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Kansas Decides to Build Refinery.

STANDARD LOBBY FAILS

Legislature Yields to Demands of Producers. -

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

He is Asked Not to Extend Lease of Oil Land to Monopoly Which Seeks to Crush Opposition-House Orders Inquiry.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. li.-A bill providing for a state oil refinery passed the Kansas House of Representatives today. Governor Hoch will sign it at once. Under its provisions a refinery will be located at Peru, and another penitentiary will be built there to provide convict labor for it. An appropriation of \$410,000 is made for building and maintaining the refinery and penitentiary.

ever before made in the Legislature. The Standard Oil Company and the railroads have maintained strong lobbies here vainly trying to defeat the bill.

It is likely that the validity of the bill will be tested in the State Supreme Court before it goes into effect. The bill calls for the issuance of bonds for the amount necessary to build the refinery. State Auditor Wells, it is announced, will refuse to register the bonds until the Supreme Court says they are valid. Some doubt is expressed as to the constitutionmilty of the bill, and it is to remove this that the matter will be submitted to the court. It was on account of the supposed unconstitutionality of the idea that most of the opposition was encountered. Several of the House members, in voting for the bill today, announced they were doing se on account of the expressed wish of their constituents, and not in accordance

with their own desires, Seldom has public sentiment been so thoroughly aroused as on this oil question. The duty of the Legislature was made very clear to the members.

About 25 convicts will be necessary to do the work in the refinery. Its capacity is to be 2000 barrels a day.

Appeal to President.

The Kansas Oll-Producers' Association today sent the following telegram to

The undersigned, representing the oil pro-ducers of the State of Kansas and speaking for the intelligent and industrious people of the state, and voicing the spirit of Amer-ican fair play everywhere, appeal to you, and, through your Secretary of the Interior and by you, to the Congress of the United States for help in the undertaking of the Legislature of the state to protect the oil industry of the state from the oppression of the Standard Oil trust. of the Standard Oil trust.

Recause the Legislature presumes to ex reise a natural function of government legislating for the welfare and protection of industries within the borders of the state against the oppression of all monopolies, and because the Legislature proposes to try the experiment of a public oil refinery as a means of preserving and making profitable the oil industry, the general manager of the Stundard Oil Company has declared a boy cott upon Kansas oil, and one of his sub-ordinates has insulted our people by ex-pressing in the public prints a groundless fear that they will destroy the company's

Should Cancel Oil Lease.

We further represent to you that a men-see to the crude oil market is a continued execusible by the Standard Oil Company of what is known as the "Foster leave" of the Osage Indian reservation. This reservation includes 1,500,000 acres of land, which conmine a reservoir of petroleum so rich that tains a reservoir of petroleum so rich that if the Standard Oil Company should own and develop it, that company will have a supply of oil that will make it independent of private production, not only in the West, but all over the United States. The lease is all over the United States. sominally held by "straw men," but it really is in the grip of the Standard Oil Company, and the oil producers appeal to the President the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress to refuse the application now pending for its extension. It is no much for the Government to give to the Finndard Oil Company, or its agents, an erganization which is already so powerful that it presumes to be greater than the people and the Government. The Kansas oil field has been developed on the prom oil held has been developed on the prom-les of fair play and good prices by the Standard Oil Company, but now that the supply is sufficient for the needs of the company, it, as it has stone in other fields, has reduced the price below a profit, and the men who have invested their money will loss it and the field will languist, unless Gov-cerment state and Nation refuse to conforernment, state and Nation refuse to confer upon the company additional rights and franchises, and turns in the other d legislates for the people a white.

Reduce Freight Rate on Oil.

As a special order of business the House, in committee of the whole today, considered the bill previously passed by the Senate fixing a maximum freight rate for the transportation of crude oil, and the bill preventing discrimination between localities in selling any commodity in

general use, The bill fixing maximum freight rates was recommended to the House and later possed, just as it came from the Senate, but the enemies of the anti-discrimination measure succeeded, after a hard fight, in referring the bill to the judiciary committee. The latter committee is ordered to report on the constitutionality of the

Wmle it is believed the action of the House on the anti-discrimination bill does not indicate that the measure will be killed, the friends of the bill are said to be worried over the prospects. The bill is one which the supporters of the state nection with the refinery, as it would prevent the Oil Trust, so called, from underselling the state in any locality, unless the rate there should be made to apply to the entire state. The opposition to

and wholesale centers of the state. Senator Fitzpatrick was called to the floor of the House, and said of his maxium rate bill:

"The rates fixed in the bill are thos used in Texas, and they work well in that state. We can ship a carload at the proposed rate and get something for our on every barrel of oil. The present rate is about 51 cents per barrel, and the

GOVERNMENT MAY INVESTIGATE

proposed about 25 cents."

