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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN 9, 1907

THE GAS COMPANY'S FRANCHISE. Mr Henry E. McGinn said last June,

in closing his remarks before the mittee of the City Council app to investigate the gas company: for you, gentlemen, to decide whether e not these people are entitled to some elief." The committee has taken ample time to deliberate in the premises. Nobody can accuse it of hasty action. And, having deliberated ripely, the members have formulated their conclu-sion that "these people" are entitled to some relief. It is their "sense and opinion" that the company furnishes gas of poor quality, that it has grossly methods of dealing with the public are

"cumbersome and unsatisfactory." These are the points upon which the committee believes that the public of Portland is entitled to some relief.

How is that relief to be obtained? the authority to regulate this and compet it to deal just with the public? Is there any such authority in existence?

The gas company claims that there is not. In its own estimation this mo-nopoly holds a charter which exempts

nishes poor gas, the Council should forthwith order to to furnish better gas. If it overcharges, the Council should set lower rates at once. If its methods are cumbersome, the Council should reform them. And all this should be done in the ordinary exercise of their authority as the natural, right and proper thing, without vacillation or

delay. There should be no fruitless consultations with the City Attorney over technical points and possible obfections. If the gas company wishes suicide. In the first place, could they to assert rebellious superiority to the uil the public into the belief that their theory is true, they would be relieved of the trouble and responsibility of law, very well. If it wishes to con-test the right of the Council to regu late its product and prices, let it confinding the murderer. In the second test. The sooner the issue is drawn place, they would avoid the reproach and decided the better. The sooner we know whether the people or this hith-

of having permitted thugs to grow so bold and numerous that such murders erto lawless monopoly enjoys supreme may be expected to recur at any time. power in Portland the better. But the There is not the slightest ground for supposing that Dr. Johnson committed luty of the Council in the premi lear. It should enact regulative nances without hesitation, defay or A few moments before the deed was

needless consultations. Having done its plain duty in the matter, it may antely leave the outcome to the courts and the people, who are above the friends in high spirits. Upon the t which he attempted to cross be murdered and his body was hurled to courts.

the depths below by the thuge who committed the deed. This is the plain and only tenable theory of the case. Meanwhile the Legislature should make assurance doubly sure as to the gas company's status before the public Instead of occupying their time and inby repealing its franchise. tellects in trying to work up a theory

JUST A LITTLE HISTORY

A year ago or more many complaints abouts of the oriminals and put them

reached The Oregonian about the meth- under arrest. reached The Oregonian about the meth-ods of the Portland Gas Company, a public-service corporation. The Orego-nian made an investigation and found that complaints were justified. The and the safety of the public, is not to gas company had been pursuing a pol-ley of systematic extortion towards its be encouraged. H patrons for the purpose of rolling up ready to resort to torture to extort a great profits to the high financiers confession and spare themselves the who had control of the concern. The service was nowhere efficient or entis-factory or honest. Patrons were grosstrouble of looking up evidence. When the criminal is not readily discovered they are equally prone to invent idle theories of suicide or other improbable ly overcharged and consistently under-

acts to avoid the necessity for investi-gation, served. Complaints at the gas office brought only studied insuit, or at the best exasperating indifference and con-This distressing murder should lead temptuous non-attention. The gas com- to a thorough investigation among the suspicious characters who haunt the city. Not one should be passed by until the guilty party has been found. In pany was a private business, and if its patrone didn't like it they could lump it. The public be damned. The first

duty of a franchise-grabber is to him- the police force is deprived of its lets self and to his pocket. His last duty is to serve the public well in accord-ance with the terms of his franchise. ure for the next six months, the cas should not be dropped. It is a su commentary upon the moral state of This was the situation a year ago our legal protectors that they immediwhen The Oregonian committed less ately sat about vilifying the character majeste against the associated fran-of the unfortunate man instead of chise-grabbing clique, alias the First secting for his murderes.

