THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1907.

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It may be hoped that State Senators

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The people will pay more attention

to the quality of legislation than they

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is perhaps not surprising.

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FORTLAND, TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1907.

MUZZLING THE PRESS.

Two or three obtuse State Senators at Olympia are engineering a legislative cheme to muzzie the press. They have introduced the bill, familiarly known as the Pennypacker law, and are urging it upon the Legislature with great vigor. They have also devised another interesting measure by which every newspaper within the State of Washington is to be prohibited from printing criminal news, including accounts of public executions, lynchings, divorce proceedings, reports of police court trials, and These designing legislators the like. fancy, perhaps, they are doing the public service in consorizing the press. But they are not. They are contributing to the socurity of every criminal his methods and operations; and they are making a secret machine of the law grave menace to the safety of individwould be a dead letter, for no news- latent wealth awaiting development monthly payments, and forty new paper would regard it, and no prosecusound sentiment and healthy opinion, ever come out of a similar area of ter-wants and gets, in the main, what is ritory in so short a time, and her fighbest for it to have. A newspaper that but a newspaper that informs the pub-lie best as to all current phases of hu-the vast mountains of baser metalsman life and experience may be sure of appreciative and generous public support, for it deserves such support. The Pannypacker law, enacted first fully developed, completely overshadow by a Pennsylvania Legislature at the of Governor Pennypacker. proposed sovere penalties for libel, besides providing specific maximum sums for actual damages and punitive damages. The immediate motive for enactment of the law was the venomous of Governor Pennypacker hostility towards the Pennsylvania press for lampooning and cartooning him. This was a species of less majeste that the labor in Alaska. The growth and de- gon will take pattern from the city by Governor resented and endeavored by law to prevent. He failed. No newslaw to prevent. He failed. No news-paper paid the slightest attention to on the Pacific Coast shares in the benethe law, and there has never been, so far as The Oregonan has heard, a successful prosecution of any kind under its provisions. Such a law would undoubtedly be innocuous in Washington.

nillions on a ship subsidy for the al- and eged purpose of increasing trade with delay. Not so, however, in this case, their feathered friends. The proposed a foreign country, while we shamefully Wholesale dealers in groceries and bill permits the indiscriminate slaugh neglect one of our own dependencies.

canned goods, and in package goods ter of owis-the most harmless and un-of all descriptions of food, flocked to obtrusive of birds, and withal one of grocers and many of the wholesale

dealers. A few of the latter, however, make tearful protest against rulnation have raised the cry that it will injure of their infant industry by free sugar the Oregon market in the great food manufacturing centers, if indeed it does The drastic effect of this competition not shut this market out from all can be understood by the official fig-ures, which show that of the total sources of supply; that it will put grocers and other purveyors of package sugar consumption of the United States and bottled goods to great inconven

last year only a scant tenth was beet sugar. As usual in a protest against to attend to the old-fashioned details emoval of duty, the rights of the conof accurately weighing, measuring and sumer are not considered, and in this marking their goods in accordance with ase the figures show that the consumthe provisions of the proposed law; they er's right to cheap sugar is in jeopardy Insist, furthermore, that because a we persist in giving preference to short pound or a scant measure is acthe home product. Consumption is outcepted in other states unquestioned stripping production so rapidly that, (over in Washington, for example), therefore the people of Oregon should while our production of sugar last accept this shortage and pay for what year was but 656,000,000 pounds greater than in 1896, the consumption last year they do not get uncomplainingly. This

vas 2,024.000,000 pounde greater than in is more than sophistry; it is downright 1896. In other words, our dependence dishonesty. There is no excuse in ethon other countries for sugar is steadily ice for short weight; there should be ione in law or through the law's cowardice. The idea that Oregon would be shut out of the manufacturing markets It must, of course, be pleasing to the truggling Filipino to observe that while our flag flies over his former pos-

of the East and Middle West by a law House, or that, failing in this, the Govessions, we are not inclined to aid him that requires full weight and measure n developing the resources of the land. in the goods produced is shallow. In We forced our civilization on him, and, the present era of eager reaching out despite his protests, are now showing after business, a market, wherever it

