HOUSE BILLS PASSED

MUCH BUSINESS WAS DONE AT THE NIGHT SESSION.

To Permit Final Action on These Measures, the Charter Bill Went Over Until This Morning.

SALEM, Feb. 26.-The routine report of the proceedings at the night session both houses shows a large number bills were passed. In view of the fact that only a few of them can be passed by the other house and become laws in the short time remaining, it seems idle to discuss them. Gates' railroad bill, mak commission appointive, had 25 pearson's bill for a constitutional povention had 30, thus failing. The Port land charter bill, which was the specia order for the evening session of the house was put over for the passage of house bills, this being the last night for passing se bills. On motion of Cole, chairman of the Multnoman sgation was ordered to report bill at the opening of the morn-session. The three most important events of the day were the failure of the three important matters of legislationsalmon protection, bank examination, and itution of the salary for the fee

Paxton's absence from the house tonight and Coje's uncomplimentary reference to it, has been the subject of considerable talk. In making his motion that Paxton be required to report the charter at th opening of the morning session, Cole sale Paxton had been in and out once or twice but had not at all participated in the on, and as the bill was the specia order and Paxton had the bill in his possion, and had had ample time to re-he (Cole) thought the matter just ttention, insernuch as this was th time Paxton had been absent. The facthat Mr. Paxton had consulted with Speaker Moores and several members of the house, and had been assured that the house would not abandon its work on the house tills to take up the charter of He, therefore sage, to go over the charter bill and con ider the matter of amendments to it, and whether it would be so amended as to meet the points suggested for change. As to the fate of the charter bill, it is now likely to pass the house. The impression is gaining strength that the fight over the bill is one between the people on one hand and the officials and their paid lobbylets, bent on a perpetuation of fat emoluments on the other. The good sense and judgment of the house will likely ultimately prevail and bring about the passage of the bill.

The rule-or-rula policy of the Astoria gilinet fishers and their representative came to its logical culmination in the house today by the defeat of the salmor bill. The Paxion, or the Stelwer bill, as agreed upon at the Portland joint con-ference with the Washington committee last Sunday and recommended by the majority of the standing fisheries com-mittee, was indefinitely postponed upon mittee, was indefinitely postponed upon motion of Curtis, after the house has refused to adopt the minority report enacting the abolishment of traps and wheels. The discussion preceding the vote was quite generally participated in by members under the one-minute rule adopted this morning. Majority and minority reports upon the amended Paxton bill were before the house, and the question was upon a motion to adopt the minority sport, which offered three added section abolishing traps after two years, for bidding new wheels being built, and pr driling taking fish of less than nit ounds weight. Curtis, Lester, Cleetor Gress, Barkley and Stewart spoke i favor of the minority report, and Paxton, Smith of Josephine, Lyle, Hofer, Smith of Polk, and Wright advocated an enact ing measure as recommended by the committee and agreed upon by joint cor A vote was ordered upon the minority report by sections. The first estponement, which prevailed. Curtis bill abolishing wheels came up immediate ly afterward, and was voted down. There is now no hope of fish legislation this session, and the outlook for the industry

The senators voting against Butler's assessment till were: Bancroft, Brownell, Carter, Gesner, Hus ton. King, Smith of Clatson, Smith of

Steiwer, Woodard, Sir have opposed it. Considerable surprise is manifested at the action of Senator Den ny, in voting for allowing the deductions for indebtedness clause in this bill. Portland, it's a business and mercantile con munity, has viewed this law with dis favor. Senator Denny's action is the more to be noticed, as his vote virtually decided the question. Had he voted against it the measure would not have

The examination of banks is another Important branch of legislation which has failed this session, the closing act being the defeat of Brownell's bill, No. 58, this afternoon. Brownell made a gallant fight for his measure and advocated it in a speech of much force. This is also true us to Senator McGinn's bill, defeated yes y. The bill received more of Ser McGlun's attention, probably, tha any other measure, except his bill for the relief of Multnomah county from the burdens of the official fee system. much urged by him on senators individu ally, as well as in his speech on the sub ject. In which he rehearsed the history of the bank troubles in Fortland the last two years and the consequent losses to depositors. Senator McClung's bill prostding for examinations at the instance of the secretary of state, also failed of passage today, making the third of these seasures to fall. Senator Johnson ex plained that it contained some excellent features, but was imperfect in parts. The responsibility for failure to enact a good bank-examination law seems to lie measurably upon the senate banking committee, of which Johnson is chairman It seems that with an effort a bill could have been perfected which would have ed. McGinn's bill carried salaries for missioner and clerk, and was objected to on that account, though its author, by hard work, brought it within two of passing. Probably any one of th features so as to meet the views of the senators, would have been passed. John-son's committee, however, merely reported all back without recommendation. John son runs a bank at Scio.

