher than last year. The lower part of Harrison is under water, and a score of families have been compelled to move from flooded homes. The river was at a standstill Saturday, but additional rains were reported from Whitewater headwaters.

Big Four officials stated that the washout would not affect traffic on the main line to Chicago and Indianapolis. The Cincinnati, Lawrenceburg & Aurora traction line was badly crip-pled by washouts, and none of the cars ran on schedule today

MUCH OF BUFFALO FLOODED

People Travel on Boats and Rafts. Blasting Ice Gorges.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 15 .- A heavy rainfall and melting anow under a high temperature today sent Buffale and Scajaquada Creeks out of their banks, and late today low-lying streets in South Buffalo were under from 2 to 5 feet of water. The flood covered an area of about two square miles. Boats and improvised rafts were used as a means of ommunication between houses in flooded district and higher ground.

Many points in Western New York and
Northern Pennsylvania reported high
water. At Cuba. N. Y., a large section of the town is under water. Large
quantities of dynamite are used to blast

While watching the flood at Bradford, Pa., R. R. Caldwell, 71 years old, was struck by a train and killed. WATER BLOCKS THE RAILROADS

out ice.

Worst Flood in 20 Years-Coal Mines Inundated.

EVANSVILLE Ind. Feb. 15 .- The Ohio Rivers continue to rise here rap-idly and the biggest flood in years is now looked for. The worst washouts in 20 years were reported along the Evansville & Indianapolis Ratiway and nostrains have been run on that road today between Oakland City and Wash-

ington, Ind.

The switches of the coal mines at Littles and Messy have been washed away and several coal mines along the road are reported filled with water. The losses will be heavy.

The White and Patoka Rivers are ris-ing rapidly and flooding the lowlands for many miles. The Wabash River is also out of its banks. Snow is falling tonight

WHEELING DRIVEN TO HILLS

Thousand Families Flee and Relief Committee Gives Food.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15.—One thousand families have been compelled to flee from their homes to higher ground owing to the flood. The relief committee decleded to order tonight immense quantities of bacon, rice and other foodstuffs, which will be put up in small packages and distributed tomorrow to the suffering poor.

In the wholesale district and in a portion of the retail district hundreds of merchants are tonight moving out of the path of the rising waters.

Mohawk River Rising.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A thaw that has continued since Wednesday, followed by a warm rain last night, has melted much of the great body of snow covering Central and Northern New York, discharging quantities of water into the valleys. The Mohawk River At points below Pittsburg the flood is gradually getting worse and a stage of from 40 to 43 feet of water is predicted for Steubenwille, Ohlo, by tomorrow night.

The damage to river craft and property located near the rivers is

Danger Line at Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 15. After almost continuous heavy rains since last Sunday the weather has grown very cold here and since last night strong winds, snow and sleet have prevailed. The river here, it is predicted, will be near the danger line

False Alarm of Broken Dam.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 15,-Alarming re ports were received today from the flooded district and rumors were pre-valent that the Lewiston reservoir had broken through its walls, but investigation proves that the reservoir is still

Receding at Reading.

READING, Pa., Feb. 15.—The flood in the Schuylkill River reached its height tonight, when it was nine feet above low water mark. The fee broke up without using any damage and passed down e river at this point, after which the waters began to recede.

Hundred Houses Flooded.

SPRINGFIELD, O., * Feb 15.-Buck Creek is higher than since 1898 and fully 100 houses in this city are flooded. Boats are kept busy all night carrying people out of their submerged homes.

Out of Banks in Mississippi. HATTIESBURG, Miss., Feb. 15 .- Leaf River is over its banks at this city. Residents in the lowlands are making preparations to move. The railroad and telegraph wires are down in every

Susquebanna Also Rising.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Feb. 15 .- The Susquehanna River is rising and there are fears of an ice gorge here. A heavy rainfall was reported from points along the river today.

