ening to begin suit to recover this money.

Mr. Teal then explained at length the
methods adopted by the committee in the

purchase of the plant of the old Portland

peared to have been forgotten in nego-tiating with the Albina Company for its

Chairman Corbett explained briefly the reasons of the committe for fixing the

price paid the old Portland Water Com-pany and others, which was because their

plants were poor, and so the price was

placed low, considering the income the companies received.

Lewis Favors \$157,729.

that the price named for the real estate was too high, and he did not like the

Lewis had looked over the report and had examined into the question of the company's pipe lines. He was of opinion

plant.

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## The Sagebrush Philosopher

A pairon of the house and a frequent visitor, has much to say, and we cannot refrain from quoting him. "Conventionality," said he, "is the refuge of the ignorant and the weak-minded. My neighbors all have planes. Although none of them can play, they seem satisfied in that they have compiled with the demands of a useless conventionality. My Planola, however, has caused the most acute of them to dimly realize that a plane, to be of any use, should be played on once in a while.

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CREOSOTING WORKS BURNED | TRIP FULL OF HARDSHIPS.

Valuable Plant of the Southern Pacific Destroyed at Houston.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 24.-The immens creosoting works of the Southern Pacific Company, located two miles beyond the city limits, were destroyed by fire today. The plant extended about six blocks in length along the Texas & New Orleans tracks and was a place of almost constant activity. It is learned that the loss will reach about \$100,000. of the plant was estimated at \$72,000 and the amount of matter destroyed will reach from \$15,000 to \$30,000. No insurance was carried and the loss falls wholly upon the company. The oke out at 10:30 o'clock this morning and is supposed to have been due to spontaneous combustion of gas generated in one of the underground reservoirs

Fire in a Pennsylvania Town. CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.-Almost an entire square was wiped out by fire today, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The fire lasted from 1 until 5 o'clock. By hard work the firemen kept the flames confined to the square. The heaviest loss is on the furniture store of B. P. Wallace, \$38,600.

Threatening Fire at Shreveport. SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 24.-Fire that started in Jackson Bros.' furniture store, in the heart of the city, threatens the entire block and may spread further. The loss at this time is esti-

Queen Alexandra Improved. LONDON, Dec. 24.-The health of Queen Alexandra still improves, but it will be impossible for Her Majesty to leave Lon-don this week. The Prince and Princess of Wales will spend Christmas York cottage with their children.

Utah Scientist's Adventures in Cen

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-J. B. Fairbank,

Young Academy.

After exciting adventures they reached

A Shooting at Beaumont.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 24.-W. F. Steinman, of the firm of Whitney & Steinman, architects and builders, shot and killed J. A. Kinney, a carpenter, who had been i nthe employ of the Steinman firm. possible for Her Majesty to leave Lon-this week. The Prince and Princess Wales will spend Christmas day at

# Water Committee Decides to

Pay \$200,000.

PRICE CAUSES LIVELY DEBATE

J. N. Tenl Favored \$175,000 as the Figure, and Allen Lewis \$157,729 -Purchase Was Carried by

Vote of 7 to 3,

The water committee yesterday decided to purchase the pipes, pumps, real estate and complete plant of the Albina Light & Water Company, for the sum of \$200,000. This decision was arrived at in an adjourned meeting of the water committee, at which the consideration committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of purchasing this plant, had been made the special order of business.

Chalrman Corbett presided and there vere present the following named members of the committee: Knapp, Ther kelsen, Josephi, Haseltine, Carson, Lewis, Hill, Raffety, Teal and Ladd.

Report of Operating Committee. The chairman stated the object of the meeting and the following report of the perating committee, Messrs. Raffety and Ladd and Chairman Corbett, an ex-officio member, was read:

member, was read:

Pertland, Dec. 17.—To the Water Committee
of the City of Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: Your
operating committee, which was instructed, at
the meeting of October 15, 1901, to report a
plan for extending the water system of the
city so as to cover the district of Albins and
adjacent territory, and with said report to
present a full estimate of the probable cost
thereof, and the probable earnings of said portion of the plant covering said territory, when tion of the plant covering said territory, when extended, and to report as to the advisability of acquiring any plant now covering or sup-lying said portion of the city with water, beg

ater in the Albina district are shown on the accompanying map, which lines would paral-lel the mains of the Albina Light & Water Company. The cost of same is estimated by the Engineer at \$116,748 55, to which should be added the cost of connection with the pres-ent gravity system, necessitating the construcion of a large high - service main from the high-service reservoir on Mount Tabor, at a cost of \$75,000, and of a low-service main from the 24-inch main in Division street, northerly to Lower Albina, at a cost of \$60,000, making a total cost of \$251,748 55. The revenue from which would be seriously reduced by competition between the city and the pres-

ating committee, inviting proposals for sale of water plants, the Albina Light & Water Comwater plants, the Albina Light & Water Com-puny offered to sell its plant to the city for \$250,000. Your subcommittee has caused to be made a careful examination of the property of the Albina company, as shown by the report of Engineer Clark, hereto attached, and has investigated the mitter of pecuajan from water consumers, as per report of Superintendent Dodge, hereto attached.

