made from the way it passed the sen-

Wednesday, February 13.

Salem, Feb. 13. - With only one

Representative Newell proposed a

the special election the officer whose

resignation is asked is also a candidate.

and should he not be re-elected he

## **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

In a Condensed Form for Our **Busy Readers.** 

## HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Eventof the Past Week.

The British cabinet stands firm for

The church crisis in the French cal inet has been staved off.

The trouble which caused a susper sion of all Butte papers is far from an

his trial for destroying letter press

Four separate investigations are being made of the Brewster, New York, railroad wreck. The death list has now

An explosion in a coal mine near Monterey, Mexico, caused 30 deaths. Register Noian, of The Dailes land

A forest fire is raging in the 800,000acre forest reserve in the Wichita mountains, Oklahoma. The entire tract is threatened with devastation.

Street railway employes of Helens went on strike for an increase of 50 cents a day. Four hours later they were at work with the advance granted.

An ice gorge in the Missouri river, near Vermillion, S. D., has caused the river to leave its banks. One hundred families are homeless and farmers are

There has been an anti-British out break in India,

A French cabinet crisis is threatened on the church question

A Chicago grand jury may indict Mayor Dunne for not enforcing the law.

Brownsville citizens testified at the senate investigation that many families left the city because they feared negro

The investigation of Senator Bailey of Texas, has proven that the senator received money from the Waters Pierce

In a head-on collision between two Northern Pacific trains near Helenn, two firemen were killed and nine pas-sengers injured.

The Western Retail Lumbermen's As sociation, in convention at Salt Lake, adopted resolutions against prevailing high lumber prices,

The Japanese Corean Exhibiton League, of San Francisco, says Mayor Schmitz and the school board surren-dered to President Roosevelt.

Hayti and Germany are quarreling.

The floods in Nebraska are receding.

A bill for woman surffage has been introduced in the house of commons.

ed to Roosevelt's plea for the leasing of

Discharged negro soldiers declare there was a plot to kill them at

The house pension committee has announced that it has completed its work The president has reached a final

agreement with the Californians on the school question. Senator Hopkins of Illinois, threat-

ens to talk the river and harbor bill to death. He would have a three weeks' The Postal Telegraph company he

announced an increase in pay for its employes following the action of the Western Union in advancing wages.

Railroads of the United States need \$500,000,000 for improvements, but since the Interstate Commerce commission inquiries they cannot obtain the money on watered stock and the railway magnates don't know where to

Floods in Nebraska have blocked

Castro has caused the wholesale arrest of suspected enemies.

Tends Smoot's right to a seat in the The British cabinet has announced

the first step towards Irish home rule.

The Massachusetts legislature has petitioned congress to revise the present tariff laws.

The Thaw trial has been postponed on account of the death of the wife of

Hermann's original letters have bee admitted as evidence in his letter book trial. Postponement has also been granted to give further time for the de-fense to prepare for the admission of

Trouble with employes has caused all de main's after the first, namely, the papers in Butte and Anaconda to suspend and in a statement the publishers declare they will not issue another paper until the men give in.

Kuropatkin says he met defeat at the hands of the Japanese because his generals disoboyed orders. He makes a ghastly contrast between Japanese valor and efficiency and Russian indifference

Ex-Governor Higgins, of New York,

Music of Saw and Hammer Continue Night and Day.

San Francisco, Feb. 19 .- San Fran isco, after all, is not going to allow the opportunities for civic betterment brought about by the earthquake and fire to go entirely neglected. A beginning, feeble enough though it be, has been made. Several of the downtown streets are to be widened. The heavy teaming and the congestion brought about where building is progressing have moved the board of supervisors to decree that portions of the sidewalks carb year.

The house this afternoon passed the bill repealing the 3 per cent rebate for payment of taxes prior to March 15 carb year. must be marificed to the thoroughfares. must be sacrificed to the thoroughfares. By unanimous vote the house passed While this in itself is of importance for a bill to reimburse Indiau war veterans the future San Francisco, its greatest to the extent of \$50,000. significance lies in the fact that it has net with general approval and repre sents the first signs of a willingness to make sacrifices for the city that is to be.

