

BALLINGER WILL QUIT LAND OFFICE

Gives Notice of Resignation to Take Effect on March 4.

ONE YEAR ENOUGH FOR HIM

Accepted Reluctantly and Anxious to Return to Seattle—President Said He Was Worth Four Times His Salary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Richard A. Ballinger, Commissioner of the General Land Office, has tendered his resignation of that office to President Roosevelt and it has been accepted, to take effect March 4. Fred Denner, Assistant Commissioner, has been appointed Commissioner.

INSPECT PORTLAND OFFICE

HIGH OFFICIALS OF WELLS-FARGO COMPANY IN CITY. Coast Manager Christeson and Division Superintendent Shelby Find Much to Praise Here.

"I began work for Wells-Fargo Express Company in 1875, in Portland, and for three years was route agent, then 22 years local agent, during ten of which I bore the title of assistant superintendent," said Eugene Shelby yesterday. Mr. Shelby is in Portland with Christeson, general manager of the Pacific department of the express company whose territory extends from Mexico to British Columbia.

mill today with the heavy steel boom and starboard guy broken, bobstay and rudder damaged, cargo shifted and vessel taking water. The ship left the Columbia last Friday and experienced terrific storms.

YEAR'S BUSINESS WAS GOOD

Lumber Agency Directors Hold Unusual Meeting in Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The annual directors' meeting of the Lumber Manufacturers Agency was held today in their room adjoining the Centralia office. Each mill composing the institution was represented, and after careful and thorough investigation of last year's business the directors expressed themselves as entirely satisfied and well pleased with the manner in which affairs were conducted during the year ending.

The following officers were elected: President, C. A. Doty, of the Doty Lumber & Shingle Company, Doty, Wash.; vice-president, T. F. Palms, of the Walworth & Neville Manufacturing Company, Walla Walla, Wash.; secretary, W. R. Dille, of the Hillwaite Lumber Company, Little Falls, Wash.; treasurer, C. S. Gilchrist, of the Salzer Valley Lumber Company, Centralia, Wash. George E. Birge, who has been manager of the agency since its inauguration, was re-elected to that position.

SCHUEBEL IN HIS PLACE

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considerations of any kind by which the appointment was influenced, and in assuming the office I will be in a position strictly to enforce the laws and fearlessly to represent the Government and its interests.

"I did not become an active candidate for the appointment until after I had been assured positively that Mr. Bristol was to be retired. Senator Bourne did not recommend me for the place in fulfillment of any anticipation promise. The truth is that Senator Bourne never made me any promise of any kind, and my trip to Washington last June was made only after numerous of my friends had urged me to become a candidate for the office. When I was in Washington at that time I learned that Mr. Bristol was to be retained as United States Attorney until the close of the present session of Congress, the purpose being to enable him to dispose of the pending land-fraud trials.

"Returning home, I paid no further attention to the matter until recently, when Mr. Bristol's nomination was recalled from the Senate. I then received a telegram from Senator Bourne and went to Washington and announced that I would be a candidate for the place. While in



R. A. Ballinger, of Seattle, who has resigned as Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Washington I did not meet United States Attorney-General Bonaparte, and I have never seen Mr. Henry. I did call on the President.

"My political record has been attacked and I am charged with having been either a Populist or a Socialist. In National politics I have always voted the Republican ticket. I have always been a firm believer in direct legislation, and several years ago I associated with a time with the Populists, believing that it would only be through the advocacy of such a reform by a third party that the result would be accomplished. But I have never affiliated with the Socialists."

United States Attorney Bristol, who will be replaced by Schuebel when the new appointee qualifies for the office, declined yesterday to make any statement for publication.

Mr. Schuebel is 41 years old. He was born at Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pa., in 1866. When 12 years of age he came to Oregon, and for nine years lived with his parents on a farm nine miles east of Oregon City. In 1887 he went to the State of Washington, where for 2 1/2 years he was employed in the logging camps in the Grays Harbor district. Returning to Oregon City in 1890, he accepted a position as millwright at the woolen mills in that city, where he was employed for 2 1/2 years. He then worked in the Willamette Paper & Paper Company's mills in which he was thus employed he began the study of law, taking a course of instruction from a correspondence school.



