Rain tonight and Wednesday;

fresh southerly breeze.

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THIRD YEAR.

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## RETURN OF PROSPERITY INDICATED BY INCREASED EARNINGS OF RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane States That Revenues of Railroads Have Not Fallen Off Materially---Only the East Affected--Country West of Chicago Shows No Effect of Financial Stringency---Pacific Coast Systems Show Increase in Freight and Passenger Traffic.

indication points to an improvement trans-continental roads reaching to the the railroad and industrial Pacific coast, we find that every one situation of the country, according to reports made by the great railway systems of America to the interstate commerce commission. These reports are to the effect that, while the railronds suf which is near the Canadian border, and

to carry on improvements which they had begun, while the western lines and Great Northern, \$13,000,000, and South normal or better.

### Situation Improving Rapidly.

Franklin K. Laue, Pacific coast mem her of the interstate commerce commission, has made a careful analysis of the figures submitted by the railroads sion, has made a careful analysis of the figures submitted by the railroads themselves to the commission. Mr. Lane was asked what loss the railroads of America had sustained from the "Octation of the submitted freight revenues. A greater volume of the submitted freight revenues. A greater volume of the submitted freight revenues.

which a definite answer to your ques-tion can be given," continued Commis-sioner Lane. "From the Figures avail able to the commission, however, it does mree commission now calls upon the revenues and operating expenses. reports began with the month of July last, and I have the figures compiled by Professor Henry C. Adams, our sta-tistician, as to a number of systems which may be taken as representative of the railroad systems of the entire These systems are

- New York, New Haves & Hartford,
- New York Central. "Baltimore & Ohio,
- "Pennsylvania, east and west of
- Southern Rollwa Louisville & Nashville.
- · Bock Island.
- "Atchison, Topcha & Santa Pe Chicago, Milwankee & St. Paul.
- \* Northwestern Southern Pacific.
- Great Northern Northern Pacific

## Total of Traffic Receipts.

"During the three months, July, A gust and September, the total operat-ing revenues of these roads amounted to \$399,000,000; for the panic months of October, November and December the revenue was \$376,000,000. The freight recenies of the systems named were, for the first quarter, \$264,000, 000 and for the second quarter \$259, 000,000. The freight revenues for xember were larger than those for July

"These systems during the last six months of 1907 received from passenger than they received for the same period in the preceding year 1996; and their ing straight for a bottle of milk net income from operation in 1907 was \$14,000,000 more than in 1906. These figures certainly do not indicate that, figures certainly do not indicate that, gathering up germs and get into houses either owing to legislation or the panic, of night to distribute infection in the milroids of the country as a whole [food, 'Dr. Huber said. have been put in financial proparty. It is true that during 1967 there was a great increase in operating exponses. The tittle daughter of Mr. and Mrs. owing to general increases in wages, but C. W. Tarpin of North Medford is very allowing for such increase, the larger volume of traffic and greater reven derived therefrom violded a larger net

#### return to the railroads. Western Railroads Increased.

the panie, so far as it affected the rail, specifications at Perkins & Lyons roads, extended but slightly beyond Chi. 6. G. A. HOVE

WASHINGTON, March 24 .- Every eago towards the west. If we take the

fored to some extent by what has come coming down the Pacific coast to the to be referred to as the "October pan- Mexican border, thus including the ie," the loss was by no means so serious. Northern Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe systems, each one in It appears from the reports that the creased its total operating revenues it effect was felt particularly by the east—the last half of 1907 over those revenues. ern lines and by the lines in the south- ues for the last half of 1906, while th eastern part of the country, a few of net income was in some cases increases which were embarrassed not only by a and in others slightly decreased; the falling off of revenues, but by their in the line operation in each of ability to obtain ready cash with which these lines being: Santa Fe, \$13,000, the trans-continental rouds have not suffered materially from the financial depression, the figures available to the the Santa Fe system, for instance, show interstate commerce commission indi-eate also that the general condition in the country is improving materially, with a prospect that it soon will be recember when a few thousand dol-lars. lars less in that month than in other month excepting October and No vember. We find, therefore, no

ing condition presented as to the trans-continental lines.

America had sustained from the "Oe freight revenues. A greater volume of tober panie." He replied that the rail traffic is moving today than has been road situation the country over is not imminently a serious one at the present time.

