

FORT IS SAVED

Walla Walla Will Not Be Abandoned.

ROOT'S RULING IS REVOKED

Taft Orders That the Buildings Be Reconstructed.

ANKENY WINS A LONG FIGHT

Instead of Being a Small Cavalry Station, Washington Post Will Hereafter Accommodate Four Companies of Infantry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 2.—Secretary Taft, at the solicitation of Senator Ankeny today directed that Fort Walla Walla be made a permanent Army post. In so doing, he revoked the order issued by his predecessor early in the winter directing that Fort Walla Walla be abandoned. Ever since the issuance of the adverse order of Secretary Root, Senator Ankeny has been endeavoring to secure its revocation, and only by persistent efforts has he succeeded.

Under the order issued today, Fort Walla Walla will be entirely rebuilt, and instead of being a small cavalry post as at present, will be made a battalion infantry post with accommodations for four full companies. The old buildings will be replaced by new and modern structures as soon as practicable.

WRANGLE OVER PERRY HEATH

Senators Hear Startling Statement by Assistant to Knox.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate committee on postoffice and postroads today heard Attorney-General Robb, of the Postoffice Department, in advocacy of a bill to prohibit guessing contests carried on by newspapers and circulars. This bill was prepared in the Postoffice Department and introduced by Senator Penrose.

During the course of Mr. Robb's statement the subject of postoffice investigation was referred to. Senator Culberson asked if some men had not been protected by the statute of limitation. Mr. Robb said he believed such was the case. Senator Culberson then asked if Perry S. Heath was not one of those protected by the statute. Mr. Robb answered in the affirmative, adding that account of the position which Heath occupied both officially and politically, he would have been glad to have prosecuted him.

Senator Scott, at this juncture, declared that Mr. Robb was going outside his province in making such a statement. He declared the Postmaster-General did not authorize him to make any such statement and would disavow of his doing so. Senator Scott moved that all reference to the matter be stricken from the records.

This motion was carried by a strict party vote.

Culberson and Clay strongly objected to the proposition to strike the statement made by Mr. Robb from the records. Subsequently, Mr. Robb stated he intended to say was if the evidence had warranted the indictment of Heath he would have been glad to see him take his medicine on account of the high position he (Heath) held. Robb also pointed out that in a public document presented to the Senate by Senator Scott, he had stated that Mr. Robb expressed the opinion that only a suspicion lay against Heath, and there was not sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment.

LIQUOR BILL IS CALLED UP.

Arguments For and Against Giving Power Over "Original Packages."

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The House committee on judiciary today began a series of hearings on the Doolittle-Hepburn bill granting the state's police jurisdiction over "original packages" of intoxicating liquors.

E. C. Dinwiddie, of Washington, legislative superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, opened the argument.

"Original packages" saloons which existed in prohibition states some years ago, he said, had been abolished, but the liquor men, whom he termed "intense violators of the law," had initiated new subterfuges and sold liquor in prohibition states through the connivance of agents of express companies and others, whereby liquor in original packages bearing fictitious addresses could be purchased. This he called a "C. O. D. liquor business."

He appealed to the committee to remove that obstacle to the successful carrying out of any internal policy a state might decide upon.

"Would you have any objection to a provision placed in the bill to the effect that it is not intended to interfere with the private or family use of liquor?" asked Representative Gillette, of California.

Dinwiddie declared he would object.

Representative Shirley, democrat, who said he represented a district in which was manufactured more distilled liquor than in any other Congressional district in the country, opened argument against the bill. He based his opposition to the bill on the ground that to grant the states power to declare that an article should not be shipped into a state was giving that state authority to absolutely prohibit interstate commerce, power to go even into another state and declare void a contract that might be made there into which involves the purchase of goods by a citizen of one state to be delivered into another state, by prohibiting the delivery of those goods.

Shirley declared, with emphasis, that the Federal Government had recognized and legalized the manufacture of liquor and derived enormous revenue each year from it. He demanded that in view of this Congress should be bold enough either to prohibit by increased taxation the manufacture of liquor or absolutely prohibit it as an article of interstate commerce, but not to resort to the subterfuge of delegating to the states a function which existed solely before the formation of the Union, to interfere with interstate commerce.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, legislative secretary of the National Nonpartisan Women's Christian Temperance Union, spoke in favor of the bill.