Families of Portland, and printed the

facts. The City Council decided to in-HAZY INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK. estigate, that it might ascertain ublic had, any rights which eve Some of the speculatively inclined in-dividuals who frequent temples of gas company is bound to respect. The chance are said to have a "system" Council announced public hearings by for beating the games, which, if fol-lowed to extreme limits, not infre-quently meets with fair success. The pecial committee. The gas company peared through its attorney and with

inexampled arrogance denied the right whirling roulette wheel will not always of the City Council to make any inquistop on the "red" or on the "black," and a persistent "doubling" of bets on a chosen color will eventwhatever into its affairs "concede" an inquiry as ilege." With amazing fatuity it chal-

lenged The Oregonian to present the estimony and make good the charges and justify the words which it had printed in its columns and which were somewhat similar line or system of universally known to be truth. That olossal blunder has cost the gas com-any dear. The Oregonian caused many victime of the gas company's ra It is a logical and inevitable occurrence pacity and avarice to be summoned to for a long period of extraordinary good testify before the committee. They verified what had been said, and more The public, which had read the truth imes to be followed by a period of nancial and industrial lethargy. These eras of good times and bad

in The Oregonian, heard it again and again in the testimony before the gas cial operations that had marked the

history of the gas company. The seret history of the gas finance the the public. But they didn't succeed.

The public knows enough about it all same result as that which follows the most careful search of political econonow to understand perfectly what fi has been paying in high prices, poor service and bad gas, for the bold adlists and financiers,

and individuals. If the company fur- teacher, and this element, according to The relapse, when it comes, and its the report submitted, is steadily gain- coming may be deferred for two or ing in reliability, strength of charac-ter and moral purpose. Perhaps this is the most encouraging phase of an three years, and perhaps longer, will be feit worst by cities and which have been overboo effort which, when undertaken, seemed where Nature has failed to provide formidable and was certainly shadowed great resources which can be continuserious difficulties and doubts, ally drawn on through good times and bad times allke. For this reason Port-

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

for upholding

land and the Pacific Northwest, which are producing in such wholesale quan-The police have a perfectly patent titles staple commodities for which the whole world offers a good market, can theory that Dr. Johnson committed view with a fair degree of indifference

the approach of a possible financial and industrial depression that might prove serious in other localities less favored by Nature. ----

localities

(Ers)

loner-Genéral Sargent, Immigration alarmed over the influx of Japanese at Honolulu. He has just returned to Washington after investigating condi-tions at Hawali, and is confiders that the recent arrivals of Portuguese im-

migrants on the islands will serve as a ommitted he left the dwelling of his uch as there were only about a thousand Portuguese in the installment which reached there last year, while nearly every steamer recently arriving at the islands has brought from 500 to 1000 Japanese, the Portuguese must be of very formidable appearance. For the

present the Japanese find in Honolulu of suicide, the police may much better exert themselves to discover the wherewhich, it is easy to enter the United States with no questions asked. Later

they may decide to take a more active part in the management of Hawalian

Apples, red and yellow, bearing on heir burnished coats the glint of de-arted Summer days, and in their juices Having an accused the stored essences of the bright sunshine, timely moisture and balmy air of Oregon, are on exhibition in connec-tion with the annual convention, now in progress, of the State Horticultural clety, in this city. This exhibit is the ost convincing argument yet ad-nced in support of the contention that Oregon is unexcelled as an applegrowing state, and that one section of

he state is superior to another in the ossibilities of growing toothsome peautiful and clean apples. The layman, viewing the display, wonders

ing to be able to award the prizes offered for the "best specimens."

The New Year has opened in th city with a carnival of crime. Two

murders of a most cowardly type, a icide-the cowa ward's rd's resource-and ar

of which narrowly escaped with her life, are the leading features in this carnival of blood during the first week of 1907. Jealousy, revenge, the intent to rob, these three influences conspired

to take life, and cowardice, brooding over all, made the crime in each in the first instance went by a self-

ually result in winning, unless the appointed route quickly to his doom. patience of the player or the limits of the game interfers with the working ants who compassed the death of Dr out of a mathematical certainty. A Johnson in a manner so shocking will be speedily apprehended and brought reasoning is responsible to a considera-ble degree for some of the present gloomy predictions of Impending panic.

panto Civil service is a blessing not only to the holders of the minor offices in the customs service, but also to the collector. Mr. Malcolm, the successor of Collector Patterson in this port, says

that he expects to make no changes in times have in the past followed each the clerical force, and that he couldn't other with such regularity that one possessing only a mild degree of intelli-gence, without even investigating the scharge a man in the office, a wanted to, and if a vacancy it will be filled by the top man in the

economic conditions responsible for civil service list. By this admirable method we not only secure competent employee in the service, but the few This theory or system, promulgated by hundred applicants who would otherunreasoning individuals, reaches the

whee make life a burden for the colstill remain his friends, even if he is unable to appoint them all to the same office.