DRAWS GUN IN CONVENTION

Lieutenant-Governor of Oklahoma Causes Pandemonium.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 15.—A special to the State Capitol from El Reno states that in the Canadian County convention George Bellamy, Lieutenant-Governor of the state, had an altercation with State Senator Wm. Johnson, wherein Mr. Bellamy secured a six-shooter and caused a general pandemonium. Two conventions were organized and the majority conven-tion drew up a stinging resolution de-nouncing Mr. Bellamy as a state officer, but on Mr. Johnson's personal plea it was

Attell and Kelly Matched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- Abe At tell and Eddie Kelly were matched tonight to fight 20 rounds February 28 or the featherweight championship, hey will weigh in at 122 pounds at 8

Hearings on La Follette Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15,-The Senate committee on education and labor decided today to give public hearings Friday and Saturday pext on the La Foliette employers' liability bill.

SOLDIERS MORE

House Committee Completes Army Estimates.

EXTRA FOR RE-ENLISTMENT

Scale Ranges From \$15 for Privates to \$75 for Electricians-Extra Pay for Marksmen and Skilled Gunners.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 15.—The House committee on military affairs today agreed to the report on the Army appropriation bill, having completed its amendment increasing the pay of enlisted men of the various grades of service. The bill as it will be reported to the House will carry \$85,254,066, which is \$9,413,081 less than the estimates submitted. The amendment increasing the pay of enlisted men is intended to place the Army service on a footing comparable to the Navy service. The scale agreed upon is as follows:

Sergeants and Skilled Men.

Master electricians, master signal lectricians, \$75; engineers, \$65; regimental sergeants-major, regimental quartermaster-sergeants, regimental commissary sergeants, sergeants-major, senior grade, coast artillery, battalion sergeants-major of engineers, post quartermaster-sergeants, post commisquartermaster-sergeants, post commus-sary sergeants, post ordnance ser-geants, battalion quartermaster-sor-geants of engineers, sergeants, first-class, signal corps, and first sergeants, sergeants, first-class, hospital corps, electrician sergeants, first-class, \$45; battalion sergeants-major of infantry and ueld artillery, squadron sergeants-major, sergeants-major, junior grade, coast artillery, battallon quartermaster-sergeants, second-class; sergeants of engineers, ordinance and signal corps, quartermaster-sergeants of engineers and color sergeants, \$36; sergeants and quartermaster-sergeants, cavalry, artilquartermaster-sergeants, cavalry, artillery and infantry, sergeants of the hospital corps, firemen and cooks, \$30.

Corporals and Privates. Mess sergeants, \$6 a month in addition to their pay; corporals of engineers, ordnance, signal corps and hospital corps, chief mechanics and mechanics, coast artillery, \$24; corporals of cavalry, artillery and infantry, mechanics of field artillery, blacksmiths and farriers, saddlers, blacksmiths and farriers, saddlers, wagoners and artificers, \$24; privates, first-class, of engineers, ordnance, signal corps and hospital corps, \$16; trumpeters, musicians of infantry, artiliery and engineers, \$15; privates of cavalry, artiliery infantry signal corps and

artillery, infantry, signal corps and privates, second-class, engineers and ordnance, \$15. An honorably discharged soldier who has served the period of his enlistment will be entitled to continuous service-pay if he re-enlists within three months, on the following scale:

Re-enlistment and Marksmen.

Three dollars monthly during the second and third enlistments each for privates, cavalry, artillery, infantry, signal corps, and \$1 menthly during each subsequent enlistment up to and including the seventh, after which there will be no further increases. there will be no further increases.
Soldiers qualifying as marksmen will
receive additional pay of \$2 per month;
as sharpshooters, \$2 per month; as expert riflemen, \$5 per month; as second-class gunners, \$2 per month; as first-class gunners, \$3 per month; as gunpointers, gun-commanders, observer second-class, chief planters and chief loaders, \$7 per month; as plotters, ob-servers of the first-class and casemate electricians, \$9.

No change is made in r crease for foreign service. is made in rates of in-

Enlisted Men in Bands

The pay of enlisted men in military ands, exclusive of the band of the bands, exclusive of the band of the United States Military Academy, is fixed

as follows: Chief musicians, \$75; prin musicians and chief trumpeters. ergeants and drum majors, \$36; corporals, \$20; privates, \$24, with continu-

ous service pay.

It is provided that Army bands or members thereof shall not receive remuneration for furnishing music outside the limits of military posts when the furnishing of such music places them in competition with local civilian musicians.

