

Public Land Question Comes Up in Bill Before Congress.

CHANGE IN COAL LAND LAW

Wyoming Congressman Seeks to Dispose of Surface Rights to Property as Though No Coal Existed Beneath.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6 .- Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the House com mittee on public lands, today introduced a bill following the lines of Secretary Ballinger's recent recommendations, per mitting the surface entry of public lands known to contain coal deposits.

In the main, the bill provides that publie land known to be underlain with coal in commercial quantities, shall, so far as surface is concerned, be open entry under the homestead or desert land act, according to the character of the surface land, and shall also be subject to selection under the Carey act, with a view to its irrigation.

Plan to Separate Rights.

It is the purpose of the bill to entirely separate the surface rights from the rights to the coal beneath. If the present coal land laws are continued in effect, the coal will be subject to entry under prevailing regulations; if the coal land law is changed, then the coal deposits will be subject to entry or to lease in accordance with the provisions of the new statute. But the Mondell bill is not dependent upon a coal land law for its enforcement; it disposes solely of the

enforcement; it disposes solely of the surface rights, as though no coal existed beneath the surface. Mr. Mondell is frank to say that it will take a great deal of discussion to whip this measure into acceptable and prac-tical form. He will bring it before his committee at the earliest possible date; will have hearings and get the views of officials and members competent to discuss the subject, and endeavor at sonably early date to get the bill in shape for consideration by the House. There are a number of intricate fea-tures to be resteriout

tures to be worked out. Some provision must be made for adjusting conflicts be-tween the surface entrymen and the man who later obtains title to the coal, or a lease to work the same. To some extent there will be conflict, and this must be regulated by law, or else there will be endless friction.

Instance Given in Illustration.

For instance, a surface entryman may build his home, barns and other build-ings, lay out his fields, and make all im-provements. The coal land entryman coming along later may find that he can best develop the coal by sinking a shaft on the site of the house or barn.

To permit him arbitrarily to compel the settler to move his building without compensation would be unjust; yet in some instances there might be good reasome instances there might be good rea-son why he should be permitted to sink his shaft where he can do it to best ad-vantage. Some basis of remuneration must be provided, but how to do it ef-fectively presents a nice problem. Again, there must be some provision in the law which will protect the settler from rock-less prospecting all over his land, to the detriment of his fields, crops and prop-erty.

This conflict of interests is the one reat drawback to the dual system of developing lands containing coal deface. He walked to the desk and greet-**RIVER AND HARBOR** ed Lieutenant Sheehan and then asked the officer if he could tell him how he could obtain a separation from his wife. The seeker after advice said that he The seeker after advice said that he had recently married a young woman and that at the time it was expressly understood that she was not to look to him for support, as he had to take care of his mother. Then, with a sullen look, he told Lieutenant Sheehan that his wife had

Lieutenant Sheehan that his wife had been visiting his home nearly every day, had been staying to dinner, and had remained over night far too often to suit him. He made his statements without a smile, and as if he were the most aggrieved person the face of the earth. "How can I get a separation?" he again asked the Lieutenant. "You had better go to the morgue." said the Lieutenant, looking his visitor over from head to foot. "That's the only place I know where you can get one." Chairman Alexander, of House Committee, Asks Data Be Given Him.

one." The man, whose identity the police were unable to learn, turned away with a disgusted gesture and walked to the door. Outside the station he was ap-proached and asked for his name.

"Who are you? What do you do?" he questioned in turn. "No. I will not tell my name," he said, and hurried away.



MAJESTIC GOES AGROUND ON POINT PFEIFFER.

