

Successor to Defunct Bank.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washmaton, Feb. 17.-Application was today made to the Controller of the Currency to sutherize the establishment of the Capital National Bank of Idaho with a capital of \$250,000. If so authorized, it will be the furcessor to the defunct Capital State Dank at Boise. The applicants are all Roise men heavily interested in the Capi-tal State Bank, and are with financial strength as shown in the application: Beorge D. Ellis, \$75,000; J. C. Pence, \$75,-200; W. C. Cheveland, \$100,000; O. F. Bacon,

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capiral.

ENLIST AS RAT-CATCHERS

Large Number of Men Get Employment in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17 .- With the undred men in addition to the present force would be employed in the sanitary

force would be employed in the sanitary campaign in San Francisco, the head-quarters of the United States Marine Hospital Corps, on Filmore street, this morning presented a lively scene and had the appearance of an enlistment burcau at the outbreak of war. A large crowd of men, of all ages and stations in life, from the ranks of the unemployed, besieged the place, crowded the steps and sidewalk leading to the building, and lines extended far out into the street. At the head of the statirs Dr. W. C. Rucker, executive officer to Dr. Rupert Huo, the Federal officer in charge of the campaign, questioned, examined and swors in the applicants. swore in the applicants.

Dr. Rucker staird that \$225 rats were caught in traps last week by the sani-tary forces, besides the large but untary forces, besides the large but un-known number killed by poison. In one district the men averaged 104 rats to the man for the week. In the absence of Dr. Blue, who is out of the city, Dr. Rucker in in charge and expressed himself as being gratified at the interest taken and emergy displayed by citizens in the soutenergy displayed by citizens in the sant-tary work and believed that a great deal would be accomplianced within the mext few weeks, now that the co-operation of the public had been obtained.

After being free from plague for over a month, one case has been reported and is now in the isolation hospital.

MOTHER CALLS SON FIEND

Isabella Martin Charges "Baby John" With Many Crimes.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17 .- The Tribune bins afternoon prints an interview with Mrs. Isabella Martin in her cell at Wea-verville, Cai, in which she accuses her son. "Baby John" Martin, of being a fiend and directly charges him with the instigation and execution of the dastardly acts which he says she inspired. She describes him as a "finad" where

acts "which he says she inspired. She describes him as a "fiend" whose pleasure was always to torture animals by sticking plus in them and outting off their legs. She directly charges him with the burning of the barn for which she is now locked up; with blowing up Judge Orden's house and with setting fire to Abs Learb's home. Also, that he robbed the hotel at Redding, where they were stopping, and spent the money in slot machines. slot machines.

LARGER ENGLISH NAVY

Thought Appropriations Will Be

Made to Increase Strength.

LONDON, Feb. 17 .- In view of the threatening atlitude of that section of the Radical party which advocates reduction in armament, there has been much speculation as to whether the gov-armment will persist in the determination reached on the advice of the Lords of

neers announced that nothing will be done in the matter until after the reguar meeting of the Marine Engineers'

ssociation Tuesday night. It is extremely likely that at the meeting the shipowners will be met with their own proposition, and that the engineers' committee will be instructed to arbitrate the differences be-tween the two organizations upon the indicated horsepower of the vessels, taken in conjunction with the length of the trip the vessels are supposed to make.

ABROGATE LABOR CONTRACT Denver & Rio Grande to Lay Off

Men at Once.

DENVER, Feb. 17 .- The Denver & Rio Grande will abrogate its contract with the labor union members employed in its shops at once instead of waiting until March 14, according to a report received by the men today. This report said that the entire forces in all of the shops on the system would be laid off Thursday. morning with the exception of a few men in the round houses to keep the engines going and that, dating from that time the men would be laid off three full days each week. Vice-President Schlacks, General Man-

ager Ridgeway and General Superin-tendent Wellsby are still out of the city and the unions will not ask for a con-ference until one of the three returns.

Say Road Violates Agreement.

DENVER, Feb. 17 .- Employes in the DENVER, Feb. 17.-Employes in the Denver & Rio Grande shops in this city hold a mass-meeting Saturday and in-structed the business agents of their unions to confer with the officers of the road concerning the posting of no-tices last week to the effect that on March 14 all union agreements would come to an end. The claim is made that the company had violated its agreement in failing to give the 39 days' notice of the proposed action to officials of the several unions. several unions.

Rio Grande Puts Men on Half Time. PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 17.-The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad today posted a notice here placing the regular eight-hour a day men on a four-hour basis. The night men are not affected. No reason is often work her the formed and and the given out by the officials and the mechanics have not stated what course they will pursue

All Quiet at Fairbanks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .-- Conditions at Fairbanks, Alaska, where the Western Federation of Miners is alleged to have been deporting non-union men, were reported to the War Department Shirey was killed.

today as "quiet." The report, made by telegraph by the commander of the Department of the Columbia, adds: The saloons have reopened."

May Have Salarles Now.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.-Benito Le-garda and Tablo Ocampo de Leon, the recently appointed resident commission-ers, who have arrived here to represent

the Philippine Islands in Congress, today visited the Senate committee on the Phil-ippines and were later taken to the floor of the Senate, where they were interested

Hewett, of Basin; vice-president, Thomas L. Greenough, of Missoula; secretary, L. B. Lindermann, of Helena, and treasurer, this afternoon. R. A. Bell, of Helena.

