FISHWHEEL MEN ARE CONFIDENT

Expect Their Initiative Bill to Be Adopted Over That of Gillnetters.

MANY SIGN THE PETITIONS

Eastern Oregon Gives 7000 Signatures and Total Will Exceed 15,-000 - None Are Asked For in Clatsop County.

Salmen men of the Upper Columbia River appear clated by their success in circulating the initiative petition for enactment of their bill to regulate fish-eries and think that the lower river interests will be unable to prevail against them with the Astoria bill, which would abolish the upper-river fishwheels, without putting any limi-tations on other classes of fishing

F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, who is F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, who is boosting for the upper river bill, said yesterday that Eastern Oregon has given 7000 signatures to the petition for the measure and that the total number of signers will be more than 15,000. Only 7403 will be needed.

"There is no need working for more signers," said Mr. Seufert last night. We shall have more than the account.

signers, said Mr. Seutert last night. We shall have more than twice as many as we need. The bill has found wide favor in Eastern Oregon, and, in fact, all over the stata. It is a fair bill, embodying recommendations of the United States Bureau of Fisheries and of the joint commiliee of the Oregon and Washington Legislatures, which last Winter urged en-actment of the closed Sunday and of longer closed season in April and Au-

"Our bill also embodies the recommen-dation of Senator Fulton and Fish War-den Van Dusen, by prohibiting fishing on the bar, a practice which causes loss of many fishermen in watery graves and im-pedes ingress of saimon to the river. The bill further embodies the known demand of pilots, ship masters and United States Engineers, that the navigation channels of the river be kept free of nets, so that propellers of vessels shall not be fouled. Our measure is fair in every respect, and gear for the benefit of others, but

regulates all.
"I don't think we have canvassed Clausop County for signers, though I know we could get many there. That is the home of the gillnetters, who are trying to abolish upper river fisheries, and our invasion of that territory and our invasion of that territory would cause antagonisms, which we deem unnecessary to incur. We can get far more signers than we need outside Clatson County. I understand the Astoria men have been as considerate as we, by staying out of Wasco County with their petitions.

"Our bill is sure to pass, because it in the county with the petitions."

was held by the United States Engineers, in the Customs House, to hear evidence on the alleged obstruction to navigation in the lower river, caused by gillnets and traps. Colonel Leach, sent here by the War Department to make the investigation, presided. Among those present were Ed Rosenberg, secretary of the United Fishermen of the Pacific: H. M. Lorntsen, secretary of the Fishermen's Union of Astoria; H. S. McGowan and John McGowan, of Chinook, representing traps; President Joe Burke, of the Seiners' Union: and River Pilots Snow, Pease and Pope.

Union; and Rope.

Colonel Leach announced that the War
Department is not concerned by rivalry
between classes of fishing gear, but is
between classes of fishing gear, but is between classes of maning gear, but is resolved to keep the channel clear. In order to ascertain whether the complaints of obstruction were well founded he will receive affidavits from the parties con-cerned. The McGowans offered to secure affidavits to the effect that gillnets have affidavits to the effect that glinters have prevented the free course of their launches and of the launches of others, among them those of F. M. Warren, be-tween Astoria and Cathlamet; also the Government tugs Arago and Guy Howard; that nets have frequently fouled other vessels and are a dangerous menace to navigation. They promised to secure affi-dayirs citing instances of fishermen firing guns at boats which ran over their nets.

Pilots Pease, Snow and Pope said that the nets did not bother them because of the large size, of their boats. Rosenberg and Lorntsen, speaking for the gilinetters, scored the reports of the gilinet menace as exaggerated and pointed to the traps as a more serious source of danger to life, on account of the very swift current that leads against them. They said that it was impossible for fishermen to drift their nets without invading the navigation observed to gation channels to some extent, but that they were careful to keep out of the path of boats. They clied further that it was to the advantage of navi-gation interests to encourage the gill-net fisherman, since from them are ra-cruited large numbers of men for merchant and war vessels.

