SHUT OUT SETTLERS

Charge Made Against Butte Creek Company.

OFFICIALS MAY BE INDICTED

Men Who Fenced the Public Range, It is Alleged, Have Long Been Shielded by Powerful Political influence.

The work of the Federal grand jury was quiet yenterday and will be for a day or so, until Mr. Heney, the director of the investigations, recovers from an attack of the grip and is able once more to assume charge of the Govern-

ment's case.

The District Attorney was able to finish the work of yesterday, but at the adjournment hour went immediately to bed and Dr. Mackenzie was called to attend him. It is promised that the sickness can be driven away in a cou-

ple of days at the latest.

Testerday was spent in examining the witnesses from Possil who are here to tell of the workings of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock Com-Butte Creek Land & Lavestock Com-pany. W. W. Banks, Assistant Dis-trict Attorney, will continue the work in the same direction today and will in all probability be able to finish with the witnesses called. If so, the examthe winesses called. If so, the examinations into the Butte Creek case will have been finished. Whether or not indictments will be returned at once is unknown, though it is supposed that the documents will not be made public until the batch now being prepared is entirely finished and ready to return to the court.

Investigate Butte Creek Holdings.

The trouble resultant from the opera-tions of the Butte Creek Company has been brewing for some six years. In 1899 the company built fences throughout the country around Possii and practically shut the smaller settlers and landholders out of any land other than their own holdings, and even left no egress there. Compliants began to pour into the offices of the District Attorney and of the Com-missioner of the General Land Office, and, in October. 1907, a civil suit was com-menced against the Butte Creek Company in the Federal Court.

The case was held up on a demurrer to the case was need up on a computer to the complaint in March, 1994. About this time, however, while the case was pend-ing, a partial agreement was reached be-tween John Hall, District Attorney, and the representatives of the company, by which the company was to take down some of the fences built and thus remove

some of the fences built and thus remove the cause of suit.

In August, 1904, however, more complaints began to pour into the office of the District Attorney, and he sent a special agent out to investigate whether or not the company had fulfilled its part of the agreement. This official reported that none of the fences had been taken down, and then Mr. Hall made up his mind to indict, at the October term of court, the officers of the company—ex-State Senator W. W. Stelwer, H. H. Hendricks, and others. F. P. Mays was the attorney for the company, and he went to Hall, so it is said, asking him not to indict the officers, especially Steiwer, but Hall was obcers, especially Steiwer, but Hall was obdurate, and still said he would bring them all to book for having violated the law and neglected their agre

Attempt to Shield Declared. Mr. Maye, not being able to do anything to change Mr. Hall's determination, went to prominent politicians. It is said, and enlisted their support. One of the Oregon delegation, so it is said, went to Mr. Hall and told the District Attorney that he would not permit Senator Stelwer to be disgraced by criminal indictment; that if he wanted to bring an action, to bring a civil one, but that no criminal proceedings should be commenced. The case was then dropped for the time, and is now dropped for the time, and is new court under the original civil

Gillman and French on the Grill.

This company is reported to have practically surrounded the whole of Wheeler will break ground regardless of any remonstrances.

For some months all has been in readi-

many inconveniences and abuses by the men working for the company until many of them abandon their claims. The Butte Creek Company has one pasture contain-ing 25,000 acres fenced in the manner inficated, and controls six smaller ones.
It is the intention of the Government to

indict all of those companies in the state which have been fencing lands to the exclusion of settlers. Sorenson yesterday filed ins

bond of \$4000, required under his indict-ment for perjury, with the clerk of the Federal Court. The bond was signed by the Fidelity Gunranty and Trust Com-pany of New York, the same company already having signed one bond for \$4000, Sorenson is now under \$12,000 for three cases in the Federal Court, one for con-spiracy, one for bribery and one for per-ture.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE BARS

BY RICHARD BOE. HERE was once a time when Robert could write a check in four figures.