Canal Commission is Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate committee on intercommerce today agreed to report the nominations of the

Panama Canal Commission with a favorable recommendation. The Klittridge bill for the canal government was referred to a subcommittee.

To Be Protected From Fevers.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Having acquired the right of way for the Panama Canal, the United States now proposes vigorously to take steps looking to the protection from malaria and yellow fever of the large number of Americans who undoubtedly will be attracted to that section when the work of construction begins. It has been decided to send for Colonel William Gorgas, the yellow fever expert of the Army, for a conference with Assistant Warrent Dr. Gorgas is an immune, and will go to the isthmus prepared to put into execution the methods adopted by him in Havana, which brought effective results, yellow fever in that city now being a thing almost unknown.

Squadron Completes Maneuvers.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Navy Department has been advised of the departure from Guantanamo, for Pensacola, of the North Atlantic squadron, which, having practically terminated the winter maneuvers in the vicinity of Cuba, will engage in target practice on arriving at Pensacola.

The battleship squadron is to go to the Mediterranean without coming north to the Navy yards. The squadron will stop first at the Azores, thus making a distance test. After arriving in the Mediterranean, it now is the intention to withdraw two of the battleships to superintend the maneuvers at San Francisco, and the remainder, now en route to the United States.

ADMINISTRATION IS PUZZLED.

Santo Domingo, Without a Government, is Hard to Handle.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Administration is puzzled to know how to deal with Santo Domingo. Every report that comes from the island indicates the existence there of a state approaching anarchy. If there were a capable government, either regular or revolutionary, the Department would call upon it to preserve the peace, protect American interests and cause a cessation of the frequent and annoying interference with American commerce. But it is said there is no such government, and the department is loath to embark on a policy of policing the island and chasing small guerrilla bands through the jungle.

The whole subject is under serious consideration by the Administration, which realizes that foreign interests are looking to the United States to relieve their own governments of the necessity of taking hold in Santo Domingo.

Woe y Gil Coming to America.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 2.—Senator Woe y Gil, ex-president of Santo Domingo, accompanied by Rafael Galvan, left here last night incognito on board the Spanish steamer Monserrat for Havana. He will proceed to New York for the purpose of opposing General Juan Francisco Sanchez, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Morales government of Santo Domingo, in his efforts to secure from the United States further recognition of the Morales government.

ARE SOCIALISTS A PARTY?

They Have Requisite Vote, but Must Comply With Law.

The Socialist organization is a political party within the meaning of the election law and is entitled to have a party ticket in the field at the coming primary election, the same as the Republican and Democratic parties. If the Socialist party, however, desires to have a ticket voted for at the coming primaries, its leaders must submit soon a list of names of persons to be voted for in the various precincts in the city.

The election law provides that a political party is an affiliation of electors representing a political party which, at the general election next preceding, polled at least 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the state, county, precinct or other electoral district for which the nomination is made for Representative in Congress, etc.

The vote for Congress in this county two years ago was 3,472, of which 5 per cent is 173.6. Diederich T. Gerdes, the Socialist candidate for Congress, received 1277 votes in Multnomah County, or considerably more than 5 per cent. The Socialist candidate for State Treasurer received 1472 votes; for County Auditor, 1325, and other county officers in the same ratio.

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Yesterday, a Socialist, who did not give his name, called on the County Clerk and stated that they had decided to hold a state convention today, and asked if they could use the hall under the law relating to county conventions. The Clerk informed his caller that this certainly could not be done if the Socialists desired to be recognized as a political party. If so, they would have to proceed the same as the other parties did. Otherwise it made no difference how their conventions were held, as, if not a political party, they would come under the law relating to an assembly of electors to make nominations.

OBJECT TO CONTRACTS' TERMS

Master Builders Say Exposition Demands Are Too Excessive.

Contractors for the Fair buildings are having trouble living up to the requirements of the State Commission for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. It has been ordered that a certified check for 10 per cent of the cost of the work be submitted to the board by the contractor for any building before he is given the work. In some cases this means a rather large check, and contractors who hope to do a good deal of work for the Fair fear that they will not be able to raise all the necessary money.