The governor has signed the school land bill and those creating new judicial dis-tricts and irrigation districts. The Portland bridge till and the fra t reached him for attention today.

Perhaps the most significant evider noralization and inefficiency into which the anti-Dolph caucus bolters have thrown the republican party at this ses-sion was furnished this morning by the utter rout of all efforts to put state of cers on salaries now or at any futur The piedge was made in nearly county campaign that state of-should be put upon salaries. Not only this, but the state officers went be fore the committee urging that they be put upon salaries, and that the fee system be abolished. Paxton mage, in occarion on the matter, what was perhaps action on the matter, what was perhaps action on the matter, what was perhaps action to the part of the we abolished. Paxton made, in behalf of his strongest speech this session. Long and Schihrede also dwelt cloquently upon the desirability of redceming the party pledge; but all to no purpose. The house night. Baker offered a further amendmally field precipitately from acting upon ment that no edgournment be had until the bill by indefinitely postponing it. The some time next week, to be absolutely

bill was not very satisfactorily drawn, perhaps, as it did not plainly establish salaries and provide for fees going into the treasury. Any defect in its form of course, another testimony as to mpetency of the house.

BOUTINE OF THE DAY.

Various Measures Before the Senat and the Action Taken.

SALEM. Feb. 20.-At the morning ses-ion of the senate, Butler's bill changing clerks, sheriffs and of leers was passed.

McClung's bill requiring the state banks

to make quarterly statements falled to Steiwer's bill relating to the drawing

Maxwell's bill regulating the salaries of ounty judges was ordered to third read-

Calbreath's bill for a fair in Yambill ounty was ordered to a third reading. Bancroft's bill providing that circuit udges may act for county judges in use of illness or absence of the latter was

Huston's bill regulating the salaries of listrict attorneys; consideration post-oned until 2 P. M. today.

woodard's election law bills were made the special order for 4 P. M.
Butler's board of assessors bill was made the special order for 3 P. M. today.
Carter's bill creating the office of state food commissioner was passed.
Further consideration of Brownell's bill providing for the irrigation and re-clamation of arid land under the Carcy law was indefinitely postuposed.

aw was indefinitely postponed. Smith's bill protecting persons furnish-ng material and labor on public works

Gowan introduced a resolution providing that the state provide the officers of the senate with the same number of news papers as were provided for the senators

The house foint memorial committee re port, asking vacation of the Cascade re-serve in Klamath county, was amended and adopted.

At the opening of the afternoon session a resolution was introduced by Calbreath providing for the final adjournment Fri-day, February 22, at 12 P. M. Johnson moved to amend by fixing adjournment at midnight Saturday. The amendment was rejected, and the original resolution was adopted. Raley introduced a senate concurren

solution providing for printing thuse and senate journals, laws, resolu ions, memorials, etc.; adopted. The senate concurred in the house oint resolution honorably discharging the Dregon world's fair commission. Cogswell introduced a resolution pro-

viding that journals, etc., be furnished members of the legislature; adopted. Gowan introduced a resolution providing that supreme court reports be furnished ach member of the senate; fuiled of adop

Butler's bill creating a state board of

county assessors came up for final pas-sage, and was passed. Raley introduced a senate concurrent solution asking that reports of state officers, journals, etc., be sent to the state library at Pondleton and the law library at Portland; adopted.

The joint committee on investigation of the Soldiers' Home made a report that is everything but complimentary to the board of managers of the home. It shows bad business management, extravagance and dishonesty on the part of the board The report was adopted and ordere

Denny's bill authorizing the governo to contract for the employment of state prison labor in the growing of sugar beets and in the manufacture of beet

sugar, etc., was passed.

Myer's house bill providing for the employment of convicts in the penitentiary was advanced on the calendar and ordered to third reading

Brownell's bill creating the office of state bank examiner failed to pass. Dawson's bill creating the office of state ish and game protector was passed

At the evening session action was taken upon the following bills: Gesner-For the construction of a mac-adam road from the asylum; falled to Woodard-Amending the code in relation to the time for holding elections, etc.

Woodard-Amending the Australian ballot law; passed. Calbreath—To assist county fairs

Price-Creating the office of state treas examiner; made special order for

Huston-Beaverton charter bill; passed. Holt-Amending the road law: passed. pleadings in civil cases; passed.