Philippines. We are asked to spend the legislative body without opposition overzealous lawmakers, urged on by

him that that civilization carries with exists, will be supplied. The demand it a demand for high tribute to the of this market under this law will be American sugar trust. The spectacle is the consumer's demand for goods humiliating for the people of our own country, who still believe in the old they are ready to pay the stipulated price. It is not conceivable that a mardoctrine of fair play and equal rights, and it is not likely to infuse in the ket asking supplies upon this simple hearts of the Filipinos any great basis of honesty will be shut out. The amount of reverence for the flag which House having at length passed the floats over their rich but undeveloped Burns bill, it may be hoped that it will not be lost in the Senate in the frantic shuffle of bills during the closing

> daye. THE NEW ASTORIA SPIRIT.

The modern commercial organization opposition in the National Senate. This opposition, of course, is due to an ima great power for development proper understanding of the merits of which all enterprising cities, large and small, recognize, and few sections the project, and, reasoning from prece-

The of the country are doing more effective work than many communities in our own State of Oregon. It is especially mecial value of the Seattle exposition will lie in its exploitation of one of the tost marvelous regions in the jurisdic gratifying to note that Astoria, oldest ion of the United States. Alaska has mong Oregon citics, has determined never been understood or appreciated that the entire reading world shall be in the East It was only in the face of bitter opposition and by a long, hard advised of her fine resources, that the people shall be made familiar with her fight that Alaska became an American location at the mouth of the great Columbla, and be advised of what must possession. Then, as now, the ultraonservative element, which is a firm necessarily result to the benefit of that believer in the adage that the jurisdiccity when her tributary timber shall come under the saw and be made availion of the Almighty never extende able to commerce. Her opportunities vest of the Missouri, was governed from a dairying standpoint are to be nore by ignorance and prejudice than by the merits of the question. But enexploited, as well as her advantageous

erprise won and Alaska was purchased location as a port. for a sum much smaller than the value In the past the Astorian has been of about three months' output of her thoroughly satisfied with local conditions, for it is a city in which there are no paupers and everybody has money The men who opposed the purchase of Alaska have nearly all passed on to A number of commercial, industria their final account, but those who sucand progressive organizations were all ceeded them have in many cases failed working to the same end. It was cided last week, however, to combine to profit by the mistakes of their prethem all in the Chamber of Commerce decessors, and will now be found anand a meeting was called for that purtagonizing the project for bringing before the world a better knowledge of pose. The theater in which these peothe resources of a neglected and unde- ple gathered was crowded to its caor would-be criminal in the state by veloped region of indescribable rich-suppressing public information as to ness. The Seattle-Yukon Exposition is the advantageous position of Astoria; her resources were dwelt upon; then a subscription list which would put th cess it should be, it will directly benefit and of the courts which would be a every locality on the Pacific Coast and promotion department of her Chamber indirectly every part of the United of Commerce on a substantial basis uals and the welfare of the public. Of states. There are few, if any, regions was opened, and within less than an course, if such a law were passed, it on earth today where there is so much hour \$6090 in cash was subscribed in

added to the Cha

as much sugar as we received from the seem, take its regular course through the bird-lover seeks to protect from ASQUITH STANDS BY IRELAND GROWTH OF AUTO INDUSTRY JAPAN IS CALMLY RESIGNED

