

## LET DOWN THE BARS

TESTIMONY FOR AND AGAINST CAPTAIN BRYANT.

Many Testify He Is a Bad Inspector of Hulls, and Many That He Is Not.

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—The investigation of the charges against Captain W. J. Bryant, local inspector of hulls, was continued by Supervising Inspector Birmingham today and will last through tomorrow. A number of shipmasters, pilots and engineers testified against Bryant. One said Bryant sold life-preservers, and told of a violent quarrel he had with Bryant on the subject as he was agent for a rival company. Numerous other witnesses, however, refused to testify, though they had had long experience. One man claimed that Bryant collected a commission on the sale of the steamer Chabala and then condemned the rival steamer Cricket until certain repairs were made. After these were made, he licensed the Cricket for another route. Several captains defended Bryant, one saying that his report of the ship was good with the good and bad with the bad. Captain Birmingham threw down the bars and admitted an attorney for the prosecution, Bryant saying he did not object to the whole Seattle bar.

## TRAGEDY AT SUMMIT.

John McCall Shot and Killed by His Father-in-Law, John McDowell.

COVALLIS, Or., Feb. 27.—It is reported from Summit, a small town in the Burdett district, just over the line in Lincoln county, that John McCall was shot and almost instantly killed by his father-in-law, John McDowell.

There seems to have been trouble for some time between McCall and his wife, which finally ended yesterday by McDowell having McCall arrested on the charge of assault and battery on his wife. The trial came off yesterday in Justice Lukey's court at Little Elk, when McCall was acquitted.

McDowell and his family went home ahead of McCall, and the latter followed with the avowed intention of taking his children, who were with his wife at the father-in-law's. He rode up to the McDowell place on horseback, and called from the gate, asking if his children were there, to which he was answered by McDowell that they were in the house. He then rode up to the house, and took them, and would take them when McDowell told him he could not have them, and it is understood that McDowell immediately shot and killed him.

## ARTICLES FILED.

Recent Incorporations in the State of Washington.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—Following are articles for domestic corporations filed in the office of the secretary of state:

Seattle Press-Times Company, Seattle; capital, \$50,000; 100 shares of \$50 each; incorporators, J. H. Woolley, F. A. Twitchell, H. B. Jeffries; to conduct a printing business.

The Provident Investment Company, Tacoma; capital, \$10,000; 100 shares of \$100 each; incorporators, Robert P. Thomas, Clarence B. Griffin, George G. Brockbank; to conduct a general investment business.

The Northwestern Agricultural Industrial Association, New Whatcom; capital, \$500; 100 shares of \$5 each; incorporators, Edward Fletcher, H. A. Smith, and others; to conduct an agricultural educational institution.

United Order of Ancient Vikings, Tacoma; a Norwegian beneficial order for native-born Norwegians and their descendants.

The Bartlett Land Company, Port Townsend; capital, \$100,000; 200 shares of \$50 each; incorporators, Frank A. Bartlett, L. R. Bartlett, R. W. Jennings; general real estate business.

Providence Investment Company, Tacoma; capital, \$100,000; 100 shares of \$100 each; incorporators, O. L. Conrad and F. S. Steere; general real estate business.

The Spirit of the Pacific Northwest Company, Seattle; capital, \$10,000; 10,000 shares of \$1 each; incorporators, Harry E. Bull, Willis D. Gordon and others; to publish newspapers.

Court Energy, Inc., \$25,000; 100 shares of \$25 each; incorporators, Frank A. Bartlett, L. R. Bartlett, R. W. Jennings; general real estate business.

UMATILLAS ANGRY.

Indians Incensed Over the Arrest of No Shirt and Young Chief.

PENNINGTON, Or., Feb. 27.—The Umatilla reservation at Pendleton, where No Shirt and Young Chief, who were preparing to go to Washington to interview the secretary of the interior concerning the disposition of \$200,000 of Indian lands, were arrested on Agent Harper's order, by Indian police, for resisting the authority of United States officers. The other Indians are enraged on account of the arrest of the two chiefs, and rumors are current today of trouble. A prominent official said today he feared it would be necessary to bring a company of troops from Walla Walla, unless the Indians quieted down. They have made threats against Agent Harper, and are restless under the agent's restraint, on account of Judge Bellinger's decision that Indians on allotted lands are American citizens.

