

the placer mining laws. BILL FOR COAL LAND LEASING

House Committee Agrees on Pro-

are educational, and that the temperance work is to be made an important branch

to Prevent Sale

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 6.—The House committee on public lands expects on Friday to report a bill providing for leasing all Government coal lands. At its meeting today several features of the bill were agreed to, one permitting four persons to form an association and take collectively 2500 acres of coal land. Another guards against persons acquiring coal lands un-der homestead or other laws by prohibiting the patenting of coal depends on such lands within 25 years after the original entry is patented. Thus, if a person should fraudulently homestead which he knew contained coal, he could not develop that coal for Z years. In the Senate public lands committee

today Senator Newlands presented a bill three years' residence on a before the entryman can comnute, but this was voted down. At pres ent 14 months' residence is all that is re-quired. The President favors Mr. Newlands' idea.

California Holds Her Grip.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash. ington. Feb. 6.-The California Senators -The California Senators the House permitting appeals from Alas. ka to be heard in Scattle or Portland, At present all appeals are heard in San Francisco and it is to continue this prac-California Senators have defeated the bill.

SAME STORY AT VENTURA

Merchants Want Water Competition

Rates Without Water.

VENTURA, Cal., Feb. 6 .- The Inter-Commerce hearing, which began yesterday at Santa Barbara, to listen to protests of citizens of Santa Barbara and Ventura against the alleged discrimination in freight rates by the Southern Pacific Railroad, commenced at 10 o'clock this morning at the City Hall in Ventura.

The contentions of the complainants here were similar to those at Santa Barbara. It is alleged that the railroad ompanies are violating sections 2 , of the interstate commerce act alleged discrimination against Ventura In granting terminal freight rates to Los Angeles, San Diego and other points and withholding the same concession from this city. Ventura mer-chants are charged local freight rates Ventura mer from Los Angeles and elsewhere in addition to the regular terminal rates to these points, thus rendering a jobbing ausiness from this city impossible, compelling merchants to charge higher prices for their commodities and incidentally working a hardship on the onsumer

The contention of the railroad comwas that local conditions were in DERY way similar to conditions existing In other cities named in the complaint as enjoying terminal freight rates. The railrond alleged that there was practi-cally no competition whatever by water and that it was on this competition by sea that the railroad company granted the terminal preference at other points. It was shown by witnesses that the wholesalers and jobbers of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego were able, by reason of their advantage in rates, to enter Ventura territory and ompete with local wholesalers and obbers and in the instances of many

for missions. There will be a delegation at Washington to attend all the consheds stables hand barracks, etc. to gresses, besides a specialty will be made of educating the young in temperance. Mr. Shaffer said he could not say at this time just what plans of organization had been adopted, but probably would know shortly. He expressed confidence that it would supersede the Anti-Saloon League

was chairman of the United Brethren Church delegation to that convention, but could not attend. He says that its plans

all the churches connected with it.

lections will be taken the same as

\$6000 ADDED TO THE FUND

Anonymous Gift of \$5000 for Y. W. Y. M. C. A. Building Project.

************************* Senate Discusses Indian Land.

Enlarge Vancouver Garrison.

Warren act increasing the artillery, Van-

couver Barracks gets an increase of one company of field artillery, Colonel, staff

Aerial Experiments by Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-Quietly, but

with a determination to satisfy himself thoroughly on the subject. General Allen, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, has

been making preparations for extensive

aeroplanes, with a view to settling upon systems of aerial navigation for use in operations in the Army, either in time of

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. - Under the

TOTAL NOW \$237.785.80. WASHINGTON Feb 6-The Indian appropriation bill was again the Subscribed Fall canvass \$230,733.80 topic of discussion by the Senate today February 5 982.00 February 6 6,070.00 but little progress was made. The day was spent in a discussion of the proposi Total\$237,785.80 tion to repeal the restrictions on alienation of surplus land in the Indian Territory. No conclusion was reached on

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peace or war.

this matter when the Senate adjourned. The canvass of the solicitors for the Y. W.-Y. M. C. A. building fund yester-day resulted in the pledging of over FACTS ABOUT GEOGRAPHY \$6000, one of the contributions being for \$5000. This was donated to the fund by a man who requested that his (Continued From First Page) name be withheld, and was reported as