RAISES STATE RIGHT BOGY GIVES MESSAGE AND PRAYS TOO MANY RAILROAD WRECKS. Remedles-From a Sane Time Schedule Overman's Constitutional Objection to Modern Block System.

to Child-Labor Bill. Railroad at Terra Cotta, D. C., when over WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- In present-50 passengers were killed and about 60 in

ng objections today in the Senate to he pending bills for the regulation of teduction of Maximum Speed Factor child labor, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, went into an elaborate dis-Can we say honestly that our attitude ssion of the doctrine of states' rights is text was taken from the constitu-on of his state: oward railroad travel has not given the allroads the excuse, if not the warrant or reducing the factor of safety to the

"A recurrence to first principles is absolutely necessary to the preservation of our liberites." The child labor bills of Lodge and Beveridge were read by Overman, with

United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are re-served to the sates, respectively, or to

The sentiment for concentrated or central

of mighty fortunes, the centralization of great

wealth in the hands of the few, produced by the great trusts and monopolles, many of which were arganized for the purpose of runbing out competition and which have been

regulating interstate commerce and

regulate child labor in the factory and

mine, it could regulate it on the farm, and could regulate every industry.

HURRY REPORT ON TARIFF

Experts Reminded German Treaty

Will Need Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. S.-The State De-artment has intimated to the experi-the were sent to Germany to confer with

German experts and to compare notes

necessary to give effect to the r endations of the tariff experts, an o weeks' time will be required t

that as the result of their conferent with the Germans' the American exp will be able to recommend some char

While it is hoped by the Department

in administration that could be effected

sional action upon the propositions con not be expected before the adjournme of the present session, then it will

Let Them Go Away to Get Warm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8-In view of the

said to be freezing in North Dakota and

aking regulations controlling com-ercial production. He concluded that if Congress could

ed government has grown with the te desire for the dollar, has increase growth of commercialism, the bul

robbing the people of untold millions.

Prescribe Remedies for Defects. the comment that the effect of the en-New York Times. actment of either would be not only to stretch to the breaking point the commerce clause of the Constitution

In this instance there is opportunity ascertaining with unusual completer and definiteness what are the defi In this insta defects but would be a usurpation of rights of of the present system of precautions and the state, rights which the people had for prescribing remedies for these de-facts. It is greatly to be desired that the opportunity shall fully be embraced. xpressly reserved to themsel he tenth amendment to the ion was adopted. It prov "The powers not delegated to the

from Eastern newspapers ollision on the Baltimore &

New York Sun.

minimum in order to obtain the maximum

factor of speed which is so destructive of human life every year?

Swat Empty Rallroad Heads

what reason is there for a train of empty cars to travel on a single-track the people." He said: railroad, in a fog, at the rate of sixty tiles an hour? Does that fact not show t one glance that the management of the allimore & Ohio railroad is feeble Empty cars should be kept off the tracks where passenger trains are running, and mpty heads should be turned out flices of the railroad.

Lack of Block Signal Appliances.

If more power is needed, let an amendment submitted to the states. In any event, let he people's cousent he given to the surrender f any of their rights. Without their cousent. New York Press. In all human probability the s would never have happened if i had been fitted with up-to-date block siglet nothing be done by an unwarranted construction. nal appliances. The cause of the colli-Overman held there was no limit t he power of Congress to deal with commerce which is interstate in its naonly, the operator tied up signals for the night." Good systems of block ture. He heartily indorsed recent signals do not depend on tired or ab sent telegraph operators for their sfil clency as warnings, mensures exercising this control, such as the rate bill, the pure food law and the most inspection legislation but there was a decided distinction between

Men-Not Bad Block System

Chicago Record-Herald. The block system is coming in for much ame, because of the many accidents that have recently occurred where it is in the. The blame is wrongly attrib should be driven home not to the but to the employes or officials w abused the system. The rallroad which

has recently adopted rules forbidding high eds and substituting intelligent me s for making good time without fran irts has taken one step in the prodirection which other roads will do well

imitaie. Investigate the Investigator

New York World.

relative to the complaints against the American turiff schedule that it would like to have a report before the middle of February. This request was made necesofficials of the Baltimore and with make the customary "sear nvestigation" of the causes of wreck at Terra Cotta, by wh persons were killed and 60 injured. sary by the fact that if any legislation ten who will investigate the investiga-rs7 Who will carry the inquiry into a general offices of the road to diswhat was at fault in the system cover

of operation? Why must "searching in-vestigations" of railroad accidents al-ways stop short of the true object of the investigation?