UNDOING STILLINGS' WORK

Roosevelt Reduces Price of Printing in Government Office.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - President Roosevelt today approved an order reduc-ing the price of composition to be charged by the Government Printing Office from \$1.20 to 80 cents an hour for hand com-position, and from \$1.80 an hour to 80 cents per 1000 ems for machine composition. The order was recommended by William S. Roesiter, who is conducting an investigation of the printing office as the President's personal representative.
In support of the recommendation Mr.

Resiter indulges in some criticism of the new cost accounting system in operation in the printing office. The system, he says, is made almost absurd by the fact that the estimate clerks make their estimates by fixed units as to the cost of work, while the bill clerk renders his bills for work on the basis of its actual cost, based on the system of reports. The prices which were reduced today were raised in November last from practically the same figure which has been

RESTORE MOTTO ON COINS

James Assured Committee Will Re

port Bill Favorably. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - Repre sentative James, of Kentucky, appeared before the House committee on coin-age, weights and measures today to make an argument in support of his hill to restore to the United States gold coins the words "In God we trust." On leaving the committee room, Mr. James said he had been assured that his bill would be reported favorably next week.

BIDS FOR DIRIGIBLE BALLOON

Ten Men Offer to Build Big Gasbag for Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Another effort was made today at the Signal Of-fice to obtain satisfactory bids for the construction of a dirigible balloon. When proposals were opened in General Allen's office, a month ago, six bids were received, but because of the incompleteness of the specifications so-companying them, all were rejected. The specifications cover the construc-tion of a dirigible balloon to carry a combined weight of 350 pounds and at



February is uncertain; better be certain to have a reliable raincoat.

"One can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." nor a reliable raincoat out of cheap cloth.

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least 100 pounds of ballast. It is to be designed to have a speed of 20 miles an hour in still air. The trial flight will be held at Fort Meyer, Va. Ten bide in all were received. The bidders included some of the well-known manufacturers, and in addition known manufacturers, and in addition one from Paris, France, from Louis Lupetts, who offered to construct a balloon in 30 days for \$20,000. A bid of \$6750 came from Thomas S. Baldwin, of New York City. G. F. Myer, of Hammondsport, N. Y., submitted the lowst bid, \$6000, the balloon to be delivered in 100 days. in 100 days.

RAISE THE ILL-FATED MAINE

Steps Taken in House Looking Toward This End.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-With a view washington, rec. la-with a view to the raising of the ill-fated battle-ship Maine and the "proper burial of its dead, now lying with the hulk of that vessel in the harbor of Havana, Guba," Representative Sulzar of New York today introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy York today introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for papers and correspondence bearing on the international status of the ques-tion, and the rights of the Government of the United States in the matter.

New Flour for Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Com-nissary-General of the Army has demissary-General of the Army has decided to purchase for shipment to the
Philippines, Kansas wheat which shows
the best results in mixture with the
California flour. This means that no
more contracts will be awarded for
Australian flour, which has hitherto
been shipped to the islands. The
Kansas-California blend has been found an equal of the Australian product, and it is the policy of the Government to buy its military supplies of domestic sources whenever possible.

Plans for Army Supply Depot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Plans and specifications have been compiled in the Quartermaster-General's office for the extensive work which is contem-plated at Fort Mason, Cal., where there will be established a general military supply depot. Congress has authorized an expenditure of \$1,500,000 for the construction of buildings and pler at that place. It will be the most impor-tant shipping point and troops-transfer station in the country.

TURN TABLES ON GRAFTERS

DEMOCRATS INDORSE DUNNE. WHO CONVICTED THEM.

Attempt to Secure Censure of Appellate Court's Critics Proves a Boomerang to the Authors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15 .-(Special.)—The San Francisco Demo-cratic Club has piedged itself un-qualifiedly on record in favor of the continuance of the graft prosecution at its meeting tonight, by unanimously pledging its support to Judge Frank H. Dunne for re-election to the Su-perlor bench and at the same time decouncing the action of certain attor neys in protesting against the criti-cism which has been directed at the

District Court of Appeals. The indorsement of Judge Dunne came in a Democratic manner. Certain attorneys in the club friendly to the indicted magnates endeavored to place the club on record as opposed to the violent criticism of the Appel-

late Court which upset Judge Dunne's rulings in the Schmitz case. Not only did the club reject the resolutions framed in the interests of the indicted millionaires, but turned around and passed a set of resolutions praising Judge Dunne for his stand in the Schmitz case and indorsed him for re-election this Fall. The resolutions are extremely laudatory.

