

## SMILES ALL GONE

## Olympians Tremble at Capital Removal.

## RUTH MAKES VAIN PLEA

## Tells Senators That Such Action Means Ruin to Many.

## VOICE HUSKY WITH EMOTION

## On Motion to Reconsider, the Vote to Locate Washington State Government Set in Some Other City Is Even More Emphatic.

## OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—

The subject of capital removal has got well past the stage where its mention is received by the Olympians with an incredulous smile. It has become a question of very grave import to the property-owners of this city, and the ease with which the Senate today disposed of a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed the Senate last week was, if possible, a more severe jar to their hopes than the passage of the bill last week.

The Senate galleries were filled to overflowing this afternoon with a nervous crowd, in which the fair sex of Olympia predominated. But nervousness of the Olympians in the gallery was not a circumstance to that which made Senator Ruth, who was fighting for his town, tremble like a leaf while he was pleading for a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed last week.

The Senate assembled at 2:30 and the preliminaries were hurried through with a rush, so that it was less than five minutes after the meeting hour when Senator Ruth arose and offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the capital removal bill passed the Senate last Thursday. The motion was seconded by Senator Potts of King County, and then Senator William Hickman Moore of King County arose and announced that he had experienced a change of heart since voting in favor of the bill last week.

## Moore's Change of Views.

The reasons which Senator Moore gave for his changed views were that the expense already incurred in the costly foundation on Capitol Hill, together with the cost of the building now being used for a Capitol, had piled up a debt of nearly \$500,000 against the state's granted capital lands, which it had been deemed inadvisable to sell when the present building was in course of construction or when the Capitol Hill foundation was commenced. Mr. Moore further stated that the present value of the lands was not much in excess of \$1,000,000, and that before any work could be undertaken on a new Capitol building it would be necessary to take from the general fund an amount equal to the value of the granted lands or at least a sufficient amount to pay off the \$500,000 indebtedness against these lands.

## Question of Constitutionality.

Senator Moore also raised the point that there was a grave question as to the constitutionality of the procedure mapped out in the bill, his contention being that the mention of any particular location in the bill was not in accordance with the statutes, which provide that the people when voting on a capital removal measure shall have the right to name any place they choose as a location for the new capital. He closed by stating that he would not touch on the sentimental points in connection with the subject or those involving the rights of a people who had been led to build homes and invest money here in the belief that the capital was never to be removed.

Mr. Moore was followed by Senator Ruth of Olympia, whose opposition to the dominant faction in the Legislature is one of the contributing causes which have brought the bill to the surface at this time. Ruth was visibly affected and while speaking his hand trembled so violently that he was unable to lift a glass of water to his lips. He held the floor for about 20 minutes and made a strong plea for a motion to reconsider.

## Ruth Speaks in Hostile Ears.

Senator Ruth apparently had the feeling of the Senate on the matter accurately gauged, for he opened his remarks with the statement that he did not expect that anything he would say would have any effect on the matter. He said that if the bill passed and was ratified by the people it would saddle on the state an indebtedness of \$500,000. He warned the dominant faction in the Senate that they would hear from their extravagance at the polls two years hence.

Ruth's unfortunate political position was uppermost in his mind and he stated that two years ago he had no difficulty in securing what he wanted from the Legislature, but now matters were changed. He stated that he had been re-elected by over 200 majority in a county that was Republican by more than 900 majority, but asked the people not to worry about his political future.

The speaker grew calmer after this slight digression from the main question and in a dramatic manner stated that the submission of this removal question to the people spelled ruin for a large number of the citizens of Olympia. He contended that the arguments that capital removal would not seriously hurt Olympia were all specious and that the men behind the scheme were trying to strangle the life out of Olympia and "make us think we ought to like it."

## Calls It Infamy.

"We are told," said he, "that sentiment has no place in the question and that it was simply a business proposition. If this be true, it is the most cold-blooded piece of business ever attempted in this state."

In an eloquent strain the speaker called in the shades of the lamented Governor Stevens to witness the proposed infamy and then indicated in a review of the years which the state had shivered on other counties. He likened the state to a father discharging presents to his sons, the different counties, and his deduction

was that Thurston County, the oldest son, should be left in possession of the old homestead.