In replace that the figure and perhaps three months. The figure of the American Railway association There are no figures accessible by show that there is less surplus of care at this time than at any period sine the 36th of October. This promises a early return to more normal conditions and railroad men generally are more of not appear that, taking the country as timistic than they have been since the not appear that, taking the country as a whole, the revenues of the traitroads Knickerbocker Trust company closed its have fallen off to the extent that gen doors. But the increase frim \$482,000, erally is believed. The interstate come door in 1000 to \$523,000,000 in 1007, or dealer. the systems with which I have carriers subject to the net to regulate still leaves a larger net income for 1907 ommerce for monthly reports of their than for 1996 by nearly \$14,000,000

#### MANY REPUBLICANS SEEK RAILROAD COMMISSIONERSHIP

republican cambidates erambling for the \$4000 job of railroad ounnissioner for the Second district. now held by C. R. Aitehison, through appointment by State Treasurer Steel Altehison's rivals are: C. C. Loneks, W. H. Hurlburt, H. E. Humphries, A. N. Hamilton, Joseph Guston and How-

N. Hamilton, Joseph Guston and How ed Whiting. In the First district T. 5. Campbell, now commissioner, and William A. Carrer are the only condi-dates. Whether the democrats in the Second district will trot out a candi-date to run against the republican nominco is not known. Thus far the only cratic candidate mentioned is J.

#### HUNDRED THOUSAND GERMS ON LEGS OF ONE FLY

common who wishes to prevent typhoid ever and various infantile discuses in her family will do well to make a large for the coming summer was one of th essons the women at the meeting of food investigating committee of the "Consumers' league" learned vesterday

of disease conveyers." Dr. John B. Hu and freight revenues a grand total of ber told the audience. "And one fis which was examined was carrying on its legs 100,000 diseased bacteria and mak-

> That was the testimony of Dr. Jack son, the expert. Flies spend their days

## Turpin Child Seriously Ill.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Western Bailroads Increased.

All hids for building my house must mix and Mediford for their friendly sym
"A study of these figures shows that he in hy noon. Murch 31. Plans and pathy and assistance in their late be G. A. HOYER.

## 4 KILLED, 20 INJURED IN PASSENGER WRECK IN CITY OF LEXINGTON IN CITY OF LEXINGTON

Railroad Economy in Saving Night Operator Results in Fatality on Green and Crescent-Freight Smashes Into Passenger-Engineer Without Orders

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 24.-Four re killed and 20 injured in the wreel a passenger tirnin between the Bur u and the high bridge early today on the Queen & Crescent railroad, caused by a collision of a passenger and freight. The freight is said to have proceeded without orders, the night oprator having been laid off.

#### JACKSONVILLE TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TROLLEY SYSTEM

Captain F. L. Evans and Messrs, Page Nye and Watt, directors of the Oregon Rapid Transit Railroad company, spokto the Jacksonville Commercial club Monday evening with a view to interes ing the people in Jacksonville in the proposed trolley line. Captain Evans told of the many advantages that acerue to Jacksonville through the con-struction of an electric line that would place it in easy communication with other cities of the valley. He deailed the plans of the company, which were unities affected a subscription to capital stock sufficient to do the pre-liminary engineering work and right of way, when the bonds would be sold

nai construction and equipment. Considerable enthusiasm was mani fested for the project and a large stock subscription from Jacksonville has been

#### ADMITS TAKING FEES AND DESTROYING BOOKS

SALEM, March 24,—The hearing of the case against P. I. Dunbar, existe cetary of state, for the recovery of over \$100,000 alleged to have been illegally collected in fees, came to an abrupt close with the placing of Danbar on the stand. He admitted taking \$26. books showing all fees taken had been lestroyed at his order by a junito it the termination of his term of office

A hot wrangle took place between sunsel regarding the admission of Dun bar's testimony relating to total fees and the case was about to be indefinite continued, when counsel stipulates nd admitted that Dunbar had taken id per cent.

The state then rested its case and the lefense followed without introducing ony evidence. Judge Gallowny after any explenes, duage tailoway after receiving a transcript of testimony and receiving the report of a commission to be appointed to examine the secretary of state's books to find the total ant of fees taken by Dunbar sup osed to amount to over \$100,000, will ender his decision, when, without ques ion, the case will be appealed to the upreme court

#### BATTLESHIP FLEET TO CIRCLE GLOBE IN YEAR

exire of the administration to have the Atlantic battleship fleet arrive at a ort on the Atlantic coast exactly year to a day from the time of sailing from Hampton reads on its voyage around the world. The fleet sailed from the Virginia roadstead on Decemher to last and the administration an thorities will be happy if they can so arrange the fleet's itinerary so as to have it steam into New York bay or Hampton roads on December 16, 1998 thus representing the remarkable achievement of such a great aggrega tion of arome clads covering 38,000 miles as a unit within the space of or

Naval officers said today that it Australia were eliminated from the fleet's schedule the home coming could be accomplished within the year, other wise it would require 12 months.