Captain and Crew of Nine Men Reach Land Safely-Vessel Owned in San Francisco.

ever data they desire considered by his committee with respect to appropriations for their respective districts. To those whom he saw personally, Chairman Alexander said it was his pur-pose to pass a river and harbor bill this session, notwithstanding a general de-mand for economy. An effort will be made, however, to hold the bill down to a commarchical, low figure alignmenting SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 .- The steam chooner Majestic, bound from San Pedro to this port in ballast, is ashore. Captain E. Keegan and the crew of a comparatively low figure, eliminating all but the most necessary projects. nine men got ashore safely after the schooner went aground on Point Pfief-fer. The schooner, which is a vessel of 449 tons, is owned by I. J. Harmon and leased by H. J. Knowles, both of MONEY ADVISED TO BE SPENT

this city. Secretary of Treasury Recommends MONTEREY, Cel., Dec. 6.—Captain E. Keegan and his crew of nine men from the wrecked steam schooner Majestic arrived at Monterey, 25 miles north of OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

the scene of the disaster, today, and told the story of the wreck. He said that he endeavored to keep his vessel 12 miles off shore, but the strong westerly cur-rent, combined with the wind, carried her toward the land. One blade of the propeller had been lost during a recent propeller had been lost during a recent trip from Puget Sound, and in the steam-er's crippled condition it was impossible to keep her on her course during the storm. The seas were breaking to a great height, and along the shore was a perpendicular bluff, toward which the vessel was rapidly driven soon striking essel was rapidly driven, soon striking on the rocks

on the rocks. At daylight a boat carrying a line suc-ceeded in reaching the shore, but it was nearly four hours later before the crew was_landed. First Mate Trainor had a narrow escape from drowning. While climbing up the face of the bluff he fell a distance of 20 feet into the sea, but was rescued by the scillor at the click of

was rescued by the sailors at the risk of their lives. The members of the crew are now at Pfeiffer's ranch house, eight miles from the stranded steamer, which has been carried up on the sandy beach under the

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For \$1,560,

bluff by the heavy seas, and which will probably be a total loss. The Majestic was built only a year ago. She cost Survey and allotting Colville Reservation, \$25,000.

be passed this session.

ommittee on rivers and harbors, today

sent notification to all the members that they will be asked soon to submit what-ever data they desire considered by his

Much for Northwest.

The revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch, which arrived here today, left immedi-ately for the scene of the wreck, and will attempt to float the stranded vessel. The McCulloch reported having passed the McCulloch reported having passed the tug Navigator with the lumber steamer Excelsior in tow off Davenport's Land-ing, making slow progress toward San Francisco. The Excelsior was driven ashore at Moss Landing during the same gale that wrecked the Majestic, but was floated.

STEAMERS COLLIDE, ONE SINKS

Cleveland Boat Lost, With Other Badly Damaged. SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 6 .- A wireTHE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1909.

Olds, Wortman & King Better selections, better service, better delivery and quicker, better goods and equal prices to those who Do It Now! shop early and get through soon. In the mad rush of the last few days, there is greater cause for complaint, owing to rush, breakage and delay. ONLY FIFTEEN DAYS LEFT AFTER TODAY! The Suit and Sale Today and Tomorrow Libbey Cut There Is Nothing That IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS Closing Three - Day Sale Opera Wrap At Half Regular Prices Glass Gifts More at Christmas Time In Spite of Demand for Economy, It Not a fancy or plain suit in our stock, regularly selling for \$60 and Is Hoped to Get Through Measure up, nor an Opera Wrap that has been selling for \$50 and up, is held back in this great wind-up sale of the entire line. The range **Providing for Most Important** of choice is unlimited in both. Three-piece suits in a startling array Projects With Low Figure. of colors, styles and grades enable the cautious shopper to satisfy her most particular fancy at sweeping reductions in price. Evening Coats, Capes and high-grade wraps of all kinds take the same route. Thus an opportunity is afforded the stylish woman to secure aristo-OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washcratic, super-excellent garments at mediocre prices. ngton, Dec. 6 .- There is every indicacation that a river and harbor bill will Entire stock of Suits today and tomorrow over \$60, at HALF PRICE Chairman Alexander, of the House

All Evening Gowns and Dresses, over \$75, two days, at HALF PRICE Any Coat, Cape or Wrap, over \$75, your choice, ONLY HALF PRICE



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tipped toes; extra heavy hand-turned soles; either \$1.39 kid or patent leather. Regular \$1.75.value, pair \$1.39

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Dishes, ea. \$5.45

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Classification and appraisal of Yakima lands, \$20,000.