Defend's British Cabinet's Design to

Give Greater Liberty.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Irish question played a prominent part in the House of Commons tonight, the opposition lead-ers accusing the Ministers of brenking the election pledges by the endeavor to give Ireland an installment of home rule. The opposition further tried to bring out the supposed divergence of views among the Ministers on the home rule question, the idea being that Chief Secretary for Ireland Birrell, in confessing himself a the root crops and of the granary. Any farmer knows what pests moles nome ruler, must be antagonistic to that often prove and how difficult it is to section of the Cabinet represented by Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith. Mr. Asquith replied, declaring nobody inside or outside the House was yet in destroy the burrowing creatures. Owls find the task a congenial one, and one sulted to their own nocturnal habits, ossession of the details of the govern-ment's Irish plans and contended that there was nothing novel in the declara-tions made by the Premier and Mr. Elr-rell and that ultimate solution of the Itish problem could be found only in some form of home rule. "Who then," asked Mr. Asquith, "are those sulfity of rullitical particle." The plea of Mr. Finley that House bill 367 be not passed by the Senate is based upon these facts and others succinctly set forth. Ignorantly or bung-

lingly framed by some one who knows nothing of bird life beyond the most those guilty of political periody? Am I one of them? If, when the governments scheme is produced, it is found to be anything in the letter or spirit inconcasual observation, it discriminates against and allows the farmer, orchardlet or gardener to shoot the "apple bird"-a new genus in ornithology, as sistent with or in violation of any pledge or assurance I have given, either before or during the election, I will immedistated by Mr. Finley, and which may mean a robin, a cedar waxwing, a chickadee, a tangier or any bird that ately resign.

"But the whole Liberal party voted with Mr. Redmond in the late House in avor of a resolution which condemned the political system of administration in Ireland, and I am not going to recede

stroy songbirds and other feathered one whit from that position. Finally the amendment moved by Earl Percy, who raised the discussion concern-ing the House of Lords by expressing

regret that urgent social measures should be postponed in favor of making changes in the constitution, was rejected by a majority of 263.

FRENCH CRISIS STAVED OFF

Clemenceau and Briand Agree and Cabinet 1s Again United.

paratively few matters upon which there was a domand for legislative action, and if the Legislature responds to PARIS, Feb. 18 .- As the result of a the wishes of the people upon these, no one will care if a multitude of other Premier Clemenceau, M. Briand and other measures fail to pass. This will be a members of the Cabinet, a semi-official note was issued announcing that a com-plete agreement had been reached and that M. Clemenceau would be able to rebusy week in the Legislature. Apparently some measures must fail because of the congestion of business on the port to President Fallieries that the Ministers would present a united front in desks. If some measures must fail for lack of time to consider them, let it be those in which the people have no par-Parliament tomorrow.

President Failleres personally inter-vened today in the Ministerial situation in the hope of composing the differences of the Cabinet. He had a long conference with Premier Clem Minister and other members of

Tillamook County has made its annual Cabinet. The followers of ex-Premier Combeare lined up against any new concession to the church.

Their position is defined by the action as follows. "According to the action of parliament, in giving or refusing its as-sent to the contract negotiated by M. Briand, the Republic will be bound to Rome for 18 years, or free from it for

The bitter hostility to the government's proposed income tax law continues to be an important feature of the Ministeria crisis. The Moderate papers believe that some of the Socialist leaders are glad of the possibility of another struggle with the Vatican, because frightened at their wn social programmes. Notwithstanding the assurances that the

Ministerial differences have been patched up, tomorrow's session of the Chambe of Deputies is likely to be stormy and

bring forth sensational develop-

New Form of Church Lease.

PARIS, Feb. 18 .- The Echo de Paris celares this morning that the new of church lease drawn up by Minister of Education Briand and agreed to by the cabinet is practically the same as the model published February 7, with an additional clause, as follows: "In the event of the parish priest re-

"I tell you, Texas won't stand for it." He then said something about an assault fusing to exercise his functions, owing to death or his removal by the diocesan authorities, his successor, in order to seowing upon his wife and added "If some soldiers are not put under arrest by 10 o'clock tonight we will kill every negro soldier in Fort Brown."

