lines. This bill, which is very likely to

pass, will enable the Pacific Mall Line

from San Francisco to so enlarge its line

as to be able to take the Governmen

business from that port. It is evident

that the charter system is entirely in the

interest of San Francisco, although Port-

land and Puget Sound will have due op-

The Secretary concluded that it would

be unwise to dispose of the transports

entirely, as an emergency arising would

confronted the United States in 1898. Ther

was also some doubt that commercial

lines could furnish the proper accommo

dations aboard regular steamers for

troops, especially the sick. Under the

leasing system the Government expects

to establish a semi-monthly service be-

tween the Coast and Manila, whereas

there is now merely a monthly service,

The outright sale of the transports, it is

shown, would mean their return to a for

they gain American registry.

pressed for action at this session.

eign fing, whereas by the proposed bill

It is not determined who will introduce

the Root bill in Congress, but it will be

HOT SHOT AT BREMERTON.

Sailors No Sooner Left Navy Yard

Than Thugs Robbed Them.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash

ington, Jan. 7 .- Senator Foster today re-

ceived a telegram from the Board of

Trade of Bremerton, welcoming an inves-

tigation by the Navy Department into

the condition of that city, to determine

whether there is such lawlessness as re-

cently alleged by naval officers. When

this challenge was shown to Secretary

Moody he produced a letter, just filed by

Captain J. G. Eaton, who commanded

the Oregon when in drydock at Bremerton

last Summer, in which he described the

care that was taken to prevent sailors

falling into the hands of thugs, dive-

keepers and others in the town. He adds:

"After nearly 40 years' experience in

many seaports, I have no hesitation in

saying that for open robbery and organ-

ized pillage of bluejackets, Bremerton

surpasses all other towns I have known.

So open and dangerous had the attempts

upon bluejackets become that I have

known a number of men to be picked up

insensible and moneyless on the streets

of Bremerton, near the navy-yard gate,

within 20 minutes of the time when they

had passed out, clean, sober and with

"It is notorious that there were in

Bremerton certain men who made their

living by either enticing the men-of-war's

men into open gambling halls, which were

located near the navy-yard gate, or fail-

ing-in this, they placed knockout drops in

the first drink offered to their victims,

who fell unconscious and were at once

"Seattle," he adds. "Is not particularly

noted for its singleness or order, but in

that city the men-of-warsmen were not

tie their destination. I consider it due to

protection extended by the city police to

NORTHWEST AT WASHINGTON.

St. Lawrence Island a Reindeer

Preserve-Bids for Alaska Insone.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash

ington, Jan. 7.-President Roosevelt today

signed a proclamation setting aside St.

Lawrence Island, off the Nome Coast, as

a reindeer preserve. It is intended that

quarters for Alaska, under the charge of

The Army appropriations bill reported

Bids were opened today at the Interior

now in force, \$30 per month per person

perpetuating salmon in Alaskan waters.

The bill is drawn to permit canneries un-

able to maintain hatcheries of their own,

as required by law, to procure their pro-

portional share of fry each season from

the Government hatcheries upon payment

of a stipulated price to be fixed by the

WOULD LEASE GRAZING LAND.

Nebraska Delegation Prefers That to

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Jan. 7.-Secretary Hitchcock to-

night had a conference with the Nebraska

delegation and the House Public Lands

committee on the proposition to enact a

The Nebraska delegation, which a short

time ago bitterly opposed leasing public

the policy, inasmuch as the Secretary in

meeting, and while not advocating a gen-

eral leasing law at this time, were will-

Nebraska, whence comes the demand for

Wind Taugles Kansas Wires

TOPEKA, Jan. 7 .- Wind attaining a ve-

locity of 36 miles an hour has prevailed throughout Kansas today. It has been

ed for several months.

leasing bill for Nebraska.

was made.

the law.

the island shall become reindeer head-

visiting sailors in uniform.

the Interior Department.

year ending January 18, 1904.

Fish Commission.

Root.

attle to bear testimony to the care and

money in pocket.

portunity to compete in the bidding.

state what is known as the "North

to pump water to all the institutions. The

state's contract for supplying electricity

for the state institutions also expires

for a new contract or a means of gener-

mile long, and there are two places at

which waterwheels have been used. The

site of the old power plant on State street

could be used for a pumping station to

supply water to the state institutions, and

the power at the brick mill could be used

for generating electricity. It is claimed

that the state could have enough in 19

The other plans open to the Legislatur

are to condemn water rights in Mill Creek

and take them at an appraised value, o

to construct a conduit from Silver Creek

or the Santiam and bring water independ.

ently of the Flouring Mills Company.