SEATTLE CANAL BILL PUT IN

for Government and in building a canai to connect Lakes Union and Washing-ton with Puget Sound. Under the terms of the bill, King County must excavate the main body of the canal to a depth of 25 feet and width of 75 feet before any of the Government money becomes available. The county must also exon-

lzes a total appropriation of \$2,500,000 to defray the Government's share of the

BALLINGER WITHDRAWS LAND

Takes Out 56,471 Acres on Snake,

1760 Acres on Warner Creek.

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gton, Dec. 6 .- Announcement was made

For the mouth of the Columbia River, \$1,560,000 For the Cellio Canal, \$1,000,000 For Oxford Reef lightship, \$130,000. For Crater Lake Park, \$300. For a hospital at the Columbia River quarantine station, \$4500. Administering forest reserves. Oregon, \$380,043. Washington, \$225,800. Idaho, \$426. 650. Puget Sound Navy Yard, \$921,600. Pacific Coast torpedo station, \$145,000. Continuation of a road up Mount Rainier. \$25,000. Public buildings, as follows: Tacoma, \$150,000. Lewiston, Idaho, \$10,000. Moneow, Idaho, \$15,000. Construction of a small non-seagoing light vessel for Partridge Point, entrance to Puget Sound, \$60,000. Kellett Bluff Highthouss, Henry Island, Washington, \$30,000. Adds to navigation in Alaska, \$80,000.

to Make Fresh-Water Harbor.

ington, Dec. 6.-Representative Hum-phrey today introduced a bill providing for Government aid in building a canal

ington, Dec. 6.-In his estimates to Con-gress Ioday the Secretary of the Treasury for, each 98¢ \$1.50 4-piece Tea Set at.....\$5.95 \$7.50 4-piece recommended the following appropria-tions, which are of interest to the Norththe mouth of the Columbia River,

Aids to navigation in Alaska, \$50,000. Steam lighthouse tender for Alaska, \$225,-

000. Marking the Alaska boundary, \$100,000. Care of Alaska insanc, \$50,000. Education in Alaska, \$200,000. Alaska cables and telegraph systems, \$70,000.

Government Asked for \$2,500,000

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Specials Today in Wraps, Suits, Cut Glass and All Manner of Christmas Remembrances

The giver of cut glass adds to the wife's array of table ware in such a manner as to be a long time remembered. Nothing appeals quite so strongly during the feasting season as beautiful table decorations. A water bottle, a half dozen water glasses, olive dishes-hundreds of inexpensive, useful and ornamental gifts are suggested by the mere name, Libbey Cut Glass. Striking evidence of values is shown in the following special offers for Yuletide:

Will Please the Housewife



Women's Cashmere and Auto Glovesvery warm ... 48¢

Extra quality Kid Gloves, 2-clasp, all sizes, pair, \$1.29

A u tomobile Veils, long, extra quality chiffon ... \$1.98



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satisfactorily, legislation of this charac-ter will stand little chance of passing. It is to meet this situation that Mr. Mondell is introducing his bill this early in the

CALHOUN TRIAL REOPENS

Francisco Court Again Hears Alleged Bribery Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 .- The second trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with offering a member of the Board of Su-pervisors during the administration of Mayor Schmitz a bribe to secure an over-head trolley franchise for the United head trolley franchise for the United Railroads of this city, was resumed before Judge Lawlor today. A special venire of talesmen was summoned and venire of tatesmen was summoned and the examination of prospective jurors was resumed. During the first part of the trial, which was postponed on account of the impending municipal election, three jurors were passed subject to peremptory challenge, and four accepted with the privilege of further examination. The defendant appeared in court but was ex-cused from attendance today. Assistant District Attorney O'Gara appeared for the people and the defendant was repre-sented by Stanley Moore sented by Stapley Moore.

work, consisting principally of the in-stallation of locks and controlling works. The bill is intended to give Seattle a fresh-water harbor and additional wharfthe result of a collision between the two vessels. The crew of the Steinbrenner was taken off, while the crew of the Ber-wind remained on board. ALLEGED SWINDLERS LOSE Racetrack Men May Have to Stand Trial in Omaha.