House Passes Resolution Calling Upor Commerce Department to Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The House to day adopted the following resolution pre-sented by Representative Campbell, of Kansas:

Resolved. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be and he hereby is requested to investigate the cause or causes of the low price of crude oil or petroleum in the United States, and especially in the Kansas oil field, and the unusually large margins between the price of crude oil or petroleum and the selling prior o refined oil and its by-products; and whether the said conditions have resulted, in whole or in part, from any contract, combination in the orm of a trust or otherwise, or conspiracy n estraint of trade and commerce among the everal states and territories or with foreign ountries; also whether the prices have been rolled. In whole or in part, by any corpo ration, joint stock company, or corporate com-bination engaged in commerce among the sev-eral states and territories, or with foreign notions; also whether such corporation, join stock company or corporate combination, is purchasing crude oil or petroleum, by any order or practice of discrimination, boycotts blacklists or in any manner discriminates against any particular oil field; also te investi gate the organization, profits, conduct and management of the business of such corporation or corporations, company or companies, and corporate combinations, if any, and to make early report of its findings, according to law, to the, end that such information may be used by Congress as a basis for legislation or by the Department of Justice as a basis

Standard Pays a Fat Dividend. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-The Standard This ends one of the most bitter fights | Oil Company of New Jersey has declared a dividend of \$15 per share for the first quarter of 1965, payable March 15. For the same period last year the company paid a \$16 dividend.

BOODLE IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Doctors Accuse Senators of Asking Money to Pass Bill.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 15.-An other investigation will be opened in the Legislature as the result of a special message sent by Governor White to the State Sensie today. He refers to a news-paper article accusing the legislators of boodling in connection with liquor and medical legislation and asks for an investigation of the charges. The message reads in part as follows:

In a communication received by me from a reputable physician of Parkersburg recently, the following statement is made: "The West Virginia Board of Health and

To West Virginia Board of Health and the West Virginia Medical Society have a bill lapsed into unconsole before the Legislature. We hear this has passed the House, but the quacks are holding it up in the Senate by hiring autornays to lobby against it, and, we are told, by the use of boodle. We cannot prove this, but the president of the State Board says that a Senate better the thirty West Society and we will be did not recover.

No definite functions of the State Board says that a Senate better the best of the State Board says that a Senate better the best of the State Board says that a Senate best of the State Board s ator told him this: 'Get \$2000 and we will get your bill through.' This was told openly in the Medical Society last night."

I am informed that some statements and

more of them have been made in a leading investigate these charges.

As the communication contained only a portion of the newspaper article in question, the Senate returned the message to Governor White with instructions to send the entire article with the message,

HARLAN IS NAMED FOR MAYOR

Unanimous Choice of Republicans of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- John Maynard Harian was unanimously neminated for Mayor of Chicago by the Republican City Convention today.

Mr. Harlan, who is a lawyer, is a soo of John M. Harlan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a brother of Richard D. Harian, president of the Lake Forest University, and of James S. Harian, ex-Attorney-General of Porto Rico. 1897 he headed an independent ticket for the Mayoralty, polling 70,039 votes, In 190) he was a candidate before the Republican Convention for the nom tion, but was defeated. In 1903 Mr Harlan again tried for the nomination but was defeated by Graeme Stewart.

Eight-Hour Boodle Inquiry.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15,-The cor tce of five appointed by the lower House of the Colorado Legislature to investi-gate charges that undue influence was brought to bear on members in the matter of eight-hour legislation met today in executive session. No statement of what occurred was given out further than Representatives Welton and Street, who made the charges on the floor of the House yesterday, were before the com Another meeting will be held to

Colorado Contest Postponed.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15 .- Several of the pointed to hear evidence in the Peabody Adams Gubernatorial contest falled to appear in the committee-room tonight, and the beginning of rebuttal evidence on the part of the contesior was postponed until 1:39 tomorrow afernoon.