The Master Builders' Association has taken the matter up and has appointed a committee with Secretary Gordon as chairman to wait upon the board and see what can be done. Their contention is that if the commission insists upon such a large check being given they will not be able to get the money, and will be forced to leave the larger contracts to go outside firms. This they think would be unfair. When the matter is properly presented to the commission, however, they expect that body will make less vigorous demands and provide for a bond that they will be able to give.

They have one or two other faults to find with the specifications, particularly investigation of their sub-contractors. They say the sub-contractors are altogether a matter of their concern and of no interest to anyone else. Consequently they resent the curiosity of the commission.

Another provision that they cannot see sense of is in the power given the superintendent to discharge workers hired by them. As long as they fill their contracts, they say, they ought not to be interfered with. Constant meddling on the part of the superintendent would be a source of delay and might result in forfeiting the contract.

The contractors see the need of hurrying their demands, as the bids will be opened March 15, and they will have to

IT WAS A GREAT DAY

Four Planos Aggregating Over \$2000 and Eleven Other Instruments Sold Tuesday.

The Great Slaughter Sale of Used Planos, Organs and Piano Players, Drawing to a Close.

Like the weather, March came in like a lion at our store. A crowd of customers for the kind of a day was a revelation, even to Elfers Piano House. The bad weather did not keep the people away. They were after bargains and they got them.

In addition to the second-hand instruments disposed of, a superb Chickering was purchased, one of the famous quarter-grands, a duplicate of which is now in our show window; a handsome rosewood Weber, colonial style; another of the peerless Webers in a walnut case, very neat, chaste style, with beaded panels; an equally beautiful Kimball; one of the staunch and popular Hobart M. Caspary; a dainty little Weber, a Brinkerhoff, Mason & Hamlin, that second Zech that was such a bargain; a Ricci, a Kimball organ, a Burdett, Pacific Queen organ, a Raus piano and a Crown organ. Who wouldn't buy a piano when they can be gotten at such bargains? There is no excuse for any home being without a piano and a good one, too. The prices and terms at which we are selling these second-hand instruments are so very moderate, it will not inconvenience anyone to make the payments. And all the time we are making good on our word. You have the instrument in your home and are enjoying it. Delivery is always made, no matter what the price of the instrument, upon first payment.

Players, Too.

Just as cheap and just as easily paid for. They are in perfect condition, and some are as good as ever they were. Pianolas have taken their places in various homes, while there have been accepted by us as part payment for the finer instruments. Many of them will be sold at a price that will enable you to turn your instrument in as part payment on a Pianola, and get credit for all you have paid for it. We have a list of names of players, subject to inspection and approval. Elfers Piano House, 231 Washington street, corner Park. Large store, Spokane, Wash., San Francisco and Sacramento, Cal.

Payments.

Payments down on all these second-hand instruments—and remember we still have a few good second-hand organs remaining—are one-tenth of the amount when purchased is made. A balance of \$2, \$3 or \$4 a month, will secure any instrument under \$100 in price. All the rest go at \$5 and \$6 a month, according to price. Orders from out of town must be accompanied with a draft or money order for one-tenth of the amount of advertised price. Orders from out of town must be accompanied with a draft or money order for one-tenth of the amount of advertised price. Orders from out of town must be accompanied with a draft or money order for one-tenth of the amount of advertised price.

WEALTHY MAN KIDNAPED.

Mississippi Held in Texas for Ransom of \$10,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 2.—Daniel Cushing, aged 32, a prominent and wealthy man from Columbus, Miss., was kidnapped by unknown persons last night at Devil's River, where he had gone for his health. A note in his handwriting was found pinned to the door of the railroad station, stating he had been kidnapped by four men and would be held for a ransom of \$10,000. The note gave instructions for leaving the money on the steps of the Mexican schoolhouse at Del Rio Tuesday night, March 3. Rangers and Sheriff's posse are scouring the country.

REJECT CARNEGIE OFFER.

Civil Engineers Do Not Want Him to Erect Fine Building.

NEW YORK, March 2.—At a special meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers held tonight it was decided to reject the offer of Andrew Carnegie to build an engineering building at a cost of \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the four engineering bodies in the country. All the other bodies had accepted the offer. The vote against the proposal was 1329 to 62.

