Idaho Members Will Not Oppose Nettleton.

DUBOIS FRIGHTENS THEM

Fight Over Nampa Postmaster Suddenly Ends When Heyburn and French Learn Dubois Has Interesting Papers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash OREGGMAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—Only yesterday Senator Heyburn and Representative French declared most emphatically that they would defeat the confirmation of A. G. Nottleton as postmaster at Nampa, Idaho. on the ground that he was out of harmony with the county and state Republican organization. Over night they heard that Senator Dubois would champion Mr. Nettleton and probably received a hint that he might produce some lineresting, if not he might produce some interesting, if not damaging, documents, showing that the opposition to Mr. Nettleton grows out of his refusal to pay campaign assessments made against him by State Chairman Brady. Whatever their motive, they have convoletly changed their time ED are to ompletely changed their tune and are to-lay willing to abide by the Profident's de-lision that postmasters need not make softices, contributions in order to retain

Mr. Heyburn, who intended to lead the fight, and who had arranged to have a hearing before the postoffice committee in opposition to Mr. Nettleton, today issued opposition to Mr. Nettleton, today issued a statement that he will take no action regarding Mr. Nettleton's confirmation until the people of Nampa have had an opportunity to express their wishes. "If Mr. Nettleton's reappointment is satisfactory to them, it is to me," he said.

Mr. French, who was hitterly disappointed at Mr. Nettleton's nomination and the interest.

who intended to appear with Mr. Hey-burn to oppose his confirmation, says today he will not take the initiative, but will follow Mr. Heyburn. He hopes no action will be taken on the nomination, so that at the close of this session Mr. Nettieton will be unconfirmed. If this could be brought about, Mr. French would ask the President to appoint Victor E. Elver, indorsed by the state machine, on the ground that the Senate, having falled to act, did not approve of Mr. Nettleton's appointment. But Mr. French is decreased. intment. But Mr. French is doomed to

Another Step to Yakima Irrigation. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—The House today passed Representative Jones' bill permitting the Yakima Indians to sell pieces of their ailotment and apply the proceeds to the purchase of permanent water rights for their remaining 20 acres. When this bill passed the Senste, the last material obpassed the Senate, the last material ob-stacles in the way of the Government irri-gation project in the Yakima Valley will have been removed, and it is understood that steps will immediately be taken to prepare plans for this work.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 37.—Postmasters appointed:
Oregon—Corner, O. B. Bates, vice Alice
Barlow, removed: Howard, Samuel T.
Gafewood, vice B. F. Ahali, removed,
Washington—Rock Cut. Emanuel W.
Scothorn, vice S. Bournnias, resigned,
William S. Irwin has been appointed
regular, Emerson F. Surface substitute
rurs; carrier, route 1, at Estacada, Or.

Move to Open Cocur d'Alene Land. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. Feb. 2.—Representative French today introduced a bill to open the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation in Idaho to settlement, after making 80-acre allot-ments to 500 Indians. About 500,000 acres of valuable land will be opened to entry under the various land laws.

Price of Alaska Coal Land.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. Feb. 21.—Senator Herburn today introduced a bill providing that coal land in Alaska lying within 15 miles of a rail-road shall be sold for 150 an acre, and coal land to fine for the year 1903. The table is as follows:

Cost to Two Companies. more remote coal land for \$5

PROFIT IN 60 - CENT GAS

(Continued From First Page.) lished and it is found cheaper to use oil gas on a small scale to mix with the coal gas than to transform the entire plant

Oll Gas Cheaper on Coast.

Portland and San Francisco are both in a position to make oil gas cheaper than any other kind. The oil from the California fields can be purchased now for 20 to E cents at the wells in Southern California. In fact there are companies which will readily make contracts to supply oil in any quantity for a term of years at 25 cents a barrel. This means something like 40 cents a barrel delivered in San Francisco and 50 cents a barrel delivered in Portland. Oil gas is the need of the Pacific Coast.

and the only reason that it is not more generally used is the cost of transforming the gas plants for that purpose. Oakland uses off gas, and so does Los Angeles. In the former city the price is exorbitant (\$1.25); but in Los Angeles it has been fixed at 85 cents and the gas company is

The local gas company is assessed for \$8,000,000 on its plant. The Supervisors appraise the plant at \$12,000,000. The gas company affects its plant is worth \$36,000,-000, and demands that it be allowed a fair nterest on that sum. The company says that during the year 1905 it expended \$2,005,122.72 in the manufacture and distribution of gas. Of this, the manufacturing cost was \$790,006.53. The total distributing cost was \$363,773.08. The admin-

istration cost \$884,441.11. Cost of Administratio

Cook or assummation.
Under administration the gas company places the following items:
Salaries
Total