Smith-Amending section 149 of the code;

McAlister-Relating to salaries of ciruit judges; passed. Bancroft-Providing for divorce in case: of insanity, etc.; failed to pass,

Gerner-For additional buildings for th Soldiers' Home; made the special orde for 10:20 Thursday. King-Providing for liens for laborers mining claims; passed.

McClung-Regarding actions against orporations; passed. Smith-Regulating rallway traffic beween Celilo and The Dalles; made the

special order for 10:45 Thursday.

Stelwer—Defining the boundaries of sen-atorial districts; passed. Vanderburg-Providing for the location

of the county seat of Coos; passed,

In the House. SALEM, Feb. 20.-Following the organ-nation of the house, a resolution was

adopted providing that the day be de-voted to house bills, and that each mem-ber be allowed to call up one bill and have it acted on; adopted. On special order the following bills

were taken up:
Yates—Allowing sheriffs to collect mile-age in lieu of expenses; passed.
Smith of Polk—Making the salary of the overnor \$5000 and no other fees, and each of the justices of the supreme court \$1000, was reported back from the committee. The bill was assailed by Burleigh and Smith of Polk, and was defended by Paxton and Long. Schibrede moved an amendment that the secretary and treas-urer of the state be each placed on a salary of \$4000. This was lost. The orignal report of the committee was rejecte and the whole matter was indefinitely

Long-Regulating compensation of pub ic officers; passed.

Paxton-To protect food fishes. This is comprehensive fish law.
Gates introduced a resolution limiting preches to one minute, except the sponor of the bill, who may have five min-

ites, but not to apply to the appropria ion bill; adopted. Consideration of bouse bill No. 297 wa esumed at the afternoon ression. The najority of the committee, Myers, Coon

majority of the committee, Myers, Coon and Bridges, reported in favor of retaining fishwheels, traps, etc., while the minority, Lester and Stewart, reported against such wheels, traps, etc., after two years from the pussage of the bill. It was characterized as a fight between the gill-net men of the lower Columbia and the wheel men and trap men of further up the just. The minority research ther up the river. The minority report was defeated, and subrequently the whole matter was indefinitely postponed. This led Paxto to introduce a joint resolution for a committee of three from the house and two from the senate to investigate food fishes and report needed legislation thereon to the next legislative session. This was referred. Curtis' bill to pro hibit the catching of salmon and other food fishes by fishwheels, etc., was the

aken up and defeated.

The senate resolution was read final adjournment Friday at midnight Smith of Polk offered an amendm making the time Saturday night at mid-night. Baker offered a further amend-ment that no edjournment be had until thought a deer was there, and fired. The

fixed next Tuesday, and the whole mat The reports on the investigation of the ylum and soldiers' home was read an

red printed. ese bills were then acted upon: These bills were then acted upon: Baker-Amending section 4230 of ode so as to give a surveyor of lur in logs to Lane county as well as Coor

Smith of Josephine (relected by Barkley) Providing a tax of one mill as a state bool tax; passed. Blundell-Fixing the salaries of county wasurers; recommitted; amended, report-i back and passed. Boothby-Fixing the compensation of

e commissioners of Morrow and Harney Wright—General appropriation bill; made as special order for tem frow evening in ommittee of the whole. Rinearson (selected by Huffman)—Regu-

ating the creation of new counties; re-ommitted for amendment; reported back unended and passed. Burleigh-Providing for certain qualifons of county superintendents: passed Schibrede (selected by Calvert) Relating appeals in criminal cases, simplifying the same and lessening the costs; passed. Thompson (selected by Bridges)—Requirng terminal companies to furnish fa-

cilities for railroad companies; passed. Cardwell-Fixing the salary of justices of the peace in Portland; passed. Cleeton-Extending the time of redemption from execution sale to one year

Coon-Prescribing homestead exemp ons; passed.

At the evening session the calling of

names for the selection of bills was re-sumed, as follows: Conn (selected by Coon)—For the relief certain persons; passed. cooper-Regulating salaries of counts dges; recommitted. Craig-To prevent livestock from run

Curtis-Amending an act to make counties liable for unmages sustained because of defective roads and bridges; passed. David-Repealing section tiel of Hill's de, relating to roads; passed. Hope (selected by Davis)-For the relief

Malheur county; lost. Curtis—Astoria's charter; senate amend ment concurred in. Smith of Josephine (selected by Dunn)-Amending section 2238 of Hill's code

Burke - Amending Portland's charter, giving permission to purchase East Side water works and connect Bull Run; read first, second and third times and passed. Gates-Amending sections 4003 and 4007 of Hill's code, relating to railroad com-missioners; passed, 28 to 10. This bill

the commission elective on and Schibrede (selected by Gowdy)-Amend Rinearson (selected by Guild)-Providing

for the caling of a constitutional con on; lost. bill 104. Upon motion of Smith of Jose phine the special order was passed and made the special order for tomorrow at

Patterson (selected by Hillegas)-To pro vide compensation for deputy sheriffs in Crook, Harney, Grant and Morrow

Hofer-Licensing public corporations Hofer (selected by Huffman)-For the

tate publication of school books.