Dodge, hereto attached.

The report of the engineer says the present plant, including pumps, tanks and real estate, could be duplicated for, in round figures, \$172,000, and the report of Superintendent Dodge shows that the net earnings of the property have averaged, for the past two years, about \$20,000 per supering.

Your committee, after due consideration, made the Albina Light & Water Company a counter offer of \$200,000 for its entire plant, payable \$160,000 in cash at the time of transfer, and \$25,000 on or before two years from date of transfer; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

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public policy that the water committee of the City of Portland should control the entire sup-City of Portland should control the entire supply of water, and the distribution thereof, in this city; and that the residents of Albina and of the territory served by the Albina company desire Bull Run water, and that they are entitled to as good water as the rest of our citizens; and that the revenue from such service should accrue to the city instead of an individual corporation; and that the present net revenue will pay the interest upon bonds of twice the amount of the purchase price; and that said revenue will increase with the growth of that section of the city; and that the Albina Light & Water Company have agreed to accept our proposition, recommends that the wacept our proposition, recommends that the tee purchase the Albina plant upor the terms above C. H. RAFFETT, Chairman.

Teal Makes a Motion.

Teal moved that so much of the repor as stated that it is sound policy that the Water Committee should control the entire supply of water in the city and the istribution thereof, and that the residents of the territory served by the Albina commy desire and are entitled to as good water as the rest of the citizens, etc. be adopted, leaving out the matter of

A short discussion followed, and Teal explained that the object of his motion was to avoid conveying the idea case the report was not adopted, that those voting against it did not fully con-cur in that the citizens of Albina are entitled to be supplied with Bull Run water, etc. They were all agreed on this point, but he could not say whether they should or should not buy the Albina plant at the price recommended by the com-mittee. In the end the motion carried and the part of the report quoted was adopted, leaving out the recommendation as to the price to be paid,

He Suggests \$175,000.

Teal then moved that the remainder the report be amended so as to provide that the price to be paid the Albini & Water Company for their plant be \$175, 000. He went on to speak at some length in support of his proposition. He said he did not believe that the city should use its power to oppress a citizen or drive him out of business, but by the report of the operating committee it was proposed to give the Albina company a bonus on its plant and real estate, and to buy tools and other things which would not hereafter be needed by the committee. He stated that there was no instance of such an offer having been made for a public utility. The Water Committee had continuously refused to go into the territory beyond an imaginary line bounding the been used as "white" as any company could be. He was not satisfied with the price recommended, but was willing to pay that, although he has traveled thousands \$175,000 for the plant. When they went this far he thought they were going just as far as they ought to, even further than he thought right, but he was willing to go so far. He thought that in dealing with a member of their committee, and giving him a bonus of \$42,000, the people would never sustain them. If he gets \$175,000 he is being treated better by thouhad ever been treated by the committee He said the matter of competition did not bother him a particle. Moreover the Albina company made a claim that the

## LONG PUT HIM OUT

Water Company, the McGuire Water Com-pany, and the Portland Heights Water Company, and intimated that the commit-tee had practically forced these companies Maclay Discharged From His to sell out to the city at a lower price than was just, and had established a precedent for "close dealing" which ap-Position in the Navy-Yard.

AFTER HE REFUSED TO RESIGN

The Secretary's Action Was Taken by Direction of President Roosevelt-The Historian's Letter,

great amount of one- and two-inch piper on the Albina company's system. He considered it a second-class plant, and WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - Secretary Long has discharged Edgar Stanton Manot constructed in the way the water clay from his position as a skilled late of the way and as soon as the agreement was signed thought the committee should not go Maclay having refused to resign when Mrs. Hopper, with her attorney, returned not constructed in the way the water committee would have constructed it. He

duties or with the Army or Navy or the President."

Oregontan.

Miles Is Not Talking Now. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles returned to the city today from his brief visit to New York. The General declined to discuss the question of the reprimand given him by the Secretary of War for his published observations on the report of the verilict of the court of inquiry in the Schley case, and in reply to inquiries as to his future course in the matter said he had no statement to make. He did say, however, that the report that he would apply for a court of inquiry was entirely unauthor

SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGH T.