Production and Exports Multiply Senate's Action Announced With

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The re markable growth in the automobile in dustry is strikingly indicated in

statement issued today by the Censu

Bureau upon the manufacture of au tomobiles, bloycles and tricycles for

oline, 1568 by steam and 1425 by elec-

In the period between the two cen

suses the number of establishments

vested in these establishments from \$5,678,760 to \$20,555,247, and the num-

ber of wage-carners employed from 2200 to 210,239.

mobiles and parts exported increased from \$948,528 in 1902 to \$2,481,243 in 1905. The greater part of these ex-ports went to European markets. The

exports to foreign countries of North America increased from \$77,801 in 1902 to \$682,609 in 1905, nearly nine-fold. The high line of prosperity in the bi-

cycle was reached about 1897 and in 1990 the manufacture had already largely failen off.

CUT DOWN RAILWAY MAIL PAY

House Adopts Reduced Graduated

Scale of Rates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-The House today adopted a resolution presented by

On routes carrying their whole length an

average weight of mail per day of more than 50,000 pounds and less than 48,000 pounds, the rates shall be 5 per cent less

After July 1, 1907, additional pay allowed

num for cars 55 feet or more in length.

HOT WORDS PRECEDED SHOTS

Brownsville People Made Threats on

Night of Shooting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- The first

shots fired in the Brownsville affray of

August 13 were fired from the rear of the post commissary and not from the town, according to the testimony of Will-

am C. Nolan before the Senate investiga-

heard the first of the trouble, he said. This was followed by shots from the di-rection of a negro saloon near the town.

William Harding, a negro ex-private, aid that on the night of August 13, while

He said he stepped back to let them pass

and they stopped and began to talk. The strange man, according to Harding, said:

on committee today.

The value of American-made auto-

tricity

Two-Fold in Seven Years. Mollifying Phrases.

TOKIO, Feb. 19 .- The passage of President Roosevelt's passport bill by the Senate of the United States was semi-officially announced this morning. The leading newspapers today explained that this 1995. The total production of auto-mobiles in 1905 was 22,830, valued at \$25,645,064, as against 3723 in 1900, with a value of \$4,478,030. Of the 21,692 automobiles turned out by the factories 18,699 were propelled by gas-oline 1568 he steam and 1425 by cleeaction by the United States Government is perfectly legitimate and in accordance with treaty stipulations. It is also pointed out that the promise of success of the judicial procedure in the school question tessening.

The newspapers thus far have refrained front making comment on this latest news from Washington. It is believed that the emigration companies will combine to at-tack the Government's attitude, if an turning out the finished automobile as their principal product increased from 57 to 121; the amount of capital intack the toveriment's attitude. If an agreement is reached with America on the basis proposed. It is thought that the general public, while regretting the solution of the San Francisco school ques-tion taking this form, will calmiy resign itself to the situation

FLINT OPPOSES AGITATION.

But Fears Japan May Evade Passport Provision of Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Senator Flint of California had a conference with the President today about the Japanese question and legislation pending in Congress upon the subject. He expressed the pinion that the present agitation on he Pacific Coast was unfortunate, as he San Francisco School Board committee now here was doing the best it

could to settle the controversy and to get for the people what they want, The possibility of the Japanese governrule possibility of the Japanese govern-ment's issuing passports for the Japan-ese to come to the mainland, thus ren-dering nugatory the effect of the pro-posed legislation, was suggested to the President by the Senator. Such a course, the Senator said, would be regarded as a breach of mode faith and is becauted as a Overstreet of Indiana authorizing the clerk to insert a provision in the post-office appropriation bill looking to the reduction of compensation to railroads for carrying the mail, to take effect July 1, in accordance with the following breach of good faith and in his opini would be followed by legislation against the Japanese coming at all,

LET PEOPLE VOTE ON QUESTION

pounds, the rates shall be a por cent less than the present rates on all weight car-ried in excess of 5000 pounds; and on routes carrying their whole length an aver-age weight of mail per day of more than 48,000 pounds, the rate shall be 5 per cent California State Senator Proposes to

Block School Settlement.