The latter plan is not considered practica-

ble, and there is a difference of opinion

upon the question whether the state can

take water from Mill Creek under con-

One thing is certain-that the Flouring

Mills Company has the state in a compro-

mising position, and perhaps at its mercy.

With water, water everywhere, the state

may find itself with none to supply the

To Strengthen the Prison.

How to strengthen the State Peniten

tiary so as to render impossible a repeti-

tion of the Tracy-Merrill escapade is also

a problem before the Legislature. It

seems quite clear that it will be necessary

to increase the force of guards beyond

that provided for by the last Legislature,

and, if possible, to strengthen the walls

The facts which developed in consequence

of the escape of Tracy and Merrill show

that the wall is so constructed that an

active man can scale the wall from the

outside without the use of a ladder. The

tion for any person attempting to enter

projecting buttresses also furnish protec-

the prison by passing over the wall.

These defects could probably be remedied

with moderate expense, but the wall would

still be weak because the wall guards are

compelled to stand where they are a ready

target for a rifle in the hands of a con

vict concealed inside the prison shops

Whether the wall should be made higher

or provided with steel cages at intervals

in which the guards could stand while

firing upon rebellious prisoners, is the

The final failure of the escape of Tracy

and Merrill has perhaps lessened the prob-

ability of another attempt at an escape,

nevertheless the fact remains and is

known to the criminal world that an er

cape can be made from the Oregon Peni-

tentlary, and that it can be made success-

fully if the prisoner is a little less fool-

hardy than were Tracy and Merrill after

To Reorganize State Board?

The recommendation made by Secretary

of State Dunbar that he be relieved from

the duty of serving as a member of the

various state boards is not meeting with

much favor. It is conceded that while

acting as a member of a state board the

Secretary of State assists in making con-

tracts the claims for which he afterwards

passes upon in his capacity as auditing

officer. Since he is only one member of

the board creating the demands, there is

no opportunity for irregularity. It is

everywhere declared that the institutions

controlled by the board consisting of the

Governor, Secretary of State and State

Treasurer have been better governed dur-

(Concluded on Page 7.)

they had gained a safe start.

problem to be considered.

years to pay for the power.

demnation proceedings.

needs of its institutions.

ating its own electricity.

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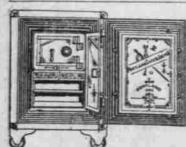
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CENTENARY OF CHICAGO. Hundred Years on August 17 Since Fort Dearborn Was Founded.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 .- Through its executive committee, the Chicago Historical August 17, 1900, as the centennial anniversary of the founding of Chicago. Resolutions were adopted in which the comed by Lieutenant Swearington, established Fort Dearborn, at the mouth of the Chicago River, and laid the foundation of Chicago, The occasion, in the opinion of the committee, marks the real begins of the city's history, rather than the arrival of John Kinzie, as has been sug-

MRS. NATION'S NEW WORK She Buys Large Building as Home

for Drankards' Wives. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7 .- Mrs. Carrie Nation, the temperance reformer, today closed negotiations for a large residence at Kansas City, Kan., to be used as a home for drunkards wives. The price

DISPERSING THE FLEET. Dewey's Ships Have Finished Work and Are Coming Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- According to the Herald's correspondent at Culebra Island, Society has expressed itself in favor of Admiral Dewey, having decided that the commemoration and celebration of purpose of the concentration of the purpose of the concentration of the warships has been accomplished, has issued orders that the squadrons disperse to day chosen marks the passage of 100 and his staff, on the Mayflower and the years since the Federal troops, command- Dolphin, will sail Thursday for Washing-The cruiser Albany has sailed for Boston, where she will be resheathed, and the cruisers San Francisco and Nashville have left for Norfolk to undergo repairs. Rear-Admiral Sumner has transferred his flag to the cruiser Newark and will return to the South Atlantic station. The torpedo flotilia has sailed north and the Prairie will start today with patients who became III during the maneuvers.

Great Discovery of Iron Ore. NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- It is announced a dispatch from Sault Ste. Marie that an iron ore range, with 180,000,000 tons of ore in sight, has been discovered, and that a number of New York capitalists are interested in developing the deposit.

One of these capitalists acknowledged that he was interested in the matter, and said the discovery was made a year ago. paid was \$7500, and it is understood that that be was interested in the matter, and Mrs. Nation will spend several thousand dollars in improving the property, which will be turned over to her within three months. The money to establish the home was raised by Mrs. Nation on her recent trip East.

Contest for Hoe's Estate. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.-A number of dis-

LONDON, Jan. 1.7 The monthly statement of the Board of Trade shows that guring December imports increased \$7. portion of the will and ask for an accounting. tant relatives of the late Richard Hoe,

Session of Legislature Has Much to Do.