Senator Ruth, on the score of convenience of access, could see no more reason why the capital of the state should be removed from Olympia to Tacoma than that the National capital should be removed from Washington to Chicago because the latter city had better railroad facilities. He said that the plea that Tacoma was a more convenient location was a mere subterfuge and on the same line of reasoning every Washington town on the Columbia River should ask to be annexed to the State of Oregon.

The Senator closed with a statement that he was not pleading for himself, but for the people of Olympia, whose entire worldly possessions were at stake in the matter. He said that many of these people were well past middle age and were ill prepared to stand the injustice of such a blow.

## Answer Is Crushing.

No answer was made to Mr. Ruth's remarks and the ayes and noes were called for. The chair announced that the motion to reconsider was lost, and the Olympia contingent immediately demanded a roll call. This resulted even more disastrously than the original vote last week, for with seven absentees, most of whom were favorable to removal, the vote stood to reconsider as follows:

**Ayes:** Banks, Boone, Bratt, Bronson, Christian, Clapp, Davis, Hammer, Hendrich, Johnson, LeClerc, Paul, Rand, Russell, J. J. Smith, S. T. Smith, Menzel, Stewart, Sumner, Tucker, Vandewater, Wood, Williams.

**Opposed:** Brown, Earles, Moore, O'Donnell, Palmer, Potts, Pogue, Rasher, Reed, Ruth, Vannoy, Watson—12.

**Absent:** Condon, Graves, Henry, Hunter, Kennedy, Kinsler, Sharp—7.

Bratt and Wilson, who voted against the bill last week, voted against reconsideration today. Brown and Reed, who voted for the bill last week, today voted for reconsideration. Moore, who sided with last week, today spoke and voted for reconsideration. Those who are trying to defeat the bill in the House are making a very energetic campaign tonight and the vote in the House will be much closer than in the Senate.

## King Will Support the Bill.

The King County members held a caucus this evening and decided to support the bill for capital removal. Some of the more enthusiastic advocates of removal have checked up the House and allege they have a clean majority of nearly 20 votes. It is believed, however, that the very persuasive lobbying now being done by the Olympians will cut this down quite materially.

The Broad Commission bill has been temporarily lost sight of in the capital fight, but the committee is still working on the measure, but announce that it may be two or three days yet before the report will be ready. It is practically a certainty that the committee bill will be substantially the same as outlined in last week's correspondence. No rate-making power will be given the commission except on the complaint made in proof of discrimination, supplied. E. W. W.

## RAIN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Traffic on Railroads Is Much Delayed by Washouts.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—Rain fell again last night throughout Southern California and Arizona. In Los Angeles 6.88 of an inch fell, but in the mountains to the eastward the fall was much heavier. At Long Beach the Southern Pacific tracks were carried out again, and traffic tied up for several hours, after the damage of the previous flood had been repaired and trains enabled to move, following a two days' suspension of schedules. The company expects to have the tracks open by tonight night. Many of the overland trains from the East on the Southern Pacific Railroad are expected here tonight.

Floods occurred again last night in Arizona, but as telegraphic communication is interrupted the extent of the damage is not known. The Santa Fe reports that it suffered further washouts in Kingman Canyon, near Kingman, Ariz., last night, and at other points along the line, but that repairs were made by 1 o'clock today. Eastbound Santa Fe trains are being held at Kingman. Some of the temporary track put in on the Santa Fe since the floods last Friday and Saturday was carried out, but the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific have large gangs of workmen at several points putting the tracks in shape and constructing temporary roadbeds.

The rainfall of the present season in Los Angeles is 10.82 inches, against 14.3 inches up to February 6, 1904. The weather is clear today and the indications are that the storm has passed.

The severe winter storms overland trains now at Kingman, Ariz., will not reach this city before noon tomorrow and possibly later. The eastbound trains are leaving Los Angeles on time. Trains arriving on the Southern Pacific from seven to ten hours late. The Southern Pacific eastbound trains are leaving here on regular schedule time.

## SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEART

## O. R. &amp; N. Employee at Bingham Springs Commits Suicide.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Frank Knoke, of Bingham Springs, 25 miles west of this city, committed suicide today by shooting himself with a .45-caliber revolver through the heart. He was employed by the O. R. & N. as a pumper at the Springs for a year and a half past. No reason is known for the suicide. Knoke is reported to have been living in Bingham. He was about 45 years of age.