THE BRITISH FLEET IS COMING

Will Visit at Atlantic Ports and Bring King's Greeting to Roosevelt.

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The date of the visit to American waters of the squad-ron of British warships commanded by Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Batter berg has been definitely fixed for October. It will comprise a short stay at Newport, New York and Annapolis. The Prince's visit to Washington will, it is understood, be of an official character. President Roosevelt will be notified through Sir Henry Durand, the British Ambassador, and Prince Louis will convey to the President King Ed-

ward's greeting in a special message.

Moeller Made an Archbishop. CINCINNATI, Feb. 15 .- With the simple and impressive service of the Roman Catholic Church, the full powers of an archbishop were conferred on Henry Moeller, a native of Cincinnati, who, for over ten years, was condittor for this archdiocese, at the cathedral here today. Cardinal Gibbons. Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, and a number of

oil. The difference to us is about 26 cents General Lew Wallace Dies at Home.

READY FOR ETERNITY

His Digestion Was Worn Out by Much Smoking.

DEATH DUE TO STARVATION

Famous Soldier, Statesman and Author Passes Away at Ripe Age While Writing His Own Blography.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15 .-Seneral Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," one time Minister to Turkey, and a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at his home in this city tonight, aged 78 years.

The health of General Wallace had been failing for several years, and for months, despite the efforts of the family to keep the public in ignorance of his true condition, it had been known that his vigorous constitution could not much longer withstand the ravages of

a wasting disease. For more than a year he had been unable to properly assimilate food. At no time had he ever confessed his belief that the end was near, and his rugged onstitution and remarkable vitality have been responsible for prolonging his life several months.

The deathbed scene was one of calmness. Besides his physician, only his wife, his son, Henry Wallace, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Henry Wallace, were present. When told by his physiclan that he was dying, General Wallace was perfectly calm, and his last words were expressions of cheer to his griefstricken family. Bidding them farewell, he said:

"I am ready to meet my maker," and lapsed into unconsciousness, from which

No definite funeral arrangements

Dr. W. B. Ristine, who had been General Wallace's physician for many years, said tonight that the direct cause of the General's death was exhaustion resulting from starvation. He had been an inveterate smoker, and to this his Pittsburg paper. In view of these published statements, it seems to me that the Senate owes it to itself and the people of the state to aid to the skilled specialists that were called. He failed slowly but surely and three months ago his condition became alarming. He rarely left his home, and the last time he was on the streets was November 4. Soon after he was confined to bed and since that time be had sat up only a few hours each day. A week ago it become known he was sinking rapidly.

> General Lewis Wallace, soldier and author, was born at Brookville, Franklin County, Ind., April 10, 1827. His father, David Wallace, was elected Governor of Indiana ten years later, and his mother was a daughter of Judge Test, a man who played an important part in the early judicial history of Indiana. Lewis did not take kindly to the restraints of school. His father used to say he had paid Lewis tuition for 14 years, and he had hardly gone to school one. An attempt to put im through college resulted in a failure. He was passionately fond of reading bowever, and at an early age showed a talent for painting and drawing, which might have made him an artist, had it been cultivated. He wore in those days an olicioth cap, and when taken to church against his will was apt to deccrate the crown with faithful likenesses f the preacher and various members of the congregation. After leaving school, he studied law in his father's office, and after being admitted to the bar, practiced irregularly for a number of years, but lever developed any real liking for the

> He took an active part in both the Mexlean and Civil Wars. In the former he attained the rank of Lieutenant, and in the latter that of Major-General. In 1881 he was Adjutant-General of the state, but resigned this office for a commission as Colonel of the Eleventh Indiana Infantry. The ladies of Indianapolis, upon the de-parture of the regiment, presented it with a handsome stand of colors. On receivng it, Colonel Wallace raised his hand

> "Now remember Buena Vista, and on our knees let us swear to defend it with the last drop of our blood." "Then as he kneeled himself," says a ontemporary account, "the whole regione man, with right hand raised, while the Colonel in a solemn voice said, 'We pledge ourselves before God and these our fellow-countrymen to defend this flag with our lives and, if necessary, to die for it, God being our helper. Amen.' A solemn 'amen' came in one breath from

> His services in the field were con spicuous and valuable. He led a division at the capture of Fort Donaldson, being the first Federal officer of rank to enter the fort. He also contributed to the victory at Shiloh by his gallant fighting on the second day. Though a great favorite among his men, he was a rigid disciplinarian. In Illustration of his strictness the following anecdote is told: While in camp near Pittsburg Landing he one day met four of his men carrying to their tent half an ox which they had appropriated. As a punishment be ordered each of the men to carry the car-cass on his shoulder round a tree for an hour at a time in the brolling sun. next day he compelled them to fan it to keep off the flies and the third day

to bury it with suitable honors.