President Hewett in his speech of ac ceptance declared that with the co-opera-tion of the members of the association an independent smelter will certainly be erected soon near here. The report of

he resolutions committee declared that "It has been demonstrated that the con-

"It has been demonstrated that the con-ditions affecting the reduction of ore, on the part of the custom smelters, are needlessly and unfairly restrictive and apparently have for their ultimate pur-pose the absolute control of the produc-tion, treatment and marketing of the precious matal production of the mines of America."

of America." The convention decided to take steps "to protect the mine operators of Mon-tana against the danger of ultimate con-

trol by the 'smelter trust.'" The Montana Mining Association met with more than 200 delegates. Every diswith more than 200 delegates. Every dis-trict in Montana, parts of Idaho and other states are represented. This afternoon resolutions were adopted declaring that forest reserve officials are not complying with the law through inhibiting operations thereon, and another resolution charges collusion and fraud in the classifi-cation of Northern Pacific land grants, it being charged that through underhand methods the common carriers have wrongfully secured possession of im-

se tracts of timber and mineral lands. amendment was offered appropriat-Ing \$500 to defray the expenses of a com-mittee to go to Washington and lay the matter before the President and request that he send a special message to Con-gress on the subject. That an independ-ent smelter will be built by the operators

seems certain NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Jury Believes Beatrice Gordon's Story of Shirey's Death.

DENVER, Feb. 17.—The jury in the case of Miss Beatrice Gordon, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff W. O. Shirey, tonight returned a verdict of acquittal.

Miss Gorden on the witness-stand told of her relations with Shirey, with whom she had lived as housekeeper for a number of years, and said that on the night of the killing she was preparing to leave the Shirey home and sever all relations with the man. He had abused her constantly during all the years she was with him, she said, and

on this night advised her to kill herself. In a struggle for the possession of a re-volver, the weapon was discharged and The jury was out less than an hour.

WILLING TO SHOW PAPERS

Railroad Commission to Have Ac-

cess to Files for Information.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17 .- While Federal officers of justice conferred to-day regarding the proposed prosecutions of railroads in Southern California on of the Senate, where have taken to the floor of the Senate where they were interested observers. The Senate today passed the House joint resolution authorizing the payment of the Commissioners' salary.

PAYING UP ITS DEBTS Dominican Republic Given 80 Per

Cent Bonds and Rest in Cash.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- The settlement of the debts of the Dominican Re-public is rapidly nearing a completion, which is regarded as satisfactory to both debtor and creditors and which reflects favorably on the agents of the United States Government, who have been in-

strumental in carrying out the basis of settlement. The recent financial disturb-ance is given as the cause for the aban-

donment of the plan first agreed upon, whereby a New York banking firm was to purchase the bonds of the republic in a sufficient amount to satisfy the credia sufficient amount to satisfy the creditors tors. In place of this plan the creditors themselves have now agreed to take these bonds as payment of 50 per cent of their claims, while the remaining 30 per cent is to be paid in cush from the \$4,000,000 which has been accumulated, be-

the republic have consented to a reduc-tion of their claims to an amount ap-proximating 50 per cent. This reduces the total debt from \$30,000,000 to \$17,000,-

Colds

NEW TORK, Feb. 17.-The Bankers Life Insurance Company, two former officials of which were recently indicted for perjury, has, according to an official statement made today, assets of bilders, as certified by the Insurance Department on July 1 last, of \$123,876. In a news item of February 13 it was erroneously stated that the company had gone out of business some time kakels, a powerful tribe of Afridas, wh ago. As a matter of fact, the company has been in active business continuhave been raiding villages in that terri-tory, surprised the tribesmen by a raple advance, and after a skirmish selzed their ously since its organization in 1869. The indictments recently returned are per-sonal to former officials, who severed strongest position on a hill above Walai. The British had one man killed and one wounded. The troops will continue their

Astoria Shipping Notes.

their relations with the management

several years ago.

ASTOBIA, Or., Feb. 17 .- (Special.)--Coumbla River lightship No. 50, which has been undergoing repairs for damages sustained in the recent collision with the British ship Port Patrick, was towed out to her station off the mouth of the Co-lumbia River today by the lighthouse tender Armeria.

The British steamship Cambrian King, which sailed yesterday for Melbourne, Australia, carries a cargo of 1.175.472 feet ing 55 per cent of the customs receipts of the republic, now on deposit in New York. Boside this judgment, the creditors of the reduced from California. The value

of the cargo is given as \$53,672.89. The steamer J. B. Stetson cleared at the Custom-House today for San Pedro with a cargo of 340,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Hoquiam, and 500,000 feet of

Colds

River Packers' Association. The consid-eration named is \$10. Schilling's Best; 1 lb Jap-

British Punish Rebels.

an" or Ceylon or English PESHAWUR, British India, Feb. 17. The British expedition under Major-Gen-Breakfast or Oolong. ral James Wilcox sent out by the government to the Bazaar Valley, on the Tour grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him. northwestern frontler, to punish the Zak-

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