## Bank Wins in Tax Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today reversed an order of the Circuit Court permitting the Tax Collector of San Francisco to collect taxes on \$200,000 worth of property that was assessed to the London & San Francisco Bank. In April, 1896, the Astor bank defaulted from the bank a statement of its property, which was given, and the tax on the amount specified was tendered, but the Tax Collector refused it, alleging that, in addition, there was a tax due on the worth of other property, also \$115,774 due the bank by the Portland & \$235,381 due by the Tacoma branch.

The bank alleged that these amounts were not assessable in the City and County of San Francisco. The Circuit Court sustained the contention of the Tax Collector, but the Appellate Court holds the bank's claim was just.

## Minnesota Men Buy Timber Land.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A deal has been closed whereby a tract of 6000 acres of timber land on the Nehalem River about 12 miles north of Westport is sold to a syndicate comprised of Duluth, Minn., capitalists. The deeds filed are in the name of a local real estate company, but the names of the actual purchasers cannot be learned, but they are said to be men who already have extensive holdings in this county and other parts of the coast. The price is understood to be about \$50,000.

## CHECK TAX-ROLL

## Washington House Passes Bill for a Commission.

## POWERS ARE TO BE ADVISORY

## Omissions and Undervaluations to Be Discovers—Necessary Changes in Laws Are to Be Reported to the Governor.

## OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—

The tax commission bill introduced in the House by Representative Reid, of Pierce County, went through that body this afternoon without debate and with only one vote recorded against it. The opposing vote was that of Senator J. J. Smith.

The bill creates a Tax commission having supervisory powers over county boards of equalization, and requires that they meet with the State Board of Equalization, it confers on the Tax commission powers to investigate omissions or undervaluations of property and certify its findings to the County Boards of Equalization. It also requires that the Tax commission submit a report to the Governor recommending what changes are desired, if any, in the revenue and taxation laws.

The House also passed without serious opposition the Reid bill, which levies a 3 per cent excise tax on the premiums of bonding companies. Seven opposing votes were cast and it was absent. The bill was passed by a vote of 18 to 7.

The voters' identification bill was also passed by the House without debate or opposition, the bill receiving 17 ayes, or the full strength of the House. The bill provides for duplicate poll books and the leaving of blank spaces thereon for voters to sign opposite their names on the registration book. Representative Reid, author of the bill, explained that it was designed to prevent one person voting under another man's registration.

## House Passes County Exhibit Bill.

There was opposition shown to the Baker bill empowering boards of County Commissioners to make exhibits of the products of their respective counties for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Centennial Representative Roth spoke against the bill on the ground that the state had given an ample appropriation for an exhibit. Maloney compared the bill with the expenditure of California, and said that in wealth and population California was four times greater than Washington. He thought there was no necessity for further expenditure of money on the exhibit. The bill was passed by a vote of 18 to 7.

## Municipal Bills by Lindsey.

After a motion indefinitely to postpone, presented by Maloney, had been lost, the House passed Lindsey's bill relieving cities and towns of liability for damages to persons or property upon streets or other public places which have not been improved or opened.

## Creation of County of Coulee.

The first county division bill of the session appeared in the House today. It is by Hughes of Douglas and provides for the creation of the County of Coulee from the southern half of Washington County. The dividing line is proposed to run north and south through about the middle of the county.

The bank bill agreed upon by a committee of the State Bankers' Association was presented in both House and Senate. The bill is liberal in its terms. It fixes a schedule of paid-up capital that state banks must have according to population and have large gangs of workmen at several points putting the tracks in shape and constructing temporary roadbeds.

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## TEXT-BOOK BILL IS TABLED.

## Educators Tell Committee That Long Trial Proved It Unsatisfactory.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The bill providing for a return to state uniformity of text-books in the schools was tabled tonight by the joint committee of education. The bill had not been introduced in either house, but had been presented to the committee, with the request that it be introduced in a committee bill, and earlier it appeared that the request would be granted.

L. L. Benbow, County Superintendent of Pierce County, was to be given credit for his services as County Superintendent in Seattle; G. W. Hartman, County Superintendent of King County, and J. M. Lahue, City Superintendent of Puyallup, appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill. The argument against it was that a ten-year test of state uniformity had resulted in the use of inferior text-books. Two members opposed tabling the bill, representatives Minard of Chehalis and Senator Roth of Thurston County.