48,000 pounds, the rate shall be 5 per cent, dens than the present rate on all weight carried in excess of 5000 pounds up to 48,000 pounds, and for each additional 2000 pounds in excess of 48,000 pounds at the rate of \$19,24; on all roads other than land, grant roads and upon all land grand roads the rate shall be \$17,10 for each 2000 pounds carried in excess of said 48,000 nounds. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 18.-In the State Senate today Senator Caminetti introduced an anti-Japanese bill, which not only embodies the provisions of Senator Keanets measure giving the school authorities the power to segregate children but goes further and declares that where separate schools have been or will be for every line comprising a daily trip each way of railway postoffice cars shall be at a rate not exceeding \$25 per mile per annum for cars 40 feet in length and \$27.50 per mile for 45-foot cars, and \$30.50 per mile for 50-foot cars, and \$40 per mile per anestablished hereafter they shall not be discontinued until the matter of such discontinuance has first been submitte to the vote of the qualified electors of any district or city.

Japanese Watch the Survey.

HONOLULU, Feb. 18 .- Five surveyors are at work under the direction of the United States Engineer officer, Captain Otwell, making surveys for the erection on Diamond Head of fortifications. Yesterday two Japanese dressed as laborers spent a considerable part of the day on the slopes of Diamond Head, watching the work of the surveyors through field glasses,

Test Case on Schools Postponed.

Nolan is a white soldier belonging to the hospital corps. He was in the hos-pital at the time of the shooting. He SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 .- The ap-plication of Kelklehl Aoki for a writ of mandate to compet the school au-thorities to admit him to the public schools was called in the Supremo Court this morning and postponed to walking between the post exchange and the hospital, he almost ran into Major Penrose, Major McComb and another man-March 4.

PUT HENEY ON THEIR TRAIL

Nevada People Will Expose Sins of **Bailroad** Lobbyists.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 18 --- Should the railroad bill now before the Legisla-ture be defeated, Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, will conduct an inventigation on the part of the people of Nevada against the rallroad lobbyists.

ount of milk delivered at the cream ery in 1906 was by far the largest ever eccived by it during a single year, thus roving the substantial growth of the industry and its increasing benefit to dairymen. The energy and enterprise shown by the promoters of this indusever. try are all the more conspicuous beause of the lack of railway transportation facilities to which the citizens of Tillamook County have long been entitled and of which they are still de-The earnings of the Standard Oll

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Company in 1906 were more than \$65,-000,000, and in the last nine years reached a total of more than \$400,-000,000. This probably accounts for the frequent use that John D., Junior makes of the text that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." The figures themselves prove that there has been universal "giving," and, if the Rockefeller application of the proverb is correct, there must be wholesale blessings resting wherever Standard Oil burns,

A combination of Democrate and Republicans is running things in the State Senare at Olympia, another is State Senare at Olympia, another is having everything its own way in the fice, must prove before the Mayor that House at Boise, and there are occa- he is acting with the authority of his sional signs of a more or less harmonious understanding between Demo crats and Republicans at Salem. The Democrats are beginning to learn that the way to get things done is to tie up with the party that does them

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UNFAIR TREATMENT FOR FILIPINOS.

The Bureau of Statistics has just Issued a bulletin on sugar production, consumption and importation, which presents some interesting figures on the sources of supply on which we are dependent. It will be remembered how the sugar trust and its faithful band of standpatters have fought against admission of Philippine sugar. To listen to the arguments which they set forth against removing the duty on sugar from our new island dependencies one could easily imagine that ruin irretrievable and awful would ensue as soon as the law became effective. The extent to which Philippine competition might affect us is shown by statistics. With a consumption in 1996 of 6,415,-359,120 pounds, the United States produced but 1,304,667,360 pounds. The remaining four-fifths came, as to volume in the order named, from Cuba, Ha-wall, Porto Rico, Java, Germany, South