He can yet-but he doesn't. The other evening Robert began to make the rounds of the thirst emporiums. Before he had finished he was aware that the

number of emporiums was so great that his stock of the necessary would not last the round. Then Robert began to plan. He was standing on the corner of Third and Burnside streets when he began to plan. So was Officer Endicott. Robert re-

membered that he knew a bartender in the vicinity, and to the bartender he jour-neyed. But the bartender amounced that the boss had given orders that no credit was to be extended in Robert's case. Officer Endicott was still standing on

the corner. He had an eye on Robert. He had seen Robert before. He watched Rob-ert as that individual took from his pecket a blank check. He saw Robert acribble on the check with the stub of a lead pen-He saw this same Robert enter an-er thirst emporium and the officer fol-ed to be in at the death. "Cash this?" Robert asked the man who

wore the apron. Robert was interrupted.

"What for?" demanded Hobert.
"Tou ought to know better than to attempt to work a bogus check," replied the empt to work a bogus check," replied the efficer, and there was deep scorn in his R. W. Grow's signature is on each box. 25c.

"Thus aright," stammered Robert. "I 'n write check in four figures. Ain't toin' do it, though. Con me three years

"He does this frequently, you know," the bartender explained. "We just keep these to prove to him afterward that he really got the drinks. It's all right, of-

Then Officer Endicott turned and walked from the room with fixed and glistening eyes—thinking of the manual and the "sys-tem." Once outside in the dark both manual and system were forgotten and Officer Endicott risked a fine by breaking into a preionged roar.

EASTERN RAILROADER HERE.

New York Central Official Talks of Lewis and Clark Exposition.

John Gill, Pacific Coast freight agent of the New York Central lines, is in the city for a short visit, looking over his field. Mr. Gill will, on leaving Portland, visit the cities of Puget Sound and will return to Portland again on his return to his head-quarters at San Francisco. The visitor is just returning from a trip

Union Officers Organize for Mutual Benefit.

WILL HOLD OPEN MEETINGS

Hope to Secure Well-Known Speakers to Explain Industrial Situation Labor Conferences Will Be Held at the Fair.

The Union Officers' Association, the lat-

Inter and other dealers.

They have the option to record their leanes or to keep them unrecorded. A moderate business may average ten leases a day, making a yearly expense of \$750, at the low rate of 25 cents each, proposed by Mr. Malarkey. In addition to this there will be the time and trouble of recording and releasing these contracts and possibly a noturial fee.

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If the merchant does not record his leases he is sure to lose a certain percentage of his accounts, because brokers can take chattel mortgages on them; a reasonable estimate would be 2 per cent. If the merchant does a business of \$30,000 a year this will make a loss of \$1000.

The loss of trade caused by the filing of these contracts, it is estimated, will be greater than the combined losses from the causes just mentioned. The above are a few reasons why the merchants object to these bills.

WM. GADEBY.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AID FAIR. Help Advertise Exposition by Writing Letters to Eastern Friends.

ing interested in the Lewis and Clark Pair The visitor is just returning from a trip through the East and tells many incidents fully organized at a meeting held last A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of



THE CZAR-I WONDER IF THE CROWN WILL PROTECT ME VERY LONG?

to show how well the Lewis and Clark Sunday, and is now about ready to take the O. R. & N., and Frank K. Wells, Fair is known throughout the Eastern and up the work for which it was formed.

Middle Western districts. Much of this This association is composed of a memknowledge is coming through railroad adcertising and the efforts of the rat road n, but the opinion which is prevailing it the Fair is not being advertised in East is a mistaken one, according to

TO COMMENCE WORK AT ONCE City Engineer Orders Labor to Begin Immediately on First Street.

City Engineer Charles Wanzer yesterday ordered Giebisch & Joplin to commence work immediately on First street between Madison and Columbia. The improvement French Company, of The Dalles, will be by the unseeming nonchalance of the rail-brought under the limelight, so it is said. road companies, but today the contractors

County with its fences so that the settlers have no use of the range not given by the company.