After the war he served upon the comnussion before which the assassins of Lincoln were tried, upon the returning the anti-discrimination bill came from mon was preached by Cardinal Gibbons. board in Florida in 1876, as Governor of

New Mexico from 1878-81, and as United States Minister to Turkey, 1881-85. Since his return from Turkey he had made his home at Crawfordsville, Ind., where he had engaged in literary work. He is author of several works, among them "A Fair God" (1872), a tale of Astec Mexico, upon which he worked at irregular intervals for twenty years; "Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ" (1889), and

Hur: A Tale of the Christ" (1880), and "The Prince of India" (1885). "Ben Hur" is undoubtedly the most popular religious romance in the English language. Over 300,000 copies were sold within ten years after its appearance and it has been translated into several foreign languages. Load at Portland.

Recently he had been engaged in writing his autobiography. OTHER DISTINGUISHED DEAD

S. B. Roath, Father of Chicago Stockyards and Millionaire.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-S. B. Roath, who died last night at Norwich, Conn., was a life-long associate of John J. Ferman, father of the Chicago stockyards. The ploneer announced on August 25, 1906, that he had just settled \$1.00,000 on a chosen set of relatives, "just to see how they would use the money." In giving away his fortune, he made it clear that upon the behavior of the beneficiaries depended

the final division of the property.

Roath was said to have been attracted by the declared purpose of Andrew Car-negle and D. K. Pearsons to die poor One peculiar feature of his gifts was that practically all went to poor families—each receiving an independent fortune. Mr. Routh was estimated to have an-

Frances Guadalupe Vallejo.

other \$1,000,000.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Frances Guadalupe Vallejo, wife of General John B. Frisble, an old and wealthy American resident here, is dead of pneumonia Mrs. Frisble was the first white child born in the valley of Sonoma, Cal., and her father was the famous General Valicjo, head of the Mexican military department in California before the annexation of that territory to the United States.

S. D. Works, Capitalist.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15. - S. D. Works, head of the operating, manufacturing and construction departments of the National Biscuit Company, died suddenly on the Twentieth Century train of the Lake Shore road at Elkhart, Ind.,

William Cullen Bryant, Publisher. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—William Cullen Bryant, the publisher of the Brooklyn Times, and secretary of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, died today at a sanitarium in Piainfield, N. J. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy

Mrs. Abigail Brown.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-A private dispatch from Hong Kong announces the death there of Mrs. Abigail Brown, after a short filness. She was the widow of the Rev. Dr. John W. Brown, who was some years ago rector of churches in Cleveland and Detroit.

Luther L. Kellogg, Golfer. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Luther L. Kellogg, Jr., member of the last All-America golf club which plynd all Figures team for international honors, died here today,

CANADIAN PACIFIC PURCHASER Ratification of Dominion Parliament

Needed for Esquimalt Road. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. E.-The sale of the Esquimalt & Nanta to Rullroad to the Canadian Pacific Railway will be comthe Canadian Pacific Railway will be com-pleted upon the passage of a formal act of ratification by the Despite Paris of ratification by the Dominion Parlia-The transcontinental corporation will then enter into possession of its new

The property involved in the transfer includes the railroad from Victoria to Wellington, including the right of way extending for 100 feet on each side of the line, the necessary appurtenances, such as sheds, stations, etc., and the steam-ship system, which comprises the steamers Joan and City of Nanaimo, the barge Transfer and the tug Czar, both of which are employed in the ferry service between Ladysmith and the mainland.