LA GRANDE'S CURIOUS.

Divided Between a Patent Medicine Company and Revivalists.

LA GRANDE, Feb. 27.—This week the attendance of large numbers of people has been divided between a free show given by a patent-medicine company at Stewart's opera-house and a series of revivals conducted by the Pentecostal church. The claim to be wholly sanctified, deny baptism and all supremacy of the commonly accepted church government, addressing direct worship to Jesus Christ, but to the Almighty only.

The La Grande Athletic Club feels it has been given the old school by the clubs of the Pacific Northwest Amateur Athletic Association in the proposed next season's baseball contest. In fact, Pentecost and Baker City have no athletic clubs, while La Grande's club is strongly organized with over 100 members.

Since Saturday's heavy rain the weather has continued bright and balmy, except somewhat chilly nights. This evening another brisk shower has fallen.

BALLARD SHINGLE MILLS BURNED.

An Effort to Revive the Carlew Mill in That Town.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 27.—The Jamieson shingle mills at Ballard, with a daily capacity of 200,000, and owned by McEwen Bros., was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is fully \$150,000; insurance, \$100,000. In the Palatine and Northern companies. The boiler was the only thing saved. The fire started in the fan of the drying-

Four Great Northern box-cars were burned, and the stock-pile of J. M. Donohoe's mill ignited from the sparks, but was quickly extinguished with small damage.

Councilman H. E. Beach has introduced in the Ballard city council an ordinance for the revival of the Carlew mill in Ballard.

## SET FOR WEDNESDAY

HELM'S BILL MADE THE SPECIAL ORDER FOR THAT DAY.

The Vote in the Senate at Olympia Does Not Show the Opposition's Real Strength.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—The railroad rate bill which passed the house with amendments yesterday was received by the senate today, and referred to the committee on corporations other than municipal. There was great interest taken in the expected appearance of the bill in the senate, and the chamber was filled with spectators when it arrived. The anticipated contest over the measure, however, was brief, although the committee member of the committee, moved that the bill be reported back by the committee and made the special order for next Wednesday. The bill was then taken up and was on the joint committee to investigate the penitentiary troubles; that Senator Frink had already doubted; and he would have tonight, and that he could not get back before the official opening of the session to make it the special order for Friday next. He said he was satisfied to take it up in the absence of the committee. Miller and Crow favored the amendment, and Deakbach then moved that it be made the special order for tomorrow. Wooding said there were five senators at the state university, and it would be impossible to get the bill in the absence of Miller. He insisted that it should be the special order for Friday. This angered Deakbach, and he insisted on his original motion, making the bill the special order for Wednesday. A rising vote was taken, and Deakbach's motion prevailed—10 to 10. There is some doubt as to the true meaning of the vote, the friends of the bill being unable to determine whether the vote showed a true estimate of the opposition to the bill. Ten members were absent from the city or not present to vote.

## CAMPMEETING COTTAGES BURNED.

Destructive and Probably Fatal Fire at Indian Grove.

PITMAN GROVE, N. J., Feb. 27.—A fire, caused by the explosion of a coal oil stove, started in the residence of John Kerschler, on Twelfth avenue, this morning. Before the flames were under control six cottages were destroyed and as many more badly damaged. Several houses had to be torn down to prevent a spread of the flames. It looked at one time as if the entire camp meeting ground would be burned, but by hard work on the part of the residents, the flames were checked. One of Kerschler's children, a boy named Harry, was badly burned, and will probably die.

## The Loss Was Slight.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Reports sent out early this morning of a large fire at Vallejo Junction, were without foundation. The General Lee boarding-house, a four-story building, was burned with all its contents. Loss, about \$200.

## An Ash Wednesday Fire.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Ann's Catholic church caught fire today while the parishioners were at mass in celebration of Ash Wednesday. All got out in safety however. The building was burned; loss, \$20,000.

## Small Blaze in a California Town.

LEWIS, Cal., Feb. 27.—A fire here this morning destroyed the store of G. W. Barrett, the loss is \$1000, and the insurance \$200.