Arkansas, and just above Memphis, Tennessee, was caused by the sinking of the Sultana, a Union transport which coming from a friend. About 35 members of the Citizens' ommittee were present at the noon unch, at which time one new commitexploded in midstream while carrying troops home from the Civil War. Al islands formed in midstream are Govern tee of five members was formed. Two of the subcommittees which went out yesterday pressed automobiles into service. The contributions reported ment property until some squatter takes possession. Should the island build toward the mainland and connect, it is otly claimed by the farmer owning

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In Lake County, Indiana, there is a BOSTON, Feb. 6 .- One man was killed strip of land that has caused much worr at least 13 were injured in a fire destroyed the block occupied by Bros department store and several and at that enements in Tremont street, in the Roxberry district, today, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The dead man is Jacob Gold, who was overcome by smoke. Two of the injured were taken to the Cliy Hospital in a critical condition. They were Mrs. Kate Glass and her baby, only two days old. The fire department was hampered in reaching the scene by the snow drifts that blocked the streets. Many thrilling rescues were made by the police, firemen and members of the Shawmut Athletic Club, which was holding a meeting in the block at the time the fire started. The fire started in the department store on the first floor. On the Tremont-street side of the building the tenements were occupied by 20 families.

Gold was overcome while attempting to make his way down the stairs. Party walls and the determined work of the firemen saved the adjoining structures, which were used as tenements, but the occupants were driven out and many beers and in the instances of many suffered severely from the cold. Four mmodifies to undersell them, it was indermen sustained minor hurts.

of one barracks, quarters for a colonel, three captains and eight lieutenants, gun STANDS BY GAS COMPANY odate the additional force at Van-

range

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Bennett Offers Resolution.

Several other matters of business had

intervened when Bennett Introduced

Resolved, That the City Attorney be in-structed to prepare a bill for introduction in the Legislature of the State of Oregon at

the present session, to revoke all franchises heretofore granted by the Legislature of

this state for the manufacture and distri-bution of gas within the City of Portland now held by the Portland Gas Company.

Resolved, That a committee of six mem-bers of the City Council be appointed to en-deavor to secure the passage of sai dbill.

way clear to adopt our report, the con

mittee wishes to present this resolution."

said Mr. Bennett. "It hardly seems prob-

able that any member of the Council

would cast a vote directly against a pro-

posal to revoke a perpetual franchise in

order that a corporation can be brought

under the control of the city. Those

who vote against this, vote for perpetual

"I move to refer the resolution to the

franchises without control."

"Since the Council could not see its

will be located on the gun deck, forming two broadside batteries of seven guns each; the corner guns will be equipped

for head and stern firing respectively. Smaller guns will be located in com-manding positions, so as to give a large,

s it pleases and as long as it pleases. the Council and the world that I would "If you want to take this to the Legisnot vote for this report." lature, do it as individuals and not as "We are willing to stand squarely on the Council," said Shepherd, taking anthe three charges sustained against the other tack. "It is not the province of gas company," asserted Bennett. "Every the Council to ask the state for legislasingle member of the Council knows

that they are true. Besides that our "In other words, let the Council shuffle charter provides that franchise grants its duty onto the people," responded Benissued he limited to 25 years. Let us nett.

revoke these franchises and let the gas "If you went to the Legislature, Shep you would not know whether to company come before us on the same herd. ground that any other public service go as the representative of the people or corporation would have to come." of the gas company,", was the assertion of Vaughn. "You say this is not the The vote was then taken upon the amendment to file, which carried nine province of the Council, and yet I want to six. Before the discussion Mayor to ask you if you did not a few minutes Lane had left the room and called Presago ask me to vote for the Council to ident Shepherd to the chair. Before recommend certain legislation to Con-Bennett's resolution was put, however, cress?

the Mayor had returned to the chair, "In that case I knew what I was talk and if a tie had resulted upon that ing about." replied Shepherd, compelle issue he would have had to cast the to admit his contradictory position

"If I Were King" Fine Attraction. "So you favor this franchise, do you? There is no bond required, and yet you Were Were King," which is drawing crowded houses this week, is one of the finest ever given west of New York, and is calling forth the commendation of all classes of the-ter-goers. The cast is perfect, the scenery, costuming and settings superb. have been shouting for bonds in franchises. There is no time limitation, yet that is what you have been asking for."

ended to allow the Gas Company to do

Motion Is Lost.

