Either Asks Bribe or Money for Campaign Fund From Railroad Attorney.

GORDON WILL NOT EXPLAIN

Has Declined to Say Anything About Signifeance of Letters, but Root Has Given His Version-Originals Are With Committee.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.-Special.) - The Spokesman-Review this morning publishes the following letter from Judge Milo A. Root to Attorney

"OLYMPIA. Wash., Aug. 1, 1908.— Dear Judge: Am sick and have been for two weeks—part of the time very serious—blood poisoning in arm. Doctor says I am out of danger now. Hope to be out next week. Am anxious about our friends. Am exceedingly emberrassed by promises made on assurances received. I hate to bother you, ances received. I hate to bother you, as I know your position, but if they can be jogged up a little it would wonderfully help this situation. Begging pardon for annoying, which I would have done only because of my extremity, I beg to remain, as ever, very truly yours. very truly yours. "MILO A. ROOT."

Two Interpretations Possible.

This letter and others to Attorney M. J. Gordon, formerly attorney for the Great Northern, from Judge Milo A. Root, who resigned last month from the Supreme Court following sensational disclosures concerning his official acts which have been investigated by a committee from the State Bar Association, have been procured by the Spokesman-Review. the Spokesman-Review.

Whether the construction put upor the letter by Judge Root that it is only the letter by Judge Root that it is only a request for the payment of a \$300 political campaign fund or whether the letter is an unfortunate call for money promised Root by Gordon as a bribe is a question which is now be-fore the State Bar Association.

The original letters are now with the Root investigation committee in

Seattle, but before reaching the com-mittee they passed through several hands and several copies of them are in existence. It is upon the text of these and other letters that the com-mittee will chiefly base its report upon the Root-Gordon matter.

Asks Again for Money.

The other letters follow:
"Explanation satisfactory. However, crowd them a little when convenient, as I am quite embarrassed by promises made by reason of assurances received." (This letter has neither date nor signature). "Olympia, Wash., Sept. 25, 1905.—My Dear Judge: Yours enclosing transporta-Dear Judge: Yours enclosing transportation received. Thank you very much,
Yours, very truly, "MILO A. ROOT."
"Olympia, Wash., Feb. II, 1908.—My
Dear Judge: I expect to go to Seattle
Thursday (13th) and will probably not return to Olympia until about February 24.
If you are in Seattle during that time I
shall be glad to see you. Yours very
truly, "MILO A. ROOT."
"Olympia, Wash., April 26, 1908.—Dear
Judge: When you are over on this side
please let me see you. Yours very fruly,
"MILO A. ROOT."

"Olympia, Wash, April 30, 1988.—Dear Judge: I will try to be at the Butler in Seattle Friday, at 3 P. M. If you are not there I will call again at 3:30 o'clock and if I fail to find you, again at 4. wished to see you as early as 3 o'clock if convenient, as I go away that afternoon to Tacoma. We had some run joshing Crow and Mount about the Chronicle's announcement of your candidacy. Yours "MILO A. ROOT."

Committee Has Originals.

The originals of these letters were urned over by Attorney Gordon three turned over by Attorney Gordon three months ago to Nuzum & Nuzum, who represent Gordon as attorneys in his effort to procure a settlement of his shortage with the Great Northern From Nursum & Nursum they passed into the hands of Frank Graves, another of Gordon's attorneys, and Frank T. Post, who took them to Tacoma and Olympia, where they were shown to leading members of the bar and to members of the

Supreme Court. Mr. Graves brought them back to Spokane, where copies were made, the originals passing into the hands of the Roct investigating committees by which they

investigating committees by which they were taken to Seattle.

Since the letters passed out of his hands Attorney Gordon has declined to discuss them or explain their meaning. Judge Root, on the other hand, has in newspaper interviews and private conversation given his version of the subjects to which they refer.