Jeffrey-Relating to mining records in county; passed. Keyt-Repealing the drainage act;

Chairman Wright, of the committee or ways and means, announced that the rea-son the report of the committee was not on the tables of the members was owin to some typographical errors, which no cessitated that the bill had to be reprint ed, and undoubtedly will be on the table

in the morning. Lester-Prescribing duties of road su-pervisors; passed.

Long-Amending section 177 of the code;

McCraken-Amending the law relating to harboring seamen, McGreer-Fixing the bounty on wild an mals: lost. Shutrum-Prohibiting narrow wage

Lyle-For the creation of Sutton county; Moorhead - Preventing blacklisting

Jeffrey (selected by Nealon)-Amending ection 4178 of the code; passed.

Myers — Prohibiting minors from fre enting places of evil resort; passed.

Guild (selected by Rinearson)-Providing recording chattel mortgages; passed.

albrede—Fixing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court at \$3000 a year, with a clerk at \$750, and no fee; passed. Cleeton (selected by Patterson)—Requi

ag receivers to give bonds; passed. David-For a graded school at Fossil

Blundell (selected by Stewart)-Protect ing salmon in the smaller streams of the state: passed. Smith of Josephine - Relating to the service of summons in justice courts.

Tigard — For fire escapes and exits;

WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD. Later, However, She Revived and Said She Had Felt Faint.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-Mrs. Bowden, 75 years old, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Hallock, in Bridgehampton L. I., seemed to be stricken with heart failure Sunday. The family physician did all he could, but she sank rapidly. Old friends were called in, and the sorrowing family waited for the end. Her breathing became weaker and weak-er, until it ceased. The doctors listened vainly for the heart beats, and proced the woman dead.

The undertaker was about to measure the body for a casket, when one of the family insisted that the woman might not be dead. The physician, to satisfy him, injected a heart restoralive. There was a perceptible movement of the eye-lide, and the woman's breast moved up and down faintly. Soon she began to breathe, and finally opened her eyes. Those about the bedside watched in Those about the bedside watched in magement. The woman scon got up, and less than an hour was walking the room. Mrs. Bowden says the attack

emed like a fainting spell The Winter on the Cattle Ranges. MILES CITY, Mont., Feb. 20.-Reports from the northern and eastern part of the state indicate that the loss of live-stock from the excessively cold weather has been large. The number of sheep that have died will reach 50,000. A warm wave has struck the state, and it is believed no more cold weather will be experienced this winter. Reports from the range near Livingstone are that stock have vived the cold spell and are in good con-dition. The snow is disappearing rapidly from the feeding grounds.

A Fatal Stroke of Apoplexy. WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Harry G. Os-rood, chief clerk of Fourth Assistant Postmasier-General Maxwell, was stricken with apoplexy while at work today and died shortly afterwards. Osgood was a grandson of a former postmaster-gen-eral.

The Brig Adeline Thought Lost. BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—The brig Jane Adeline, which sailed from this port to Turk island and there loaded a cargo of sait for Boston, is believed to have bee lost with all on board. She has not been

Mistaken for a Deer. SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Feb. 21.—Charles Coombs killed Frank Carroll at Loma Prieta this afternson. The men were hunting deer. Coombs saw a bush move

TWO BALLOTS TAKEN

WILLIAMS AGAIN POLLS THE OPPO-SITION VOTE.

Caucus - Bolters More Anxious and Their Followers More Discontented and Apprehensive Each Day.

Yesterday, for the first time since the calloting for United States senator com-menced, two ballots were taken in one day at Salem. The two showed but one change, Senator Raley first voting for The opposition republicans, or bolters, as they are better known, Senator imped from Lowell of Pendleton back to Villiams. The opening ballot and those of the past two weeks, so far as the candates now before the convention are