The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,250,000. It is probable that the Canadian Pacific Rallway will active charge of the road about

Only One Man Refused the Oath. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - Secretary Hitchcock today informed the House, in ponse to its inquiry, that no member employe of the Dawes Indian Commision had refused to take the oath required by law to the fact that he had no financial interest in connection with matters over which the commission had jurisdiction except a Delaware Indian interpre-ter, Edward Young, who was employed

Transport Buford Will

WILL CARRY MORE TROOPS

Nineteenth Infantry Will Em-

TAKE CARGO OF LUMBER ALSO

Quartermaster-General's Dread of Columbia Bar Overcome Once More-Buford Arrives About Middle of March.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.-After fighting all Winter to have a transport sent to Portland to take the Nineteenth Infantry to Manila, Senator Fulton was today advised by Quartermaster General Humphrey that the transport Buford will be fitted out as soon as possible and go to Portland for this regiment. Only a few days ago Senator Fulton secured the promise of the Department to send the Fourteenth Infantry from Manila to Portland direct, but there was some doubt whether the Nineteenth Infantry could embark at Port-

The War Department was averse to having transports sent to Portland, arguing that they could not cross the bar and that they might be indefinitely delayed. Senator Fulton insisted that there would be no danger or delay to transports and insisted that Portland be given this recognition.

The transport Buford will have to be put in condition before she goes to Portland. It will be the middle of March or later before the Nineteenth Infantry can embark. The Buford, in addition to carrying this regiment, will take to Manila 450,000 feet of lumber. which was recently contracted for at Portland.

Captain Jesse M. Baker, Disbursing Quartermaster, yesterday received word that the transport Buford had been ordered to proceed to Portland from San Francisco in time to load here and get away for Manila by April 1. The Buford will carry to the Philippines the Nineteenth Infantry, which is now at Vancouver Barracks. As cargo, the transport will take 450,000 feet of lumber recently bought for the construction of army buildings at Fort William McKinsoldiers' baggage and supplies. The Bu-ford's sailing orders specify that she shall leave San Francisco in sufficient time to take aboard her Portland cargo before the regiment is ready to embark.

The transport Sheridan, which will bring the Fourteenth Infantry to Vancouver will leave Manila March 15 and will be due here soon after the Buford sails.

ANKENY WINS THE FIRST BRUSH Defeats Foster by Securing Delay in

Kingsbury's Confirmation. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-Ington, D. C., Feb. 15 .- There was another tilt today between Senator Foster and Senator Ankeny, in which the latter came off victorious. Foster had been notified that Ankeny had objections to the confirmation of E. P. Kingsbury as Surveyor-General Washington, but, notwithstanding this fact, he went before the Public Lands Committee and asked it to favorably report Kingsbury's nomination, saying there were no charges against him other than political. He referred to the fact that Kingsbury has made an

GENERAL LEW WALLACE

AUTHOR OF "REN HUR." WHO DIED LAST NIGHT.

efficient officer and is highly indorsed by the Department. But he found that Ankeny had filed with the committee a letter asking

on their way to Washington. The com mittee decided to give Ankeny a hear ing, and action was postponed until next Wednesday. In all probability Kingsbury will be ultimately con

Senate Committee Recalls Bill for Its Repeal.

ington, Feb. 15.-The Senate public lands committee today recalled the bill which it recently reported repealing the lieu land law and providing for the purchase of private holdings within forest reserves, or an exchange on the like-for-like basis. bark for Manila. The whole subject has been referred to a subcommittee. This action will result in delay and probably means that no bill will pass this session.

DREDGE TACOMA WATERWAY Foster Proposes Amendment to River and Harbor Bill.

that no action be taken on the nomina-

tion until he can present protests now

NO ACTION ON LIEU LAND LAW

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator Foster today of-fered an amendment to the river and harbor bill authorizing the dredging of the middle waterway in the Tacoma harbor. His amendment appropriates \$115,537, and stipulates that none of this money shall be expended unless the City of Tacoma shall pay to the War Department \$38.512, one-fourth of the cost of the improvement. He also offered amendments authorizing surveys of Anacortes harbor, Roche harbor and Bellingham Bay.

New Northwest Postmasters.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, Feb. 15 .- Postmasters appointed: Oregon-Barron, Jackson County, James H. Cook, vice Martha A. Barron, resigned. Washington-Felida, Clark County, Ray Nash, vice Owen Taylor, resigned; Hobart, King County, Samuel B. Gjerde, vice William Sidebotham, resigned.

SOUTH WILL JOIN IN PARADE Governors and Militia to Take Part in Inauguration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The interest of the South in the inauguration of President Roosevelt was evidenced again to day when word was received from North Carolina that the Wilmington Light Infantry of Wilmington and Light Battery A, both of the North Carolina National Guard, will march in the inaugural parade, headed by the Governor.