FORFEITS GRAIN CHARTER

Tramp Steamer River Forth Fails to Reach Tacoma for Cargo

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)-Unless the big tramp steamer River Forth reaches Tacoma tomorrow, and that is an impossibility, as she is still in San Francisco harbor, she will lose a valuable wheat charter. Since the vessel was fixed by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., freight rates to the United Kingdom have dropped 5 shillings a ton, which means that her failure to arrive has cost the owners approximately \$500. The rate that the Biver Forth was to receive was

Owing to the condition of the export wheat market, Halfour, Guthrie & Co. said today that the company would not recharter the River Forth or fix another tramp in her place at present. Nor will the company charter a vessel to carry the cargo of grain, awaiting the sailing ship Hartfield, which is reported to have been lost on the Vancouver coast. empany has sufficient tonnage on hand meet its immediate demands.

MURDER CASE IS POSTPONED

Brownell, Attorney for Defense, Too Ill to Proceed This Term.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)

—Circut Judge McBride this afternoon granted a motion to continue the Hindu murder case until the regular April to..., because of the Illness of George C. Brownell, attorney for six of the defeudbecause of the Blacks of George C.
Brownell, attorney for six of the defendants, who are charged with the murder of Bingwan Singh near Boring on the night of October 31 last. The case of

Vernon Hawes, who was jointly indicted along with William Dickenson, J. M. Dickenson, John Dickenson, Earl Ransier, Walter St. Clair and John Riley, on the Walter St. Clair and John Rilley, on the same charge, will also be continued. It is possible that the only jury trials that will be held at the special term will be those of the state vs. Leroy Carden, charged with assault, and whose trial is set for January 31, and the suit of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Co. vs. the City of Portland, for condemnation of property, set for January

It is reported on what seems to be ex-cellent authority that the four Canby saloonkeepers charged with selling liquor to minors will plead guilty, as the state has a strong case against them. The trial of these cases is set for February 2 and 4.

Decrees of divorce were handed down today in the following cases: Elisha Ad-amson vs. Susan E. Adamson, Cornelia amson vs. Susan E. Adamson, Cornella Lillie vs. William Lillie, Martha John-ston vs. Edward Johnston, Ellen Glpson vs. Charles I. Gipson, The suits of Lydia Shaw ys. Frank W. Shaw, Edna Hughes vs. Charles H. Hughes and R. C. Herring vs. Dora Belle Herring were dismissed for the reason that the parties in these cases have resumed their mari-tal relations.

TROUBLE FROM QUARANTINE

Two Vessels in Difficulty at Astoria.

Other Marine News. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 24.-(Special.)-Cap-ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Captain Bridgett, of the oil tank steamer Asuncion, appeared before the local customs authorities last evening to answer charges preferred by Dr. Holt, the local quarantine officer. While nothing will be given out by the authorities here, it is understood that Captain Bridgett's statement was taken and will be forwarded to the Department in Washington. About a month ago the Asuncion disregarded the Federal querantine regulations on ena month ago the Asuncion disregarded the Federal quarantine regulations on entering this port, and, it is alleged, was disrespectful to the officer in charge. This matter was reported by Dr. Holt to the Department, which in turn requested the Customs Department to secure Captain Bridgett's explanation of the affair. Trouble awaits the steam schooner Cascade on her arrival there from San Francisco, from where she salled vesterday.

cisco, from where she salled yesterday, but how serious the trouble will be is not known as yet. This morning Quaran-tine Officer Holt received a telegram from the Quarantine Officer at San Francisco stating that the Cascade's inspection cerstating that the Cascade's inspection cer-tificate should be ignored and that after the vessel is fumigated, to hold her until instructions by letter are received. It is supposed the Cascade falled to observe some of the quarantine regulations at

some of the quarantine regulations at the Bay City.

At high tide this morning the tugs Tatoosh and Wallu pulled for three hours on the British ship Claverdon, which drifted on to the sands during Sunday's gale, but were unable to move her. About 600 tons of cargo have been lightered from the vessel, and there is a possibility that 1000 tons more will have to be taken out before she can be floated.

before she can be floated.

The schooner Andy Mahoney, which is en route from San Pedro for this port, will receive orders off the bar to proceed to Grays Harbor to load.

Decided for Plaintiff. ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 24.-(Special.) -Judge O. V. Linn, of the Superior Court of Thurston County, sitting for Judge Mason Irwin, of Chehalis County Superior rate as we, by staying out of Wasco County with their petitions.