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SALEM, Feb. 20,-Today's balloting and tonight's anxious caucussing and running here and there of minority republicans has brought out no new element of the senatorial situation or the indication of any event other than has been outlined in these dispatches for a month past. The opposition leaders are growing more anxious, and their followers are each day fore discontented and apprehensive. The Dolph forces have seen and appreciated the necessity of their standing fast to the aucus nominee, and their action in steadfastly continuing to do so has nonplussed the opposition leaders and nettled bolt-ers. The latter's ranks are held together by very slender threads, and friction is growing under the vicissitude of legisla-tion and the near approach of the last lay, with its possibility of saddling upon them the responsibility for deadlock, and, perhaps, an extra session, by the bolt of caucus, and by persistence in resisting he will of the majority. Overtures are made to democrate and populists with preater importunity and less attempt at oncealment. All efforts, however, seem utterly fruitless, and it is more than ever apparent that the key to the situation is in the hands of the majority, and that heir standing together to the last must bring some members of the opposition to them, though it may take until the last lay. Shrewd observers and men who are on friendly terms with both sides assert ositively that there are enough of the pposition to elect Dolph who will vote or him rather than go home without election. There are, perhaps, many of the ninority who would not regret a deadock, and some who would even welcome an extra session for the opportunity of collical employment it would give, but they will not be allowed to dictate what shall be done. Indications still point to General Strike in the Building Dolph's election

The Joint Session. SALEM, Feb. 20.—The joint assembly was called to order at 12:05, with the largest attendance of spectators since the pening days. A large number of Portand people came in this morning, and others were present from all parts of the

The only pair announced was that of senators McGinn and McClung, all the epresentatives being present.
Rolleall proceeded without incident, the position republicans voting uniformly

for Judge Williams.
Representative Smith, of Polk county, moved that anether ballot be taken, and Alley moved to adjourn The motion to adjourn taking precedence, was put and ost, the Dolph republicans, excepting shobson and Patterson, and the democrats, excepting Huston and McAlister, voting o, and the anti-Dolph republicans, expting Davis, and the populists, except-

ng Jeffrey, voting aye.

Another ballot, the 26th of the session, was then taken, the president sustaining ne point of order made by Senator Hus-

on that no motion was necessary.
The only change on the 26th ballot from
he preceding was that of Senator Raley,
lem., who voted for State Senator Butler. Another ave and no vote was then taken the question of adjournment and re-ilted in a tie. H votes being cast on each ide, and factional lines being closely iruwn. After this a number of senators regan announcing pairs and leaving the nall, whereupon a motion by Rinearson to udjourn was put viva voce and carried. The detailed vote upon the second ballot

of the detailed vote upon the second rando of the day was:

For J. N. Dolph-Bancroft, Beach, Blundell, Bridges, Brownell, Calbreath, Calvert, Cardwell, Carter, Cleeton, Conn, Daly, David, Dawson, Denny, Gesner, Gowdy, Gowan, Hobson, Long, Maxwell, McCraken, McGreer, Wittle Mourheauth Mintie, Moorhead, Myers, Patter-son (Marion), Paxton, Price, Schibrede, Shutrum, Smith (Clackamas), Smith (Jo-sephine), Smith (Polk), Stanley, Steiwer, Cempleton, Thompson, Woodard, Moores,

H. Williams-Alley, Barkley, Boothby, Burke, Cole, Coon, Cooper, Craig, Curtis, Davis, Dunn, Gates, Guild, Gurdane, Hillegus, Hofer, Hope, Johnson, Keyt, Les-ter, Lyle, Patterson (Grant), Rinearson. Smith (Linu). Wright, Yates, W. D. Hare-Buckman, Burleigh, Holt, Huffman, Jeffrey, King, Nealon,

Stewart, Venderburg, Young-18. For J. H. Raley-Beckiey, Butler, Cognwell, Huston, McAlister, Smith (Shernan). Smith (Clatsop)-7 For N. L. Butler-Raley-1.

AFTER THE RAILROADS. Minnesota and North Dakota Conferring as to Rate Reductions.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 20.-The freight rate reduction committees of the legislatures of Minnesota and North Dakota met here this afternoon and listened to an argu-ment by M. D. Grover, of the Great Northern railway, against any general reduction of rates. Mr. Grover attempted to show that his company did not make 6 per cent n a tenth of its investment. This was minitted of the line west of Minot, N. D., out not points east of Minot. It was the ceneral impression of the committee that uniform cut of 10 per cent should be nade. The Minnesota members of the committee will go to Bismarck Monday and a second conference will be held, after which bills will be introduced in both legislatures.

IN OTHER LEGISLATURES.