Wallace Hopper's Brother Edna Gave Up His Claim to the Estate.

CHICAGO Dec. 24.-Thomas Wallace the only brother of Edna Wallace Hopper the actress, and a joint heir with her to a fortune of over \$100,000, today relia quished his claim to the estate for \$500 cash and a promise of \$100 a month during his life. The negotiations were car-

gation Question.

LITTLE CHANCE THIS SESSION Objections to the Compromise Measure Recently Agreed Upon-Put-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-There is no ope of securing the passage of any general irrigation legislation during the present Congress, and very little hope of securing an appropriation for even an exerimental system.

ting a Quietus on the Am-

bitions of Shaw.

Eastern members of Congress have examined the compromise bill recently agreed upon by the irrigation advocates, and are already taking radical exception to its provisions. A general bill, in order to pass, must provide that the right to water shall remain in the land and the price at which irrigated lands may be obtained, under the homestead law, shall be equal to the amount expended by the General Government in their reclamation The proposed bill is so worded that the water rights may be absorbed of purchased by any individual or corporation and diverted from the lands upon which the water was intended to be turned. Furthermore, a uniform price of \$5 an acre for irrigated lands is fixed, which is only half of the cost of reclamation. Eastern men are now beginning to open their eyes to the fact that the creation of a reclamation fund from the sale of public lands is practically appropriating so much from the treasury under another name. Until a bill is framed which will insure the full return to the Government of all money expended in the reclamation of arid lands, and, furthermore, making strict provision to prevent speculation in water rights. Eastern support cannot be had, and without Eastern support any bill will The bill now proposed provides that no

reservoirs shall be constructed where the cost of reclamation shall exceed \$10 per Officials who are familiar with conditions in Eastern Oregon and Washington say that there are but few sections of those states where the arid lands can be reclaimed for such a small amount, hence these states would practically derive to benefit from the bill. This would withdraw the support of some Western States, combined with the solid East, which does not propose to expend \$10 and receive but to in the credition of new homes. Furthermore, the East will not lend its support until it is clearly established that reclaimed lands are to be used solely for farms and homes and not for grazing purposes, nor is there likely to be any agreement in favor of the construction of an experimental system, as each Western State is clamoring for the location for such system within its boundaries, and here can probably be no compromise

### Putting Shaw Out of the Way.

The selection of Governor Shaw as a uccessor to Secretary Gage is regarded here as a political move to put a quietus spon the Presidential ambitions of the Governor, at least for several years to come. As a member of Roosevelt's official family he could not with propriety proclaim himself a candidate for the Presidency in 1904.

Dinner to Irrigation Advocates. Senator Mitchell and Representative Cushman were guests at a dinner given ast night by Representative Newlands to Secretary Wilson and other irrigation advocates. A. W. D.

Gypsum Companies Combine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 34.-The consolidation of 25 companies controlling the principal gyp-sum fields of the United States was effected today under the name of the Gypsum Company. The company has a paid-up capital of \$10,000,000. It will have no up capital of \$10,000,000. It will have no bond issue, and its stock will not be of-fered for sale, as it has been underwritten by the persons entering into bination. The company's avowed purpose is to develop the use of gypsum in the manufacture of plaster instead of lime.

### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS Philipines.

A brother of Sixto Lopez was hanged for treason. Page 3. General Chaffee refused to interfere in the court-martial of a Filipino murderer. Page 3

The insurgent General, Sampson, surrendered in Bohol. Page 3. Dovernor Taft left Manila for home. Page 3. Foreign. Chile and Argentina come to an agreement,

Page 2 Jermany has not yet sent an ultimatum to Venezuela. Page 2.
United States Consul Royle points out some
of England's failings. Page 3. Domestic.

Secretary Long discharged Maclay from the Brooklyn navy-yard. Page 1. There is little hope of an irrigation bill passing this session. Page 1.

loverner Shaw says the Trensury position has not been tendered to him. Page 2. Pacific Const.

eneral Randall is greatly amused by yara that Army headquarters are to be moved from Vancouver to Seattle. Page 4. inother hold-up near Oregon City, in which a another hold-up hear oregon tity, in which a shot was taken at the highwayman. Page 4. Totem Club, a large Seattle gambling-house,

was blown up. Page 4. Commercial and Marine. Sugar was the feature of the New York stock market. Page 11.

ocal sugar market declines 25 cents. Page 11. British ship Wendur makes a fast passage from Valparaiso. Page 5. Fulwood's owners lose nearly \$6000 by waiting. German ship Flottbek is again affoat. Page 5.