The magnificent programme of widened streets, parks and squares outlined Beginning with the second Monday for the city while the embers still in January, 1911, the state printer is glowed is a gradually passing vision, to be placed on a flat salary of \$4,000 a but those who unselfishly love San Franisco still have hope that part of the great plan at least will be realized. The street widening is the first ray of hope

A walk about the burned section shows that a wonderful amount of rebuilding has been accomplished. Since the first of May new buildings to the value of \$45,000,000 have been begun. Plans are being drawn for a like amount. In every case the structures are erected under rush orders. In several instances work has continued night and day. The streets resound with the sound of the piledriver, the saw and the hammer by night as well as by day. The last traces of gloom have given way to an abiding faith.

The promotion committee has issued a bulletin bearing on the population of San Francisco at the present time. The committee, after figuring by various methods, comes to the conclusion that the city now contains 425,000 persons. Before the fire the committee figured that the population of the city was 500,000. The figures of the Southern Pacific agree almost exactly with those of the promotion committee. Due all lowance, however, must be made for the zeal of both bodies, and a fair and con servative estimate of the city's popu lation would place it at about 400,000

## STATEHOOD STRIKES SNAG

### Farmers Are Wearying of Oklaho Constitutional Convention.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 19 .- Anxious to get busy with their plowing and fearing they will not receive pay for a long time, if ever, for their attendance on the constitutional convention, many of the farmer delegates have scattered to their homes, intimating that they will not return unless it is to vote for the document as a whole when it is completed by the few men in control of the

The expense of the convention to date above the \$100,000 appropriation made by congress is nearly \$150,000. Pay of the delegates has stopped, and if congress does no come to the rescue with an additional appropriation, some of the delegates will be in a bad way as they cannot afford to stay longer at The house land committee has yield- their own expense. Advices are coming in from the state that citizens here and there are subscribing to funds to send the delegates back to their jobs. Neighborly farmers who do not wish to see the convention entirely in the hands of the lawyers, the politicians and the urban element, have promised to take care of the farm work of the rural statesmen. The daily attendance at the session is now less than 75 pe cent of the 122 delegates, and many of those still here sit sullenly in their seats and let the leaders run things to

suit themselves.

Prominent delegates from Indian Territory and some from Oklahoma are openly charged with a plot to defeat statehood entirely by drawing up a con-stitution that will be rejected by the people at the election next August. Those involved in the alleged plot have been territories for political reasons. Dis affection has now begun to pervade the democratic members as well as those on the republican side, and charges of bessism have become so persistent that there is apprehension the convention may break up.

## Snow Assures Heavy Crops.

Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 19 .- If the heavy snow goes off gradually crops this year will be the largest in the his tory of Kittitas valley. Baled hay is now selling at \$22 a ton. Loose hay, Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, dealfalfa, is worth from \$12 to \$16 a ton in the field. Potatoes are worth \$30 a ton. The Northern Pacific, owing to shortage of cars and equipment, is un able to handle freight inward or out ward bound, causing thousands of dol-lars loss to the railroad company and to

## Give Up Leasing of Churches,

Rome, Feb. 19 .- Advices received by the vatican are to the effect that Pre mier Clemenceau, of France, has ordered respection of the negotiations begun M. Selves, prefect of the Seine, for the leasing of churches. The vatican was not surprised to hear of such action, as

## Kansas May Give \$75,000.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—A bill appro-priating \$75,000 for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was introduced in the senate this morning by the commit tee on ways and means. The exposition tee on ways and means. The exposition is to be held in Scattle in 1909, and the appropriation is to cover the cost of a building and making an exhibit for

Monday, February 18.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The Haines state banking bill passed the senate today. It is very lenient, allowing banks to re duce their reserves to 15 per cent of their deposits and 10 per cent of their time demand deposits, only one-third necessarily to be cash.

each year.

A bill appropriating \$40,000 to the various charitable institutions of the state was passed by the house.

By unanimous vote a pure food bill similar to the Federal statute was passed by the house.

year if a bill passed by the house today secomes law. The governor today vetoed the Smith bill cutting out two normal schools, Following this the house passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the Ashland chool, and \$35,000 for Weston. The

senate appropriated \$45,000 for Mon-The house today passed 43 bills and killed 17. The senate passed 16 bills. Both houses have adopted a resolution to adjourn at noon Saturday, Feb ruary 23. The senate has its business well in hand, but the bouse has an immense amount to dispose of.

## Saturday, February 16.

Salem, Feb. 16.—By a practically nanimous vote the bill requiring old line life insurance companies to create a reserve fund from a certain percent-

age of the premiums received for pol-icies passed the house this morning. The house today passed a bill to en-able the husband or wife to transfer property that was acquired subsequent to the time the other was committed to

the insane asylum.