At the time the letter referring to railroad transportation was written it was

road transportation was written it was unlawful for the railroad to issue free transportation between points within the state, but possibly not unlawful to issue such transportation between a point with-

in the state Railroad Commission law for-bidding the issuance of free passes be-came effective in the Summer of 1966, but the Interstate Commerce law to the same effect did not go into effect until January, 1967. This letter was written in

er, 1906.

in Judge Root's handwriting on the sta-tionery of the State Supreme Court. The Root investigating committee has several other letters written by Judge Root to Attorney Gordon, most of which are of minor importance, referring merely to conferences between the two. Among them however, are the letters relating them, however, are the letters relating to the decision in the case of Harris vs. the Great Northern Railway Company, showing that the text of the decision, showing that the text of the decision, on rehearing, was written by Attorney Gordon while he represented the rallroad company as its attorney in the case. The committee has also from the stenographer's notes the text of Attorney Gordon's replies to these letters and copies of his correspondence with the higher officials of the Great Northern at Sr Paul country. of the Great Northern at St. Paul regard-ing the Harris case and other Great Northern matters pending in the Supreme

BORROWED CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Judge Root's Partner Says He Advanced Money for Advertising.

SEATTLE, Wash, Dec. 21.-(Special.)-

Paimer. It was given to Mr. Lysons for disbursement and was spent in advertise-ments in state papers and in making halftone cuts of candidates. "During the campaign Judge Root came

"During the campaign Judge Root came to me and said that he was in need of money to pay for cuts to be used in state papers," said Mr. Palmer. "He said that he expected to receive \$550 but that it had not arrived. I volunteered to advance the money and to wait until his money came before I was paid back. The money was used in the interests of Judge Root and other candidates. I wrote several articles, some of which were printed in the papers and some of which were in the papers and some of which were not. Cuts were ordered and sent to papers who cared to use them. At the close of the campaign Judge Root was unable to repay the money and what-ever sum he expected did not come." The investigation committee will walt

The investigation committee will wait no longer for the testimony of M. J. Gordon, former counsel for the Great Northern. Although notice that the com-mittee would like to hear Mr. Gordon has been given, no word has been received from the former attorney for the rall-road. Judge Gordon's friends at Tacoma aver that he is shooting ducks on Niaunlly Flats.

qually Flats.

Tomorrow arrangements will be made by Chairman John H. Powell to hear Judge Root, after which the taking of testimony will end. The report of the committee will be sent to the president of the State Bar Association within a few days. It was announced today by the committee that the testimony of E. B. Palmer and of J. Will Lysons added little to the information already possessed.

to the information already possessed. "The hearing loday brought out no new developments," said one member of the committee. "It was deemed necessary to call Mr. Palmer and Mr. Lysons as the committee desires to hear every phase of the case and to use every means to get all the facts. We shall call Judge Root when it is convenient for him."

MAN UNDER ARREST LIKEWISE MAKES MIGHTY SPLASH.

Ruction in Scowtown Ends Disastrously, Both for Celebrants and Police Quelling Disturbance.

Scowtown celebrated the approach of

Christmas Thursday night, with a ruction. The celebration ended disastriously for four of the merry-makers, for they landed in jail. It was disastrous for Policeman Robinson, too, for he fell in the river. Incidentally one of the men under arrest also dropped into the key waters of the Willamette with a mighty splash The noise of men and women pounding heads and shricking, intermingled with other sounds of a "battle royal" reached the ears of Patrolman Swennes, five blocks distant up on Hawthorne avenue. At his approach a number of the belligerents disappeared, but he arrested four. They gave the names of Annie Collins, aged 32; Hoste McDonald, aged 32; Herbert McDaniel, aged 34, and E. J. Garrison, aged 58. A number of men had been calling at the scow of the two women, it appeared. In the language of one of the women, "somebody started something and then it was all off." heads and shricking, intermingled with Garrison was badly beaten and cut about the head, and McDaniel had one finger almost cut off. The patrol wagon was called. Patrolman Robinson was forced to assist one of the women in her unsteady walk, as a result of the yule-

tide she was celebrating. The way from the scow led over a narrow board walk, consisting of two planks. When the officer and his charge reached the middle of this walk the bluecoat slipped on something and fell into the shipped on something and tell into the river. He scrambled out quickly, escaping with a wetting only up to his waist. McDaniel tried to get away and he fell into the river, too, but was fished out by Sergeant Keller and Patrolman Swennes. The riotous crowd was taken to the City Jall.