Evidently "No Act of God."

by a mere amendment of the rules by the Secretary of the Treasury, it is re-garded as probable that the changes rec-ommended will be such as will require Washington, D. C., Post, Neglect and recklessness have been oo often condoned as if they were acts legislation. In this latter case if Congresof God. There was nothing unavoidable the "accident," so far as prese rmation indicates. It appears to ten entirely the work of man. so far as present in necessary to ask the German government should appear that the wreck was preto again extend the provisions of the present German law admitting America to the privileges of the minimum tariff in Gerentable, and if there is no law to punh those who are guilty, some powe evote itself to no better task the mact a law that will serve

to the states in future dealings with railaughter.

Block Signal System 15 Years Old.

the rules of the Department of the In-New York Press. In an effort to relieve the Baltimore & Oblo Company of blame for the shambles at Terra Cotta, Superintendent Galloway terior provide in many cases that dence of the settlers shall be contin Senator Hansbrough has prepared a lution permitting the settlers leave of abremarks that the "absolute block system

sence for three months to extend over the Winter period, which absence shall not interfere with their entry rights. All homesteaders affected by these conditions tas been in successful operation erritory where this accident of fifteen years." No proof of n in the occurred the corporation's negligence could be stronger

Governor Buchtel Inaugurated in

Church Which He Built.

DENVER, Jan. 8 .- Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of Denver Uni-versity, was inaugurated as Governor of Colorado at neon today, and for the first time in the history of the state the inauguration took place in a church. In deforence to the Governor's wish, the oath of office was adminis

tered to him and he delivered his inaugural address to the Legislature in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, which he aided largely in building while he was pastor of that congregation. The Governor concluded his address with a prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which many of the audience joined.

About 2500 persons attended the inrowded. Following the inauguration, he Governor and other state officers were escoried from the church to the Capitol by a military and civic proces-sion, the senior class of Denver Uni-versity marching alongside the Gov-ernor's carriage.

Governor Buchtel devoted the greater portion of his address to the ques-tions of railway logislation and educa-tion. In treating the former he sold that the weak parts of the National law, referred to in President Roosevelt's message to Congress, must omitted from Colorado's program. Nothing would be done to drive cap Nothing would be done to drive capita away from Colorado, but instead every-

thing would be done to invite both capital and people to the state. The Governor characterized a local option haw as the application of the principle of the square deal to the question of the open saloon.

HOCH FOR REDUCED PARES

Kansas Governor Would Forbid Passes and Protect Beet Sugar.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 8 .- The Legislature convened here today in blennial se-ston. Gavernor Hoch will not be inaugu-rated for his second term until Monday. January 14.

Great interest centers around the selection of a successor to Alfred W. Benson, United States Senator, whose term ex-pites on March 4. Senator Jenson is a candidate for re-election, and there are

half a dozen other avowed candidates. s the Legislature is overwhelmingly Re-bilican, a member of that party will be exted. Governor Hoch recommended the pass-

age of a law forbidding the giving of free railway transportation to any es-cept actual railroad employes, and the appointment of a committee to hear

arguments for and against a proposi-

tion to reduce railroad fares in state.

"The maximum freight rate lay the anti-discrimination law have possible the establishment of 10 ind

Company, he said:

000 every year."

the bills passed by the last

lature directed against the Standard Of

ent oil refineries, all of which are in suc-

constul operation. Other similar insti-nutions are projected. These laws are saving the users of coal oil about \$200.

He favored a protective tariff to aid

ne beet sugar industry, a primary lection law, severe penalties for vio-ation of election laws, separate

schools for colored children and exten-

sion of woman suffrage. He declared

Warren Nominated for Senator.

CHEVENNE, Wyo., Jan. 8 .- On the

test ballot the Republican members of he Legislature, in caucus today, unani-nously voted to support United States

Senator Francis E. Warren for re-elec-

tion. This action insures a straight party tote for Warren, and as the Republicans

have a large majority in the Legislature

Says State Cinched Sister State.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 8 .- Samuel H.