The scheme of these companies is to have employes take up a string of claims in a big square, enclosing thousands of acres of Government lands. These claims are then fenced and the Government lands are enclosed. Those taking land inside of the outer circle have no means of getting either in or out and are subjected to many inconveniences and abuses by the For some months all has been in readi-

Anton Nolte, a pron of Pendicton, is at the Imperial. Leroy Lomax, Prosecuting Attorney at Baker City, is registered at the Imperial.

Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, is in Portland for a short visit. He is at the W. E. Brock, a well-known druggist of Pendleton, is at the Imperial for a few days' visit.

to be extended in Robert's case, to extended in Robert's case, Grand Union; R. D. Merrill, at the Holland. From Spokane-A. Bernstein, at the Park-Avenue.

Run Causes Savings Bank to Close. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 23.—Alarm at the suicide today of Charles H. Houseman, cashler of the East Side Savings Bank, caused a run on the bank. The suicide is said to have been due to business worry. Upon application of the directors a receiver has been appointed. The doors of the bank have been closed.

The assets are given by Attorney How.

"Come with me," said a sepulchral voice in his ear. He turned and saw Officer Endicott.

Endicott.

254,600 is individual deposits.

TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY,

"Bogus check!" exclaimed Robert. Then
Officer Endicott asked to see the paper.
His jaw dropped. This is what he read:
"I owe this dump it for drinks received."

THE OVERWORKED EYES.

The faded Eye, the red and inflamed Eye, the Eye that needs care, relieved by Murine. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

This association is composed of a mem-bership taken from the various labor orgamzations in the city, and consists of the president, secretary and one other ber of each of the local unions. It is to be an advisory organization, and as position such will consider and advise on all labor matters referred to it by the different

It also has as one of its objects educa-tion along social and economic lines. Open meetings will be held at which various subjects relating to labor will be discussed, and it is the intention to secure from time to time labor leaders and speakers of Na-tional reputation for the purpose of ad-dressing these meetings. It is also understood that this associa-tion may confer with the Lewis and Clark

Fair Commission in regard to the labor nferences to be held during the Exposition, and that it will assist the commis-sion in arranging for the conferences.

No active work has us yet been taken up by the association, the two meetings held having been devoted to completing

the organization. It is expected, how-ever, that at the meeting to be held next Sunday some steps will be taken toward arranging for the work of the associa-

The officers are: A. W. Jones, Cigar makers' Union, president: J. Hughes, Car-penters' Union, vice-president: Grant Me-Donald, Presamer's Union, corresponding secretary: William Noffke, Painters' Union, financial secretary.

"THE INNOCENT PURCHASER." Protest Against Recovering Conditional Sales.

Pendieton, is at the imperial for a few days' visit.

A. R. Burford, a prominent banker of Walin Walla, is in Portland on a short husiness visit.

F. A. Scufert, of The Dailes, is in Portland, on his return from Salem, where he has been attending the sessions of the Legislature.

Malone Joyce, traveling passenger agent of the Colorado Midland, is in the city on an official visit from his headquarters at San Francisco.

J. H. Heffer and wife have returned from a year's sojourn in Europe. During their absence they visited the most important cities on the continent.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Northwestern people registered at 'New York hotels today as follows:

Senator Fulton today introduced to the President Judge James A. Fee, of Pendicton, who brought Oregon's electoral vote to Washington.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Northwestern people registered at 'New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—W. E. Morris, at the Grand Union; W. W. Bailey, at the Imperial; T. W. Neison, F. Dimick, at the Grand Union; R. D. Merrill, at the Holland. The letter in this morning's Oregonian by

being held up? Does he not need the protection more than the purchaser of leased
goods?