FENDER SAVES HIS LIFE

Laborer Has Miraculous Escape From Grinding Wheels.

Knocked down and almost underneath the wheels of a swiftly-mov-ing "S" car at Third and Stark streets Thursday night, Ernest Lundgren, a young laborer, was saved from impend-ing death by the car fender. He escaped with a few scratches and the inconven-ience of being rolled in the muddy street. Lundgren lives at the Harrison Hotel corner of Front nad Harrison streets Accompanied by John Strum, he was attempting to cross the street in front of car 46%, southbound, in charge of Motorman Branstretter and Conductor Bahls. Lundgren gave a leap across the track, but was struck and felled to the center of the trackway. A woman crossing the street just behind Landgren saw him lying in imminent danger and screamed a warning. The car struck him, rolled him a few feet and the fender lifted him to safety.

HORSES SHOW THEIR SENSE

Four-Horse Team Leaves Tipsy Driver and Starts Home.

Because their driver flad gone to get a drink Thursday night and tarried in-definitely, four big horses drawing a wood wagon, belonging to Jake Fubu, 2 Morris street, ab adoned their tipsy caretaker to his fate and started on their way to their stable, showing their 'horse sense.'
The four horses knew the way and walked soberly down North Fourteenth walked soberly down North Fourteenth street, giving over to the right side of the way whenever they met another team. A policeman standing under an arc light looked into the back of the wagon as it passed and noticed there was no driver. He took the horses to a stable at 124 North Tweifth street. Their owner learning of the plight of his team and driver, called for them at a late hour. said that this team, after 7 o'clock will always find their way home if they

RYAN SLACKENS HIS HOLD

By Doctors' Advice Resigns All but Three Directorships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-Thomas F NEW YORK, Dec. 2- Thomas r. Ryan announced vesterday that, yielding to the advice of his physicians, he had resigned from the directorate of 31 corporations. The only enterprise in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Morton Trust Company, the National Bank of Trust Company, the National Bank of ommerce and the American Tobacco Company.

Where Is May Baines?

Relatives of a young woman named The State Bar Association committee investigating the charges against Judge Milo A. Root heard the testimony of E. B. Palmer, former law partner of Judge Root, and of J. Will Lysons, secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, today. The witnesses were questioned concerning \$150 which was spent in behalf of Judge Root and other candidates during the campaign.

The testimony brought out that the \$350 in Question was furnished by E. B. May Baines, in Kansas City, are anx-

FLAWS IN NEW PLAN

Civil Service Bad for Fourth-Class Postmasters.

ROOSEVELT ACTED ALONE

Had He Consulted Postoffice Department Officials, Objections to Plan Would Have Been Forthcoming.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt die not consult the practical men of the Postoffice Department before issuing his order placing fourth-class Postmasters under civil service protection. Had he done so, he would have been advised against the change, for it is the opinion of the administrative officers of the department that the plan is impractical.
The order, as it now stands, does The order, as it now stands, does not apply west of the Mississippi or south of the Ohio River. It is in force in states which are thickly populated, and where fourth-class offices, as a rule, pay reasonably good salaries. But if the order is extended to the West and the South, and the trouble well been and the trouble. real trouble will begin, and the trouble will not all be on the hands of the ad-ministration; it will extend into the rural nunities affected by the order.

Objections Well Founded.

