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MERCED UNDER WATER.

ifornia Town.

160 in number, from here to the town

where they can transfer to another train

is not over. It is the rain and snow in that direction that overflows Bear Creek, so another rise is expected here tonight. At a society wedding last night the bride's

house was surrounded by water and the

from carriages on the back of the back-

Great Fire at Baku.

BAKU, Russian Transcaucasia, Feb. 6.

A fire broke out yesterday in the maga-

pany, which contained 6,000,000 poods of petroleum. The conflagration resulted in great loss of life and widespread damage.

The flames spread to other depots having a capacity of 12,000,000 poods of naphtha, which poured out like a stream, inundating and setting fire to the dwellings of

the workmen, which were totally de-

stroyed. Many persons perished. Twenty charred bodies have been found, and upwards of 50 people are terribly burned. Four hundred families lost everything

the Melikoff, Ralski and Caspian Compa

Development of Upolo.

these products. A company is being formed in Germany for the exploitation of this island. Plantations are to be laid

out, narrow-gauge railroads constructed and the development of the land general-

ly promoted. Wark is expected to begin

Merriam Made No Complaint.

DENVER, Feb. 6.—Referring to rather sensational dispatches which have been sent from Denver containing what pur-ported to be an interview with him, ex-

ported to be an interview with him, expressing disappointment at the action of President McKinley in omitting his name from the list of promotions under the new Army law, General H. C. Merriam desires the Associated Press to say that he denies absolutely having given any interview or having made any criticism of the President.

Banking Bills Tabled.

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COMMUNICATION FROM LONG

List of War Vessels Sold and Prices | Henry Rain Caused a Flood in Cal-Obtained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 Senator Hale of these is a list showing the names of vessels purchased for the Navy during the mve been sold, together with the prices roce'ved for them. The latter includes here. Both roads are still open from here the following: Niagars, \$200,000, sold for \$15,000; Badger, \$365,000, sold for \$15,000; are the up two miles south of town Resolute, \$150,000, sold for \$250,000; Vulsara, and a local liveryman has taken a contract of the presengers, about tract to transport the passengers, about going north. A telephone message from Harnillos, a mountain town, states that rain poured there all night and the storm

Another of the documents was a statement showing the disposition of officers of the Navy. It shows that of the 1782 of the Navy. It shows that of the 1782 officers, 1873 were at sea January I last, The one Admiral (Dewey) was an shore duty, as also were if of the 18 Rear-Ad-mirals. The third document presented was a statement of the need of the Navy for additional line officers below the grade of Lieutenaut-Commander. The conten-tion is made that many of the vessels are inadequately officered, and that 200 officers will be required for new vessels now ordered and for old vessels in reserve. The recommendation is made that naval appropriation bill be amended so us to authorize the appointment of two agrees, and for the appointment of 20 cadets at large,

#### The Spanish Claims Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb, 8 - The Senate com-mister on foreign relations today considered the amendments made by House to the Senate bill providing for the payment of the claims against Spain growing out of the Spanish War, which were assumed by the United States in the Paris treaty. The committee decided to adhere to the Senate bill, which provides for a commission to adjudicate the claims. The House amended it so as to require a court of claims to perform this uty. The Senate committee takes the osition that much labor and probably overal visits to Cuba will be necessary to the proper investigation of the claims, and that it will be out of the question has asked for a conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-The pension of the widow of General Lawton was today reported by the House committee on pen-\$100 per month fixed by the Senate. The reduction was due to the rule of the committee to report no bill above 50 per month. Other bills reported pension the widow of Rear-Admiral Colboon at \$40, Brigadier-General Hayes at \$50, and s widow of the late Paymaster-General Stanton, of the Army, at \$30,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-The President

today sent the following nominations to the Senate: the Senate: Carroll D. Wright, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Labor: Oscar Malmros, of Minnesota, to be Consul at Colon, Colombia, Edward P. Zeds, of Iowa, to be Deputy Auditor for the War Depart-ment. Postmusters: Washington-Ira J.