There are two classes of people who will
be benefited in their business by the passage of these bills-brokers and attorneys.
When a man wishes to buy from another any
article of personal property he will be supposed to look up the records of the county
to see if it is paid for. The average citizen knows nothing of this process, therefore must hire an attorney. Then we have
"result No. 1." more business for the attorney. Mr. Maiarkey states in his letter, "It does not require conditional sales
to be recorded, if the customer has not
the cases, and the dealer is unwilling to extend him credit, the dealer can still protect himself with the conditional sale." etc.,
without recording. This is exactly what
will occur.

Much business will be done on contracts
that will not he filed. Then the broker
will be safe and he will lend money on
the goods and we have "result No. 2."
more business for the broker. Now we
have no objection to the attorney and the
broker making as much business as they
can, provided that it is not at an unnecessary expense or loss to other members of
the community.

Now let us see what the bill will cost the
furniture man, the plano dealer, the sewing-machine must, the farming implement
trade, the wayon and carriage companies,

According to the plan the pupils of the

public schools were to be asked to write letters to friends and relatives through-out the East, telling of the advantages of Oragon and of the inducements of the Ex-As a result of this scheme, which was first tried in the schools of Umatilla County, more than 70 letters were sent from one school in Pendleton, while every

from one school in Pendleton, while every institution in the county set saide a day and wrote letters to friends in the East.

The children took great interest in the letter-writing, and it proved advantageous to the school work. The plan is now being taken up by other counties in the state and every school throughout Oregon will be asked to set aside a day upon which the letters will be written. L. R. Alderman, we have been also asked to set aside a day upon which the letters will be written. L. R. Alderman, we will be asked to set aside a day upon which the letters will be written. L. R. Alderman man, superintendent of Yambill County, is now at work arranging for the work to be done in all of the schools throughout his county.

Thousands of letters will in this manner be sent to all parts of the United States and Canada and it is expected by those who originated the plan that great good will result from the effort.

MONTANA COMMISSIONER HERE Will Attend to Unpacking of Exposition Exhibits From That State.

Commissioner P. L. Pauley, one of the executives of the Montana State Lewis and Clark Exposition Commission, arrived in Portland yesterday and held aconference with President Goode concerning Montana's representation at the Cen-

tennial.

There are two cars of the Montana exhibits already at the Exposition grounds and they will be unpacked tomorrow under the direction of Commissioner Pauley, the exhibits to be stored in the Liberal Arts building until such a time as the Agricultural Palace is ready to receive them. Efforts were made yesterday, through Commissioner Pauley, to get Montana to erect a state pavilion, and it is possible that this may be done, though the com-mission has not yet decided the question.

TO ADJUST RATES

Traffic Men Will Fix Inland Freight Charges.

JOBBERS ASK FOR REDUCTION

Needs of Interior Will Be Looked After by Railroad Officials Coming Here at the End of the Week.

There will be big doings in Porland on Thursday, Friday and perhaps Saturday next when the traffic representatives of

next when the traffic representatives of
the Harriman lines, of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern will all meet
in the city, presumably to confer on the
much-mooted question of lower distributive rates to the interior from the terminal points on the Coast.

Ben Campbell, of St. Paul, fourth vicepresident of the Great Northern, and the
man in charge of the traffic for the road,
is in the city, and J. C. Eden, assistant
traffic manager of the Great Northern,
will come from Seattle where they have
been for the past few days, and will be
in Portland for some time.

J. M. Hannaford, of St. Paul, second
vice-president of the Northern Pacific;
Charles M. Levy, of Seattle, assistant to
the President; James G. Woodworth, of
St. Paul, traffic director, and J. B. Baird,
general freight agent, will make up the
Northern Pacific party.

J. C. Stubba, traffic director of the Harriman lines, accompanied by his new assistant traffic director. P. C. Stohy, whose
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riman lines, accompanied by his new as-sistant traffic director, P. C. Stohr, whose appointment has just been officially an-nounced, will also be in Portland, hav-ing left Omaha last night for the trip to

ing left Omaha last night for the trip to the West.