"Our bill is sure to pass, because it impresses the average voter as being a fair measure. It has no design to hog all the salmon for one class of gear."

Last Tuesday an important meeting was held by the United States Engineers, in the Customs House, to hose in court, has been sustained by the Surpreme Court has been sustained by the Surpreme Court, has been sustained by the Surpreme Court, has been sustained by the Surpreme Court, has been sustained by the Surpr gineers, in the Customs House, to hear evidence on the alleged obstruction to navigation in the lower river, caused by gillnets and traps. Colonel Leach, were handed down. In this case the

GIVE VERDICT FROM SEATS

Pendleton Jurymen Promptly Acquit Indian of Theft Charge.

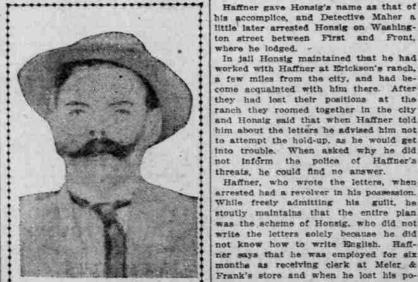
PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Acting on the instructions of the court, the jury in the Minthorn case returned a verdict this morning of not guilty without leaving their chairs. Jim Minthorn and two other Indians had been accused to the court of the court, the court of the court of the court of the court of the court, the court of the c by a third of robbery. When placed on the stand, however, the prosecuting wit-ness said he might have told Minthorn to take the money and keep it for him, the accused being an uncle of the com-plainant. The verdict was then ordered. On motion of the attorney for the other two Indians the cases against them were dismissed.

Walter Davis, another Indian, entered a plea of guilty to the larceny of a saddle and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$60.

LAD OF 8 A CLEVER BURGLAR

Tacoma Police Say He Is Smoothest "Lone Worker" Ever Seen.

TACOMA, Jan. 24. - Fred Shiffer, aged eight years, was arrested today, charged with burglarising two stores. The police say he has confessed and that he is one of the smoothest "lone workers" they have ever seen. His



Leo Housig, Impliented in Blackhand

parents had no idea that he was stealing, never having missed him from home at night. In rubber-soled shoes he slipped in and out of his home. He is very small for his age.

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and while Mrs. Hawthorne carried on a five-minutes' conversation with the man who was threatening her life, and delayed him by pretending not to undersignal and dashed off to the Arion hall and caught Haffner in the act of talking with his victim. After hearing enough to make his evidence complete the de-tective seized his man, and picking up the receiver, notified Mrs. Hawthorne at the other end that the arrest had

Haffner was straightway taken to the



office of District Attorney Manning, to whom he made the following confession: "I was out of a job here and could find no work, and I was looking for work, and there was another fellow, too, and he couldn't find anything either. He worked for Erickson to get a few bits and he was working for that Mr. Kuyath, and then he came back and couldn't get nothing, and I couldn't pay my room rent, and couldn't pay for my board, and I couldn't get money and I had to do something. I was working in Meier & Frank's store, and Klein Bros., at Third and Taylor streets. This other fellow was collector and he knew these people "Open All the Time"

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arest. The man Kuvath referred to in Haffner's written confession to the District Attorney is said to be a Russian priest at St. John, and while Haffner says that the information regarding the wealth of the Hawthorne family was days employed Honsig to solicit subscriptions for the building of the proposed church, this is denied by Honsig Both men assert that they identified with any society of anarchists, socialists or the black hand.

ESTABLISH GAME PRESERVE

Movement for an Addition to Yellowstone Park in Wyoming.

DENVER, Jan. 24.-As a result of correspondence which was passed be-tween President Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot and Western lawmakers, folwho was rich and to write them a let- lowing suggestions of J. A. McGuire,

Mrs Hawthern Porland.

We take the literty to notify you that we are going to send a mad up to your house to get the 500 g we want you to pay. If you refuse to

do that your and your family before will be med danger. Please get 500 \$ till next Friday evening

and give it so the man we send to you. That's all

we want . Don't by so notify the police about this

letter because they can't part mour lifes. They have are power to do any thing against us.
This is the second letter the send you, the first one you didn't get, as you said, but this time you will get it, and if you are not ready

FACSIMILE OF THREATENING LETTER SENT TO MRS. R. C. HAWTHORNE.

ter. I wrote the letters, but we did it editor of Outdoor Life, it is likely that

where he lodged.