The Supervisors suggested that if the \$450,000 which the company charged as cost of maintenance or depreciation be reduced to \$250,000 (\$50,-00s more than last year) the charge of \$51,830 for bad debts be eliminated, and also the item of \$276,853 interest on bonded indebtedness cut out, a total of \$572,650 would be taken from the cost of the gas as shown in the report of the company for last year. This

rould reduce the yearly cost of mak ing and distributing the gas from \$2,009,122.72 to \$1,466,472.72.

Generously allowing a corresponding reduction in the revenue of the company from the sale of gas in 1905 would cut it from \$2,528,985.81 to \$1.-062,428.09.

Great Profits at \$1 Rate.

Figuring on a valuation of \$12,060,one this would give the company a revenue of about 9 per cent on its investment. This shows the enormous profits made on the dollar rate, even taking the company's own figures, which, in some instances, are believed to be greatly inflated. Such items as the cost of pipe are declared by experts to be greatly exaggerated in the figures of the gas company,

Turning now to the cost per thousand feet, the company alleges the gas it retails for \$1 costs it 79% cents delivered. It figures 31 cents for manufacturing, 13 cents for distribution and 381/2 cents for administration expenses It will be seen by the figures given above that in "administration" is included interest on bonded indebtedness. bad debts, and the like, which the Supervisors say should not be included. Now the question arises for what can gas really be distributed to the

people of San Francisco. The gas company says it cannot be done for less than 79% cents. As conditions in San Francisco and Portland are about identical it may be accepted then that the local gas company could supply gas in Portland at a cost of 7814 cents to itself. As the local company is allowed a dollar rate here it acknowledges that

At the outset, therefore, it is evident that the rate of \$1.15 charged in Portland is exorbitant, even from the stand point of the gas company, Reference is made in all cases to gas of not less may be said as to the cost of gas in San Francisco, it must be understood, will apply with equal force to Portland. Provided, of course, that the capitalization and value of the plant is as inflated in Portland as in San Francisco

Assuming that the local gas company was properly capitalized and was not asking the public to pay the interest for it on its borrowed or inflated capital, counting out the bad debts and cutting out the charge of depreciation (which figures twice, the second time as maintenance), the cost to the gas company of making and distributing gas is reduced to the remarkable figure of 45 cents. If one were inclined to be an idealist and chose to cut out leakage (which under modern conditions cannot be climinated) he would still further reduce the figure to 38 cents. However, this is manifestly unfair, but the 45-cent cost is practical, according to those conversant with the situation In this city.

Figures Cost at 62 Cents.

The Gas Inspector of San Francisco, O. M. Tupper, who has made a careful study of the situation, and who has not allowed himself to be swayed by the public clamor for cheaper gas, has estimated that it can be made and distributed in San Francisco at a cost to the gas company of 61.72 cents. This would make 75 cents a fair rate. He figures that the 45-cent cost would be possible under certain conditions, but makes due allowance for certain claims of the company.

The Equitable Gas Company, above referred to, openly stated that the gas it sold for 50 cents a thousand cost it only 42.27 cents to make and distribute. It must be remembered, however, that this company supplied only the most thickly settled part of San Francisco. In this connection the last comparative table available is of interest. It shows the cost of making gas as figured by the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company (as the local monopoly was then known) and the Equitable Gas Company, The figures

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bring about are possible, they could be secured through municipal ownership. It is pointed out that in Glasgow, where inicipal ownership prevails, gas is supplied to consumers for 51 cents.

Opponents of municipal ownership then to Sheffleid, where gas is supplied under private ownership at 26 cents However, it is a recognized fact that Pacific Coast could in no way reduce conditions to a level below that already attained in point of service

Lower Gas for Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-An official announcement was made by the Astoria Electric Company today that on March 1 it will reduce the price of illuminating gas from \$2.80 to \$1.75 per 1000 feet. This will be the lowest rate on gas that has ever been granted in As-

Kimuro Beaten by Honda. K. Kimure, a Japanese, was assaulted and badly beaten on the head at 1 o'clock this morning by M. Honda, another Japanese. Complaint was made at police headquarters and Kimuro was requested to swear out a warrant this morning for his assailant's arrest.

Decision on Interstate Commission's Power.