Briles, at Sedro-Woolley

General Acosta a Prisoner.

CARACAS, Venezuela Feb. 6.—(Via Haytien cable.)—General Acosta, chief of the revolutionary movement in the Carupano district, is a prisoner in the hands of the ference of the feet of

### Steel Interests.

SALE OF CARNEGIE STOCK

A BILLION INVOLVED

Transfer of His Company to the Morgan Syndicate Is an Accomplished Fact-Participants in the Deal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The announcement this morning that Andrew Carnegie had disposed of the control of the Carnegie Company to J. P. Morgan and his associates attracted widespread attention among business men here today. Not only Wall street, but the entire community appeared deeply interested in the transactions with what the local newspapers denominate a "billion-dollar steel combine." It was the all-absorbing topic in broker offices, and under persistent repetitions of the report, the stocks of the leading steel companies made rapid and violent advances. As far as positive direct information is concerned, there was practically none to be had today from Messrs. Morgan and Carnegie. Mr. Morgan declined to confirm or deny the report, while Mr. Carnegie would make no statement whatever. The fact, however, that these two men permitted the reports that these two men permitted the reports to continue in circulation without even attempting a denial was generally re-garded as a strong indication that they were well founded, and there was somewere well founded, and there was some-thing in the manner in which the reports were put forward that added to the gen-aral public confidence in their credibility. "Semi-official" statements were put for-ward, but those could not be traced back to the principals in the deal. According to these reports, J. P. Mor-gan is at the head of a syndicate which

ntemplates the organization of a mammoth steel combine to include the Federal Steel Company, the National Steel Company, the American Steel Hoop Comcompany, the American stee! Hoop com-pany, the Sheet Steel Company, the American Steel & Wire Company, and the American Tin Plate Company. The cou-sensus of opinion among bankers and brokers seems to be that what Angrew Carnegle had really done was to sign a contract to deliver his stock holdings in the Carnegie Company to J. P. Morgan & Co. All statements us to the price to

the Carnegie Company to J. P. Morgan & Co. All statements as to the price to be paid by Mr. Morgan and the men associated with him in the transaction appear to be mere idle speculation.

Some business men, who, in the natural order of things, would not be particularly friendly to a buge combination of this character, did not hesitate to call attention to the fact that in the Spring of 1859 there were very positive rumors. attention to the fact that in the Spring of 1550 there were very positive rumors that the great Carnegie interests were to be transferred, and that an option had actually been given by Mr. Carnegie. Nevertheless the deal fell through. It is claimed that H. C. Frick and men associated with him actually paid at that time \$1,000,000 in cash to bind the bargain, and that, falling to secure the necessary capital, Mr. Carnegie profited by this particular transaction to the extent of \$1,000,000. It was claimed by these men that the purchase could have been MERCED, Cal., Feb. 6.-As a result of the heavy rain of the past two days, the city is under water. From three inches to three feet of water is standing in every interests in Wall street friendly to Mr. Morgan called attention to the fact that conditions have materially changed in the last two years; that this is the day yard in town, every cellar is filled and business is at a standatill. The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific tracks are both washed out south of town for a distance of nearly a mile and trains are tied up of blg things, and that the men now r ported to be anxious to secure control of the Carnegie interests are vastly stronger in the world of finance than the men who planned the great steel combine two years

High Price Received.