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SCHUEBEL IN THE SENATE

To a telegraphic question from The Oregonian, he wired back from Umatilla, on his route, to Washington: "I shall determine later what course to pursue."

This is the first open conflict between Fulton and Bourne. Though it has been obvious that the two Senators represented opposite poles on the circumference of Republican politics in Oregon, they have preserved serenity of countenance in gazing at each other and have avoided making flings. But Bourne's triumph with the President is a challenge to Fulton, and many of the latter's friends believe that he will be impelled to fight Schuebel's confirmation, in order to maintain his reputation for influence in that body.

BRISTOL'S ASSISTANT ALSO OUT

James Cole Tenders Resignation, to Take Effect at Once.

SCHUEBEL HAS A BUSY DAY

Friends Flood His Office to Offer Congratulations.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Christian Schuebel was a busy man this afternoon and shook the hands of scores of people who climbed the stairs of his office to offer their congratulations on his appointment to the office of United States District Attorney. Mr. Schuebel was modest, but was elated over his victory in the face of the opposition of Oregon's senior Senator and both Congressmen.

The announcement was received with very little surprise here, as for several days past the belief has been general that the influence of Senator Bourne with President Roosevelt would be sufficient to land the plum for his Clackamas

YUCATAN HAS BIG SCANDAL

ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY MISSING FROM BANK.

In All \$740,000 Said to Be Gone and 12 Prominent Citizens Have Been Placed Under Arrest.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 7.—Seven hundred and forty thousand dollars is missing from the Bank of Yucatan, according to reports received here today from Merida. Following the disappearance of this enormous amount, Fernando U. Rodriguez, sub-director, and Mateo Ponce, ex-cashier, of the bank, with ten other persons, have been arrested.

All of the money missing is said to have been new bank notes and was taken from a strong safe to which there were two keys. Later reports from Merida state that Lawyer Ponce and Eduardo Ponce, son-in-law and son respectively of the cashier, have also been placed under arrest, in all 12 prominent persons connected with the bank have been placed under arrest, all of whom are among the best-known and most prominent people of Merida.

CHIT-CHAT OF THE SPORTING WORLD.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

A COLORADO town has a woman sporting editor who writes all sports but prizefighting. Until the dame covers the Otto Floto she is still outside of the ring.

A scientist says that the natural heat of a man's blood is 98.4 degrees. We have met a few men in our time that would give a man with a temperature of 109 a congestive chill.

"Fair Play," play fair, sign your name to your next communication and Chit-chat will tell you what you want to know. Only cowards and old women in trousers are afraid to sign their names. If you are ashamed of your name, change it.

It has cost James B. Haggin \$500 to nominate 300 colts for the 1910 futurity. Some of the colts will be trained on Haggin's Rancho del Paso farm in California.

"What shall we do with the boys?" asks a fancy exchange. Make prizefighters or jockeys out of them. If they are not fitted for this occupation, put skirts on them and put them to work at a ribbon counter. The answer is easy.

TRIES TO CALL BACK MINERS' BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Carter of Montana offered a resolution in the Senate today calling upon the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill passed before the holidays suspending during 1907 the law requiring not less than \$100 worth of labor specially performed on mining claims in Colorado, California, Oregon, South Dakota and Idaho. The resolution was objected to by Teller and went over. Carter's action, it is understood, is based on the idea that the law will be retroactive.

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SHIP'S CARPENTER DROWNS

Port Patrick Reports Thrilling Encounter With Heavy Seas.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Daniel Carpenter, Ison of the British ship Port Patrick was drowned in a fierce storm encountered off the Oregon coast Saturday, and Seaman Boyle was washed through a porthole to almost certain death and then landed back on the vessel again by a return wave.

Mrs. Salaty, the wife of Captain Salaty, was forced to remain three days in water-soaked clothing before the ship in a disabled condition was picked up by the tug Sea Lion yesterday and towed into port.

SENATOR FULTON NOTIFIED

Will Determine Later Whether to Fight Schuebel's Notification.

Senator Fulton yesterday declined to say whether he will fight confirmation of