Governor Blanchard of Louislana will head a detachment of his militia in the parade; Governor Warfield of Maryland will lead at least two Maryland regiments; Governor Montague of Virginta will lead a brigade from the Old Dominion and Brigadier-General Clarke of the Alabama National Guard is recruiting a provisional regiment. provisional regiment to attend the

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Gates Sends May Wheat Almost to \$1.20.

ARE CORNERED

Will Have to Settle With Him at His Terms.

THEY CANNOT DELIVER GOODS

Wall Street Speculators Cause Stampede in Chicago Market and Will Send Price Surely Up to \$1.50.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-(Special.)-Wheat sold on the Board of Trade today at the highest point for the year. Frightened by the prediction made by John W. Gates that the price would sour in the next 60 days, the shorts fairly tumbled over one another to get their hands on the cereal while it was yet within comparatively easy reach. They bid the May price up to \$1.19%, which beats the record price attained on the great wave of speculative excitement last Fall by more than a cent In company with other wealthy speculators who pass most of their time in Wall street, Gates is credited with holding contracts calling for the delivery of something like 20,000,000 bushels of wheat next May. The situation is desperate for the shorts. There is less than 2,000,000 bushels of contract wheat in the public houses of Chicago, and the shorts must deliver or settle at any price dictated by the Gates interests.

With Gates in the movement are John Lambert, Isaac Ellwood, Corwin H. Spencer, of St. Louis, and one or two big Northwestern wheat men.

The shorts are mainly foreigners backed by some big seaboard operators and the Northwest and Chicago elevator people. The elevator people, it is believed, will have the wheat to deliver to Gates they controlling the visible supply. The others will have to get the wheat some place, or stand for any squeezc. The shorts, at the outside, cannot deliver more than 10,000,000 bushels of contract wheat by the end of May, according to the Gates crowd, and the other 10,000,000 will cost them what Gates chooses to

charge. Predictions of \$1.50 wheat are now heard on all sides, while there are many in the introduced an amendment to the Indian trade who think nothing short of \$2 a bushel will be accepted by Gates and his

CASTRO PLAYING FOR DELAY Venezuelan President Insists on Arbitration-Revolution Threatens.

LAGUAYRA, Venezuela, Feb. 15 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)— The negotiations between United States Minister Bowen and President Castro in the effort to reach an adjustment of the pending disputes between the two countries are practically at a standstill. Mr Bowen's efforts have been blocked by the tactics of Castro, which cuiminated recently in Castro's abrupt departure from the capital when he was pressed for a frank and definite answer to the propo sition to arbitrate,

After his return to Caracas, he declined o submit to arbitration on the ground that the matters are now before the courts of the country. He made a coun-ter-proposition, however, that the United States conclude with him an arbitration treaty to cover future cases which under international law could be considered as diplomatic questions. This Mr. Bowen declined, but in turn proposed that a tri-bunal be selected to determine whether the asphalt case and other pending cases President of Venezuela evades settlement with fused and pressed his demand for a treaty o meet future cases, and here the situa

tion rests. The ever-present rumors of a revolution against Castro seem at this time to have a possible foundation. The movement is assuming a more widespread character than for some time, and it is considered in well-informed circles that a revolutionary attempt is not a remote

Weekly review of local produce and jobbing DIMOND FIGHTS EXTRADITION California Landgrabbers Appeal to Federal Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- A brief in hehalf of Henry P. Dimond, of California, in his habeas corpus casa against United States Marshal Shine, of that state, was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States today. Dimond is one of the men indicted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with

land frauds. Judge De Haven, of Dimond's district. issued a warrant for his removal to this city and denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Dimond sets up in his brief that Judge Lacombe of New York granted a writ to John A. Benson under precisely the same circumstances, and also contends that the Washington court

HARRIMAN LINE EQUIPMENT Will Spend \$8,000,000 on Engines,

Cars and Electric Signals.

is without jurisdiction.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Extensive plans of the Union Pacific system and the Southern Pacific for new locomotives, cars and other equipment, and the installation of 600 miles of automatic electric block signals have been announced. It is estimated that an expenditure of \$8,000,000 will be necessary to complete the work.

The new equipment will be used on the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Rallway & Navigation and the Southern Pacific and will be ready this year.