This is the first political action of any kind bearing on the graft prose-

cution since the Appellate Court's de-GRAFT CASES ARE POSTPONED

Prosecution Asks More Time in Case of Supervisors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The arraignment of M. W. Coffey and Andrew M. Wilson, formerly supervisors under the regime of Eugene Schmitz, was continued this morning in Judge Dunne's department of the Superior Court. The continuance was asked for by the District Attorney. The two men who are charged with receiving a trolley bribe were pres-ent with their attorneys.

The trial of Eugene Schmitz on the re-

maining French restaurant extortion cases was set for this morning before Sucases was set for this morning before Su-perior Judge Dunne. Schmitz was pres-ent with his attorney, but owing to the calling of several witnesses in the action to set aside the indictments against J. Dalzell Brown, of the defunct California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, the date of trial was fixed for February 29. George F. Duffey, former supervisor and afterwards president of the Board of Public Works, charged with bribery, ap-Public Works, charged with bribery, appeared before Superior Judge Lawlor this morning to plead. At the request of his attorney and with the consent of the District Attorney, the time for pleading was

continued one week

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COUNTY OFFICERS "MEDDLING" IN AFFAIRS OF THE CITY

Vigorous Expression From an Oregon Sheriff on Civic Unrighteousness and Necessity for Reform.

E. M. SHUTT. HE editorial columns of The Ore gonian are so completely and ably voicing the sentiments of the moral people of Oregon on the question of lav and order that little remains to be said. However, there is one very important issue along that line upon which the writer has noticed scarcely any comment in the public press. We refer to the question of "whether or not county officers have a right to meddie in mat-ters pertaining to city affairs." It is a matter that is being discussed and agi-

tated in the small towns and cities throughout the State of Oregon. This question has become so acute in Southern Oregon that Mayor Reddy, of Medford, has filed with the Secretary of State an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment, giving to incorporated towns exclusive authority to license, regulate or suppress saloons, poolrooms theaters, racetracks and similar places thereby abrogating the present local option law. This question will of course be people of the county. There are, of voted upon at the state election next course, some sheriffs and district attorvoted upon at the state election next June, and the friends of good government must turn out and promptly defeat this proposed amendment. Attempts to

Legislature. Mayor Reddy says: "We don't like to have county officers meddle in matters that relate to city affairs." Now, we all know that the best interests of the town and country are so identical and closely related to each other that no dispute should arise over matters of local government. The trouble is that we have not yet eliminated from official circles all Baker City, to prevent his being elected the Mayor Reddys in Oregon, and the sheriff and putting the lid on the town few remaining ones must be weeded out again next Spring. We don't believe the few remaining ones must be weeded out

as quickly as possible. You may rest assured that the city of town that has respect and reverence for law and that stands for civic righteous ness and public decency has no desire to secede from nor to nullify the state criminal laws. The town that is governed by men who stand for law and order, who have regard for their oaths of office, and who have a sense of their moral duty to society, has no fear of a "meddling" Sher iff, but is glad and willing to work in conjunction with him for the betterment

of social, moral and financial condition

The municipality that doesn't want to

on "meddled" with by the state criminal

laws is usually governed by men stand for a wide-open, Cripple Creek, riproaring town, where gambling and thievery thrive and where everybody, including father, works on Sunday. Mayor and Councilmen and Marshal and Recorder of such cities are nearly always to be found spending their leisure moments in the saloons, at the gambling tables or some similar place of amusement. They are usually men who regard home as simply a quick-lunch counter and a place to sleep. Home, in its high est and noblest and grandest sense—th very foundation of the government itself is an unknown institution to them.