In jail Honsig maintained that he had worked with Haffner at Erickson's ranch, as the elk of the park make it their habit at a few miles from the city, and had become acquainted with him there. After exceedingly rough and not at all adapt-

ed for agriculture and there are no claims for settlement on the entire territory.

guide on two hunting trips, as well as all residents of Cody, are reported to be strongly in favor of enacting Edi-

tor McGuire's suggestion into a law.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Los Angeles.—The Pirst Southern Call-fornia Riffes, an independent military or-ganization of scouts, guides and sharpshoot-ere, has offered to man the heavy artillery of the Southern California coast.

John Goff, of Cody, the President's

to pay hest Triday gous will be ready for something else

together and were to divide the money." Arrested at Lodgings.

his accomplice, and Detective Maher a little later arrested Honsig on Washing-

ton street between First and Front,

come acquainted with him there. After

they had lost their positions at the

ranch they roomed together in the city

him about the letters he advised him not to attempt the hold-up, as he would get

into trouble. When asked why he did not inform the police of Haffner's threats, he could find no answer.

Haffner, who wrote the letters, when

was the scheme of Honsig, who did not

write the letters solely because he did

not know how to write English. Haff-

ner says that he was employed for six

months as receiving clerk at Meler & Frank's store and when he lost his po-

sition was forced to do something des-

He says that he has relatives in this

arrested had a revolver in his possession

where he lodged.

perate

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TODAY SECURE GROCERIES ABSOLUTELY FREE WITH PUR-CHASES THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE STORE, BESIDES EVERY ARTICLE SOLD AT SPECIAL CLEARANCE SALE PRICES

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The proposition is absolutely as follows: We give you groceries free equal to the amount of purchase from us in our main store or merchant tailoring department as follows: One fourth (1/4) of the groceries you buy of us will be given you free-until the amount of your purchases in our big store is delivered to you in groceries absolutely free. I want you to know that I have opened the FAMOUS GROCERY DE-PARTMENT, and also that I have opened up the largest MEN'S MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT in Portland and GROCERIES GO PREE with the MEN'S TAILOR-MADE SUITS, just the same.

J. M. ACHESON.

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Lemons, nice ones, 2 dozen for ... 35¢ Sweet Potatoes, extra select, 7 lbs. 25¢ Cranberries, 2 quarts for 25¢ GOLF GLOVES-Regular 65c values,

And your money back in groceries.

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TODAY ONLY People Paying Money on Account Will Be Entitled to Groceries the Same as Purchasers

WHOLESALE J. M. ACHESON CO.

Greene, is to be divided among the three Brazelton brothers of this city, grandchildren of Hannah Greene.

New York.—Mrs. Annie Acberly has been convicted of aron in setting fire to her apartments in a Brooklyn tenement-house. She removed most of the furniture, soaked the floor and walls with oil and set candles burning, which started the fire. Her purpose failed because she stuffed all cracks with cotton and thus shut out air.

New York.—Anthracite coal interests are considering the maintenance of present prices throughout the year instead of reducing them 10 cents a month for five months after Abril 1. The reduction was intended to distribute production over the year, but this purpose is thwarted by buyers who withhold their orders until the reduction is made.

San Francisco.—Collector of Customs Stratton has been advised by the department to extend every courtesy, including free entry of baggage, to Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Ambassador, to the United States, and Hokichi Minuno, the new Japanese Consul-General to New York, who will shortly arrive here.

shortly arrive here.

Baku, Trans-Caucasia.—In consequence of the accidental killing of some laborers by a locomotive at a suburban atation of the railroad here Friday, a mob of comrades of the victims surrounded the engine and attempted to lynch the engineer. He opened the throutle of the locomotive and dashed through the crowd. killing six men and wounding many others.

San Jose, Cal.—The superintendence of the work at the proposed Southern Observatory of the Carnerie Institute has been offered to Astronomer R. H. Tucker, of Lick Observatory. The work will include the stars that are too far south to be measured at the observatories of the Northern Hemisphere. The southern station will be located either in New Zealand, South America or South Africa.

ica or South Africa.