Elrod, the retiring Governor, in his fare-

well measure today assalled the notes North Carolina bond deal by which Board Bakota collected \$25,500 from the South

ern state on paper which had been re-

Senator Nelson Renominated.

his election is certain.

it from all control; which endows it with sovereign authority and enables it to dery both the Legislature of the state and the City Council. It claims

to derive this power from an irrevocable charter granted by the Territ Legislature, together with a su quent charter obtained from the Legislature of the state and a third franhim belonging in the first place to the most Portland Gas Company. In his

address to the committee Mr. McGinn made the point that the charter under

which the company now acts was no granted to it directly, but to H. D Green and by him transferred. This transfer, being without the consent of

the Legislature, made the charter for-feitable, even if by its terms it ap-pears to be irrevocable. This conten-

tion Mr. McGinn ably supported both by theoretical argument and by cita-tions from court decisions which leave the question open to no possible doubt

The Legislature beyond all question has authority to declare this charter forfeited; or, in other words, to repea it, because of these irregular transfers

A company standing on ground so shaky presents a very poor figure when it contests the authority of the city or the state to repeal or regulate its socalled franchise.

But it is not our purpose here to in stat upon these legal technicalities. We do not deem them of prime importance primary schools in the islands with an uggregate attendance of 375,554 guple. In these schools 700 American and 6224 in discussing the relations between the Filipino teachers are employed. The

gas company, or any other corporation, teachers' institute, an outgrowth of our modern educational system, goes in hand with the work, all of the s contradiction in thought, an absurd- divisions having conducted them at

ity in logic, and utterly inadmissible various periods during the year in the inder any government which claims

from other laws as to the right of from four to six weeks, was divided amendment and repeal. The conten-between the common branches of the intermediate course and special topics about these corporate statutes which of instruction, such as echool garden-

sets them in a class by themselves and ing. domestic science, primary indusmaking body ul them is so The abound upon its face that the wonder work during the brief period that has

grows how it ever gained standing in clapsed since the power of Spain was court or elsewhere. Were the conten-tion granted, it would mean that the sovereign can contract with an indisupplanted by that of the United States in these far Islands of the Pa-cific is remarkable and indeed wonder-

vidual to relinquish to him forever a ful. While there are many private of his sovereignty. No write urisprudence or governmen schools, conducted in the main Catholics, with a history reaching be idmit this contention for an in- several decades, the great majority of

stant. In granting a franchise the state | the schools are of American origin and | away from some other less remunerdoes not abdicate its sovereign power. governed by American methods. Some It merely confers a privilege which is of the older institutions teach English, It merely confers a privilege which is subject to the law precisely like other though in practically all of them Spanprivileges. And the law making the ish is the basis of instruction. The form of due bills, store orders, checks grant may be amended or repealed pre-chely like other laws. Even a grant of an irrepealable franchise may be

repealed; since no Legislature may forever bind its successors. only limit upon the

must be avoided. In all such cases the than it made during the many decades much in evidence, periodically appear capitalized value must be ascertained of Spanish rule, the process of bringing and increase in intensity, until the cli-

and liquidated. The gas company stands precisely upon the same ground as all other citizens of the state and insisted upon as precedent to American probable severity of one of these crises

city in its relations to the law. It enno exemption from the law which t common to all other corporations

study of cause are able accuractly to venture in high finance made by the tore for us a pause and use has of the setback, to our present prosperity run years in Portland for a public corpora-

riot, is indicated by many infallible tion, or franchise-jobbers, or buyers is, not the least of which is the in ding unrest in the inbor world. I sollens of public privileges, to the plain truth and ignore no all parts of the country there are ous facts. But it is so no longer. The strikes or rumors of strikes, and some public has been educated by dear exof them, notably that which is rumored rience to know its rights and rt them. No one outside the great extent and fraught with enorcircle knew years ago of the immense nious possibilities for industrial disas-

profits made secretly by manipulators or. It is a commonly expressed belief that the scarcity of money is the preice corporations are to be held to acdominating factor in precipitating countability. High finance will be

financial and industrial disaster; but the scarcity of labor and even of raw material and transportation facilities is more difficult and dangerous. Fra between two days. The era of regulaof equal importance in bringing about tion and control has begun.

EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

different provinces. These are reall schools for teachers, and the instru-

these periods of stagnation. Labor is capital which is required in the carry-ing on of any and all of the big in-The sixth annual report of the direcdustrial enterprises of the country. It or of education in the Philippines is is of even more importance than money to the manufacturing and other indus-trial interests of the country, for, while satisfactory document to th effort to Americanize our island peoples the gold-standard act of 1900 makes available for American financiers vast sums of foreign capital, there is no such elasticity to the supply of labor. during the interval covered by United covers the year ending June 1906. It shows that there are now 3166 Strikes are impossible during times

of depression. It is only when there is more work than laborers that they can be made successful. The big railroad systems which are now extending their mileage have at their command plenty of money, but they are unable to se-cure the necessary amount of labor to

carry out their plans. As a result, towns, cities and counties are ham pered by the failure of the railroad to increase their trackage facilities their trackage facilitie corporate privilegee differ in no respect tion given during a period varying and many industries, seemingly far remote from the actual cause of the trouble, are crippled as a result of the scarcity of labor and raw material.

The farmers in the Middle West lost heavily last Summer through their in-

priving them of men whom they had been accustomed to employing at fair wages, but who last season tically unobtainable. The camps have been forced to pay higher

wages in order to keep the farmers or railroad builders from taking men away, and the railroad bui wherever possible, have taken the men

ative work, which, of course, must eaf-fer by the loss of labor. Money is vastly more elastic. One dollar in the

While education, as touching the ural passing round pay ten dollars' masses, has made more progress in worth of bills, but one man cannot do the archipelago during the less than the work of ten. one decade of American occupancy These disturbing conditions, now so

hese people up to the standard of in-elligence and efficiency that should be. It is impossible, however, to gauge the

citizenship will be a tedious one. An by its predecessors, or to expect that important and indeed necessary ad-junct to this progress is the native in the prosperity of the entire country. Faults of the Portland Gas Company have been officially proved. Now for the remedy.

Mr. H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, will talk before the Horticultural Society today of "Apples for the Common People." The subject is one of general interest. It is hoped that the speaker And in case of the local division of the loc will make it plain that the apples for Too Slow to Adopt New Devices. the common people are good, sound, clean, toothsome apples, which can be Washington (D. C.) Star. The roads are being developed rapidly

produced and sold at a price which the common people can afford to pay and still leave the producer the fair margin of profit on his investment and labor to which he is entitled. The demand of the common people is for good, clean The average inventor has a hard time (not fancy) apples at a fair price.

The Western Pacific has secured termanagement was as cautious about minals at San Francisco in spite of

the opposition of Mr. Harriman. The Union Pacific has secured terminals at Seattle in spite of the opposition of Mr with schemes to save lives, the death would doubtless be much smaller. I Hill, and the Northern Pacific is coming into Portland without the aid or consent of Mr. Harriman. Results are what count in this world, so everybody in search of a railroad terminal, hav-

ing/secured what they were after, be happy

Washington, D. C., and the United States Senate in particular, paid Sena-Gearin notable honor on the occo joins in felicitations to Oregon's newest

representative. Mr. Gearin had a mea-sage for the Nation. Few men could have conveyed it more impressively. the second secon

When the Interstate Commerce Commission gets through with Hill and Harriman, their constituency at this end of the line will doubtless learn officially what has been known private-ty, or suspected, these several years. ly, or suspected, the

Here is a question that every consumer is able to answer for himself: the reduced rate of \$1 a thousand, your gas bills higher or lower than they were one year ago?

-Our four-inch excess in rainfall size cess in snow on the mountain tops-

an important factor in figuring on next June's flo

And yet the finding of the Council committee contained nothing that all Portland, including President Adams and Counsellor Teal, doesn't know.

Never did eye behold a more splendid view than Portland's eastern horizon yesterday, with Mount Hood as its crowning magnificence.

Among other unpopular concerns, the Portland Gas Company has res fear the initiative next June.