AS TO PRIVATE CAR LINES

Circuit Court Holds They Are Subject to Elkins Law and Must Not Give Rebates-Company Will Appeal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 .- Judge Landis, in the United States Circuit Court, teday made a decision in favor of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in which he declares the Commission has power and witnesses to answer questo compel witnesses to answer ques-tions. The decision was made in the tions. The decision was made in the case of Frank J. Reichmann, vice-president of the Streets Western Stable Car Line, who refused at a recent hearing before the Commission to answer the question, "What part of the mileage from whatever source have you given up to snippers during the last six months?" An appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court. On advice of counsel, Mayor Reichman refused to answer the question on the

On advice of counsel, Mayor Reichman refused to answer the question on the ground that the Commission was without authority to compel an answer.

The decision is considered by the Government one of the most important of recent years touching on the powers of the Commission. It is taken by Government lawyers to mean that under the Elkins law private car lines can be reguthan 19 candle power, Anything that lated by the Commission as well as public corporations. The car line company, contended that it had a right to give shippers money from its own treasury, so long as it was not acting as agent for the

lieve Congress meant to enact that con-

CAN'T REDRESS GREAT WRONG

Rates Favor Standard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today in an opinion by Commissioner Prouty, announced his decision in the cases of the Fred G, Clark Company against the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company and others, and of the Waverly Oil Works against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others. In these cases the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company was the defendant.

tion rates on petroleum and its products from Cleveland and Pittsburg to points reached by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company resulted in unreasonable and unjust rates; that the refusel of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Company to consent to par ticipate in through rates in that traffic is unjust and unreasonable and that the situation is such as to operate greatly to the advantage of the Standard Oil Com-

pany.

The Commission, however, is without authority to grant relief in these cases and the petitions therefore are dis-

Lodge Proposes New Commission.

Lodge today introduced an amendment to the railroad rate bill, providing for the displacement of the Interstate Com-merce Commission by a new commis-sion of nine members. The amendment provides that not more than five mem-bers shall be of one party, three of them experience in the management of rall-roads. Salaries are fixed at \$12,000 for each member, except the chairman, who

PACKERS NOT UNDER OATH

Durand Says Their Own Lawyer Ad-

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 .- Evidence was introduced by the Government today tending to show that the matter of testifying under oath or not during the investigation conducted by Commissioner Garfield had been left to the packers themselves. It was claimed by District Attorney Morrison that this proved that the packers were not under compulsion when they gave their information to the agents of the

The evidence relative to the packers declining to give evidence under oath was submitted in the shape of a telegram from Special Agent Durand to Mr. Garfield, in was said that A. H. Veeder case, had advised the members of the firm of Swift & Co. not to give evidence under oath as it might later be used against

Adverse Decision Can't Stop Folk

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.-The decision of th Supreme Court yesterday that the police of the City of St. Louis have no authority to act in the county, outside the confines of the city, has occasioned much speculative comment in racing and liquor circles. Rumors are in circulation that an attempt will be made to open race tracks this Summer, and likewise the Sunday "lid" may be lifted in the Summer gardens in St. Louis County.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.-Gov dignity of the law of the state,"

Mrs. Aubrey Boucicault Marries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Announcement was made today of the marriage in New York City Saturday evening of Brooke Baker, a prominent clubman of this city, to Mrs. Aubrey Boucicault, the actress of Rochester, N. Y. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Europe or

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. II.-A fire that has been summoned from surrounding towns. .

railway company.

Judge Landis declares he does not be-

Interstate Commission Finds Oil

The Commission holds that the combina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. - Senator

vised Them Against It.

The examination of Mr. Garfield was concluded in the afternoon, and Mr. Du-rand followed him on the stand.

ernor Folk declined to discuss the Su-preme Court opinion rendered yesterday that the St. Louis police have no au-thority in the county, when seen today, but declared he would do everything in his power to enforce the laws, and he admitted a belief that it is within his power to use the militia to suppress disorder or outlawry in case the local authorities did not enforce the law.
"I shall do the best I can to uphold the "I have not much reverence for the sa-credness of the rights of those engaged in

Fire May Destroy Village.