MANY IMPORTANT BILLS

Little Opposition to Lewis and Clark Appropriation.

EVERYTHING READY AT SALEM

Accommodations Have Been Arranged, and Capital Building Is in Readiness-Desks Named-No Inaugural Ball,

SALEM, Or. Jan. 7 .- (Special.) -- Unless all signs shall fall the Oregon Legislature tion than any of its predecessors. There is also reason to believe that the bills introduced will not only be more important than ever before, but also more num-The Taxpayers League of Portland, and the Marion County Bar Association, of Salem, besides numerous other organizations, have prepared many bills which will be introduced and strongly supported for passage. Besides these, each member of the Legislature will have measures which he believes should be passed in order to improve the laws of

It is now quite generally believed that the Lewis and Clark Ceptennial bill will pass without material opposition. This, in itself, is one of the most important measures known in Oregon for many years, It is quite certain that at this session the state will enter upon a policy of taxing franchisce, and that the Legislature will pass one or more measures which will require corporations to pay for the special amendment of the law accepting the donation of 1,000,000 acres of arid land under the terms of the Carey act, is another matter with which this Legislature must grapple, and perhaps there may be an stremot to chango the laws regarding water rights, though there has been a change in sentiment on this subject. Coniderable doubt is expressed as to whether it would be wise to change by law at this time the law of water rights as it has cen laid down by the courts in the lecisions upon cases that have arisen Then there will be legislation regarding the management of state lands, the loaning of school funds, construction of fish enactment of a fellow-servant law and a lozen other measures which the labor unions desire to have placed upon the statute books, the passage of a law prescribing the procedure under the initiative and referendum, the passage of a flat salary law, and a law providing for direct nominations. These are some of the most important subjects before the Legislature.

Convict Labor. In addition to considering matters of general legislation, the Legislature will be compelled to grapple with some important problems in the management of state institutions. Probably the most important of these is that concerning the sale of convict labor. The state is now under contract with the Northwest Stove Foundry to furnish the labor of convicts at the exceedingly low price of 31/2 cents an hour. If the convicts work an average of nine hours, that amounts to 27% cente a day. The stove foundry managers have the privilege of using men or etting them lie idle, as they choose, so that the state has no guarantee that the men will be employed, even at this low

It has been proposed that the Legisiature provide for the establishment of a jute mill at the prison, so that the convict labor will not come in competition with free labor, but this is impracticable since it would require an investment of \$250,000 to put in a plant of this kind. At the time the stove foundry was established the employment of prison labor therein did not conflict with the interests of free laber. It is argued that if the convicte were not employed in making stoves, there would be an opportunity for the operation of stove foundries by free labor. It is apparent that a few years hence this same argument might apply to the operation of a jute mill.

Since it is not practicable, however, to establish a jute mill, it would seem that the Legislature has before it a choice between two measures for the removal of the present objectionable sale of labor. their former stations. Admiral Dewey The price of convict labor could be raised so as to equal the actual value of the Dolphin, will sail Thursday for Washing- labor, or the convicts could be employed upon the public roads. There is a very etrong sentiment in favor of this last plan, and if some member should present a bill which seems to point out a method by which convict labor can be employed economically on the highways, the measure would very likely meet success. such a law should be found impracticable. the Legislature will need to provide for a

new contract with the sove foundry. The miserable condition of the roads leading to and connecting the principal state institutions, furnishes an excellent opportunity for experimental work, which would determine the cost of road building by convict labor.

Light and Water for Institutions. Another subject of no small importance is that of supplying water for the Penitentiary, Asylum and Capitol. Under a decision of the Supreme Court the state has been enjoined from continuing to secure its water supply from Mill Creek Under an arrangement with the Salem Flouring Mills Company the state has permission to continue the use of water for so days after the adjournment of the next Legislature, so it is up to the state's law-

It is understood that T. B. Wilcox, the ontrolling factor in the Salem Flouring Mills Company, has offered to sell to the

Power," in Salem, for \$55,000. This is the north branch of Mill Creek, below the Waller dam. If the state should buy this power, which would include the old brick mill, on North Front street, there would then be not only a sufficient water supply, Army Transports. but also power sufficient to generate electricity for all the state institutions, and

some time in the present year, so that It is up to the Legislature to provide either

The two problems of water and light are not as easy to solve as they might be. The purchase of the power from Wilcox is advocated by some, on the ground that it would solve both problems at once. The for That Purpose.

Ships Would Have American Regis try and Government Could Resume Charge When Necessary-Bi-Monthly Sailings.

ecretary Root has prepared a bill

shall be given.