## FRISCO'S PESTHOUSE.

The Horrible State of Affairs Revealed by an Official Inquiry.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—George I. Gaden, who has been investigating the pesthouse near South San Francisco, at the instigation of Mayor Sutro, has made his report. He simply has no words adequate to describe the filthy condition of almost everything connected with the institution, says Mr. Gaden. "I was prepared, from what I had heard, to find a place in a pretty bad shape, but the actual state I found is almost beyond belief. The place is one mass of dirt, filth and vermin, and it is a wonder that the inmates do not die under the bed. The room is full of holes, and sun and rain alike have free access. The only heat furnished in the barn, for it is no better, is given by a little gas stove in a room occupied by the inmates. The temperature is low or high, and the inmates are not allowed to leave their beds to keep warm."

Two watchmen are employed for the place, one day and another for night, but they are useless and sometimes are not to be found. The inmates do not want to get away, and these men simply draw salaries from the city and do no good."

## She Will Now Be a Duchess.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A Washington special says the Duke of Arco, the recently appointed Spanish minister to Mexico, left here for the Mexican capital Thursday, bearing with him the promise of Miss Virginia Lowery, of this city, to become his bride. A dozen years ago the duke married a girl named Virginia in Washington, but on account of her father's aversion to any but an American son-in-law, she refused to marry him. But she would not return to her father. The old duke, the young man's father, died recently, and the son inherited his title and estates in Spain, and soon afterward was appointed to the Mexican mission. After a visit of three months in Washington, things were amicably settled. Archibald Lowery, the father of the bride, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Washington, while his beautiful daughter is one of the belles of Washington.

## Chicago Is Still Larger.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Chicago is larger by one square mile than it was yesterday. Its total area is now 375.45 square miles. The latest accession is the territory lying between Oak Street and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, and Halsted street and Ashland avenue. The town of Calumet has been dropping into the city limits until Chicago now reaches the city of Chicago. It has taken nearly 10 years since the first section of Calumet fell in to absorb it.

## A Passenger on the Paris.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—General Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, sailed on the steamer Paris for Europe today. Over 1000 Salvationists and ladies saw him off.

## An Old Resident of The Dalles Dies.

THE DALLES, Feb. 27.—Theodore Cartwright, an old resident of this county, is dangerously ill from blood-poisoning. His recovery is doubtful.

## The Woollyers for the Season.

The woollyers for the season are beginning to arrive in the city. There were 17 cases of smallpox in the pesthouse, a number of cases in the city not removed.

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## HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE

ENGLAND AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONFERENCE.

The Government's Action Indicates No Change of Ministerial Opinion on the Currency Problem.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Ballard Smith cables the following to the World, from London:

"The acceptance by the government of a bimetallic resolution in the house of commons last night does not indicate any change of ministerial opinion on the currency problem. Bimetallists, in order to catch votes, have watered down their motion so that it involved no declaration of principle, and no commitment of the government to an approval of sending a British representative to any future international currency conference. Sir William Viner, the chief spokesman of the bimetallists, has agreed to the proposal, but at the same time reiterated with the utmost emphasis that England's prosperity is bound up entirely with the maintenance of the gold standard. The whole desecration of the currency conference at present is wholly outside the range of practical politics. Any representative sent by the present government to the currency conference will be a bimetallicist, and though Balfour is a bimetallicist, no Tory government would attempt to alter the currency policy of England. The currency conference is a sham, and the currency conference is a sham."

## IMINICAL TO GERMANY.

Commercial Treaty Between Germany and Argentina Denounced.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The imperial deputies of the Reichstag met today in the Reichstag building and passed a resolution denouncing the commercial treaty between Germany and Argentina as inimical to Germany's interests. Count Herbert von Bismarck, who presided, spoke with vehemence against all commercial treaties. Deputy Jacobsohn, conservative, offered the reichstag today the debate on his motion to restrict the immigration of Hebrews. He said the recent influx of Hebrews from Russia and Austria had been so great as to amount to a national plague. He said the government had proposed the motion, also declaring that, as a party, the social democrats felt no interest in it. Deputy Dr. Passaue, national liberal, also spoke against the motion, and declared that the motion would be against the motion. The debate was adjourned.