The house adopted the senate resolu tion proposing an amendment to the constitution by which the number of justices of the supreme court shall be increased from three to five. The people will vote on the proposed amendment at the 1908 general election.

The house postponed action on the bill regulating practice of esternath

bill regulating practice of osteopath physicians.

The house passed the bill creating
Nesmith County from that part of
Wasco County south of the Deschutes
river and the north part of Crock

The per diem and mileage allowane of the members of the house for this session has been made up. The total is 49,705,45. King, of Harney and Malheur, receives the greatest amount, \$120 per diem and \$149.10 mileage. Rogers and Reynolds, of Marion, receive the smallest amounts, each getting \$120 per

## Friday, February 15.

Salem, Feb. 15. — The senate, by a vote of 18 to 11, passed the reapportionment bill of Senator Hart. There will probably be no banking

legislation this session. One bill was certain to be killed and most of the others will die fir lack of time.

The senate bill compelling the issuance of passes to state officers was support of orphans, foundlings and passed by the house today and sent to wayward girls was pasced by the house. the governor.

The irrigation and water code bill

was slain in the house this afternoon. The senate voted to buy the half block between the capitol building and the Southern Pacific to complete the capitol grounds. An appropriation of \$30,000 is made for the purchase.

The senate indefinitely postponed Hodsn's bill making the Associated Press a common carrier.

The house joint resolution favoring ive Supreme court judges as adopted by the senate. Both houses passed the juvenile court bill over the veto of the governor and

the measure is now a law. The bill creating the Port of Columbia for control of pilotage and towage at the mouth of the Columbia passed

The house passed the Jones bill for the purchase and maintenance of the Oregon City locks in conjunction with the Federal government.

The senate today passed 32 bills and the house 11.

Salem, Feb. 14. - The house today dopted a resolution fixing 12:01 a.m., \$1.40@1.50; common, \$1@1.25. February 24, as the time for adjournment of the legislature. It was also voted that no more bills should be reseived except by the standing commit- \$28.50. tees. There are 440 bills on the calendar and consideration of senate measures has not yet commenced. The senate is becoming anxious and is discussing means of forcing the house to act

upon renate bills.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$150,000 to the Agricultural col-The house bill creating the office of

aspector of mines passed that body without opposition Smith's bill to abolish two of the

four normal schools passed the house tonight by a vote of 38 to 16, six absent. Only one slight amendment was

### Post Habituals' Names. Grants Pass-Grants Pass has solved

the habitual drunkard problem in a the secretary of state has enjoyed for novel way that is satisfactory to all years was cut off by the senate when concerned. When a man begins to that body passed S. B. 19, by Kay. make a nuisance of himself by drinking, the city attorney drafts an ordinance enacting that John Jones is a
habitual drunkard, the city council of into the pocket of the secretary of passes it, and John Jones' name is state, as heretofore. The proposed law forth with posted in all the saloons, authorizes a charge of \$5 a year for a which are forbidden under penalty of commission, or \$10 for two years, losing their license to sell him liquor. Formerly the fee was \$2.

the Track

New York, Feb. 18. Sixteen passer have died of their injuries, and at leas ate, changing the time of the meeting of the new board from the third Wed-50 more were more or less seriously in jured in the wreck of the White Plain nesday in June to the third Wednesday and Brewster express on the Harlem A house resolution provides for the division of the New York Central 4 printing of 5,000 copies of the railroad commission bill for distribution to those who desire copies. Hudson River railroad, near Woodlawn road in the Bronx borough of Greater New York Saturday evening.

The train left the Grand Central station at 6:13 o'clock, drawn by two lissenting vote the senate today took heavy electric motors, and loaded with the Chapin railroad commission bill a matinee crowd and commuters or from the table. It is now ready for their way home from business in the the governor's signature and it is said he will sign it. It was also reported city. It consisted of a combination baggage and smoking car, and five tonight that he and the secretary of state and state treasurer had already conferred on the appointment of the coaches. After stopping at One Hun dred and Twenty-fifth street, the train was scheduled to run express to White Plains. At Woodlawn road the four constitutional amendment providing tracks pass through a rough, rocky cut the recall of public officials. The idea and take a sharp curve. When the and take a sharp curve. When the is that where an officer is not serving the people the way he should, a peti-tion containing the names of 25 per train reached the curve it was running at a speed estimated at 60 miles as hour. Both motors and the smoking cent of the voters in his district may be filed asking his resignation. Should car swung safely around the curve, but this not be forthcoming, a special electhe other cars left the rails and plunged tion is called to elect a successor. At over the sides with a terrific crash tearing up the tracks for a hundred rards before they collapsed,

must vacate the office to the successful Among the other bills passed by the enate are: Liquor licenses net to be granted persons who violate liquor later it was said that it was believed laws; appropriating \$125,000 annually that the axle of the first passenger for the State university; authorizing railroad bridge across the Willamette coach broke.

near Oswego.