#### STEADY INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR MORE CARS

NEW YORK, March 24. - Further ev ence of the gradual improvement in eneral business which has been going me weeks came to hand yester day in the report of the American Rail prescription, showing a decrease in number of idle freight cars be a February 19, the date of the preone two weeks the number of little

are decreased 5521, to 314,992 These figures cover the period sine usiness began to fall off last fall. Murch 4, 1908, 314,992; Pebruary 1; 1908, 320,513; February 5, 1908, 343, 938; January 22, 1908, 342,580; Decem ser 24, 1907, 200,310; Tec-mler 11, 1905

In November, 1907, before business omittions began to fall off, the unmbeof allocars was only toltes.

## Cos of Thanks.

Medford, Or., March 23, 1908, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fansher wis to thank their friends at Talent, Phoe

The Walsworths, Father and Son, to Plead Self-Defense as Justification of Crime--Trial Begins at Jacksonville Tomorrow.

Charles H. Walsworth and Norva Walsworth were arraigned in the eiiit court at Jacksonville Monday sarged with unroler in the first degre-Both entered pleas of not smilty and the case was set down for trial Wednesday morning.
The crime of which the Walsworths

stand charged is the killing of James all the growers in line again, and work Mankin last December in a shooting ing in co-operation for the general gos affray on Poorman's creek. The trouble wout of an attempt on the part of President Gillette addressed the graw Mankins to evict the Walworths era on the general plans of the associafrom a cabin situated on the Mankins' ranch. A pitched battle cashed and a number of shots were exchanged. Both of the Walworths received shotgun wounds and James Mankin was fatally wounded by a rifle shot, which, it is claimed was fired by the senior Wals worth.

The Walworths will be represented by Judge E. E. Kelly of Medford and R G. Smith of Grants Pass and It is an derstood a plea of justification on the ground of self defense will be the de-

#### EXAMINING BIG BUTTE FOR CITY WATER SUPPLY

il is expected back tonight from a trip o Big Butte, where the members exam ned the water supply with a view t The committee left Eagle Point Sur lay, accompanied by the special com-wittee of the Commercial club,

W. I. Vasster and A. A. Davis of th Big Bend Milling company, owning a large trust on which the Hig Botte springs are beated, offered the springs to the city if found practicable for use. and it is to thoroughly investigate this offer that the committee is taking the present trip. The springs are some six miles above the fulls. An immense flow of the coldest and purest water out of the earth, evidently supplied by

## TRUST ATTRACTIONS

## AT BAKER THEATER

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.-Wit theater will souse to be the hor the Baker Stock company. This comny will not go out of existence, how ever, as its activities will be trans-erred to the Empire, which will be extensively remodeled for its use. The Rober will become a "combination" theater, playing syndicate attractions is connection with the Heilig. What wi ic done with the Stair & Haylin show Empire has not been settled, but so arrangement will be made to take our of them, as George L. Baker has a long term contract to play them in Portlan

#### HEARST SPRINGS HISGEN AS PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

NEW YORK, March 24.-Thou Hisgen, who was the Hearst candidat for governor of Massaelmsetts, has be pring by the Hearst papers socia likel indidate for president on the Inde admire league ticket. However, then n string to the hoom; as Mr. Hours ay be the cardidate himself. The cafrom the country of large has not yet been instatent enough to induce him to again immediate himself apon his coun

gris after, but he has hopes.

The independence league will hold its envention immediately following the het determined largely by the roadts of

#### REWARD IS OFFERED FOR WALLENDE'S MURDERER

SALEM: Or. March 21 Garage rest and sonviction of the murderer d Julius Wallende, who was sister a Silver Lake, Lake county; but Document. The amount of the reward will be the same as offered in the Castcol maler com in Marion county 44000

## Victor Metcalf Operated Upon.

WAYN PRANCESON, Marrie 24. Metealf, who recently resigned as mid-MR. AND MRS. L. W. FANSHER. Secretary Metcalf.

## FAVORABLE REPORT ON FULTON RESOLUTION IS NO MORE FILED BY COMMITTEE

Representatitve Mendell Paves Way for Consideration by House of Represer tatives of Measure Authorizing the Beginning of a Suit to Recover Lands.