A delegation of steamship men arrived tonight to protest against the compulsory pilotage bill. The Senate committee will give the steamship representatives a hearing tomorrow at 1 o'clock. There are here: Charles E. Parker, president of the Alaska Steamship Company; Thorndyke, manager of the Globe Navigation Company; J. B. Trowbridge, general manager of John Rose's Company; S. F. Lacy and C. E. Houston, of the Pacific Coast Company; Receiver J. A. Kerr, of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company; and G. W. Bogle and D. W. Hurchart, of the Empire Transportation Company.

The Senate Judiciary committee decided tonight to report favorably the juvenile court bill, the bill changing the age limit for admission of females to the Reform School to 18 years and the estray bill, all of which have passed the House. The committee also acted favorably on the bill creating a judicial district out of Stevens and Perry Counties.

Rands, Moore and Welch were appointed on a committee to confer with a House committee relative to the probate code introduced in the House.

The King County delegation in the House struck a snag today in its first attempt to caucus on a legislative matter.

since the organization under the unit rule effected some days ago. The delegation delivered on the capital removal bill, but it was found impossible to persuade all the members to attend the caucus. Ten of the delegation met, however, and voted to support the bill. Under the unit rule this would carry the other seven votes in the delegation for the measure, but it is understood that most of those who were absent will not abide by the action of the ten. One of these, Booth, is slated to lead the fight in the House against the bill. Morrill and Irving were out of the city and it is known, but by the main brickmen, Booth, Todd, Renick and Lyons are here, but did not attend the caucus. The sentiment in the House, however, is strongly in favor of the passage of the capital removal bill. Opponents of the measure admit that their strength will not run above 30 if the bill comes up for passage tomorrow.

## BLACKMAIL PAID BY CHINESE

## Evidence Produced of Corruption of San Francisco Police.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Substantial evidence of police corruption was shown today by the grand jury when the foreman of that body deposited in gold on the desk of Detective J. J. Smith, of the San Francisco Police Department, a bribe to guarantee the release of a Chinese gambler against arrest. It was further stated that the sergeant in charge of the officers detailed to the Chinatown quarter was regularly paid from \$250 to \$300 a month for this purpose, while the members of his squad got from \$30 to \$40 a month.

Sergeant Ellis, it is said in the grand jury report, was instructed, when he relieved Sergeant Christenson, formerly in charge of the Chinatown quarter, to take all the money a Chinese there would give him and ask no questions.

## PATROL OF HECATE STRAITS.

## Canadian Vessel Will Drive Off American Fishermen.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 6.—The Canadian Fishery Corporation steamer Kestrel has been ordered to patrol Hecate Straits and prevent American fishing vessels from encroaching on the fishing grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Centennial Representative Roth spoke against the bill on the ground that the state had given an ample appropriation for an exhibit. Maloney compared the bill with the expenditure of California, and said that in wealth and population California was four times greater than Washington. He thought there was no necessity for further expenditure of money on the exhibit. The bill was passed by a vote of 18 to 7.

Dispatches from Ottawa in this connection report that in the House today William Sloan, of Comox-Atlin, inquired if the government had any information as to whether American companies engaged in halibut fishing are encroaching in water under the jurisdiction of the Canadian government on the Pacific Coast, and if any were taken to secure a license to fish in Hecate Straits. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries answered that reports of encroachments had reached the department and that the government was made to protect Canadian fisheries on the Pacific Coast, especially since the commissioning of the Kestrel.

The claim to territorial jurisdiction in Hecate Straits has formed the subject of some diplomatic correspondence and at present is in an unsettled state.

## OREGON HARES ARE TOO SLOW

## California Hounds Outsped Them, but Are Puzzled by Dodging Tactics.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon hare is too slow for the California greyhound, according to experts who expressed their opinions today on the evening yesterday when rabbits from the North were used for the first time. The Oregon jacks do not possess the speed shown by the Merced hares of this state, though they are clever dodgers and are very hard to catch. They are short and squat and are covered with a thick coating of dark gray fur.

It is thought that the season of year may have something to do with it, as dry-furred hares are fleetest. Hounds yesterday had no trouble in overtaking the rabbits.

The hares referred to in this dispatch are evidently those of the American breed, Echo, Or., and sent South for California coursing clubs.

