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**OF LAND DEVELOPMENT IS NO-**

James Alden Yeager, Hermiston,

paying \$452 for the first year's wa-

Texas, paying \$394; Samuel E. Wil-

# LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON.

Governor to Speak. St. Paul, Minn., Feb 10.-Governor Eberhart has accepted an invitation to address the teachers of Northern during their convention. "as opened today at Bemidji. ... governor will speak tomorrow evening.

In Memory of Paganini, Genoa, Italy, Feb. 10 .- A memorial mosting of musicians was held here oday to celebrate the birthday of Nicolo Paganini, the world's greatost musician, who was born in this city Feb. 10, 1784.

In the municipal building at Genoa is carefully preserved Paganini's violin. He left it to the city and no other artist was ever allowed to play upon it. The great artist is buried in the village church near the place AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR. of residence he loved best-the Villa

Gajona.

Increase in price alone can be presented as logical reason why so little interest was shown-Enormous first payment may have been too much for the prospective en-

# **MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF NEPHEW** ALSO INVESTIGATED?

# ter right; Sterett Burger, Houston, Return of verdict by coroner has not created action.

liby, Tacoma, paying \$394; George Raymond Hahn, Hermiston, \$457: Kansas City. Feb. 10 .- The inquest Elmer G. Sage, Eugene, \$394; Carl into the death of Chrisman Swope, a Verther, Wallowa, \$432; Clarence & nephew of the late Col. Thomas H. Mead, Hermiston, \$413, is the mere Swope, the millonaire and philan- to be in love. handful of men to take advantage thropist, will begin as soon as ex-

of the homestead land opening at which they found the young man's said, " and I thought I loved her the local land office today on the viscera, according to Coroner Zwart and killed my father when she or-Umatilla land thrown open under the today.

irrigation act. The incident is one Following the verdict of the corra of the surprises of the land office de- ner's jury in which it is set forth had come to kill my father. I went partment. Up to a few days ago, that Col. Swope died of po'soning, to the lounge where he was sleephundreds of letters of inquiry were it is expected official action might received from every portion of the be taken by the authorities. Officountry; interest in and about the cers of the county, however, spent ped quivering and then my step-Umatilla country was warm; scouts the earlier part of the day in conwere held at La Grande in case of sulfation and refused to make a back yard and burned him. a lineup, and, finally, last night, statement as to their probable as. "She watched the fire all night and



# SPURRED TO ACTION BY LOVE FOR JOHN GEARIN APPEARS FOR THE STEPMOTHER, SON KILLS FATH-ER DURING N GIT TIME

WOMAN AND SON THEN BURN REMAINS IN BACK YARD.

Captivated by love for his father's wife, youngster commits a cruel crime in Oklahoma-Woman keeps tire going until remains are ashes -Both eat breakfast near funeral pyre.

Bartlesville, Okla., Feb. 10 .- That he buried an ax in the head of his sleeping father, T. H. Brown, and then stood by and watched his victim quiver until death came, was the startling testimony of Peter Brown, here today.

Brown further declared that the deed was prompted by his stepmother with whom he believed himself

dered me to do it. She aroused me at midnight and told me the time ing and buried an ax in his head. I watched him until the body stop-

San Francisco, Feb. 10 .--- With the CREEPS ull

THRUSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1910

# FIRST TIME IN ACTIVE PART **OF HERMANN TRIAL TODAY**

CLAIMS THAT GOVERNMENT EVIDENCE PROVES INNOCENCE.

Colonel Worthington pickes up the thread of argument where Gearin leaves off at noon-Heney is to complete arguments when hesoms up at the last hours of the arguments.

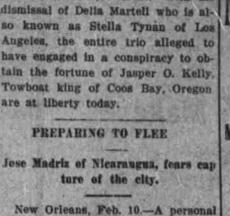
Portland. Feb. 10 .- Eloquence entered into the Hermann trial for the first time today when John M. Gearin delivered the first half of the defense argument.

He reviewed the testimony of the whose trial for the alleged murder case, and contended eloquently that of his father, is going on in the court Hermann was guiltless of wrong doing: that the government's own ev-

idence showed him to be so. He closed his argument at 12:15 o'clock. This afternoon Col. Worthington will take up the argument and per-

"She tempted me too much." he haps finish by the hour of the afternoon adjournment. Heney, as was expected, had not finished his opening argument yesterday afternoon. though the court held its session a half hour beyond the usual adjournment time.

By agreement he was allowed to conclude his opening statement, after the conclusion of Col. Worthingmother and I kindled a fire in the ton's argument, before he begins to sum up the case.



Notorious Trio Released.

account in the name of Jose Madriz president of Nicaraugua, was opened in a local bank today. It is stated on good authority that this is only an initial deposit, \$15,000. This move is taken here to mean that Madriz believes his position at Managua insecure and is preparing to flee if the rebels capture the city.



CONSPIRATOR OF SUGAR GRAFT GIVEN SENTENCE

Spitzer given two years in Federal prison for crimes.

New York, Feb. 10-Oliver Spitzer, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the weighing of sugar importations, was sentenced today by Federal Judge Martin to serve two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Spitzer was formerly superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company's docks at Williamsburg.

Report Horbor Boll Washington, Feb. 10 .--That the bill appropriating



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ENGAGEMENT TERMINATES. SUDDENLY IN MARRIAGE.

Vedding planned by cable and both parties rush from different quarters of the globe to Spokane where unptials are carried out-Corey is right hand man to the enterprises of Savage.

Spokane, Feb. 10,-Surprising even ry Widow" became a bride last evening when Miss Mabel Wilbur, who still has the title role in "The Merry Widow," comic opera Company, was married to Madison Corey, Gencral Manager of all Henry W. Savages' theatrical enterprises.