In the house the general appropriation bill, carrying \$2,267,070, was passed and the \$1 poil tax law was also Follow Passage of Immigration Billrepealed.

The senate passed 35 bills and the California's Case Weak.

### house 16. The larger part of these were of a local nature.

Tuesday, February 12. Salem, Feb. 12. - The senate today indefinitely postponed Bailey's bilis changing the primary law. The vote was so decisive as to make it clear that the law will remain as it is.

The senate also voted down the co stitutional amendment to be submitted to the people granting woman suffrage. With but one dissenting vote the house passed the bill compelling the sale at \$2.50 an acre of land granted the Coos Bay Wagon Road company ac

cording to the terms of the grant. The senate has cut the allowance for the Agricultural college to \$37,500, a

The habitual criminal bill passed the house today. It provides that on second conviction of a crime equal to fel

my the punishment shall be double the sentence provided by statute.

The senate passed the Bingham rail-road commission bill and tabled Chapin s measure. The Bingham bill provides for appointment by the governor.
The house tabled this bill. Except for the method of choosing members the two bills are alike.

The house passed the bill providing be destroyed by a state law. ing armories for the National Guard in stead of paving rent as at present. A bill appropriating \$26,000 for the

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 321/635c Butter Fat-First grade cream, 36c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Poultry-Average old hens, 1314@ 4c per pound; mixed chickens, 1114 @12 1/4e; spring, 13 1/4@14 1/4e; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c;

turkeys, live, 17@17 %c; turkeys, 10@12e: ducks, 16@18c. Fruits-Apples, common, 50@75c per

box; choice, \$1@2.50. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1 25 per ack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@ 8c per pound; sweet potatoes 334@ 334c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per dozen; celery, \$3 @ 3.25 per crate; onions, 10@12% c per dozen; sprouts,

9c per pound. Onions-Oregon, \$1@1.35 per hun-

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, fancy, Wheat-Club, 69@70c; bluestem, 7

@72c; valley, 70c; red, 67@68c. Oats — No. 1 white, \$29; Barley-Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brew ing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Corn - Whole, \$24.50; cracked, \$22.50 per ton. Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$14@ 15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain

hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14. Veal-Dressed, 5%@9c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 2%@3%c per pound; cows, 41/4 @ 51/4c; country steres, 5%@6%c. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8%@9c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c.
Pork—Dressed, 6@836c per pound.

Secretary Loses Perquisites.

Salem-One of the perquisites which

Heavily Loaded Electric Train Leaves

gers were killed outright, four others

The cause of the wreck has not fficially determined. At Grand Central station there was inclination to blame the accident to spreading rails, but

## AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN NEXT

Washington, Feb. 18 .- The state de partment is awaiting the disposition by ongress of the pending immigration bill before proceeding further with the con sideration of the Japanese exclusion question. If the bill is enacted, an imrediate effort will be made to come to a formal agreement with the Japanese government that will insure the con

government withholding passports to America to Japanese laborers. So far as the pending legislation i concerned, it is stated that there is every reason to believe that it will be acceptable to the Japanese government; at any rate, there has not yet been the slightest sign of disapproval in that

An interesting fact that has devel ped in the discussion of the respective ights of state and nation where treaties are involved is that, in at least one case, the California courts have taken the most advanced grounds in favor of the supremacy of the treaties, in one instance holding that the treaty rights of aliens to possess real estate could not

## LOSSES MADE KNOWN Fire Insurance Companies Suffered to

Extent of \$180,000,000. New York, Feb. 18 .- The committee of the five of the thirty-five insurance ompanies which acted in unison in set tling their San Francisco losses by fire and earthquake, today made public in this city the list of their net losses by the disaster. The estimated round value of the destroyed or damaged property insured by the 233 companies in San Francisco was \$315,000,000, and there was a not insurance loss of \$180,000,000, covered by 102,000 policies. The gross loss of all kinds by the disaster is estimated by the committee at \$1,000,000, 000. The 35 companies, in their settle

ments, handled 42,077 claims. The eight largest settlements on individual buildings were: San Francisco Hotel, \$992,200; Fairmount Hotel, \$200, 000; Merchants' Exchange, \$582,000; Shreve building, \$384,497; Spreckeds (Call) building, \$515,000; Chroniele building, \$480,000; Palace Hotel, \$1,265,