The wife of such a man stays at hor year in and year out, slaving along with the children and house drudgery, never knowing what it is to enjoy the sweet companionship and tender, protecting love of a husband and father. Wife and children see him only at meal times, for after business hours and all day Sundays he sits at the card tables in the saloon or at the Pastime or at the club. He is blind to his duty to his family and t the moral, welfare of his city. He ha the maral, welfare of his city. He has degenerated into simply a money-making machine, and will sacrifice everything, even the honor and future welfare of his boys and girls, for the almighty collar. His sons have to look to the school teacher at school and the Town Marshal on the streets for their moral and intellected training not derive to follow the lectual training, not daring to follow the precept and example of their father. He is a moral coward and as an official he owned body and soul by the law breaking element. He will tolerate any civic condition so long as it contributes

to his financial welfare. Of doesn't want any Sheriff to with his policies.
In most of the towns of Oregon the saloon element is strong enough to elec a "favorable" Mayor and Cay Council by importing a bunch of floating tin-horns if necessary. The City Council collects the license money from the saloons, gambling dens and houses of prostitution, and of course expends the money in the city. When these incuba-tors of crime hatch and bring forth their Public Works, charged with bribery, appeared before Superior Judge Lawlor this morning to piead. At the request of his attorney and with the consent of the District Attorney, the time for pleading was continued one week.

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armers and the stockmen butting in and "meddling" with city anairs, for there are perhaps thousands of dollars of Circult Court bills to be paid. Ninety-five per cent of all crimes are incubated if not perpetrated in the saloons of the cities

and towns. Mayor Reddy, has the country tax-payer no interest in the way his home town is run? Has he nothing to say when his boys and girls come to town to attend school and fall prey to the vicious town environments? Has the farmer nothing to say when his harvest hands come to to say when his harvest hands come to town Sundays, get drunk and don't re-turn for several days, while his crops and hard work are sacrificed for want of

help?
In such cases as these a law-enforcing aheriff or district attorney proves a God-send to the farmer and stockman and the law-abiding element of towns and cities, after the easy-going city authorities re-fuse to do their plain duty. These county officers represent a higher power, and are usually under no abilipations to the vicusually under no obligations to the vic ious element for their election. They can bring order and decency out of this chaotic state and be upheld in it by the neys in Oregon who have no desire to else that might lose them a few votes. Such officers belong to the gang above enact such legislation were promptly described, and their chief pursuit is crushed at the 1906 session of the Oregon playing politics and smiling upon and winking at anything and everything, even the devil himself, if he could in some manner help keep them in office. Look at Baker City for instance. The

writer attended the funeral of his noble friend, the murdered ex-Sheriff Harvey K. Brown, and it has always been our opinion, from all the findings of the de tectives, that this splendid specimen of Oregon manhood was murdered by the tinhorn gamblers and horse thieves of Miner's Union had anything to do with this dirty piece of work. The District Attorney, Sheriff, Mayor, City Council and Police Officials in that city are not doing their duty in maintaining an atmophere in which gambiers and law-break-ers generally congregate and prosper. If they refuse to stop gambling and Sun-day opening of saloons they should be fired out by the voters next June, and successors elected who have a clearer conception of their oaths of office.

It is really refreshing to see a mayor or any other public official rise above his surroundings and take a firm, manly stand for law and order. It is astonish-ing how quickly he can change the moral complexion of the city without in the least damaging its financial interests, for after all there is a latent majority in every community that stands ready and willing to come to the support of a pub-lic official who has the meral stamina and courage to take a stand for the right Such men as Mayor Reddy and the others we have described belonging to a past age, and have no place in official life in this great, growing, regenerated West. Eliminate the moss back official and professional politician and install patriotic men who hold sacred their oath

What we need in Congress, in the Gov ernor's office, in all state, county and municipal official circles are men who are not afraid to do their plain duty, whatever this calls for, even though an apparent majority are against them on the start. Great and small reforms spring from herole and persistent minorities. Lincoln, Roose emulation. ish good examples for emulation. HEPPNER, OR.

FRESCOS OR FURNACES

Proposition to Place Steam Heat in an Italian Cathedral.