Leading Steel Manufacturer.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Russell W. Davenport, one of the leading steel manufacturers of the country, died today at his home of pneumonia. At the time of his death he was general manager of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company.

FIRST AND ONE OF PRINCIPAL WITNESSES IN SMOOT HEARING

JOSEPH F. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE MORMON CHURCH.

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Whitney's Estate in New York.

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We Are Headquarters for Butterick Publications.

Book Store News

During the past few days many additions have been made to our showing of new Books.

"LUX CRUCIS"

A tale of the Great Apostle, by Samuel M. Gardenhire.

An Instant Success. A remarkable case of a book's instant success is that in one week after its publication it appeared on the list of best-selling books in New York City.

In this notable novel the scenes are placed in the first century and develop an impressive story of the invincible progress and triumph of the Christian creed in the midst of semi-barbaric luxury and vice. The Great Apostle is, of course, St. Paul, of whom, both as a man and apostle, the author has drawn a sympathetic and reverent picture. An authoritative critic says of it: "It will be read wherever the New Testament story is read. It is a book that knows no distinction of class or prejudice."

Publisher's price \$1.50—our price 1.08

"THE AMBASSADORS"

By Henry James.

A story of Americans abroad, such a study of men and women as only Mr. James is capable of making. The scene opens in England, and from there the reader follows the characters to Paris, where much of the unconventional life of that city is seen. The story is developed with great originality of motive and is marked with that finesse which characterizes the mature work of one of the greatest living novelists.

Publisher's price \$2—our price \$1.58.

Other new books just received are:

	Pub. Price.	Our Price.
"Trelawney," by Freeland.	\$1.50	\$1.08
"Tennessee Tod," by Ogden.	\$1.50	\$1.08
"Pa Gladden," by Waltz.	\$1.50	\$1.08
"Merry Hearts," by Allen.	.75	.59
"My Mamie Rose," by Kil-dare, net.	\$1.50	\$1.08
"The Torch," by Hopkins.	\$1.50	\$1.08
"Aunt Jimmy's Will," by Wright.	\$1.50	\$1.08

A second large shipment of "THE DELIVERANCE," the success of the year. Price \$1.08.

WILL BUILD IN IDAHO

Harriman to Have New Line in Snake River Valley.

IRRIGATION WORKS ATTRACT

Opening Up of Country South of Shoshone Is Expected to Increase Farming Land of State 50 Per Cent.

OMAHA, Neb., March 2.—(Special)—W. H. Bancroft, general manager of the Union Pacific, has returned from New York, where he has been in consultation with President Harriman during the past week. He states that an extension of the Missouri during the coming year is assured. The new line will be about 60 miles in length, and will open up a rich irrigated territory in the Snake River Valley, south of Shoshone, Idaho.

"In the valley there is being constructed at this time irrigation works which will open up, when completed, 270,000 acres of the richest territory in the West. The work is being done by private enterprises in the persons of several Pennsylvania capitalists. About 50 miles of the main ditch has been completed, and the greatest part of the work, that of damming the Snake River, has been started. The dam to be built will cost \$1,500,000. When the work is entirely completed, the farming land in the State of Idaho will be increased by about 50 per cent. The opening of this vast tract will cause unprecedented prosperity in the state."

When asked regarding reported changes in the officials of the system under his jurisdiction, the general manager stated he had none in view at this time, and that all the reports regarding changes were unfounded so far as he is aware.

URGE RUSSIA TO BE AT FAIR.

American Diplomats Take Up the Cause of St. Louis.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—United States Consul Watts, upon the representation of some Russians, who are anxious to exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, is making efforts to induce the Russian government to reconsider its decision not to exhibit. Mr. Watts recently cabled to President Francis to hold the Russian space for a fortnight, pending the result and Mr. Francis replied:

"Russia's withdrawal would be a great mistake. It would lose friends for her here."

The cablegram received by Mr. Watts from President Francis was submitted to M. Trimvassoff, Assistant Minister of Finance, this afternoon, for the purpose of reinforcing Mr. Watts' assurances that the American people will be greatly disappointed if Russia is not represented in St. Louis, will misunderstand her motives, and attribute them to unfriendliness.

M. Trimvassoff was impressed with these arguments, and said if enough exhibitors would be secured to make a creditable display he would lay the matter before Finance Minister Kokovoff and the government might reconsider its decision.