## Milk Poisoned With Formaldehyda. Chicago, Feb. 18 .- That thousands of infants in Illinois as well as many larger children, are being sent to pre-mature graves, is indicated by the spe-cial report by State Pure Food Com-

missioner H. A. Jaynes, Commissioner Schuknucht points out that of 35 cities visited not one escaped having sold within its limits milk from unclean and unsanitary cans and vessels or milk not properly strained, showing a deposit of filth, and in 32 of the cities skimmed milk was sold as standard, and was adulterated with formaldehyde, which

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 18.-Five transcontinental railroads through Nebraska are today using the line of the Burlington railroad to the West, due to the good conditions of the Plate river. The Union Pacific is tied up for 200 miles west of Omaha, and the Missouri Pacific. Rock Island, Northwestern, Union Pacific, and Burlington are using the Burlington tracks between Omaha and Lincoln. No freight trains are moving.

### Signal Honor for Mulkey. Washington, Feb. 18 .- For half an

## **AGREEMENT**

## Japanese Coolles to be Excluded From America.

San Francisco School Board Will Admit All Alien Children to Her White Schools Now.

Washington, Feb. 19. - Japanese children are to be admitted to the white chools of San Francisco under certain estrictions; skilled and unskilled laborers coming from Japan are barred from the mainland of the United States and American laborers, skilled and unskilled, are to be excluded from Japan

between President Roosevelt and Secre-tary Root on the one hand and Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board on the other, as an adjustment of the anti-Japanese agitation brought about by the segregation of Japanese The agreement means that the schools of San Francisco will be conducted in he same manner as they were before the borri of education adopted the reso-lution last October, providing for the segregation of the Japanese, except that adult Japanese who are in primary grades must continue to attend the Ori-ental schools, and that Japanese children under 16 will be admitted to classes

with white children of their own ages The State department since the pas-sage of the immigration bill, is prepared to take up again the negotiations that were already in progress with the Japanese government looking to the regulation of Japanese immigration into the United States. It is expected the negotiations will result in agreement between Japan and the United States for the withholding by the former of passports to Japanese of the laboring classes seeking to enter the United States. For several years past the Japanese anese government has declined to issue any such passports, but the intention is to make this matter of formal agreetinuance of the present policy of that

ent, if possible. In the short time remaining of the present session of congress it is not in the nature of a treaty, which would require the action of the senate.

In fact it is by no means certain that a formal convention is necessary to in-sure the continuance of the present Japanese policy of refusing passports in the United States to coolies, so it may be decided to give this agreement another form than a treaty.

## Letters Do Not Show He Was Connucted With Land Fraud.

the possession of the government which in any way implicates him in the land frauds. The second disclosure was the fact that the government had many of these letters in its possession prior to Hermann's indictment and subsequently, while the case was being prepared, notwithstanding which fact, the prosecution in its original bill of particulars declared that the contents of Hermann's so-called private letterbooks were "un-

The progress of the case was delayed by unavailing efforts of the defense to prevent the amending of the bill of particulars so that the letters of Hermann to various parties in Oregon and other Western states secured by the

rosecution might be placed in evidence.

### Sacramento, Feb. 19. — In the state enate yesterday Senator Caminetti introduced an anti-Japanese bill, which not only embodies the provisions of school authorities the power to segregate children, but goes further and de-clares that where separate schools have the greatest sunspots ever brought to been or will be established hereafter they shall not be discontinued until the

## fied electors of any district or city affected by the change.

Japan is Calmly Resigned. Tokio, Feb. 19.—The passage of President Roosevelt's passport bill by the senate of the United States was semiofficially announced this morning. The leading newspapers today explained that this is perfectly legitimate and in is also pointed out that the promise of success of the judicial procedure in the lumbus yesterday, have been recovered, school question is lessening. The papers thus far have refrained from making comment on this latest news.

the water supply of Panama and Colon. An American expert, who examined the water system, said the water suphour Saturday Senator Mulkey, of Ore- by most of the cities of the United ply would be better than that enjoyed committee on foreign relations today by most of the cities of the United suthorized a favorable report on a genstates, and that filtration is not necessary, but it was decided to install the plant nevertheless.

MOST LIBERAL IN HISTORY.