All reports seem to indicate, however, that Mr. Carnegie has obtained a higher price for his stock than was indicated in he proposed great steel combination of Railroad and steel experts accounted particular, had advanced during the two cents. Second, that Mr. Carnegle onceived an important railroad line from is plants in Pennsylvania to Lake Erie. and having undertaken large operations connection with the town and harbor of Conneaut, O., and having planned an independent rallroad through Southern Pennsylvania to tidewater as well, was in a position to ask of the men associated with J. P. Morgan a higher price than he could have obtained two years ago. Ever since Mr. Frick, two years ago, secured the option on the Carnegie prop-erties, reports have been repeated and re-iterated to the effect that Mr. Carnegie expected in the near future to retire from business. About three weeks ago those rumors appeared in Wall street with remarkable frequency. Somehow, the matter seemed to hang fire, and it was not until within the last 24 hours that detailed reports seemed to indicate that Mr. Frick, formerly Mr. Carnegie's right hand man, was assisting Mr. Mor-gan in bringing about the combination. they possessed. The magazines are still burning, and neighboring reservoirs are in great danger. A general panic pre-valls. Eight naphtha springs belonging to A consolidation of all these interests along the lines indicated, it is claimed, would require the capitalization of \$750,-000,000, although a prominent man is quoted as saying that not more than one fourth this sum would be required in actual cash. Some of the more conserv-stive sized men claim that the entire transaction is very much like a so-called WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Encouraging reports as to the development and exploitation of the Samoan Islands have been received at the department from United States Consular Agent Harris, at "St. Paul deal" and that the significance of the present negotiations are being greatly magnified. In these quarters the contention is that no actual sale or trans-fer of the control of Mr. Carnegie's im-Elbenstock German plantation experts, says Mr. Rarris, claim that the Samoan Islands have a great future in coffee, teatobacco, cotton and like products. Upolu is especially suitable for the culture of ediate interest is even conten that what is aimed at is a perfect trade understanding, or, in other words, a uni-fication of interests whereby prices will be maintained and certain laws in respect to territorial rights laid down.

Deal Semi-Officially Announced.

The Mail and Express says: The control of the Carnegie Steel Com The control of the Carnegie Steel Com-pany, Ltd., has passed to a syndicate of bankers, in which J. P. Morgan & Com-pany are dominant factors, by the pur-chase of the stock owned by Andrew Car-negie. It is expected that Mr. Carnegie will retire into private life. The terms of the purchase are not known, but that the transaction has been completed was the transaction has been completed was semi-officially announced at noon today. The capital stock of the Carnegle Company is \$160,000,000. There is an equal amount of bonds, and Mr. Carnegle is popularly believed to own about 54 per cent of this "Negotiations relating to this immen undertaking have been going on for son time. Mr. Carnegie has for nearly year been willing to sell out, but financial interests have not until now been disposed to take up so large a proposition as the purchase of his securities and the amaignmation of the different prominent steel companies in the United States that it would involve. The only blich that oc-

curred in the negotiations leading up to the transfer of the control of the Carne-gle Company was in relation to the bonds held by Mr. Carnegie. The Morgan syndi-cate agreed to take \$6.75,000 stock, at cate agreed to take \$86.379.00 stock, at something above its market value, but Mr. Carmegie held out with his usual tenacity of purpose for a guarantee of the 5 per cent income on his \$86,000,000 of 50-year bonds. This was also conceded at a meeting held today, it is understood. "Reports of a consolidation of intorests with \$1,000,000,000 capital are said by those conversant with the steel situation to be erroneous. There will be no consolidation, but the same rule which Mr. Morgan has found to work well in the railroad world—harmony through community of interests Consolidation of the Great harmony through community of interests harmony through community of interests and ownership—will be applied in the manufacture of steel products of all kinda. The Carnegle Company, with Rs vast sup-plies of coal and iron close at hand, will be the parent company to produce the raw material for the various corporations man-ufacturing finished products, and the com-omies that can be introduced through co-

> ness and to give to American manufac-ture a very large place in the markets of the world." Participants in the Transaction. The Evening Post also announces that the Carnegte sale is an accomplished fact. The Post says:

"The leading pariticipants in the deal, The leading participants in the deal, on the purchasing side, were reported to be C. M. Schwab, now president of the Carnegie Company and a trusted friend of Andrew Carnegie, and banking interests represented by J. P. Morgan & Company. What further scope the deal might have was a subject of conflicting information. A representative of the Carnegie interests assected today that an arrangement had A representative of the Carnogle interests asserted today that an arrangement had practically been consummated whereby the Carnegie Steel, Federal and National Steel Companies and the American Steel & Wire Company would combine and be operated under the same management. Unless some unforessen hitch is ecountered in the remaining negotiations, the amalgamation scheme will go through with an enormous capitalization, Whether \$1,000,000,000 would be required to float the enterprise, the Carnegie representative could not say. It is understood that the could not say. It is understood that the undertaking has the backing of Carnegie, Morgan and Rockefeller interests. "How the banks would feel toward such

a venture was the subject of general dis-cussion in financial direles. The president of an institution, closely affiliated with interests allied in the venture, was asked

'As a banker, do you believe New York banks will be willing to finance such an enterprise?" " 'No one knows,' was the reply. "The

project is too colossal for ordinary minds to grasp. I have not grasped it myself yet, although I am familiar with the outcome of yesterday's negotiations.

Close of Carnegie's Career,

"Equally significant, perhaps, was this statement from a banker of prominence, asked about the Carnegle interests: "If the affair means financing a \$190,000,000 or \$150,000,000 venture, the banks can readily put it through. Conditions are can readily put it through. Conditions are more proposition for a great combination of steel interests received my assent two years ago. Then I was perfectly willing to accept the plan as formulated. If it was reasonable then it ought to be wise now. A \$1,000,000 company, if such is now contemplated, means scarcely a quarter of that sum in actual cash. Perhaps considerably less than a quarter would considerably less than a quarter would put it through, and an enterprise backed by the Carnegie, Morgan and Rockefeller interests would overcome any opposition nen that the purchase could have been that such a scheme would ordinarily en-ffected at that time at a lower scale of counter. To my mind, the undertaking is effected at that time at a lower scale of prices and that \$30,000,000 in cash only would have been necessary, whereas, a considerable greater amount of capital would be needed now. On the other hand, interests in Wall street friendly to Mr. d the domination of a single man, and that the wise course to pursue would be a harmony arrangement of some sort to prevent destructive competition and pro tect his own interests. This, I happen to know, has been his aim for months, and if it was accomplished at yesterday's enference, it is indeed a notable

The Morgan Policy.

Discussing the deal, the Tribune today 'Mr. Morgan has been an influential factor in the Federal Steel Company, the National Tube Company, and the American Bridge Company, and latterly, it is inderstood in the American Steel & Company also; while the 'Moore properties, the National Steel Company, American Tin-Piate Company, the Steel Hoop Company and the American Sheet Steel Company have shown a tendency to work in harmony with the other corpora-tion named. The Carnegie Company has occupied a position of 'splendid isolation, and has pursued a general policy of entire by competing interests, and has involved the constant possibility of the outbreak of hostilities in some quarter or other with results probably disastrous to the weaker

ompanies involved. "The policy of the great financial interests as represented by the name and figure of J. Pierpont Morgan has in the railroad field been one of harmonizing, its guiding principle being that of the 'community of control, and it is probable that the policy will be adhered to in the steel situation. In other words, it is not assured that the often - rumored billiondollar steel combination' will follow up the acquisition of the control of the Car-negle Company, the probability rather being that the Carnegie Company may con-tinue to be operated as a separate organi-zation, but in complete harmony henceforth with the other great steel corpora tions, the policy of which is shaped by the powerful interests which have now come into possession of the majority of its capital stock.

Harmonizing of Interests. instituted by the bringing of the Carnegie

Steel Company into line with its former compelitors, both in operating expenses and through the practical pooling of manufacturing work and of output; but the 'harmonizing' of the Carnegie Company, it is felt, will show its greatest value in the future, when the demand for steel prodcts falls off and the margin of profit de "The Carnegie Company has \$160,000,000

tine carriegie Company in a size of the stock and field,000,000 bonds. The companies in which Mr. Morgan is interested are capitalized as follows: Federal Steel Company, \$150,000,000 common stock and \$100,000,000 preferred; \$46,484,300 common and \$53,280,500 preferred outstanding: American Steel & Wire Company, \$60,000,000 common and \$40,000,000 preferred stock, all our-standing; National Tube Company, \$40,-000,000 each of common and preferred stock, all issued; the American Bridge Company, \$35,000,000 each of com preferred stock, of which \$30,527,800 of each has been issued.

has been issued.