## YOUNG WOMAN TAKES POISON

## No Cause Known for Suicide of Miss Vina Tipton, of Muddy Creek.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The suicide of Miss Vina Tipton, a young woman, who committed suicide yesterday morning by taking a large dose of carbolic acid. No cause for the deed is known. Miss Tipton was a resident of Muddy Creek, a farm with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrison. She was quite popular in the community where she resided.

Without saying anything that indicated her intention to take her own life, the young woman went to her room yesterday morning, where she took a large dose of carbolic acid. She died in an unconscious condition, several hours afterwards. All efforts to revive her failed. She died about 12 hours after taking the fatal dose.

## SWAM ASHORE AND DIED.

## Wealthy Young Duck-Hunter First Looked Out for Companions.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—John McLaren, a British Columbia member of the well-known millionaire lumber family of the city, died yesterday afternoon as a result of a mishap while hunting. With two friends, McLaren started out duck shooting from Barnet, B. C., yesterday afternoon in a canvas canoe. While making a change of guns, McLaren's balance was off and he fell into the water. In an endeavor to help him into the canoe, the craft became filled with water and all three were in the cold water.

McLaren was the best swimmer, and held his companions up on a log. While he undertook to swim ashore, he reached shore in an exhausted condition, and died a few hours later. His companions were rescued.

## Hobbs Rob a Box-Car.

## WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 6.—

(Special.)—Hobbs broke into a box-car at Walla Walla last night and stole a large quantity of cigars, tobacco and groceries consigned to Walla Walla merchants. The car was on a siding and the loss was not discovered until the train was made up for this city.

It is supposed that the theft was the work of a gang of train robbers which has infested Walla Walla the past week.

## Champion Bowlers Defeat Astorians.

## SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—

The Seattle picked bowling team, which will go to Milwaukee to defeat the Astoria team tonight by a total of 244 to 231 in three games. The visitors were outclassed, although their score shows they are good bowlers. The game was a handicap, playing on strange alleys. Only one, Woolley, made a double century run, 209. After the games the visitors were entertained at supper by the locals.

The Denver & Rio Grande scenery is even more beautiful in winter than summer. The car was on a siding and the loss was not discovered until the train was made up for this city.

## HELD TO CONTRACT

## Hopgrower Tries to Make Second Sale at Higher Figure.

## COURT DENIES THE RIGHT

## Decision of Lower Court, in Which the Transaction Was Declared Legal, Is Overruled by the Higher Tribunal.

Where there is no manifestation of intention to the contrary, a contract made between the parties is an actual sale if the specific thing is identified, agreed upon, delivered and paid for, although it may be left in the actual custody of the seller under an agreement to deliver it in the future at some particular place. The rule of caveat emptor does not apply to cases where the seller of property makes representations in respect to matters of which the buyer has no knowledge, and no means at hand of obtaining knowledge.

## SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A hopgrower who tried to escape fulfillment of his contract and to make a second sale of his hops at a higher price was defeated in a suit in the Supreme Court today.

The suit was between the first and second purchasers for possession of the hops, and the first purchaser won.

The case was that of George A. La Vie, appellant, vs. Walter L. Toole, respondent, from Marion County. The trial in the Circuit Court was before Judge George H. Burnett, and resulted in a verdict for Toole, who had possession. On appeal the case is reversed and it is found that La Vie was entitled to recover.

J. R. Kaser, of Silverton, contracted 900 pounds of hops in January, 1902, to be delivered to La Vie at Silverton, after they should be harvested in the fall. The price was 10 cents a pound, part of which was paid by advances, October 25, Mr. Kaser, agent for La Vie, went to Kaser's place to "take in" the hops, weighed them, had Kaser put La Vie's brand on them, and paid Kaser the balance due, by bank check. He also filled out a shipping bill for Kaser to haul the hops to the depot at Silverton.

Kaser hauled the hops to town, where he learned that a better price could be had, and he sold them to Toole, returning to Kaser the check received from him.

The Supreme Court holds that under the facts stated it is clear that it was the intention of the parties that the title should pass, and that it did pass, at the time the hops were weighed and the check received by Kaser. He also filled out a shipping bill for Kaser to haul the hops to the depot at Silverton.