New York's Whipping-Post Bill. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The senate udiciary committee will tomorrow report favorably Senator O'Connor's Gerry whip ing-post bill, amended so that corporal unishment may be inflicted on persons seaulting a female or child of either sex under the age of 16 years. Wife-beaters, whom Gerry was anxious to reach as well, are exempted from the provisions of

Still No Change at Boise. BOISE, Feb. 20 .- There was no change in he senatorial vote today. The result: It does not seem likely that there will

Large Hats and Cigarettes. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20 .- The assembly

egislature, and was today sent to the go ernor for his approval. The senate passed the bill by an unanimous vote, and in the assembly it passed by a vote of 54 to 12. It is believed Governor Budd will approve the

The Ballot in Delaware. DOVER, Del., Feb. 20.—There was only ne ballot in the senatorial contest today. ...9 Massey ...

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD Suicide of the First Secretary of the Russian Legation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- P. Bogadoff, first secretary of the Russian legation, killed himself today by shooting himself in the head. He was until recently the Russian charge d'affaires at Rio de Jaseire. A thorough examination of th ody showed that, while reclining on his the secretary had pressed the revol The bullet went clear through the head and was found afterwards in the middle and was found afterwards in the missie of the pillow. The weapon, firmly elench-ed in the right hand, lay on the breast. The secretary had been complaining, the servants said, for the past two weeks, of severe neuralgic pains, and for several days had been obliged to remain abed. Mr. Botkine, the second secretary, with whom he lunched yesterday, said that he semed very cheerful

seemed very cheerful.

The coroner, after an investigation, was about to ascribe the death to the late liness, when, in glancing over the papers on the deak, Mr. Botkine uttered a slight exclamation of surprise, and said "Ah, here are some notes. One of them mays 'For Relatives,' the other 'To Be Opened.' Shall I open them?"

Hammert told him that the second one

must be opened, but the other, being sealed, should be sent to its destination. Accordingly, Mr. Botkine read aloud the note, which was written on a card, bearng the imperial crest. It was signed by gadoff, courned in these strange words "To a long-time dead soul, the body is too heavy a task. For this reason I de-

It was then teen that for some time the deceased had been suffering mentally, though his actions did not show it. The coroner accordingly noted in his minutes that death was due to despondency, and made a certificate of death by a self-inleted revolver wound. The effects of the leceased were turned over to Mr. Botkine, who locked the drawers and trunks and scaled them with the seal of the lega-

The Wages of Sin.

NORWICH, Conn., Feb. 20.—Gustave Geduldig, a prominent florist of this city, committed suicide by polson today, the reult of shame and remorse because woman of Ill-fame had died in a roo which they jointly occupied on Monday night. The woman's death was due to alcoholism. He was a man of family and heretofore bore an unblemished reputa-

A GRAVE ASPECT. Trades Threatened.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-The labor sitation, involved in the strike of the electrical workers declared Monday, has sumed a grave aspect. The threat of ng a general strike in the building trade was in part carried out when 750 men en ployed on two of the biggest buildir enterprises in the city threw down the tools. Tomerrow more great building will be deserted and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at a conference of the committee and board of walking delegates, general strike of the building trades this city and Brooklyn will be declared stopping the construction of 37 large buildings and innumerable smaller ones, and throwing out of work, at a very conservative estimate, 10,000 men. The heart of the building season can scarce be estimated. The threat has brought th master builders almost to their knees t the electrical contractors, whom they in plored not to bring down such a calamity The walking delegates threaten to exten the strike still further if the eight-hou

day is not conceded. The board of waking delegates this afternoon ordered a general strike on the Presbyterian building, which is in course of construction at Thirtieth street and Fourth avenue. The strike is in sym-pathy with that of the electrical work-ers. About 300 men have been employed on the building.

To Sift the McBride Charges. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 20.—The charges of bribery made by Mark Wild, president of the Columbia Trades Assembly and state organizer of the American Railway Union, against John McBride, president of the American Federation of Labor, were not satisfactorily disposed of by the recent miners' convention, which exon-erated McBride, and now those who be-lieved McBride guilty will take advantage of the existing circumstaneces to sift the

matter to the bottom. Three Thousand Are Out. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Children's Jacket-Makers' Union, Knights of Labor struck today. Three thousand are ou The strikers state that the manufactures want them to return to the piece systen by which they can earn only \$5 to \$10 : week, whereas they are now making to \$16 per week. Sixty contractors he consented to the strikers' demands.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Stockton's Masonic Temple. STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 20.-Shortly be fore midnight last night a fire broke out in the Masonic temple and within a few ooked as if the entire block would be burned down. The building is one of the largest in the city, and is valued at about the sensational rider, winning his heat 200,000. It has a large music hall in the center, and the other rooms in the structure are used by various clubs, by the United States land office and by lodgers. The lodgers managed to escape in scant at-tire, and the rooms of the Camera Club and Oak Leaf Wheelmen were badly dam-

aged by water. The fire started under the stage of the music hall, and the interior of the building was quickly ablaze. The firemen did some wonderfully quick work, and man-aged to check the flames before they had nicated to the rest of the buildi The loss is large, and is estimated at b tween \$19,000 and \$12,000. L. P. Drexier, San Francisco, who has a mortgage on th building, has it insured in his name, for \$35,000. The Masons have their parapher-nalla insured for a small sum. The origin of the fire has not been ascer