There are a number of perfectly plain reasons why it will be impractical to select fourth-class Postmasters by civil service examination, particularly in sparsely settled districts. A fourth-class Postmaster must, first of all, have a place to conduct the office, and in almost every instance the postoffice is in a store. Secondly, the Postmaster mus-be centrally located, so as best to serve the people of his community. Depart-ment officials do not hegitate to declare that these conditions cannot readily be net under the system proposed by the

There are thousands of fourth-class ostoffices that pay less than \$50 per year o the Postmaster. Naturally, these of-ices are in remote rural districts, and andle comparatively little mail. files of the department show that eve under the old system extreme difficult is experienced in filling these offices, for the compensation is not sufficient to pay a man to give up the necessary time to handling the mail; the Postmastership must of necessity be given to someowho will take it as a side issue, and t rossroads storekeeper is best fitted to

Many Postmasters Would Fail. It is the frank opinion of one of th officials handling these appointments that fully 50 per cent of the present fourth-ciass Postmasters could not pass a civil service examination, and yet their services are satisfactory to the department and to the communities in which the particular offices are located. If the civil service rule is applied, the greatest difficulty will be experienced in finding Posimusters for these smaller offices.

Examinations Are Costly.

But there is still another objection, to he civil service method of selecting Postmasters, applicable particularly to low-salaried offices. Where a vacancy occurs in an office paying only \$10, \$20 or even \$50 a year (and there are thousands of them); there will be very few and seldom any residents of such community willing spend from \$30 to \$50 for the privilege town to a point where civil service exminations are held would frequently cost from \$20 to \$50 or more. In other words, an applicant for appointment as Postmaster at such place would perhaps be com-pelled to spend more than a year's sal-ary just to take the examination, and when taken he would have no assurance

NEW ORLEANS RACING MEN DE-NOUNCED BY COURT.

Quasi-Criminal Element Cannot Dictate to Newspapers in Discussing Public Questions.

NEW ORLEANS Dec. 24.-To boycott newspaper doing an interstate business offense which falls directly under decision of the Supreme Court in the hatters' case, said Judge Eugene U. Sanders, of the United States District Court, in charging the grand jury yester-

This starts another chapter in the deand track gambling.

"We cannot permit a quasi-crimina portion of this population to dictate what the newspapers of this city shall be permitted to say in their discussion of public questions," Judge Sanders told Grand Army's Plans Spoiled by Re-

HESITATES AND IS SHOT

Los Angeles Storekeeper Fatally Wounded by Hold-Up Man.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.-Thremasked men entered the grocery and iquor store of L. Johannsen tonight and called upon the proprietor to hold up his hands. Johannsen hesitated and two of the robbers fired, one shot striking Johannsen in the mouth and the othe hitting a rib. He is thought to be fatally

CABS FOR CHRISTMAS

New York Drivers Reject Offer of Open Shop.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All efforts to rettle the strike of the cabdrivers affiliated with the Liberty Dawn Association falled today and tonight New York is confronted with a prospect of a cabless holiday on Christmas. The strikers rejected all terms involving a recognition of the "open shop" principle.

Body of Suicide Found.

The body of an unidentified man about 25 years of age was found on Portland Heights yesterday by S. Percifal, 584 Hawthorns Terrace. Near the body was a 32-caliber revolver with one chamber



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exploded, and a wound in the right tem-ple showed the cause of death. In the vest pocket of the deceased was found a cheap watch which was still running, indicating that death had been recent. Up to a late hour last night the remains had not been identified. The deceased was about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighed 160 pounds.

STOLE HIS OWN PROPERTY

At Least Youth Arrested at The Dalles Says So.