"The Morgan group includes the Inter-national Steel Company, with \$32,000,000 in common stock and \$27,000,000 preferred, all issued. The American Tinplate Company, \$20,000,000 common and \$20,000,000 preferred, with \$28,000,000 common and \$18,175,000 pre-ferred stock issued; the American Steel

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Two Prominent Manila Merchants Arrested.

AN AMERICAN AND A SPANIARD

They Are Charged With Buying CopraFrom Insurgent Presidentes and Also With Paying Assessments to the Tagal Cause.

operation and harmony will make it pos-sible for the great industrial corpora-tions to manufacture goods so cheaply as to drive small competitors out of busi-

ary, and it is apparent that Japan made the same discovery. To avert this error, Secretary Hay in the treaty of the pur-chase of the islands of Caygayan and Sibu for \$100,000, induced the Spanish Gov-

ernment to agree to relinquish them.

The belief prevails here that Japan desired the United States to acquire a definite title to the islands north of the 20th degree of intitude rather than per mit Spain to claim them for the pur pose of selling them to Germany or some other power. Rear-Admiral Bradford says the islands are strategically impor-tant, and it is important that this Gov-ernment should acquire them.

GAVE SALOON MEN A REST.

No "Joint Smashing" in Topeka Yesterday.

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 6.-Mrs. Nation spent most of the day in visiting the different jails of the city and graying and MANILA, Peb. 6. — Theodore Carransa, a prominent and wealthy Spanish merchant, and hemp and cocanuit buyer, was arrested this afternoon, charged with fur-

arrested this afternoon, charged with furmore liquor.

Inshing supplies to aid the insurgents. The Home Defenders, which is the or-

J. PIERPONT MORGAN.



J. Pierpont Morgan is at the head of the syndicate that has just bought the Carnegie Company and will cansolidate the steel interests in the United States. At 21 he entered the banking business. At 23 he was an agent and partner in this country of the London house of George Posbody & Co., in which his father, Junius S. Morgan, was a partner. At the age of 27 Mr. Morgan became junior partner in the house of Dabney, Morgan & Co. In 1871 he made a partnership with the Drexeis, of Philadelphia, and took charge of the New York business of that house. The young banker's skill and knowledge led the Vanderbilts to con fide their operations to him. The famous Nickel Plate and West Shore deals were commanded by him. In 1887 he undertook the reorganization of the Heading Railroad, and was instrumental in placing the new securities of that company. Away from his business self-in-terest has no part in Mr. Morgan's life. He is a liberal giver and makes vast expenditures, of which only those concerned know the extent. His contributions to religious enterprises are

Carranza is a partner of D. M. Carmen, an American contractor and owner of boats, who has considerable transportation contracts with the Government.

The Provost Marshal and secret service officials have been watching a number of merchants and transportation men for some time past. The police officials had a long interview with Carranza, and at the close of the interview the latter was placed in confinement in the Anda-street police station. Carman was arrested to night, and after considerable questioning was sent to the same station.

The men are charged with conducting the business of buying copra (the dried kernel of the cocoanut, broken up for export), from insurgent presidentes at Pagsanjan, on the eastern extremity of Laguna de Bay, and also with paying assesaments to the insurgent cause. rudence adduced tonight was to the effect that the prisoners have supplies of the striped clothing used for insurgent uniforms. Both insurgent presidentes who claim to have dealt with Carranga and Carman are now imprisoned in Manila. One of them, Fabella, fears banging, because he was captured as an insurgen after having sworn allegiance to the Unit He made strong statements ed States. intending to implicate Carman and Car-Reich, who became presidente of Pagsanjan after Fabella's arrest. The police have letters and verbal statements from Carman, who sought Fabella's release, asserting that he was a patriotic American subject. According to papers found, both presidentes are cuipable insurgents. Carransa and Carman admit dealing with the insurgents, but deny contributing to their cause or furnishing them with supplies. Carman is one of the best-known Americans in Manila. He has a monopo carrying goods going through the Cu-House ashore, from the ships, and has made a great deal of money. He pos-sessed the confidence of General Otis. Other Manila merchants are being investi-