## The Armenian Inquiry.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Telegraph has a two-column dispatch from a reporter in Constantinople, dated January 23, which was sent by the Russian telegraph and was from Kara.

The dispatch records attempts on the part of Turks to destroy the proofs of outrages, and especially to obliterate the tell-tale pit dug behind the residence of the chief of the village of Dielyegozan, in the district of Kirmak, in the province of Van. The proofs were in the form of a barrel of oil that was originally intended to be used in burning the villages were poured into the pit and set on fire. The barrel failed to explode, and the oil was found in the stream was dammed to wash away the horrible evidence. Now the remains are being removed piecemeal.

## A Motion of Want of Confidence.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 27.—Ex-Premier Sir George Dibbs notified the New South Wales assembly today that he would propose a motion of want of confidence in the ministers. The house then adjourned. It is rumored that Sir Henry Parker will support the motion. The ministry is expected to resign.

## Political Crisis in Sweden.

CHRISTIANA, Feb. 27.—The political crisis in Sweden is still undimmed. King Oscar held a council today. He requested the conservative ministers to withdraw their resignations, but they refused to do so. He then asked Sivdorp, leader of the moderate left, to form a cabinet, and received another refusal.

## William Bound for Berlin.

VIENNA, Feb. 27.—Emperor William left Vienna this evening for Berlin. During his short sojourn he had his first meeting with the duke of Cumberland. The personal acquaintance of the two men is expected to improve their relations, which have been strained since the restoration of the Guelphs.

## Missionaries Attacked by Chinese.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The license offices of Catholic missions have received news of an attack on the missionaries in the province of Tonquin. Missionary Verlier was killed. Father Soubeire escaped and carried the news to the nearest military post.

## Feared Anarchists Have Killed Him.

MILAN, Feb. 27.—Deputy Antonio Comandini, director of the Morning Courier, a government daily, was missing for two weeks. He was hated bitterly by the anarchists, and it is feared that they have killed him. The police of the whole kingdom are searching for him.

## Will Take Out the Paragraph.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The reichstag today adopted the proposal to expunge the paragraph concerning colonial powers upon the governor of Alsace-Lorraine.

## To Indemnify French Families.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Brazil has agreed to indemnify the families of Frenchmen shot during the revolution.

## Again the Dynamite Bomb.

CATANIA, Feb. 27.—By the explosion of a bomb in a hall in this city during the festival last night, a panic was created, but no one was seriously hurt.

## Will Govern Cape Colony.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 27.—Sir Hercules Robinson has been appointed governor of Cape Colony.

## SMALLPOX SCARE.

An Exodus of the Panic-Stricken From Hot Springs, Ark.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Trains from the South today brought fully 300 badly scared passengers from Hot Springs, Ark., who left that popular resort in a hurry yesterday to escape smallpox. They declared the disease is epidemic, and that neighboring towns have established a rigid quarantine, the authorities at Malvern compelling the trainmen to lock all passengers in the cars while the trains were passing through that town. The passengers said that rumors had been circulated that smallpox was increasing, but that yesterday, when many of the guests were preparing to leave, an official bulletin was issued declaring that only one case existed in the city. This settled their fears for awhile, but yesterday it was learned that at the time the health department was preparing the bulletin there were 35 cases being treated in the pesthouse. E. T. Brewer, of Springfield, Ill., made the following statement:

"The people are pouring out of Hot Springs, panic-stricken. Every available seat was taken in the train, and a great many more would have left if they could have done so. Visitors there are beginning to learn the truth. I have inside information and know that there are not less than 35 cases of the disease in Hot Springs, and about half are in the heart of the city."

Mr. Harry Wylie, of Chicago, said: "I learned from a member of the board of health at Hot Springs that there were 35 cases of smallpox in the pesthouse, a number of cases in the city not removed."

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## THE IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD, STATED TODAY

that the reports were grossly exaggerated. Alleged cholera, however, had been reported only three or four cases at the Springs, and those are being treated in an isolated building three miles from the city. There were four or five cases of smallpox at Malvern, however, and for this reason the Iron Mountain road runs its trains through that city with closed doors.

## LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 27.—Dr. R. F. Jennings,

secretary of the state board of health, has investigated the smallpox situation at Hot Springs, and reports no cases there. There are three well-defined cases at Malvern, and several suspects. Quarantine regulations have been issued at Benton and Little Rock.