WASHINGTON, March 24. Repri entativeMondel, chairman of the public ands committee, today filed a favorable eport upon Senator Pulton's land gran ade for its consideration in the ho-

#### ASHLAND FRUIT GROWERS PREPARE FOR COMING YEAR

(Ashtand Tidings.) The city hall was well filled Satur

ay afternoon with men and women i crested in the fruit growing industry his vicinity, who attended in respon to a call of the new loard of directors of the Ashland Fruit & Produce asso ciation for a conference over plans to the marketing of the fruit, berry an produce crops of this vicinity during the season of 1908. The work of the asso intion it was stated had been hampere cars by the withdrawal of grower from the association for one reason am another, and it is the purpose of th new managers of the organization to ge

ers on the general plans of the association for the present season, which is cluded first the enrolling of the grovers under the association's banner, the the employment of a manager for the

espector during the shipping season.
Plans for extending the use of the as
ociation to the supplying of the mem bers with spraying materials, fertilizers etc., at wholesale prices, and to carrying u a commission business in hay, potr ssociation warehouse were given

Various growers stated their experi-nces and views for the benefit of aland the meeting was productive of no little interest, and suggests that the wers here might adopt with advan tricts of holding stated meetings for the discussion of topics of interest and rofit to the fruit and produce indus

The work of securing contracts will

For and in consideration of the beno be performed by the Ashland Fruit 2 Produce association, .... does hereby agree to deliver all of his merchantable intion for the year ending Decembe fins. All such fruits shall be gath red, packed and delivered at the asso istion's building by said ...... an bull there be inspected and marked as ording to grade, under the direction f an inspector and at its expense.

And in consideration of the abox odnes association agrees to sell, dis pose of and market said fruit and pro-duce for said. . . to the best piossible advantage, and to pay to said. . all moneys received from the sales f said. ruit and produce within 60 days afree delivery of said fruit and produce to said assecution, less \$1.2 per cent con mission for its services, and the value of any materials which have been ad arred by said association to said. or busing or crating and fruit or pro-

### PORTLAND COUNCIL CAN'T FIND FURNITURE TRUST

PORTLAND, Macch BL. At a g of the anti-trest committee of the forthoof, city council, which has been exertigating the alleged furniture trust Deputy City Attorney Pennk Grant to by announced that he did not believe that any ordered had been secured to stronger month; reservant a prosecution and that there was nothing to show that a combination. AMERICAN CA. casts in restraint of trade. and anti-trust ordinance was patterned after the Sherman and trust law, Other alleged combinations will be layer iguted by the committee

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TO HEAR EASTER SERMON IN MEDFORD

Through the effrorts of Jiston W. M. dvig the Knights Templars from Ash land and other adjacent towns will at tend services Kaster Sunday at Mod ford. Rev. Williams will preach the minute sermon at the Motford opera-

A number of Knights Templar of Ask. and have accepted an invitation to pay track, a visit to Mount Shasta commandery at Vreka Saturday night on the measion PREACHER ACQUITTED OF of the visit of the grand community of California to the Yreka communitery. Among them are George F Wilson, T., K. Indton, Thomas Danford, George C.

designment from the may an account of finest street this afternoon. All ambit of his district. The moment demands and the paper was called outlined for appendicitie. He is a san of were 31 passengers and it is believed all. There was a manimum vertilet of new paper believed and the paper was a manimum vertilet of new papers. were more or less injured, none fatally, quittal,

## INVITATIONS FOR FLEET

Cabinet Decides to Accept Indictment of the Former China's Invitation and to Reject All Future Ones--Long Visit in Australian Ports Planned.

that me fourther invitations for the trict attorney, John W. McCourt, today, cet will be accepted.

Invitations from foreign countries COAL MINE RAILROAD MAY GO TO tu Francisco include, Australia, Japan and China. All other stops will be trietly for coaling purposes.

MELBOURNE, March 24. The go connental circles anticipated that the American fleet will spend ten days here and an equal length of time at Sydney.

WASHINGTON, March 24,-Th with torpedo bout flotilla was estab ished teday by placing in commission be Farragut, Fox and Davis torpede outs, built on the Pacific coast,

## NEEDS NEW CAPITAL

NEW YORK, March 24,-The South rn Pacific needs new capital. On June 9 last the Southern Pacific company howed a floating debt of \$33,710,846 Is only source of new capital since ben has been a balance of \$19,155,207 erred stock. Its need of new enpita

the Inter-California 33 miles. On the Oregon Western railway some 82 miles expensive construction is conten lated, and for this a great deal of aterial had already licen provided and nucling and grading were progressin the close of the last fiscal year. It will be perhaps conservative to say that the Southern Pacific in the current

## CORONER TAKES INQUEST

CHD AGO, March 24.—Coroser Hoff ours today began taking evidence at the inquest of Lazarus Averbuch, who was killed by Chief of Police Shippy

## BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS

MARK ISLAND, Cal., March 24. -- In men to the Philippines the first The coming month to work as the for-fications on the island of Corrigidor be rinning month to work on the for-cations on the island of Currigador Young attacks the reciprocal demorracy the entrance to Manila hay. This has passed by the last Minnesota legis on 1500 to be sent within a month. The forrifications for the island were into recently determined upon, and work grounds.