Shepherd made no reply and the mo "Nettle the Newgirl," Popular. tion was put to a vote. It lost, 5 to 7. "Nettle the Newsgirl," which is playing t the Empire Theater this week, continues be one of the most copular melodramas Annand voting with the negative. The to be one of the most copular melodramas or presented in this city. The many bright specialties are attractive and the plot of the story is thrilling enough to hold the attention. Saturday matinee. vote to adopt the resolution was: Affirmative, Bennett, Kellaher, Menefee, Rushlight, Vaughn and Wills; negative, Anhand, Belding, Dunning, Gray, Preston, Shepherd and Wallace.

The six Councilmen who have gone on Matinee at Star Today. Do not forget that there is a mailnee of "Out of the Pold" at the Star Theater this afternoon. It is considered the greatest pas-toral play seen here since "Way Down East." It was presented for the first time in New York last season and Manager Allen obtained the rights of the drama for his stock company a few weeks ago. record as favoring the repeal of the gas ompany's franchises may personally prepare and introduce a bill to that effect before the Legislature. Yesterday they expressed themselves in favor of this but reached no definite decision. "We favor this action." declared Mr.

only \$19.50

All Odd Blankets at a Surprising Reduction in Price While the Odds and Ends Sale Is On

Rushlight, "but realize that we would be handicapped by the result of today's meeting. The corporations would muster their forces against us and point to the fact that we were defeated here. Other corporate interests would unite with the gas company to thwart the bill."

he had been teased by fellow-workmen Gabriel Ferrara, an Italian, suddenly Italian, suddenly turned on a score of them who Wer tanding in line near a New York Central paycar at the Grand Central Station today, and shot four men. One of them nman named Jones, was instantly

shot in the left shoulder; Rufus Ayres, shot through the kidneys, died in the ambulance; Edward Tompkins, bullet not located.

Below Zero for Whole Week.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 6 .- Thirty below zero weather still prevails in this city today, making a full week in which the range has been from 15 to

nany theater-goers will hall the are now selling at the box office theater.

McIntyre and Heath Sale Tomorrow.

will find a wealth of savings here, but

to get the cream you must come to

see for yourself, for the best lots of

all are those that are so small that we

cannot advertise them.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock the advance seat sale will open for Klaw & Erlanger's hig production of Me-Iniyre and Heath in the musical-comedy vanderille show "The Ham Tree." This stupendous company of S0 people will be the attraction at the Hellig next Monday, Tues-day and Wednesday nights, February 11, 12 and 13, with a matines Wednesday. You'll surely regret it if you miss seeing isabel irving and her all-star cast at the Heilig Theater. Tonight will be your has opportunity as it is the last performance of the engagement. Miss Irving is present-ing Jerome K. Jerome's delightful threefact comedy, "Eukan in Search of a Husband." It has been the attraction at the above the-ster the past two nights and has caused "town talk" regarding the elever manner it has been given Again, take a tip and see one of the real hits of the season. Seats selling at the theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets.

"Human Hearts" at the Empire.

"Human Hearts" will come to the Em-pire Theater next week and will entertain the patrons of that playhouse thoroughly. It is a melodramatic production of such un-succiled merit that were the excelled merit that even the managers of rival attractions admit its virtues and drawing powers. The company is a splendid one

Frohman Success Next Week,

"Brother Officers," one of the Frohman New York successes, will be presented in Portland next week by the Baker Stock Company and promises to equal the Eastern production in every detail. It is one of these clean, fresh comelies abounding in bright lines and brilliant witticisms.

Next Week at the Lyric.

Beginning Monday matines and continu-ng all next week, with a matines daily, he incomparable stock company at the jorle Theater will present Hoyr's famous arec comedy "A Bunch of Keys." It's a big augh. Seats are now on sale for the week.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE HOUSES

Clever Playlet at the Grand.