Portland and Vicinity. Tater Committee decides to purchase Albina water plant. Page L.

Murderers Wade and Dalton sentenced to hang Teamdrivers made donation to Lewis and Clark fund. Page 7. Architect Kleemann wins suit for his fea.

Page S. Christmas exercises begin. Page 10.

tral America.

of Provo City, Utah, arrived here to-night on the Atlas liner Andes, from South American ports. He was a member of a party of nine which set out from Provo City to obtain specimens, alive or dead, of the fauna and flora of Central and South America, for the Brigham

Mexico and proceeded to the interior of the country. In Guatemala four of the adventurers were stricken with fever and taken to Port Limon. Fairbank and the remainder pressed on, and quantities of valuable specimens were shipped to the school. Again the band split and two who sought to go down the West Coast intending to reach Valparaiso were targets for rebel sharpshooters, after they had been warned by rebel officers. Fin-ally all but Fairbank succeeded in reach-ing the Coast, and there found an avenue of escape. All suffered from disease contracted under the intense heat of the tropical sun. Fairbank proceeded up the Magdalena River about 400 miles and territory occupied by the Albina company, and the stayed with a planted until a chance and he thought that the company had offered itself a month later to get to been used as "white" as any company Santa Marta, where he took the steamer Andes for New York. Fairbanks says of miles and endured almost untold hard-ships, the trip was successful from a scientific standpoint.

above the precedent established and pay the company a dollar more than 1557,729 50, the engineer's estimate of the value of their plant. He thought the Secretary Long's action was taken by

the Albina company be fixed at the engineer's valuation, \$157,729 50. The motion was put and lost by a vote of ayes, 3; noes, S.

The motion of Teal to amend the re

port and fix the price to be paid for the plant at \$175,000 was next in order. The construction committee had so far refrained from saying anything in support of its recommendation, and while nearly every member present had asked questions or made some suggestions, the great part of the talking had been done

by Teal and Lewis. When Teal's amendment came up, Ladd explained briefly the reasons of the operating committee for recommending that \$20,000 be paid for the plant. He would not say that its recommendation should be adopted in preference to Teal's mo tion to pay only \$175,000. he explained the undesirability of entering into competition with the Albina Company, the cost of constructing a new plant, with means to supply the high and low-service systems of the Albina dis-trict, the impossibility of cutting rates in view of the work before them in the next few years. All his statements were to the point, and when he had concluded he asked to be excused as he had to catch a train, leaving the city.

Teal's motion to fix the price of the Albina plant at \$175,000 was then put and lost by a tie vote of 5 to 5. \$200,000 Report Adopted.

The motion for the adoption of the report of the operating committee, recomending that the plant of the Albina Light & Water Company be purchased at a cost of \$200,000, was then put and carried by a vote of 7 to 3. Those voting aye were Messrs. Carson, Hill, Hasel-Knapp, Raffety, Therkelsen, and Corbett, 7; those voting may were Jo-sephi, Lewis and Teal, 3.

Teal moved that it be included in the purchase that the Albina Light & Water Company surrender to the city their franchise, furnish a perfect title to all their real estate and other property, and that all bills the company have against the city for water be receipted, which motion was carried by a unanimous Chairman Corbett, who had been authorized to appoint a committee three to take such steps as they deem proper to have the books of the water committee examined and reported on by an expert every year, appointed as mmittee Messrs. Ladd, Teal and

The meeting then adjourned.

Livestock at Charleston Exposition CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.-The live. stock exhibit of the exposition here wil pen January 6, continuing until January 20. In the competition many of the most famous herds in the United States will be represented entries so far having been made from 17 states. Money premiums will be paid to the successful contestants. George F. Weston, of Vanderbilt's Biltstock farm, is in charge of the live stock department,

Macedonian Murderers Frustrated. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24. - The Macedonian committee, whose murderous proceedings he had denounced, has been "I am here to enjoy Christmas with my frustrated in a plot for the murder of the family," he said, "and I have nothing to

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

direction of the President, and followed a conference between the President and the Californian, the marriage taking place Secretary, who took to the White House after Edna Wallace was divorced from letter from Maclay in response to the request for his resignation | marriage Mr. Dunsmuir died, leaving his this letter Maclay submitted that he Wallace Hopper announced that she would could not be removed or be compelled to never marry again as long as her mother resign without definite charges being made against him and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. Although the civil service rules give emprobated it was found that Mrs. Dunspibyes of the service the opportunity of muir had left the bulk of her fortune answering charges that may be preferred her daughter and \$50,000 to her son, to against them, the President exercised his paid to him when he reached the age of

determined upon. Secretary Long said the action taken today would dispose of the case finally.