Arrested and charged with stealing a noving-picture machine, which was his own property, was the unusual experience of Max Sniderman, a youth of 19, who was taken into custody yesterday in The Dalles, Or., and brought back to this city Thursday night by Detective Graves. The lad is now locked up, awaiting hearing in the Police Court. If Snider man's version of the charge is true, then he is the victim of an unusual set of cir

His arrest was made at the instigation of J. W. Weinstein, a junk dealer, with a store on Front street. Sniderman worked for Weinstein and lived at his house, 710 Second street. The young man was employed to visit the country towns and buy up old iron, bottles and other second-hand stuff. He worked on commission. Weinstein asserts that Snider-man had overdrawn his commission ac-count to the extent of about \$40. Sniderman left his trunt containing the moving picture machine, at Weinstein's house, or rather, Weinstein thought that he did. of going to some large city to take the civil service examination. For instance, or rather, Weinstein thought that he did, the small offices in any Western state and when Sniderman left on his last trip, are usually remote from the capital or metropolis; it is often necessary to reach these towns by stage. A trip from such take it. He, therefore, applied for a varrant for his arrest, charging him with

Sniderman says that there was never any agreement as to the machine being held as security and that he had taken neid as security and that he had taken it out of the house a long time before Weinstein broke into his trunk. He is very much surprised to learn that he worked for many weeks and came out in debt, and takes of having Weinstein arrested for breaking into his trunk. The question of whether the machine was left as security with Weinstein will be threshed out in the Municipal Court to

PANAMA STORY IS DENIED

Receiver for Old Company Calls "Scandal" Mere Fable.

PARIS, Dec. 24.-In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama Canal purchase M. Lemairs, receiver for the old company M. Lemairs, receiver for the old company made the following statement yesterday: "While I do not desire to go into details, I do not hesitate in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an American syndicate, to which the purchase mone termined efforts to re-establish racing is supposed to have eventually to have in New Orleans. It was charged that certain interests were combining to boycott newspapers which opposed racing court it would be improper for me to court it would be improper for me to say more."

Grand Army's Plans Spoiled by Refusal of Low Rate.

LIMA, O., Dec. 24.-J. Corri Winans. Netional chief of staff of the Grand Army of the Republic, returned today from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been attending a conference of the executive committee. Mr. Winans says from all present indications the next expense of the executive committee. next annual encampment will not be held at Salt Lake City, but at Cincin-nati or Pittsburg. The action was brought about by the refusal of the traffic association which met in Chicago last week to grant a rate of 1 cent per mile.

BURGLAR KILLS STUDENT Tragedy in Cellar at New York

University.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-Vandwight Sheldon, of Lockport, N. Y., a student in the school of engineering at New York University, lost his life in a battle with a burglar in the cellar of the house of Dean Srow of the school, yester day. The murderer escaped after a part. Young Sheldon was shot in the abdomen and soon died. He was a cousin of Dean Snow.

Washington.—With recommendations for their passage, President Roosevelt sent to Congress drafts of two bills providing aid for the military departments of civil educational institutions, and for the promotion of rifls practice in public schools, colleges, universities and civilian rifls clubs.

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GUNS SCARE YEGGS

Hold-Up of Great Northern Is Frustrated by Accident.

ATTEMPT IS WARDED OFF

Discovery of Cache of Powder and Masks Gives Warning to Authorities, Who Hasten to Scene on Special Train.

hold up the southbound Great Northern passenger train at the entrance of the Woodville tunnel, north of here, was the discovery of a cache of dynamite with black masks and caps. Heavily-armed officers left on a special train and not the oncoming passenger, but there was no attempt to hold up the train. More of-ficers have just left for the scene in an automobile. Officers from Boulder are

Officers from Boulder are ulso on the scene.

Whether the hold-ups got wind of the fact that officers were guarding the tun-net and were abeard the train to and from Helens, or abandoned their project because of unfavorable conditions, is not known; but at any rate two men who were seen by two hunters hiding, wear-ing masks, near the tunnel, made no at-

empt to carry out the purpose indicated y their actions. Sheriff's deputies were still guarding the place where the cache was found at an early hour this morning, while others are scouring the country in hope of getting trace of the men responsible for the

The hunters hurrled to Butte and reported their discovery yesterday morning to the Sheriff's office. Deputies were at once sent out to guard the tunnel and last night a special train with Sheriff Henderson, Deputy Sheriffs Wheeler and Richards, Yardmaster Byrne and General Agent McMahon aboard, left Butte for the tunnel. Other men were left to guard the tunnel until morning.