America, West Indies, Belgium, Philippines, Austria-Hungary and Mexico. The awful menace of the Philippine sugar to the industry in this country is clearly shown in imports from that country of 26,283,829 pounds, or onetwo-hundred-and-forty-fifth of the total amount consumed in the United States. Cubs, lying close at hand and with her sugar industry fostered for centuries, supplied nearly one-third of the sugar we consumed last year; but Java, lying across the Pucific no nearer than pounds, or about twenty times as much as we received from the islands which

the Philippines, sold us 425,372,363 we forced to accept our govereignty. The subsidy-seekers are shricking be

cause we do not increase our trade with cinctly sets out its purpose in its title, grasshoppers, ante, iarvae and harmful South America, and yet that country and that purpose the simple proposition insects. Inst year supplied us with soven times of honest dealing, should, it would But it is not the songbirds alone that a padded cell. Why padded?

daptation s of man a embers to the ne tion under it could possibly be effect- in Alaska. The wonderful output of Commerce, with dues of \$12 per year, The average newspaper prints gold which has been pouring forth in making a total of \$6480. A live and what the public wants, and the public, a steadily increasing stream since 1898 energetic committee was appointed to being controlled in the long run by a has made more millionaires than have increase this sum, and when that committee closed its day's work hast Satur day \$8560 had been subscribed. Th eries are yearly adding millions to the business men and property-holders of violates continually sound tenets of wealth of the country. But Alaska's the city have determined to make this decency and propriety will not survive; greatest wealth-and it is wealth that sum \$10,000 annually. The Astoria Chamber of Commerce 1 has not as yet been drawn on-lies in affiliated with sixty-three other industrial and commercial bodies which comcopper, iron, zinc, lead and other minprise the Oregon Development League. erals, which, though smaler in value by weight, will in the aggregate, when The advertising of this league has re-

sulted in an enormous amount of corspondence asking about the resources There are also almost illimitable veins of coal, great deposite of oil and of Oregon, and to all these inquirers Astoria will send a beautiful descriptive pamphlet. The city now has a wonderful foreste of timber which adcorps of stenographers busy preparing mit of the greatest possible economies for the campaign. in converting the products of the mine The Oregonian takes great pleasure The prime object of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition is to bring to the attention of the world

every community in the State of Ore- the direct primary. the sea. This work means a greater Oregon.

fits arising. The Lewis and Clark Ex-A BILL THAT SHOULD NOT PASS. position brought into Oregon and Washington thousands of people who Those who are interested in bird lifea constantly growing throng-look with

ame among us with only the faintest apprehension toward the possible passideas of the possibilities of the couning by the state of House bill No. 367. Many of them remained, and in This measure, it is said, is calculated to destroy the usefulness of the presturn sent for others who are now pouring in and increasing not only their ent law, enacted by the Legislature in own prosperity, but that of the entire 1903, which is designated by W. L. Fin-Northwest. Similar results on an even ley, bird lover and president of the larger scale will follow the Seattle-Yu-Oregon Audubon Society, as "a model bird law." The amendment proposed The East was wrong in opposing the purchase of Alaska. It is again wrong or orchardist the right to kill songbirds

in failing to rally to the support of a if these are found taking any of his project that will do more than anything fruit. yet attempted to hasten the develop-It will readily be seen that this is a ent of that rich country. If such a thing were possible, it would be an excellent educational project to hold a The self-satisfied provincials of the Eastern last because he is in reality the farm-States, except in small numbers, will er's best friend, in that he lives and not take the trouble to come west to brings up a voracious brood each year attend these affairs. Fortunately, howthat feeds upon insects, bugs and creepever, it will require something more ing things which prey upon fruits, potent than lack of Eastern support to

prevent the Alaska-Yukon Exposition "occasionally take a bite of fruit" is lawyers. that they consume or spoll is infinitesimal compared with the whole, and he House bill No. 36, known as the is a churl indeed who would grudge "Burns bill," was taken from the cal-endar yesterday at Salem and passed bite of fruit" with which to wet his