Caused by Mice Knawing Matches RENO, Nev., Feb. 29.—A fire at 2:30 this norming, which had its origin in the sa-son of S. Armanko, caused a heavy loss. Armanko's place was completely de-stroyed, and the goods of P. Levey & Bro., and the clothing store of Ash Bros. were badly damaged by fire and water. It is supposed the fire was caused mice gnawing matches. The owner of the building, Mrs. Byington, of San Francis-co, is fully insured. Armanko's loss is \$4900. F. Levey & Bro. are heavy losers, but their loss is not estimated; insurance \$10,000. Ash Bros. loss unestimated; insurance, \$7000.

A New York Village Badly Scorehed UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The business sortion of the village of Hamilton burned night. The loss will aggregate \$40,-

of the state legislature today passed a bill to prohibit the wearing of hats or bonnets in theaters are bill to prevent the many are bill to prevent the many are sale or other distribution of cigarettes has passed both branches of the

THE IRON INDUSTRY

GREAT DEPRECIATION OF PROP-ERTY.

The Opening of the Mesaba and Other Ranges Will Bring About a Complete Revolution.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 20. - Solom Curry, president of the Metropolitan Iron & Land Company, made an astourding statement today regarding the future of statement today regarding the future of that business, and predicts a revolution in the iron industry. He said that over \$100,000,000 had vanished, and added that the opening of the Mesaba and other ranges had been a big blow to the Wiscon-sin-Michigan companies. Mr. Curry con-veys the lifes that there has been a de-presentation of researchers. preciation of property to equal this grea sum. Mr. Curry returned today from Cleveland, where he attended a confer ence between nearly all the principal ore corporations of the United States. He

"The meeting was like a funeral dirge We sobbed at the sight of wealth as great as the Rothschilds' vanishing into mist, all through the discovery of ore fields which can be mined for more ore than the worl needs. All this is due to the developmen of the Mesaba range and the billions of tons of ore which can be placed on the cars there at a low price, and assures the the world of an adequate supply of the metal for a thousand years. This condi-tion confronts as when we had just commenced to believe a famine in the produc tion of bessemer iron was about to be in-augurated. We had some of the most experienced from men in the world visit England, Spain, Algiers and Cuba, and make examinations of mines. From their reports we believed that in a few years Europe would be obliged to call upon America for its bessemer ore. This will prove to be true, for the United States has the ore, and the fields in the old country are playing out."

The Downey Estate.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20.-R. Suirado, brother of the late Mrs. John G. Downey, filed a complaint against Downey Harvey late this afternoon for one-half of the estate of the late ex-Governor Downey, This claim is in behalf of himself and his brothers Leandro and Ber-nardino. He bases the claim on an alleged agreement, said to have been entered into between ex-Governor Downe and Mrs. Downey's brothers after Mrs. Downey's demise, in which the ex-governor gave what purported to be a written agreement to leave half of his estate to his dead wife's relatives in consideration f their giving him a quitclaim deed to their respective interests in the property. The estate is appraised at \$1,500,000

Profit in Books. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-The Methodist Sook Concern makes the following an-

'Notwithstanding the financial depres sion throughout the whole country, the profits from our publishing houses have en such as to permit dividends from the Methodist Book Concern to the confer-ences for the benefit of superannuated preachers and widows and orphans, to be made for the fiscal year beginning this date, to the amount of \$120,000, \$20,000 in excess of the dividends of last year."

They Ask Damages as Well. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20,-The execu ors of the estate of the late Mervyn Donahue, president of the San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad Company, today brought suit against J. and W. Sellgman & Co., and Ladenburg, Thailmann & Co., of New York, and P. N. Lillenthal, of San Francisco, for the recovery of 500 shares of stock which they have held un er an agreement entered into some year ago. The stock is worth \$101,250, and the executors demand \$19,000 damages in ad-dition for its detention. The Tabor Block, Denver.

DENVER, Feb. 20.-Judge Allen today ented the application of Mrs. Smith t foreclose her second trust deed of \$275,000 on the Tabor block and Tabor opera-house, but decided that she shall have the right to foreclose at the same time that the Mutual Life Insurance Company fore closes its trust deed of \$60,000. This pro-tects the interests of Mrs. Smith, for, by a former decison, the Mutual Life was al-lowed to bring foreclosure, and the same privilege was denied Mrs. Smith.