Mr. Maclay's letter to Secretary Long, replying to the request for his resigna

is as follows: Navy-Yard, New York, Office of the General Storekeeper, Dec. 23, 1901.—Rear-Admiral Albert S. Barker, U. S. N., Com-mandant, Navy-Yard, New York.—Sir: I have the honor of acknowledging the re of your communication of this date munication of this date from the Honorable Secretary of War: 'I am directed by the President to ask Edgar S. Maclay, ecial laborer, general storekeeper's of-te, navy-yard, New York, to send in his resignation.

"I respectfully submit that I was regularly appointed to my present position, after having duly passed a clerk's examination in accordance with all the re-quirements of the civil service regulations, and, therefore, cannot be removed or be compelled to resign without definite compelled to resign without cellular charges being made against me, and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. I have been in this office 15 months, have been promoted for efficiency, and, so far as I know, my work is satisfactory to my superiors. I have violated no rules or regulations of this office or of the navy-

yard, so far as I am aware.
"Such being the case, I feel that it would not only be an injustice to myself to resign under such circumstances, but it would be establishing a precedent that vitally concerns thousands of civil service employes, both National and state, Very respectfully yours, "EDGAR S. MACLAY."

Secretary Long's dispatch to Rear-Admiral Barker directing Maclay's removal Dec. 20.-Rear-Admiral "Washington, Dec. 20.—Rear-Admiral Barker, U. S. N., Commandant Navy-Yard, New York: By direction of the President, Edgar S. Maclay is discharged. LONG.

NEW YORK, Dec. S .- When seen at his home and informed of his dismissal from his position in the navy-yard by President Roosevelt, Edgar Stanton Mac-I have written to the civil service

authorities at Washington asking for a formal opinion on this subject. I shall be guided in my actions by the advice received from this source.

Schley at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 24. - Rear-Admiral schley and his wife have arrived in this city from Washington. They will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. R. M. S. Wortley, Admiral Schley refused to talk about the reprimand of General Miles and the contradiction of Admiral

Dewey's judgment.
"I am here to enjoy Christmas with my say about anything connected with my Naval Officers."

De Wolf Hopper. A few weeks aft sent by the Secretary last Saturday. In widow the entire estate. Soon after Edna was living, and while she was preparing mult had left the hulk of her fortune to that the latter was aware unofficially, if not officially, of the reasons which actuated the Executive in taking the course determined upon. Secretary Language to years, Since the death of his mother. Thomas Wallace has frequently appealed to his sister for assistance. Feeling that some kind of agreement should be made with her brother. Miss House, the made with her brother wit Thomas Wallace met them at the hotel and at the end of a long conference a stenographer was called and an agree ment dictated by which he relinquished his interest to his sister for the consideration named.

### WRECKED AND BURNED.

Accident on the Missouri, Kanson & Texas Near Dallas.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 24.-The Missouri, Kansas & Texas north-bound passenger train due in Dallas at 11:20 o'clock last night was wrecked and almost complete burned, six miles south of here, just before midnight. Three persons were in-jured, but no one killed. The baggage express and mail-cars were saved. injured are: Jenks Clark, engineer, Denison, Tex., injuréd about shoulders and legs; William Kevney, fireman, also of Denison, injured about head and Joseph Henry, colored, injured internally, The engine and one Pullman are all that remain, five cars having been destroyed. The engine is bottom up in the

Bucket Shops and Poolrooms Closed,

DENVER, Dec. 24.-Judge Johnson, of the District Court, today notified the pro-prietors of poolrooms and bucket shops operating in Denver, and the Denver Mining Stock Exchange, through the Sheriff, that they must discontinue business at once. The poolroom operators, who have been protected against the city authorities by an injunction issued some months ago by Judge Palmer, of the same court, say they will obey Judge Johnson's order, as Judge Palmer's injunction does not apply to the county authorities. The others affected, however, declare the court has no right to make such an order in their case and that they shall be open for business as usual Thursday morning. Besides the poolrooms, the following were served with Judge Johnson's notice today: Den-

Expulsion of Grain Traders. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The expulsion of Arthur Jones and Michael J. Ryan, presi-

ver Mining Stock Exchange, L. M. David-son, John G. Morgan Brokerage Company

and W. B. Ray.

dent and secretary, respectively, of A. R. Jones & Co., brokers on the Board of Trade, was pronounced effective and valid by Judge Hanecy today, when he dissolved the temporary injunction obtained before Judge Tuley December 20 to re-strain the board from enforcing the act of expulsion.

Captain Mahan's New Book LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Times devotes an editorial this morning to Captain Alfred T. Mahan's recently published "Types of