NORTH OF LUZON. Steps Taken to Perfect Title to

Bashee and Other Islands. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The steps taken by this Government t complete its title to Bashee and other Islands to the north of Luzon, it is said, were due to representations made by Jap-an. After the sequisition of Formosa from China, Japan found the question of jurisdiction a troublesome one, because of the Spanish claim to islands near Formosa, and, after negotiations, the bound-

ary line between the Japanese and Span-ish possessions was fixed at 21 degrees 30 minutes, just south of Formosa and to the north of the Bashee Islands.
The treaty of Paris, negotiated by the
American and Spanish commissioners,
which ended the war with Spain, proyided for the custion by Spain of all islands within certain defined boundaries, the northern boundary being "a line run-ning from west to east, along or near the 20th parallel of north latitude, and through the middle of the navigable chan-nel of Bachi." Rear-Admiral Bradford, chief of the Naval Bureau of Equipnent, who was the naval attache of th Peace Commission, on examination of more detailed charts of the Philippines, discovered that the Cahi and several other

islands lay outside of the northern bound

ganization formed by Mrs. Nation, held another secret meeting today, to which noone but members was admitted. Mrs. Nation received some curious let-ters and telegrams, but now she is re-

ceiving hatchets of many different makes A man in Junction City, Kan., sent her hatchet today with many contrivances on it which will tend to make it a dan-gerous weapon for the joint-smashing business.

Kansas City Will be Visited. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 6.—Fiaring posters announcing "that Miss Carrie Nation, the bravest woman in America, now leading the most wonderful crusade ever waged against the rum traffic, is on her way to Chicago accompanied by a band of hor silver. of her saloon- smashing warriors, and will speak at the Academy of Music in Kansas City Friday night, February 8" have been posted around town. Just what tactics Mrs. Nation will pursue in Kansas City and Chicago, aside from her lecturing. not made clear, but as she has previously promised to attack a saloon wherever she finds it, a trail of wreckage may follow her trip north. Chief of Police Have says he will promptly arrest Mrs. Nation if she attempts to put her Kansas meth-ods into practice in Kansas City. Preparations for the crusaders' coming have been made by the prohibition club of Kansas City, which has endorsed Mrs. Nation's methods and promises her active sup-port in her crusade outside of Kansas. A. C. Rankin, of Chicago, formerly clabor leader of Pittsburg, Pa., is acting as Mrs. Nation's advance agent and says the proceeds of the lectures will be used

Will Lecture in Chicago, CHICAGO, Feb. 6.-Arrangements were

in the cause.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Arrangements were completed today by the Press Club of Chicago and Mrs. Nation's representative, whereby she will lecture at the Auditorium next Tuesday, under the auspices of the Press Club, Mrs. Nation's visit, according to her friends, will be a peaceful one, as she will not undertake to destroy any saloons in Chicago, Her coming to Chicago, it is asserted is coming to Chicago, it is asserted, is merely to place the situation in Kansas before the people and to ask aid in the suppression of the illegal liquor traffic in Kansas.

Crusade of Arkansas Women. POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., Feb. 6.-At Dankton, Ark., a small town across the state line from here, five members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at-tacked two "blind tigers" in true Nation fashion. All the bottles of liquor were smashed, the contents of kegs were pour ed into the streets and fixtures demol

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.-Crying out that druggists were agents of the devil, a halfdozen women followers of Dowie, the faith-cure healer, adopted the tactics of Mrs. Carrie Nation today and wreck a number of drug stores on the W Side. In some instances there were handto-hand fights with the druggists. No arrests were made,

A Dry Town.