"Christmas Eve" is the title given to the little playiet presented by Tony Williams and Ethel Rose at the Grand this week. This is one of the many attractive specialities is one of the many attractive specialties which make up the current entertainment. Roland Travers is billed as headliner with his illusions and they are as good as any seen here since the days of the original Herman

Successful Bill at Pantages.

Practically every sent at Pantages is oc-cupled at every performance this week, the word having good programme. Van Gofre, equilibrist and hand balancer, is the fem-ture. Bell and Dalton, the German senators, are a hit; Gaston and Harvey and all the others win crowds.

Bogus Army Officer in Jail.

In Delightful Comedy at Heilig.

The all-star cast revival of Goldsmith's old English comedy, "She Stoops to Con-quer" will be the attraction at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday nights, with a matinee Saturday. The re-vival is made by Charles Frohman in con-quention with Liebler & Co., and is respon-sible for bringing into combination the two sible for bringing into combination the two biggest producers of plays in this country.

bliggest producers of plays in this country. Heading the notable company are William H. Crans, an actor thoroughly well known through America, and Miss Ellis Jeffreys, an English star, who is one of the best-known actresses in England, and one who, during her two previous visits here, has built up a large following of admirers. It is so seldom that Goldsmith's comedy has been given of hat years, owing to the difficulty of adequately casting it with old achool actors, that no doubt exists that

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 .- Not to be outdone by the German cobbler, who, in 2 bor-rowed Army captain's uniform, captured a town, "and made the whole world laugh," William A. Kappen, 19 years old. is said to have used the garb of a lieu-tenant of the United States Army to obtain quarters at the Victoria Hotel and cash checks at Marshall, Field & Co. At the hotel he assumed the name of Lieu-tenant W. A. Blue. His quarters were changed soon to a cell at the Central Sta-tion, and he was booked under the plain name of Kappen, with four charges of

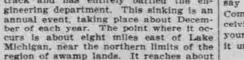
When you feel all tired out and broken up generally, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Almost nobody takes the money .- Schilling's Bes

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an entrance to the center of the earth, and laid out their trails so they widely skirted the vicinity of the mysterious sinking land.



15 miles north and south. The Indians who lived in that locality in the thirties had a legend that in the swamp there was

region of swamp lands. It reaches about

Shepherd. "We should have a chance to see that before we act."

"We are not asking you to indorse our An old, old veilum document, bearing the signatures of their Catholic Majesties Ferdinand and Isabella, and counterreport." flashed Bennett. "All we want to know is whether you furnish per petual franchises or not. The next meetsigned by the viceroy of Mexico and General Coronado, has been discovered re-cently. This document proves to his-torians that. St. Augustine was not the is self-evident that this motion is in-torians that is self-evident that this motion is in-



and expense to the management of three railroads which cross it. Where judiciary committee," interposed Gray, Where the Erie line traverses the strip there has re "Which is simply one way of killing cently appeared a crevice that refuse to be filled, although hundreds of thou it." added Bennett. "What is the use of beating the devil sands of tons of gravel have been around the bush?" indignantly shouted dumped into it. The depression con-tinues for 20 feet on either side of the track and has entirely baffied the en-Vaughn. "Why do you not come out and say you want to kill the resolution?

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Come out like men. You are not de

yourselves. You simply want to smoker

it until the Legislature adjourns, Shepherd Spars for Time. "I think we ought to have a chance

The wounded were Anthony Concotti to read the evidence in the case." said

CRANE-JEFFREYS TOMORROW Shoots Four of His Persecutors. NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- Enraged because Famous Artists With All-Star Cast,

interest and true feeling.

forgery against him,

The all-star cast revival of Goldsmith's

"Tennessee's Pardner" at Lyric.

That Western plays appeal to a Western

That Western plays appeal to a western indience is clearly demonstrated this week-it the Lyric, where the delightful comedy-frama "Tennessee's Pardner" is the bill. The play is filled with adventure, fun, heart

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

LAST TIME TONIGHT.

Isabel Irving, With All-Star Cast,

One of the Season's Hits.

The Baker Company's production of "If I fere King," which is drawing crowded

Washington streets.