Schools to Fight Socialism.

Boston Dispatch to the New York Herald Alarmed at what he considered a dan-gerous growth of socialistic teaching. Ed-mund D. Barbour, of Beacon street, a retired merchant who amassed a fortune

Wish to All Their Friends and

Patrons a

Merry Christmas

and Cordially Thank The People

of Portland for Responding So

Graciously and Liberally to the

Opening of this Specialty

Glove and

Umbrella Store

China, is about to put into operation idea which is unique in the history of

His plan resembles what is known as the university extension system. It will consist of thirty colleges throughout Massuchusetts, all directed by one admin-istration. Mr. Barbour believes that most college educated persons flock to the cities. His plan seeks to counteract this cities. His plan seeks to connecract this tendency by affording persons in the country a training in liberal arts. College professors in existing institutions will be employed for the lectures, and for buildings the vacant hours of public schools, lecture halls and libraries will be utilized. Under the Massachusetts college. lege plan instruction will cost each stu-dent \$138 for the entire four years' course.

MOCK ELECTION

Unique Simultaneous Contest Held in Eleven Ohio Cities.

Chicago Tribune More than 6000 boys, between the ages of 12 and 21, in Ohio, voted for BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—What is be-lieved to have frustrated an attempt to hold up the southbarred (for a strengt to be beld up the strengt to be beld up the southbarred (for a strengt to be beld up the southbarred (for a strengt to be beld up the strengt to be be cently. In some of the cities the regular election booths were used by per mission of the Board of Elections, Boys filled the places of registrars, clerks and judges of election—the organiza-tion being complete, even to a stati-committee, which canvassed the re-turns from the different cities. Fol-lowing the election and the counting of the ballots a telegram was sent to Mr. Tafi announcing the result.

Mr. Tait announcing the result.

The object of the new plan was to train the boys, who are to be the voters of the future, for the duties of citizenship. The originator and the promoter of the plan is M. D. Crackel secretary of the Cleveland West Side Boys' Club of the Young Men's Chris-tian Association of Cleveland. The boys showed the greatest en-thusiasm in every feature of the elec-

tion, and did all in their power to get out a full vote, even to running vehicles to and from the place of reg vehicles to and from the place of registration. In Precinct E of the First Ward, Cleveland, two boys ran an automobile all day carrying their boy friends to the registration booth. In another precinct four boys hired a horse and carriage, and in another a pony and cart was used. Boys in different high schools vied with one and other in getting the largest number of their followers out. The average ward registration was 200, the largest numher in any one ward 386. The number of wards in which the election was held in Cleveland was 26, one precinct polling place in each ward being used.
The voting was not restricted to
members of the boys' club, but all boy
who were residents of the ward and
who had registered were allowed to Boys from the civic classes

the schools acted as judges, clerks and registrars. In registering, each boy was asked his age, where he was born, and data as to his residence in the ward. He was also asked as to whether ne was in school or employed. The ballots used contained the names of all the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. No other officers were voted for. Each ballot bore a place for the name and registration number.

Everything was done with the great-

est accuracy.

On the boys' election day the polls were opened at 2 P. M. and remained open until 7.30. At times there were many boys standing in line waiting to vote. It was an unusual experience fo them and they seemed to feel proud of the responsibility which had come to them. They were orderly, and the experiment of a boys' election, wher-ever tried, was pronounced a decided

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ATHLETES

TO KEEP IN GOOD TRIM MUST LOOK WELL TO THE CONDITION OF THE SKIN. TO THIS END THE BATH SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH

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