through the House by a substantial ma- tuneful throat or vary his insect diet, jority. This bill is entitled "an act pre- while worse than a churl-a ruthless venting the manufacture and sale of and ungrateful creature indeed-is he misbranded or poisonous or deleterious who would take a bird's life for eatfoods within this state, and providing ing cherries or berries or taking a flyor the labeling and marking of all ing bite at a Summer apple, As toll for the relatively few cherries

articles or packages of food of any description, and providing for the true or berries taken, the bird, while ralsnet weight or net measure of the con- ing his voracious brood, takes an insect tents of every package or container to be branded upon the label, and to pro-utes throughout the day, and close obvide penalties for the violation of the servers like Mr. Finley note that a single robin or chipping eparrow destroys A measure that thus plainly and suc- in a season hundreds of cutworms

This latest disaster is like unto the boys' game of "enap-the-whip." Light cars attached to heavy engines, going at sixty miles an hour, are bound to leave the ralls on a sharp curve. It wouldn't be a bad plan to double-floor them, using old rails, solidly packed, for ballast. The cars would be heavy, but they would be safe to ride in.

The people expected more from this Legislature than it has from any other, for the reason that the members were nominated by the people and were under obligations to no bosses. If the

work of the session is less satisfactory in congratulating Astoria heartily and than that of its predecessors, the blame earnestly, and trusts that each and will be placed to a large extent upon

> The appropriations made by this Legislature will not be limited to the amounts mentioned in appropriation bills. Every bill raising the salary of a county officer is in effect an appropria-tion bill, for it increases the amount of revenue that must be raised and expended by the people.

Marion County gave up a Joint Sentor without a protest. But for the fact that Multnomah was denied representation to which its population enti-ties it, this would be a fine opportunity for the Capital Journal to go into hysto this law gives any farmer, gardener terics over the effort of Portland to rob the rest of the state.

The Washington sheepmen who object to the enactment of a law that will menace to bird life in Oregon that is keep their stock on their side of both cruel and wasteful-the first be- line must remember that we have sheep cause the bird is entitled to the beauty of our own that need grass. And Ore-and joy of his brief existence, and the gon sheep pay Oregon taxes.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of one or two New York papers to regard Mr. Delmas as a "coun try lawyer." He is, if the legal bunch vegetables and grains. That songbirds he is associated with are metropolitan

> Multnomah gets the worst of it, as usual. Pays nearly a third of the taxes, has no state institutions in ite borders, and is denied a proportionate share of representation in the Legislature.

Who says now that the climate of Oregon is changing? Not the ploneer, who finds the present delightful and asonable weather a duplicate of that

of many a February in the past. ____ Oregon appears to be about the only state in the Union where a train going at full speed can tip over without return of Captain Waring, Liberal, hurting anybody much.

The St. James Gazette thinks Sentor Tillman ought to be locked up in

bishop, and he must sign an understand-ing to carry out the engagements entered into by his predecessor."

All Ready for Castro's Death. .

MACUTO, Vanezuela, Feb. 17 (via Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 1δ .)—In spite of the daily bulletins is-sued by the government, announcing an improvement in President Castro's WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. - Senator Warren, chairman of the Senate con mittee on military affairs, today intro-duced a bill providing for the raising of a volunteer army of the United of a volunteer army of the United States during actual or threatoned war. The bill divides the military estabhealth, he has gradually weakened since he underwent the recent opera-tion, and his condition is now more lisament into three branches, the regserious than before. It is even affirmed that his physicians entertain no hope of his recovery. His temperature is reported to be 103, gangrene is said to ular army, the National Guard and th volunteer army. It provides that the volunteer army shall be maintained in time of war and when war is immi-nent, and that it may be raised by proclamation by the President after have set in and the end is alleged to be expected shortly. The gunboat Restaurador is lying at Congress shall have authorized such