The guests in a hotel parlor not long ago were enforced and amused listeners to the experiences abroad of a newly rice matron in sumptious attire who had not yet learned to moderate her voice.
"Give me America every time!" she
proclaimed. "No more sunny Italy for me. When you're outdoors you toast one side of the street and freeze tother, and when you ain't, it's worse. Houses like cellars, and galleries like tombs, and big, dead-cold churches that ain't fit for any-

dead-cold churches that aln't fit for any thing but cold storage." "Mame got me to go to a cathedral in Florence once, a day it was snapping out-side. Well, I stayed five minutes, with my furs plied up to my ears; and then I just grabbed Mame, and we came out

steam-heating plant put in there quick, before any more fool travelers like us, that have left their happy homes in a country where folks know Winter's Winter, for this land of art and sunshine, can be killed off in their innocence by double

"But I'll tell you what I'll do,' I told her. 'I'll write your pa and get him to donate the heating apparatus, and send a man over to hustle it right in. My, won't that make our Italian friends sit up and take notice!"
"Well, if you'll believe it, Mame was doubtful and everybody else laughed. They explained it wouldn't do, because there'd be disfiguring pipes, and the head would crack the freecos, and a lot more nonsensical little things like that. The upshot was, they'd been uncomfortable so long they wanted to stay so.

long they wanted to stay so.
"You can't throw a gift in people's teeth if they don't want it, naturally; but no more Italy for me. Frescoes are well enough, but furnaces are better. Give me steam heat and progress and good old Uncle Samuel! Mame don't like me to

say so, but she's just putting on airs." HOLD-UP IN THE SUBURBS

Proprietor of Lakeview Hotel on

Linnton Road Folls Robbers. Shortly before midnight an effort was made to held up the Lake View hotel and saloon, which is just outside the city limthe proprietor, was alone in the place at the time, and hearing a whistle, went to the door, believing that it was someone with a team who desired to have refreshments brought outside. He was met at the threshold, however, by a masked man, who, with revolver in hand, com manded him to throw up his hands. Lip-zinger instead quickly jumped back into the hotel stamming and boiling the door after him. He then secured his revolver and went outside to seek the robber, but could find no trace of him. The police

and the Sheriff were both notified. Another holdup occurred between 10 and 11 o'clock at Riverdale. G. H. Durham was surrounded by three young men, two of whom thrust revolvers in his face while the third went through his pockets The man who searched him wore a handkerchief over his face to conceal his features and the other two retired several feet away so that they could not be The thieves got only a triffing sum.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- The Alaska-Pacific Company's steamer Buckman, Captain B. B. Wood, left for Seattle and

Late Shipping News.

AUCKLAND-Arrived-Foreric. and San Francisco, for Sydney, N. S. W. Hongkong-Arrived previously-Nippot Maru, San Francisco, via Honolulu, Yoko Coronel-Arrived-Herm, Portland, Or J for United Kingdom or Continent.

Taking Tonics, and Built up on Right Food. The mistake is frequently made of trying to build up a worn-out nervous system on so-called tonics—drugs.

New material from which to rebuild wasted nerve cells, is what should be supplied, and this can be obtained only from proper food. "Two years ago I found myself on the verge of a complete nervous col-lapse, due to overwork and study, and to lilness in the family," writes a Wis.

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"My friends became alarmed because I grew pale and thin and could not sleep nights. I took various tonics prescribed by physicians, but their effects were off shortly after I stopped taking them. My food did not seem to nourish me and I gained no flesh nor blood.

"iteading of Grape-Nuts, I de-termined to stop the tonics and see what a change of diet would do. I ate Grape-Nuts four times a day with cream and drank milk also, went to bed early after eating a dish of Grape-Nuts before retiring.

Nuts before retiring.

"In about two weeks I was sleeping soundly. In a short time gained 20 lbs. In weight and felt like a different woman. My little daughter whom I was obliged to keep out of school last Spring en account of chronic caterri, has changed from a thin, pale, nervous child to a rosy healthy girl and has

San Francisco Shipping.

Tacema with 80 passengers and 1900 tons of freight. Included in the Buckman's cargo were 500 tons of cement and a speclai shipment of 60 tons of machinery for the Kodiack Gold Mining Company. The William Bayles is being fitted out in preparation for another voyage in the Arctic and Behring Sea.

STOPPED SHORT