The men will be in Portland on Thurs-day and, either on that date or on the day following, the combined party will meet with the representatives of the North Pacific Coast Jobbers' Association for a conference on the reduction of the distributive rates from Portland and other terminal points into the interior of the Northwest commercial districts.

other terminal points into the interior of the Northwest commercial districts. More than three months ago, a meeting was held in Portland between the representatives of the association and the local representatives of the traffic departments of the railroad companies. At that time the association made its grievances plain to the railroad men and stated what its position was in regard to the traffic situation. The matter was thoroughly discussed and a report was made to the head offices of the different lines by their representatives present at the meeting. At the time it was announced that no further action would, or could, be taken until such a time as the could, be taken until such a time as the central offices had considered the subject in detail. It was expected, however, that some concessions and changes would be made as the result of the showing made by the Association. Though not an-nounced, it was presumed that it would take close to three months for the mat-ters mentioned in the report to be examined thoroughly and an understanding arrived at between the managers of traffic.

The meeting set for the last of the week omes as the result of the first conference, and is partially the result of circumstances. Both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Woodworth are new men in appointment and are now on their first official trip over the lines to be served by them in the future. They would both be in this disfuture. They would both be in this dis-trict at the same time and the meeting will be held now as the most convenient time as all the heads of the competing

time as all the heads of the competing systems could be here.

On Friday evening the Chamber of Commerce will tender the visiting rall-road men a banquet at the Hotel Portland and on Saturday night the visitors have all be asked to be present at the annual dinner of the Portland Commercial Club.

Between the wining and the dining, it is hoped to convince the railroad men that the stand of the merchants is right in its conception and should be granted by the roads.

It is said that the great trouble between the railroad man and the shipper and merchant is that they are not acquanted, and the Portland men will make an effort to do away with this disadvantage.

What Is "the Essence of Socialism?" UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 21 .- (To IINIVERSHIT OF OREGON. Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Permit a word in reference to your leading editorial of Saturday, January 21. "The essence of socialism is equality." But does your interpretation of "equality" apply to the doctrine and practice of modern socialism? If you will examine socialism in its later and more practical instances you will find that it is not sacrificing individual excellence or efficiency to the extent necessitated by its earlier and more eccentric doctrine. A party of protest is, at first, almost always a party of "Ism" and vagary. The real significance of socialism is its protest against the inequality of opportunity resulting from modern industrial conditions, a protest needed far more in Europe and the Eastern States than on our Pacific Coast. These absurd, frothy schemes for a "grand divyy" are as empty as a clairvoyant's jabber and as alien to any serious scheme of economic betterment. But the essence of socialism remains and probably will remain, being fairly well represented by President Rossevelt's gospel of "the square deal," though differing as to the extent of the measures needed to secure this industrial justice. Socialism and individualism allies need clearer understanding of one another and deliverance from their extremiss. Very truly yours.

W. L. WHITTLESEY, Assistant in Economics. the Editor.)-Permit a word in reference to Very truly yours, W. L. WHITTLESEY,

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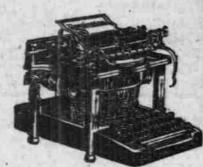
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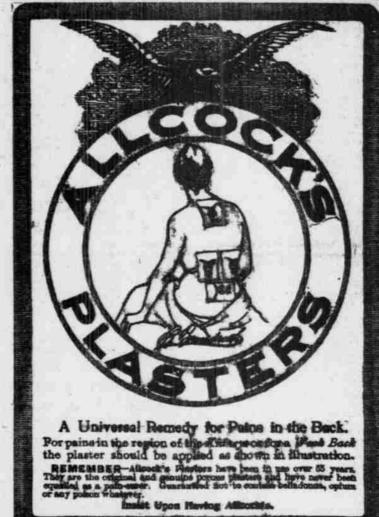
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