### River and Harbor Bill Gives Almost All Northwest Asked.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- Never before in the history of rivers and harbors leg islation has any congress dealt so liberally with the Pacific Northwest as the present congress will do in the pending river and harbor bill. Not only is the GIVEN EQUAL SCHOOL PRIVILEGE aggregate appropriation larger than ever before, but the appropriations more nearly appoximate the estimates of the engineers. This is in a very large measure due to the remarkably efficient work of Bepresentative Jones, of Washington, who is on the river and harbor committee as repesentative of his own and neighboring states. Mr. his own and neighboring states. Mr. Jones was in a position to do things, and his accomplishments speak for themselves. Indeed the house has been so very liberal that the senate has nothing left to do, unless it be to raise a few appropriations that fall below the house figures, and it is doubtful if many such increases can be secured, for in every instance where the house cut the estimates on Oregon and Wash-ington projects it was for some specific

and very good reason.

In his work in committee Mr. Jones had the active support of Senator Fulton, and the Oregon senator did every-thing that a man not a member of the committee could do to aid in getting liberal recognition for Oregon and Columbia river projects. There was absolute harmony throughout, and the two men worked together to a common

The effectiveness of Mr. Jones' work is found in the figures themselves. The total amount recommended by the en-gineers for Oregon and Washington projects was \$5,110,244; the total ap-propriation carried by the house bill is \$4,670,244, a difference of \$440,000. The reductions were on the Celifo ca-nal, \$150,000 being taken from the amount recommended and given to the upper river, for which a new project was recommended late in December; on the Willamette and Columbia rivers below Portland, where \$150,000 was deducted because Portland business men had assured the committee that a new taxation district was to be formed new taxation district was to be formed to raise money to ald in this improve-ment; and the Cascade locks on the Columbia river, where \$105,000 was recommended for grading and filling in behind the completed locks. The com-mittee felt that this work was not urg-ent, as the canal lock is itself com-

With these exceptions, the house bill With these exceptions, the house bill provides the amounts recommended by the engineers, and in the case of Coquille river the committee appropriates \$60,000 when only \$40,000 was asked by the War department. The \$60,000 will complete this project, as shown by the figures of the local engineers, so the committee decided to clear up the whole matter at one time.

The following table gives the various

The following table gives the various projects and the amounts appropriated by the house bill;

Mouth of Columbia river, \$2,450,-244; Dalles-Celilo canal, \$600,000; rivers, Portland to sea, \$300,000; Columbia between Celilo and mouth of Washington, Feb. 19.—Two facts were brought out in the Criminal court yesterday while arguments were being presented in the case of Hermann on the motion of the district attorney that he be allowed to amend his bill of particulars. The most important fact was the admission by the prosecution that there is nothing whatsoever in the letters written by Hermann and now in the possession of the government which the possession of the government whic 000; Gray's inner harbor, \$177,000; Gray's river, \$2,500; Puget sound and tributaries (dredging) \$75,000; Lake Washington canal, \$10,000; Swinomish slough, \$75,000; Okanogan and Pend d'Oreille, \$20,000.

Two Dead, 1,000 Homeless. Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Feb. 15 .- Notvithstanding the rumors in regard to the loss of life as a result of a fire which last night destroyed 90 cottages and residences, three hotels, the Carr memorial church and fully 200 barns and outhouses, entailing a loss of \$200, 000, so far as can be learned only two persons lost their lives. They were John Springer, a foreman in the Cotton Belt railroad yard, and a man named Reed, who is said to have gone into a burning building while intoxicated. Nearly 1,000 people are homeless.

Finds Huge Spot on Sun. Pittsburg, Feb. 15 .- Professor John M. Brashear, of the Alleghany observaas a result electrical disturbances will matter of such discontinuance has first been submitted to the vote of the quali-tomorrow night. The spot can be

# active of solar spots. Its approximate length is said to be 150,000 miles and

entist adds that it is one of the most

Great Flood in Nebraska, South Omaha, Feb. 15 .- The bodies that this is perfectly legitimate and in of Dan McCrone, a veterinary surgeon, accordance with treaty stipulations. It his wife and daughter, and Miss Bell, who were drowned in the flood at Co-Pacific stock yards at Columbus was destroyed. All trains are held up, tel-Filter Water for Canal Cities.

Panama, Feb. 19.—A filtration plant is to be installed in connection with the water appears of Personal Cities.

Dynamite is being used in the Loup river by the Union Pacific, which is doing its utmost to relieve the situation.

> Treaty for Prohibition in Africa. Washington, Feb. 15 .- The senate