The Government may resume posses sion of the vessels after due notice

The ships are to have American regis

Moody a telegram from the Mayor of Bremerton challenging investigation of moral conditions in the town. The Secretary replied by showing a

the rule of thugs and divekeepers The proposal to lease grazing lands has been revived by the Nebraska delegation, which has changed front since

St. Lawrence Island has been made eindeer preserve for Alaska.

Representative Cushman has introernment salmon hatcheries in Alaska.

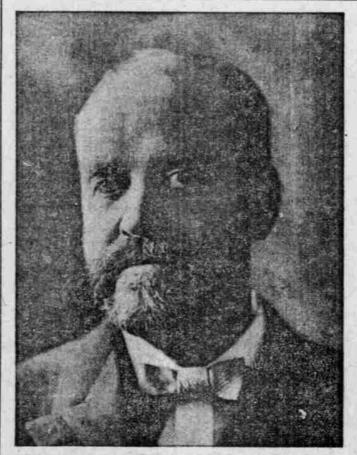
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash. ington, Jan. 7 .- A bill has been drawn by Secretary Root, and will soon be introduced, authorizing the Secretary of War to charter the Army transports on the Pacific Coast for a term of three years. the charter to go to the highest bidder, with no renewals, except after readvertisement and due competition.

Under the terms of the bill, chartered transports will carry the American flag and be entitled to American registry. Whenever the transports so chartered may be required for military purposes other than to render transportation services by contract, the Secretary may resume possession of the ships by giving notice to the charterers of his intention and when the ships are taken back the

contract shall cease, The Secretary is also authorized to con tract, after advertisement, for terms of three years, for the carrying of troops, officers and all military supplies between the United States and the Philippines, on terms similar to the charter of the ships, Charterers must maintain ships in good condition.

study given the Army transportation

RENOMINATED BY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS TO SUCCEED HIMSELF AS SENATOR FROM CALIFORNIA



HON, GEORGE C. PERKINS.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 7.-George C. Perkins was tonight renominated United States Senator to succeed himself by the Republican caucus. The vote in caucus stood: Perkins, 68; Irving M. Scott, 1.

Root Favors Chartering

THEN TO GIVE CONTRACTS

Bill Introduced in Congress stream below the Waller dam is about a

IT WILL FAVOR SAN FRANCISCO

dealing with the transport question. It proposes that-

The Secretary of War be allowed to charter the vessels for three years to private individuals in open competition, to whom contracts for transporting troops and supplies to and from Manila

when necessity arises,

letter from Captain Eaton, of the Oregon, describing in most drastic terms

proceedings were begun against filegal

It is proposed to spend \$60,000 on a hospital at Vancouver Earracks. Oregon is the lowest bidder for care of the Alaska insane.

This decision is the result of a careful

question by Secretary Root. It was deemed inadvisable to sell the transports outright, nor could they be laid up out of commission and allow the business to go entirely into the hands of the commercia

Surveyor-General May Be Suspended.

OFFICE FOUND DILAPIDATED find just about the same situation that

So Reports Agent Who Made Investigation.

NEGLECT OF DUTY IS ALLEGED

Chief Clerk Waggoner Left the Servfee Without Authority-his Case Will Probably Be Disposed Of With That of Meldrum.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7 .- Secretary Hitchcock now has before him charges that have been preferred against Surveyor-General Meidrum, of Oregon, which promise to result that official. Some time ago the department became dissatisfied with the manner in which the office was being conducted. and had a thorough investigation made by its special agents. It is their report that is now under consideration.

One of the most serious charges against Meldrum is that he is addicted to the use of liquor, and in consequence it is said neglects his duties, being frequently away from the office during office hours, leaving its control to subordinates. The Secretary does not wish to act hastily in the cust but will probably temporarily suspend Meldrum, placing the office in the hands of one of his own men for reorganization, as it is now reported to be thoroughly dilapidated.

Chief Clerk Waggoner, who has also been investigated, telegraphed his resignation to Commissioner Hermann on December 4, and on the 5th the Commission er accepted it by wire. When the matter was called to the Secretary's attention, he immediately wired Meldrum that Waggoner's resignation was not accepted, but that he would continue in the service until otherwise ordered. Waggoner, however, practically severed his connections with the service December 5, disregard-

ing the instructions of the Secretary. While there is no proceeding governing a case of this sort, it is held by the demade the special prey of the vicious partment that, as Waggoner was appointclasses. Consequently the men going on ed by the Commissioner on the approval liberty were not encouraged to make Seat- of the Secretary, Waggoner's resignation would not be effective until approved by the Secretary. Inasmuch as Waggoner is under suspicion of misconduct in office, it is very essential that he should be re tained in office. His case can be disposed of with that of Meldrum.

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