La Guayra, and it is asserted that af-ter his death she will carry the body of Castro to Puerto Cabello, whence act In transmitting the draft of the bil to Chairman Warren, Secretary Taft wrote a letter saying that while he recognized there is little hope of conit will be taken to Valencia for interderation during the present Congress

Raid on Russian Revolutionists. next session.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18 -- The Social The same bill was introduced in the House by Chairman Hull, of the com-mittee on military affairs. Revolutionists have been holding meet-ings in the University building here under the cover of universal autonomy. The po-lice, however, are determined to put a end to these gatherings and yesterday arrested 71 Revolutionists and secured 1500 pounds weight of incendiary proclamations.

arrest of all persons distributing election matter in behalf of the Radical party, and today closed two printing establishments where Radical ballots were being

is current here that Prince Paul Dolgourokoff, leader of the Constitutional Democratic party, who was expelled by unanimous vote from the Imperial by unanimous vote from the Imperia Russian Yacht Club, because of his an ti-government teachings, has challenged every one of the members to a duel

May Let Indians Have Their Cash.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18-The Senate today passed a House but providing that the Secretary of the Interior may select any Indian who may be deemed capable of managing his own affairs. and place to the order of such Indian the amount of share of the tribal funds In the Treasury.

Rothschilds Reject Coffee Loan.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 18 .he refusal of the Rothschilds to float he coffee loan has caused a sensa-on here. The Journal de Commertion here. clo says the rebuke should convince the government that the coffee scheme s a dangerous adventure, which should be dropped.

Liberal Wins in Banffshire.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- The bye-elections of February 16. in Banffshire, for a successor to William A. Black, Advanced Liberal, who died from injuries sustained in a railroad wreck last December, resulted in the

Suffragists Re-Elect Miss Shaw.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18-Anna Howard Shaw was today elected president of th National Woman Suffragist Association.

BILL FOR VOLUNTEER ARMY Taft Proposes Authority to Raise Troops in War-Time.

hoped it would receive attention

Rejects New 16-Hour Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- By a vote

A fund to pay all his expenses has been raised by private partles, and he has consented to carry on the investigation.

HAS BOUGHT THE COTTON BELT

Harriman Adds Another Railroad to

His Big Merger.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 18 .- The News-Scinitar today says that practically authoritative information received here is to the effect that E. H. Harri-man has secured control of the St. Louis Southwestern Rallway, known as the Cotton Belt

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

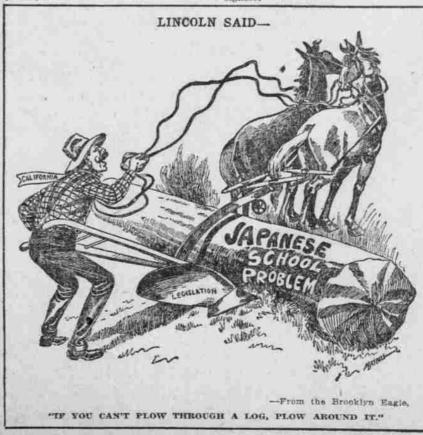
Thirty Foreigners Meet Sudden

Death in Mexico.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 16 .-- Word reached from Monterey, Mexico, of a disastrous mine explosion in LaConquista Mine No. 3, of the Las Esperanzas district, in which 30 miners are known to have lost their lives. The dead and injured, however, may be increased to 75 when full details are received.

of 119 to 69 the House today under suspension of the rules refused to According to measur reports, the explodon occurred at 7 o'clock tonight, shortly adopt the substitute recommended by the interstate and foreign commerce after the night shift had commenced committee for the so-called La Follette work. The explosion is thought to have 16-hour bill, to promote the safety of been caused by gas, which ignited from employes and travelers on railroads by limiting the hours of service of em-ployes. The amended bill was sent to a defective lamp carried by one of the miners. It is thought that no Americans were injured, as, with the exception of mine bosses, all the employes are foronference, a two-thirds vote being reeigners,

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The Prefect of Police has ordered the -printed. Challenges Whole Club to Duel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18 .- A story