Three weeks ago Corey was in Vienna, Austria. Two weeks ago he was in London. Now he as here.

Then the couple, separated by the thousands of miles of land and sea, decided by cable to terminate their engagement by an immediate marrlage.

Savages' right hand man rushed to Spokane to the meeting place decided upon, by steamship and train. The wedding occurred at six last evening in the All Saints Cathedral here.

AFTER OTHER MEN.

when the train came in from the west, a lineup was formed in which the members braved rain snow and winter-yet early today only eight lice Rayburn are home from Salem. filed and not a single entry letter where they went with the box car was received. thieves.

# Line Formed Last Night.

Notwithstanding that there actually was a lineup for a prief 12 hours, precipitated as predicted by the Observer last night, when the train from the West reached here, there was nevertheless not the excitement expected. Disregarding the snowstorm and keeping an all night dial a dozen men were in line early this morning. Without any display of animosity, one towards the other, the lineup was kept intact until the fil ing hour. At 9 o'clock the doors opened on the first man, and from then on for less than half an hour, filings were made rapidly. The specified sum was paid, the homestead iff's posse and a detail of police led desperate flight from a deadly are fees were added, names signed and the filer passed on.

### Sudden Shortage Unaccauntable

Just why the universal interest in the opening suddenly waned is onaccountable. During the past month hundreds of letters have been a.n. out from the land office here explaining the details of the opening. One of the features which may have been accountable for this was that many prospective entrymen lost heart ou learning of the scarcity of homesteads, there being but fifty odd all told.

## Joe Cunha Loses Sheep.

Echo, Ore., Feb. 8.-Jos. Cunha met with quite a loss on Sunday afternoon when a band of ewes become above Echo. Fifty-two were killed fill vacancies in the council.

tion kept it going. An hour later we built a fire within 10 feet of the first one and cooked breakfast." Sheriff Childers and Chief of Po-

MEN WHO DID IT.

Shots exchanged between constable

and the robbers

San Deigo, Calif., Feb.10 .-- A sher-

by Chief of Police Wilson are scour-

ing the country in the vicinity of

Oceanside, 42 miles north of here,

for post office robbers who are re-

ported to have dynamited the safe

in the postoffice here last night.

Constable Prior exchanged shots

with the robbers but no one was in-

jured. Postmaster Jolly said today

that between \$1400 and \$1500 was

taken from the wrecked safe.

Mrs. Brown, who is charged with complicity in the murder, heard the

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boy's story without emotion.

**30,000 VOLTS** 

AND TWO OTHERS HURT.

are working in tower.

treatment. Immediately after the ac

cident there was not one unit light

or any power in Vancouver. Three

men were bending over a dead wire

Six Workmen killed.

Bay City. Mich., Feb 10- Six lo-

# Marriage License

Fred E. Cook and Slyva E. Rose were given permits to marry today by County Clerk Ed Wright, and immediately afterwards were married

by County Judge Henry.

\$40,000,000 for rivers and harbors will probably be re. 4 ported in the House late this afternoon, was intimated today. The bill is practically ready now for forwarding to the house.

New York, Feb. 10-The trial of Charles Heike secretary of the American Sugar Refining company is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, and his case was be gun in the criminal court today. He is charged with fraudulent weighing





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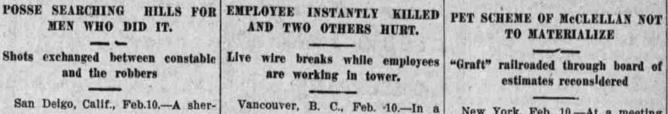
Counciluen Reynolds and Kammerer Each Declare Intentions

TWO MORE PETITIONS

J. E. Reynolds, present councilby comrades outside. man from the second ward, and E. frightened and getting beyond the W. Kammerer of the third ward, yescontrol of the herder fell over the terday afternoon started their petibluffs of the Umatilla river, which tions for re-election as councilmen. cal workmen were killed instantly is on Mr. Cunha's farm, two miles Both of these men were elected to today when the Princeeling sawmill at Crump near this city blew up.Two and a number more were injured. That there will be four candidates

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recleved injuries that will probably This was one of Mr. Cunha's lambing for the office of city chief of police prove fatal. A dozen others were land today reduced the discount rate bands, which made the loss greater. is th report in political circles now. hurt.



New York, Feb. 10 .- At a meeting today of the State Board of Water of over 30,000 volts at Barnet last Supply, several objections were filed against the plan to build a \$25,000,night, Lee Weaver was instantly kil-000 aqueduct under the entire length led and his two companions, J. of Manhattan Island to bring the wa-Dempster and H. Smith, who had ter from the new Catskill aqueduct their flesh seriously burned are in to this city. the General hospital here today for

The State Commission intends to give the plans careful consideration instead of approving them after a perfunctory hearing, as the McClellan administration hoped.

in the tower that carries a high power wire from the generating station Plans for this aqueduct, built at an average of 400 feet beneath the over Burrard inlet. Suddenly the live wire that was supplying the city surface of the street, were jammed broke and there was a blinding glare through the old board of estimate by Mayor McClellan, and every efas an arc formed. The men made a wild dash for the door and on fort was made to secure the contheir way touched a corrugated iron sent of the State Commission before sheeting for the lower. This was the present administration took highly charged and all three men charge. were burned before they were saved

When the matter came up representatives of a score of taxpayers' organizations were on hand to file the objections which Mayor McClellan would not allow them to present when the question was before the Board of Estimate.

Discourt Reduced

London Feb. 10-The Lank of Engto three per cen'.