Exhibitors here and at Moscow who desire to participate will be asked to present their views to the government. Ambassador McCormick will urge the matter upon Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, and he still seems to hope that Russia will be represented at the Fair.

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Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

"HEMENWAY'S" SILKS Give better results than any other silk.

Dress Goods Underprice

New \$1.50 Dress Stuffs at \$1.19

This sale today is an important event and presents most unusual values right upon the threshold of the season.

We cannot too strongly impress on your mind the fact that the goods involved are all of this season's make, and are of such character that you'd buy them for their own sake at regular prices. A trade twist brought them here under value—you share in the benefit, of course, as always. These details. There are:

COLOR DRESS FABRICS—47-inch All-Wool French Voiles in eight new colorings, 44-inch Silk and Wool Seeded Crepe de Paris in seven new shades and 48-in. All-Wool Etamine Boutonne in six new colorings—all these are \$1.50 regularly—on sale today only \$1.19.

BLACK DRESS FABRICS—44-inch Mistral Etamines, 48-in. London Twine Etamines, 50-in. Etamine Boutonne and 50-in. Sanglier Boutonne. The Sanglier Boutonne is a new-come, a sort of second cousin to the old-time hopsacking, but much more satisfactory in wear—the "boutonne" effect produced by raised "nubs" scattered at rather regular intervals on the plain ground—all of these sell regularly at \$1.50—today only at \$1.19.

MUSIC STORE NEWS

"WHEN I'M AWAY FROM YOU, DEAR."

Jessie Bartlett Davis' Latest Success—Just published—Ask to hear it.

Art Dept. News

A new feature—CROCHETING LESSONS will be given every THURSDAY in the Art Dept. on the second floor.

The "How" of converting silks and wools into shawls, booties, slippers, will be shown thoroughly.

"Fifth Avenue" Neckwear

A Wonderful Show of Late Novelties

Didn't have a chance to tell you anything about new Neckwear during the past few days.

We've been getting it in every day, but as soon as it was placed on sale the piles of dainty collars and stocks and ties seemed to simply melt away—you simply wouldn't let us keep enough to talk about. Different now, though—several large shipments came in late yesterday afternoon and will be shown today.

Dainty Lace Collars at 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢.

Dainty Embroidered Turnover Collars at 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, 75¢.

Dainty Embroidered Turnover Sets, 25¢.

Dainty Embroidered Collars at 25¢, 50¢.

See Washington-street window display.

MUST SPARE TREES

Roosevelt Addresses Lumbermen at White House.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

President Says the Skinning of Forests Must Be Stopped if One of the Greatest Industries is to Be Made Permanent.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The twelfth annual convention of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association was held here today. There are more than 300 lumbermen from every state and territory in attendance.

The members called at the White House during the day, where they were received by the President, who, after extending to each of his callers a cordial greeting, made a brief speech. He said:

"The lumber interests are entirely apart from the mining interests—gold, coal, iron, whatever it be. All you have got to do, there is to take it out of the ground; once it is out you are through with it. I hope more and more of our people will grow under the lead of this organization, to understand that it makes not be as with our forests; that it is not a case of cutting a forest down and being through with it; that if we are to make our lumber interests permanent, as they should be made, our object must be to conserve the forests by wise use."

"I have welcomed every opportunity to try to put the forestry experts of the Government into closer touch with you gentlemen, because you are practically engaged in this great business; because I hope that from their association with you will come a furthering of the indispensable process which is to result in making this industry a permanent industry in the country instead of having it one which represents the skinning of a certain quantity of forest and then moving elsewhere."

HARRISON WINS ON A RUSS.

Mayor of Chicago Now Controls the Cook County Democracy.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 2.—By a sensational bit of strategy today the control of the political auxiliary organizations known as the Cook County Democracy was obtained by the adherents of Mayor Carter H. Harrison. The victory was achieved by a legal ruse.

With a demand for incorporation as the Cook County Democracy, John Powers and other friends of the Mayor appeared today before Secretary of State Rose and showed that the charter held by the opponents of the Mayor, third and last member of that body, has at last resigned.

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LAST ONE TO RESIGN.

Herbert Holman Retires From Sailor Boarding-House Commission.

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