The defense was that the plaintiff, in making his homestead entry, made affidavit that the hops were his, and that the hops were branded and the money received by Kaser, and that the plaintiff had the right to have the hops delivered at Silverton before accepting them and paying the money.

David vs. Moore. A. L. David, respondent, vs. William Moore and Nicholas Moore, appellants, from Douglas County. J. W. Hamilton, Judge, affirmed; Opinion by Justice Moore.

This was an action to recover damages for alleged false representations in locating plaintiff upon Government land. It was alleged that in February, 1903, defendants agreed, in consideration of \$125, to sell to plaintiff a certain quarter section of vacant public land, the title to which he could secure from the United States by complying with the homestead act. Defendants thereafter located plaintiff on a quarter section which they represented had no mining claims on it, but that in fact there were six valid mining claims of 20 acres each on the quarter, and they had been worked for many years.

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## CONSPIRACY, SAYS MR. WOOLLEY

## Boise Scalp Assayer Feels His Scalp Already Rising.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—News contained in a special dispatch from Washington to the effect that a change was impending in the Government Assay Office in this city on account of dissatisfaction with the management of Assayer H. Smith Woolley, was the topic of numerous discussions on the streets and in the lobbies during the day. The announcement came as a general surprise. Mr. Woolley said today:

"I have been satisfied for some time that a conspiracy was on foot having for its object the lifting of my official scalp. A few nights ago I overheard a conversation between Joseph Pinkham and a Boise banker, whose name I do not care to divulge, that confirmed all my suspicions. What is to be done in such a charge, I am fully convinced that Mr. Pinkham is at the bottom of the whole business, for I know he is an applicant for the position I now hold."

"Have any charges been preferred against you?" was asked.

"None that I know of," replied Mr. Woolley.

## MELLIN'S FOOD

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Woolley. "No charges have been presented to me. A short time ago an inspector was here and went over the accounts. From the nature of some of the questions he put to me I became impressed with the belief that some charge or complaint had been lodged against me in the department, but I have no absolute knowledge that such is the case."

## RANCHER TERRIBLY MANGLED

## Explosion of Black Powder Will Cause His Death—Son Badly Bruised.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 6.—W. L. Hays, aged 55, was probably fatally injured by an explosion of black powder at his ranch, seven miles from Everett, on the Marysville road, today. With his son Ira, aged 14, he was engaged in drying powder and thawing dynamite. Hays saw the powder catch fire and warned the boy to run. The lad reached the porch and the father reached the door when the explosion occurred.

Hays sustained a compound fracture of the right leg, a foot was blown off and an ankle broken. He is injured internally. The boy was painfully bruised. A neighbor named Brothers reached the scene in time to extinguish the fire in their clothing and save them from death by fire. The dynamite did not explode. The house was demolished.

## EQUAL SUMS WITH THE STATE

## Annually on Reclamation Work.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—John T. Whistler, head of the geological survey for Oregon, today received news from Director Willcott, of the Reclamation Service, at Washington, that the department will expend in Oregon annually \$15,000 for locating reservoir sites for irrigation purposes and \$10,000 on hydrographical work, provided equal amounts are appropriated by the state.

If the state appropriates less amounts for this work the geological survey will make proportionate expenditures.

## Appointed by Governor Toole.

## HELENA, Mont., Feb. 6.—Governor J. K. Toole today reappointed Dr. M. E. Knowles, State Veterinarian, and Judge J. B. McClernan and Judge John W. Tattan, Judges of the Second and Twelfth Judicial Districts, respectively. The three appointments were confirmed by the Senate.

## Reward for Absconding Agent.

## OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—

The Singer Sewing Machine Company has offered a reward of \$5 for the arrest of Frank M. Harris, an absconding agent, who is wanted on a charge of embezzlement of funds. Harris departed from Oregon suddenly several weeks ago, leaving a check of three weeks, while his accounts were in a bad condition.

## Bold Robbery at Oregon City.

## OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—

Just before 7 o'clock tonight a masked robber entered the grocery store of M. Harris, at Fourteenth and Main streets, robbed the cash register and made his escape. Only about \$2 was secured by the burglar, the proceeds of the daring sale having just been deposited in an up-town store.

## Editor of the Salem Statesman.

## SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—J. C. Sullivan, of Boston, a newspaper man of experience and for nearly eight years sporting editor on the Washington Post, today became city editor of the Oregon Statesman. He takes the place of I.