## On Account of Texas Fever.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 27.—Governor Altgeld today issued a proclamation quarantining on account of Texas fever, all the territory south of a line commencing at the western line of the county of Contra Costa, Cal., and running to the Atlantic coast. The line passes through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia. All cattle shipped from this territory will, until further order, be sent into the state under the stringent rules laid down by the state board of livestock commissioners. They will be subject to quarantine, and at the stockyards in the state they must be isolated from other cattle. The railroad companies will not be permitted to ship them with other cattle, and any one desiring to graze cattle from this district must receive the permission of the state veterinary board before putting them on pasture. The proclamation was issued on the recommendation of the state board of livestock commissioners.

## PRINCE KUNG'S VIEWS.

If Japan's Demands Are Exorbitant China Will Continue to Fight.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Peking dispatch gives an interview with Prince Kung, in which he says Japan made the Korean problem the issue of the war. He questioned very seriously whether Japan could claim possession of the territory she had conquered together with 400,000 taels indemnity. "China," he said, "stands upon principle, and Japan upon power. If Japan will meet her in a friendly spirit the conclusion of peace will be possible. If her demands are exorbitant China will continue the fight." He added he did not think Japan the "insidious enemy" of the Chinese provinces even if the war was continued.

## Duplicity of the Tsung-ti-Yamen.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Peking dispatch says that United States Minister Denby is greatly annoyed at the duplicity exhibited by the Tsung-ti-Yamen in the matter of issuing credentials to the late peace envoys to Japan.

## Victory Li to Be Peace Envoy.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Peking dispatch says Li Hung Chang has had three cordial audiences with the emperor and has definitely accepted a peace mission to Japan.

## THE LEXOW INQUIRIES.

An Omaha Gambler Sets at Defiance the Grand Jury and Court.

OMAHA, Feb. 27.—Today the work of the grand jury investigating alleged municipal corruption developed some sensational features. William Donnelly, a gambler, admitted having bribed the official, paying him \$100, but refused to name the man. The district court remanded him to jail until he answers with this question:

"I will make you answer them if I have to keep you in jail for the remainder of my term. You must answer. Why do you refuse? It is more than \$100,000 that is at stake for society had you strangled a couple of pistols at your belt and made people do your bidding with them than you should take an oath to tell the whole truth before the grand jury, and then set that body at defiance."

## Detroit's Municipal Scandal.

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—On receipt of news from Lansing of the final defeat of "home rule" in the city health department, Mayor Plungree had sensational bulletins posted about the city.

## ANOTHER SEPARATION.

Mrs. Ford Following in the Footsteps of Her Mother.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—It is announced that Florence, the daughter of Vice-President Wickes, of the Pullman company, has been divorced by her husband, Mr. Wickes. She has obtained her divorce from her husband, the formal decree being handed down yesterday, and today young Ford bade his wife and family good-bye and returned to his father's home. The marriage of Ford and Miss Wickes occurred only a few months ago. Ford, whose family is prominent in Janesville, says that he is going to his father-in-law, and declares his father-in-law is in complete sympathy with him.

## A Protest From California Miners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The Miners' Association has prepared and will file a protest against the selection by the Southern Pacific Company of 1,000,000 acres of land near Redding. The railroad company desires this land for agricultural purposes. The association maintains that it is mineral land, and not fit for agricultural purposes. Part of the land is near the Iron Mountain mine, which will be worked by the Iron Mountain road. The association wishes miners to investigate and file personal protests at once.

## The "Lost Mine" Story Revived.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 27.—The story of the "lost mine" has been revived by a discovery by George Boxdorfer. He found that a large flat rock near Allen's landing, close to the old Calumet mine, had covered a large cave. In clearing out the rubbish, a chunk of silver ore, weighing about two pounds, was found, and Boxdorfer thinks he has found the wonderful cave.

## For the Dearth-Stricken.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The committee appointed by the board of trade to solicit subscriptions for the relief of farmers in the drought-stricken districts, has just commenced its labors. Armour & Co. subscribed \$200, the Union Stock Yards & Trust Company \$200, the livestock exchange \$200, and many other subscriptions of lesser amounts