Price of Whisky Too Low. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The receivers of the whisky trust held a consultation today with distillers from all parts of the counwhisky, which is believed to be too low. It is authoritatively stated that the rate will be advanced 2½ cents per gallon. The receivers have just discovered that the trust owned a valuable piece of property

in California, which did not appear in assets. Allmony Must Be Paid. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-A motion was granted today for a receiver for the property of a San Francisco wine merchan named Manbee to satisfy his divorced wife's claims for alimony. Maubee fled to avoid paying the money, hence the pro-

THE THIRD NIGHT'S RIDING Winners of the Finals in San Fran cisco's Bicycle Tournament.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—There was only one accident at the bicycle tourna-ment tonight, and that was caused by carelessness. The sport was better and more appreciated than on the previous nights. The track had been altered dur-ing the day, and the riders seemed to regain their confidence. Only three me were allowed to ride in the same in fast time. Byrne is a comparatively new man, but promises to be the best man in his class before the season is over. The final results were:

One-third mile dash, class A - Byrn won, Nissen second, Rose third; One mile, class B, scratch-Foster won, Osen second, Terrill third; time, 2:27. One mile, handicap, class A-Byrne won Languetin second, Howe third; time, 2-25

THE RACE-WINNERS. Results Yesterday at San Francisco

and New York. Starter Ferguson kept 12 2-year-olds half an hour at the post at San Fran-cisco yesterday, and when he finally sent them off three were left at the post, and the rest were strong along an eighth of a mile. Rey del Bandidos won in a drive from Corrigan's colt, Kowalsky. All the ther races except the last were won by favorites. The winners at San Francisc

ind New Orleans were: At San Francisco-Five and a half fur-longs, selling, for maidens, Lizzle Hampon, colt, in 1:08; six furlongs, selling, Se Spray in 1:16; half mile, for 2-year Rey del Bandidos in 0:39%; mile and a fur-long, handlenp, Articus in 1:56; five fur-longs, selling, George F. Smith in 1:00%. At New Orleans-Five furlongs, Walter Talbot in 1:13%; 5½ furlongs, Emperor Billet in 1:29%; six furlongs, Bill White in 1:27½; 5½ furlongs, Rancocas in 1:15%; 5½ urlongs, Viola C. in 1:19%

Merely an Expression of Opinion. BOSTON, Feb. 20.-At a meeting of the Harvard faculty, held yesterday, it was oted as the opinion of the body that it would be well for the athletic co to put an end to intercollegiate football The faculty further decided that this opin ion should be sent to the corporation with a request that they forward it to This vote of the faculty, though it will

doubtless have considerable weight with the athletic committee, is merely an ex-pression of opinion. The final action in the matter, in fact, the entire decision the matter, in fact, the entire decision of the question, rests with this committee. The athletic committee is appointed by the corporation, and consists of nine members, these members; three members of the faculty, three graduates, and three undergrad-

Nothing Known as to the Vigilant. SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 29.-Howard SOUTHAMPTON, reacould will said for America in the steamship New York next Saturday. correspondents made many inquiries here today as to the report that the yacht Vigiliant would be taken back to America at once, and were informed that no instructions whatever as to her future movements had been received.

Discrimination Alleged.

DENVER, Celo., Feb. 20.-The Colorado Fuel & Iron Company has forwarded to Washington a petition to the interstate ommerce commission, praying that the oads from Chicago to the Pacific coast be compelled to cease discrimination in their freight rates against Denver, Pueblo and other common points. On the western side of the continent the Colorado people have not been able to overcome the dice of the Southern Pacific, which has made a lower rate for hauling rails from Chicago, 900 miles east of Pueblo, than they demanded for the haul from Colo-

Movements of Ocean Vessels. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-Arrived-Mo-nawk, from London; Obdam, from Rotteriam; Noordlad, from Antwerp; Majestic, from Liverpool; Kalser Wilhelm II, from Mediterranean points; Lahn, from Bre-men. Salled-La Gascogne, for Havre; Westernland, for Antwerp; Berlin, for Southampton. Arrived out-Teutonic, At Liverpool; New York, at Southampton; icia, at Hamburg, Sailed for New York-Russia, from Havre; from Rotterdam.

The Vote at Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—In a total rote of 214,747, Charles F. Warwick, republican candidate for mayor, had a plurality of \$8,88 over ex-Governor Robert E. Pat-tison, democrat. This is the greatest plurality ever given a candidate in a municipal contest. The republicans almost all the city and borough elections

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