CONCORD, Kaz., Feb. 8.—This city is dry again. The six "jointists" who have been paying monthly fines of \$100 each to the city refused to pay today, and all

Measure to Abolish Three Multnomah Offices,

COUNTY CLERK TO DO THE WORK

Creator of Bill Thinks Since Recorder and Circuit Court Clerk Have Naught to Do but Lobby Their Careers Should End.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—A bill to abolish the once the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of the County Court, and Recorder of Conveyances of Multinoman County, and to create the office of County Clerk, was introduced today by Ropresentative H. A. Smith, and it will no doubt create a sensation in Court-

house circles.

Mr. Smith states as his reason for his course that he had no intention of interfering with the present Recorder and Circuit Court Clerk during their term of office, and that the measure previously introduced, consolidating these offices, provides that they shall serve the two years for which they were elected; but as they seemed to have nothing else to do but to come to the Capitol and lobby against the first bill, he concluded that the proper thing to do is to remove them immediately.

mmediately.
Mr. Smith's bill provides:
"Section 1. That the offices of Clerk of

"Section 1. That the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Recorder of Conveyances, and Clerk of the County Court, be and they are hereby abolished.

"Sec. 2. There shell be elected at each biennisi election in Multinomah County, a County Clerk, who shall be ex-afficio Clerk of the Circuit Court, and shall take charge of the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and shall rake charge of the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of the County Court, and Recorder of Conveyances in said county, and shall perform the duties required by law to be performed in each of said offices under the laws now in force, and until such election. force; and until such election,

of said offices under the laws now in force; and until such election.

Is hereby appointed to fill such office, and he shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified."

The Clerk is required to file a bond in the sum of \$46,000, to be approved by the County Court or County Judge, It is further provided that "the said clerk shall receive a salary of \$2000 per annum, and shall neceive a such number of deputies as the County Court shall fix, and who shall receive such salaries as the court shall sllow, provided that not more than the fill shall sllow, provided that not more than three of such deputies may be allowed a salary of \$100 per month, and the remainder not more than \$15 per month.

"Inasmuch as the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder of Conveyances are neglecting the duties of their office, and there is need to have such duties performed efficiently, this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the Governor."

Governor."

Hanley H. Holmes, the present Clerk of the County Court, will be named in the act as the County Clerk. His office being a constitutional one, there are legal doubts that he could be removed before

the end of his term.

W. M. Evarts' Birthday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—This is the 83d birthday of William Maxwell Evaris, and birthday of william maxwell evarts, and today the old-fashioned house at Second avenue and Fourteenth street was vis-ited by many life-long friends of the fa-mous lawyer. Although his syssight is nearly gone and he no longer is able to dde the house, Mr. Evarts retains

#### SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Congress.

The Senate passed the war tax bill. Page 2. The first night session of the Senate to con-sider the ship subsidy bill was held. Page 2. The Senate passed the West Point bill. Page 2. The House continued discussion of the poetoffice bill. Page 2.

Philippines.

Iwo leading Manila merchants were arrested for alding insurgents. Page 1. The Government has taken steps to perfect title to islets north of Luson. Page 1. Foreign.

Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry will be murried at The Hague today. Page 8. he Boers have out the Netherlands Rallway.

Chirty thousand men will be sent to reinforce Kitchener. Page 3. The foreign envoys demand the death penalty be imposed on 12 Chinese officials. Page 3.

Domestic. The sale of the Carnegle Company to the Mor-gan syndicate is an accomplished fact, Page 1.

evernor Nash is authorized to spend \$50,000 in preventing a fight at Cincinnati. Page 2. The Clatsop County Court has granted a fran-chies to promoters of the Seaside water sys-tem to lay pipes on county roads. Page 4.

Northwest Legislatures, The Washington Legislature will receive a possi for moving the state capital to Settle. Page 5.

The Oregon Legislature has agreed upon the provisions of a new game law. Page 4.

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