#### AMERICAN CAR FIRST TO REACH SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Morels 24.—The American car is expected to arrive here hier, wanted in Wyomin this afternoon and it will be shipped from fullings teday.

#### LOSSES ON RACE TRACK BLAMED FOR SUICIDE

LUS ANGRUES, Cal., Murch 21 .ment of the Hotel Lankersheim who registered last night at E. Pond of Non York, committed smiside today by tal ing poison. Tielects found in his et feets indicate heavy bosses on the rac-

## SCANDALOUS CONDUCT

PHILADELPHIA, March 24, Rev W. E. Shaffer, ontil a few months ag-propoling elder of the West district of Walton, R. P. Neil, J. R. Wich and Philadelphia conference of the Method J. S. Silshy. DITTROPT, March 24.—An interorban tor. The charge was made list Decem rer, traveling at great speed, left the lor, based upon an annaymous letter at track at Michigan avenue and Thirty leged in have been written by a woman in foundation for the persistent rumor farst street this afternoon. All author of his district. The isomen denied the that Governor Hughes will sign a re-

# TO ESCAPE LANDTRIAL

President of State Senate Dismissed as First Official Act of New District Attorney for Oregon.

PORTLAND, March 24.—The dis evided at the cabinet meeting today in issal of the indictment pending against a accept the invitation of China for Atlantic fleet to visit a port in at country on its return voyage from the Pacific coast. It was also decided the newly appointed United States dis-

## MAY GO TO ASHLAND

Unless Medford property owners wake up and cease asking exterttionate rates for a right of way through their property for the read to the coal mige, the line will be built to Ashland instead, of Medford, Owners of squirrel ranches that would be crossed are demanding \$1000 for letting the road go through, a price out of all reason. The road would add to the value of their places, but they obstinately refuse any concession. Ashland people have offered a right of way, and will grade the roadbed for several miles if that city be made the terminal, and the offer will probably be accepted by the roal mine owners.

## MORE AFFIDAVITS FILED AGAINST ABE RUEF

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.-A umber of additional affidavits on be half of the prosecution were filed with Superior Judge Lawlor this afternoon in the proceedings of the defense to wheate Abraham Ruef's arraignment pon the United Railroad's trolley fran hise cases. Supplementary affidavits were filed by Daniel and James F. Me Carthy, we of Special Agent Burns' men, who acted as guards under Elisor W. J. Higgy, in which they denied alle-gations made by F. A. Reiss, and pver, ments of Bertha Weigle that she heard Barus try to intimidate Ruef.

Supervisor James Gallagher and ex-limiting commissioner Andrew M. Wil-son, who also was a member of the boy-cibet affidavits today, it, die board, filed affidavits today in which they denied that they called upon Buef and endeavored to induce him to offess at the request of the prosecu-on. Wilson averred that Ruef sent for him, while Gallagher stated that he

alled upon the prisoner voluntarily: The question of bail for Ruef will one up before the appellate court to norrow morning upon a writ of Pabéas orpos returnable at 10 o'clock.

## Governor Improves. (10870N, Mass., March 24,—Govern.—

r Guild's symptoms today were more avoighte for recovery. RAILROAD TO FIGHT
NEW DEMURRAGE LAW ST. PAUL, March 24 .- W. B. Begg.

general solicitor for the Great Northern

BY DESPERATE HORSETHIEF .

SHERIFF IS MURDERED

HELENA, March 34. Shoriff Webb killed by William Byckford, a horsehief, waned in Wyoning, abon six miles . from Billings today. Webb located .by steamer to Allador Pristay or Satur Byeleford test night and arrested him wagon when Byckford seized a rifle and killed Webb. Passes, of cowboys are after the murderons horsethief and if

#### run down there will not be a rourt trial. LA FOLLETTE OBJECTS TO VOTE UPON ALDRICH BILL . . .

WASHINGTON, March 24. Snato. La Pallette today refused to give his Addish hill Thursday next, saving that \* did not want to be forcelosed from ich then said he would ask the senate is its consideration until a vote was

## HUGHES WILL NOT SIGN

REPRIEVE FOR GILLETTE Manager V. N. V., March 24,- There is foundation for the persistent rumor priets for Chester Gillette, sentenced to die next week for the murder of Grace Brown, his sweetheart.

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