Barcelona, Spain-The historic Church of San Public has been destroyed by an incendi-ary,

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	COLUMBIA WOOLS.	Gents'
YPSILANTI TIGHTS.  Regular \$3.00 Worsted	Columbia Floss, regular 18e skein now 14¢ Columbia Shetland wool, reg. 18c skein 14¢ Columbia Spanish, regular 20e skein. now. 15¢ Columbia Zephyr, reg. 20e pkg., now 12½¢ Columbia Saxony, reg. 12½¢ skein, now 9¢ Columbia Eiderdown, reg. 35c ball, now 25¢ Columbia Golf Yarn, reg. 45e skein, now 25¢ Columbia Fleur de Lis, reg. 25c sk., now. 18¢ Columbia Germantown, reg. 20c sk., now. 16¢ Columbia Fairy Zephyr, reg. 18c sk., now. 15¢ German Knitting Yarn, reg. 35c sk., now 25¢ Ice Wool, regular 55c box, now 35¢ Ice Wool, regular 75c box, now 50¢	FURNISHING DEPARTMENT  Men's Silk Ties, 4-in-hand and tecks 19¢  Men's Silk Bow Ties, 2 for 5¢  Silk Windsor Ties 19¢  Men's wool derby ribbed Underwear, in brown, gray, blue and flesh color 85¢  Men's Handkerchiefs, in plain white and fancy borders 7½¢  Men's silk web Suspenders 39¢  Men's 25¢ Suspenders 15¢  Men's fancy stripe Dress Shirts 48¢  Men's Percale Dress Shirts 29¢  Children's \$1.25 wool Sweaters, button
Regular \$1.25, wool	Ice Wool, regular 15c ball, now	shoulder

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Prof. Langley, of Flying-Machine Fame, Dead.

GAVE HIS LIFE TO SCIENCE

sonian Institution After Slight Paralytic Stroke - Writer and Famed Astronomer.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 27.—S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institu-tion and known as a scientist through-out the world, died here at noon today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Professor Samuel P. Langley, who died at Aiken, S. C. today, had a slight stroke of paralysis on November 22, which affect-ed his right side. He was gradually recovering when on the advice of his physician he went South. The imme-diate cause of his death was not stated in the brief telegram sent from

ed in the brief telegram sent from Alken.

Professor Langley was 72 years old. His whole life had been devoted to selentific work. Though by profession a civil engineer and architect, astronomy occupied most of his time.

Several years ago Professor Langley conducted a series of experiments with a flying machine at Widewater. Va., on the Potomac River, the results of which were watched with wide-

ever, ended disastrously.

Professor Langley's scientific career covered a wide range of subjects and included work in various institutions.

which was supplemented by frequent trips to Europe in visiting foreign ob-servatories and other institutions there. Much of his scientific work has related to the sun, its heat spectra and other sources of radiation and he has accompanied some of the eclipse observation expeditions.

Professor Langley has been the sec-

retary of the Smithsonian Institution since 1887. He was a member of scien-tific societies and his published writings include more than 100 titles. Col. A. F. Walcott, Turfman. NEW YORK, Feb. 37.-Colonel A. F. Walcott, a Civil War Veteran and turf-

man, died last night at his home here from heart disease. He was born in Salem, Mass., 68 years ago, and was a member of one of the oldest New England Colonel Walcott made a tour of the world twice. He began breeding horses at Crab Orchard, Ky., in 1885. Previous to this he had been well known as a speculator, having made and lost several fortunes in Wall street. He was one of

the biggest buyers at the sale of the Lor-illard stable, and built extensive stables at Sheepshead Bay. In 1887 Colonel Wal-cott lost heavily on the wheat corner, and was forced to sacrifice his Monmouth Park stables. Henry Rustin, Electrician. FLORENCE, Neb., Feb. II.—Henry Rustin, a well-known electrical engineer, who designed the illuminations of the World's Fair at Chicago and the Exposition at Buffalo, died at his home here this morning of tuberculosis.

Alfred H. Belo, Dallas, Tex. DALLAS, Tex. Feb. 27.—Alfred H. Belo, president of A. H. Belo & Co., died this afternoon, aged 22 years. He was a son of the late A. H. Belo, Sr., foundwhich were watched with wide- er of the Dallas-Galveston News.

## CENSORSHIP AT STANFORD

President Jordan Gives Notice to College Correspondents. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Pale Alte.

Cal., Feb. 27.-The following notice was this afternoon given out by President David Starr Jordan: "No more news will be given out from the president's office to either Daily Palo Alto men or the student correspond

ents of the San Francisco papers until some arrangement is arrived at between these correspondents and the president's office by which the news given out to them will not be misconstrued." This decree in substance asserts an absolute censorship over all student news writers, and is manifestly an outgrowth of the recent trouble, when Ben Allen

formerly editor of the Daily Palo Alto, was suspended from the university, All university exercises will be suspended tomorrow in respect to the memory Honolulu a year ago.



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