San Francisco.—The Department of Agriculture has fallen foul of Luther Burbank and his supporters by declaring that the spineless cactus cannot be grown on the desert and is unfit for food. Mr. Burbank says: "It makes a spinelid sailed, is good for soup and is not bad fried. The fruit of the plant makes a delictous jam or preserve and, eaten raw, is considered as good, if not better, than bananas or oranges."

WAS HARD HIT BY BOYCOTT

an immense game preserve will be es-tablished by the Government on the Wapiti fork of the North Fork of the Tobacco Trust's Subsidiary Company Haffner gave Honsig's name as that of his accomplice, and Detective Maher a little later arrested Honsig on Washington street between First and Front, which are fast disappearing from the Lost Three-Fourths of Business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—A boycott placed against the brands of tobacco manufactured by the Day & Night Tobacco Company in February, 1907, by the labor unions, resulted in the company's losing 75 per cent of its business, according to Walter G. Friedlander, president of the company. Mr. Friedlander made this company. Mr. Friedlander made this statement today while testifying at the hearing on the Government's suit against

> "COFFEE GRUNTERS." Ever See Onef

Thoughtful people have a laugh on coffee cranks now and then.
"I had used coffee ever since I was a small child," writes an Ind. lady, "and have always had bad spells with my

"Last Spring just after I began housekeeping, I had a terrible time with my stomach and head. My husband bought a package of Postum and asked me to try it.

"I laughed at it because none of my folks would ever try it. But I made some the following morning, following directions on the package about boiling it well.

of the Southern California coast.

Los Angeles—C. R. Lawson, under arrest here on charges of forgery, made in a dozen cities. Banks in St. Louis Jefferson City, Mo., Little Rock, Ark., and Dallas Tex. are among the alleged victims.

Chicago.—The executive committee of the National Business League of America will ask Congress to transfer the Consular Bureau from the State Department to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Berkeley. Cal.—In reply to Professors.

He says that he has relatives in this country, one of them living in this city, and is a driver for the Portland Dairy association. He gave his first name as Sam. Haffner further says that he always led an honest life until he met Honsig at Erickson's ranch and came to associate with him in this city. He admits that he voluntarily quit his position at Meler & Frank's.

Both men have been in this country only two or three years. Honsig asserts that he is a sign painter and was holding a position with Paul Henry Paulman, a position with Paul Henry Paulman, a position with Paul Henry Paulman, a series of the country of the creation of a series of the thought of the entrance of saits or lens into germ-cells.

Cherksley, Cal.—In reply to Professors directions on the package about boiling the suit set.

Druggist Fined for Selling Liquor.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 24 .- (Special.)-George S. Miller, a Hood River druggist, was found guilty of selling liquor without a license last night and fined \$100. The complaint was made by Marshal William Ganger, who in company with a witness purchased liquor *at Miller's place. The liquor was in evidence at the trial and the defense was nonplussed.

conducting the Rhodes Scholarshir qualifying examinations at the univer-sity for the past two days. Only one ap-plicant entered, Cornelius Beebe, of the University of Oregon. Should be pass satisfactorily, he will rank with the two others on the eligible list, who success-fully passed the examinations last year. Bolton Hamble and Cecil Lyons, also of the University of Oregon

The Dalles Withdraws Opposition.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 24 .- (Special.)-Reports being received by the committee which is handling the petitions for county versities of Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The men who will contest tomorrow night are Earl F. Kilpatrick, '09; Jesse Bond, '09; Clarence L. Whealdon, '10; Bkipper F. Nicholas, '10; Thomas W. Townsend, '09; Cecil W. Lyons, '08; Walter Eaton, '08; and Earl F. Strong, '06 of the 7500 names necessary to be signed to the petitions have been gotten and that there is every indication that the rest will be secured in time to be properly filed. It is also stated that the citizens of The Dalles, who have heretofore opof The Dalles, who have heretofore op-posed county division, have withdrawn their opposition and are signing the petitions for the new county.

Sheepmen Urge Bounty.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—There is a strong demand among the sheepgrowers of this county complaint was made by Marshal William Ganger, who in company with a witness purchased liquor sat Milier's place. The liquor was in evidence at the trial and the defense was nonpluseed.

Rhodes Scholarship Examinations.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The presidents of the various colleges of Oregon have been

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