One year ago the Portland Gas Company demanded an investigation They've got it.

are to make application by affidavit, setthan this admission that the B. & O.'s ing forth the facts justifying the leave to the register and receiver of the land made of their districts, and settlers grant-. That it is of the most kind is shown by the dispute as to whether the telegraph operator set a red

or white signal, or any signal whi ever. Automatic block systems do admit such controversies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- Secretary along certain lines, in the increase of Wilson has issued a statement advising all food manufacturers and de ers to study carefully the provisio of the purs food law, and then to pl power, in the construction of cars, in he perfection of road-beds. In the traightening of tracks. But in the doption of new devices they are slow, their business as early as possible in

harmony therewith. The department, getting a hearing. "Go and perfect your machine," he is often told, "and ther we may talk business." If the railroad added the Secretary, would make ciflous as rapidly as possible and each decision sufficient publicity

crowding schedules and working the Pay Chinooks for the Land.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. Senator Fulton has offered an amendment to the Indian

Evans' Fleet at Guantanamo.

thoroughly characteristic of the tendency appropriation bill proposing to pay the on many lines toward rushing the rolling stock to squeeze the last dollar of divi-dends out of the gross carnings. wer band of Chinook Indians of Oregon nd Washington \$55,570 for lands taken com them by the Government: also on amendment to the sundry civil bill appro-

Lack of Audible Appliances.

New York American, Red lights are not the most modern no the most efficient means of keeping train

out of blocks where they do not belong. he engineer says he did not see the light scause of a dense for. That may or ma at he a sufficient excuse for him, but i

It in any sense an excuse for his employers? Ways and methods have long known for preventing trains from without depending upon lights that may

be invisible or sounds that may be inindible. But these things seem egarded as too contly by those old, as some railroad managers been accused of doing, that it is cheaper to kill and pay damages than to make fe safe and pay for improveme When will the railroad president c whose motto shall be not, "I must my stock on a 20 per cent basis," but "I nust make every train on my lines vir-ually as safe as the earth in its orbit?"

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-The Presi-ent today sent to the Senate the fol-owing nominations: Colonel to be Brigadler-General-Ed-

win S. Godfrey, Ninth Infantry, frank H. Stibbens, California

Idaho-W. D. Harwick, Nez Perces. Oregon-F. E. Roberts, Springfield; Proctor, Elgin: T. L. Ambler, Jount Angell Washington-T. Bollman, Cashmere;

T. Hall, Medical Lake; R. R. Harding, Port Angeles.

Honor Jackson's Victory.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8 .- Business ouses generally, including the Cotton Exchange, were closed today in honor of the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, which is a legal holiday.

Allison Recovers From Illness. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- Senator Allison, chairman of the appropriations committee, who has been fill at his home in lows, was in the Senate today for the first time during the session.

pudlated. He says South Dakota has no moval right to the money, and urgos the Legislature to pass a bill returning it. ed such leave shall forfeit no rights by reason of the absence allowed; provided, that the absence shall not be deducted from the full time of residence required ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. S. The Re-publican members of the Minnesota by the law. legislative caucus this evening nom-

inited United States Senator Knuts Netson to succeed himself. This is equivalent to election on January 22, Get in Line With Pure-Food Law. as the Republicans are in an overwhelming majority.

Oklahoma Wants Two-Cent Fares,

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 8.-The com-mittee on railroads and public service corporations reported to the constitu-tional convertion today, recommending a two-cent fare on the railways,

Says Russia Counterfeits Bonds

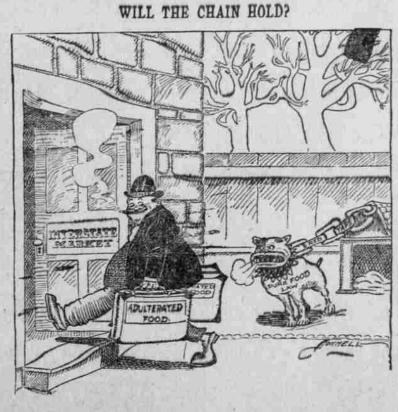
CHICAGO, Jan. 8 .-- Gregory Gershuny, known as "The Son of Russian Revolution." who escaped from the mines of Siberia in a cabbage barrel last Octo-ber, arrived in Chicago yesterday to deliver here his message from the socialist

priating \$5000 for a telephone line con-necting the Umpus life-saving station with the mouth of the Singlaw River. Starting statement made by bim is that within a short time bis associates will probably publish throughout the world probably publish the Dission povertiged revolutionary party of Russia. The most

revelations that the Russian government

is counterfeiting bonds issued to the ex-tent of hundreds of millions of deltars. "There is a secret in the Department WASHINGTON, Jan, 5.-Rear-Adhast night with the Atlantic fleet of of the Treasury," he declared through in

eight battleships and five torpedo-boat terpreters, "where exact reproductions of destroyers, about to begin their an-



-From the Chicago Chronicle.

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