lying at anchor seriously damaged near Round Island in the St. Mary's River as

at the Interior Department today that, in view of proposed legislation affect-ing the disposal of water power sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger has withdrawn temporarily from all forms of entry 55,471 acres along Snake Piezer in Orason Wachington and Idaha SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 .- United States District Judge Van Fleet today denied the petition of E. C. Moore, R. D. denied the petition of E. C. Moore, R. D. Herriman and W. D. Brown for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent their re-moval to the United States District Court at Omaha for trial on charges of conspiracy with the Maybray gang of alleged prizefight and racetrack swin-dlers. River in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, 3471 acres along South Boulder Creek in Colorado, 1760 acres along Warner Creek Counsel for the men announced they

n Oregon and 400 acres along Tunk Creek in Washington. There also has been withdrawn from counsel for the men announced they would appeal to the United States Su-preme Court. The defendants allege that the conspiracy of which they are charged was formed in Canada, out of. immediate entry 341,298 acres in Wyom-ing and Idaho, for it has been discovered that they contain valuable deposits of the jurisdiction of the Omaha court.

less message from a steamer down the river reports that the steamer Henry Steinbrenner, of Cleveland, was sunk yesterday, and the steamer Berwind is

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phosphates. This was done, it was said, awaiting proposed legislation affecting the disposal of phosphate lands. ELLIS TO AID SHERMAN COUNTY

Will Introduce Bill for Relief of

Those Illegally Dispossessed.

Government's Right to Examine Baron Shibusawa Placed Under Banks Affirmed by Court. Guard at Honolulu.

CONTROLLER'S POWER OK'D JAPANESE REACH HAWAII

\$150,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- That the Controller of the Currency is an agent of the Government with power to examine into the affairs of National banks was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States today in the case of the United States vs. John M. Corbett and others in favor of the Government.

Corbett, cashier of the First National Bank of Ladysmith, Wis., was indicted with others on the charge of making a false report to the Controller.

MICE BITES KILL INFANT

Pets Gnaw Hands of Babe as It Sleeps, Polson Fatal.

BARNWELL, S. C., Dec. 4. - Blood poisoning, caused by the bites of pet white mice, resulted in the death of the six-weeks-old child of E. W. Holman. Last Friday afternoon the child was

left alone on a bed. The mice, which were pets of the babe's elder sister, climbed on the bed and snawed the climbed on the bed and gnawed the infant's hands. Her cries brought as-sistance, but the lacerations resulted fatally.

WIFE TOO FOND, HE SAYS

Man Who Lives With Mother Wants

Divorce From Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- A well-dressed, -ell-groomed young man entered the West 100th street station last night with an indignant expression on his

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HONOLULU, Dec. 6 .- The Honorary OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash Commercial Commissioners of Japan ar-rived here today on their return home from their three months' tour of the ington, Dec. 6.—Representative Ellis said today he would prepare and soon intro-duce a bill for the relief of the Sherman County settlers, who were disposessed of legally entered lands because of confrom their thre United States. United States. After a reception, the delegates were taken about the island in At the request of the local Japanese Consul, Baron Shibusawa, the leader of

Consul, Faron Shibusawa, the leaver of the delegation, was guarded by a special detail of plain clothes men. This action was taken because of the manifestations made here against the Japanese by Coreans after the recent assassination

Prince Ito.

Plot to Kill Kalser Revealed.

\$30,000,000 CLAIM LET GO says the time has come when this should be opened for development.

Mrs. Yerkes Relinquishes Interest in AVERY WOULD QUIT HIS JOB Big Estate.

District Attorney of Eastern Wash-CHICAGO, Dec. 6 .- Judge Cutting, in

ington Has Had Enough.

the Probate Court today, confirmed an agreement entered into some weeks ago OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washagreement entered into some weeks ago by Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles L. Yerkes, the executor of the traction magnate's estate, and heirs of the estate, by which Mrs. Yerkes relinington. Dec. 6.-Washington Senators to-day received word from A. G. Avery, District Attorney for Eastern Washing ton that he will not be a candidate for quishes personal claim to property in New York and Chicago valued at \$30,ent. His successor has not yet been chosen.

Shoup Statue to Be Accepted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-BERLIN, Dec. 6 .- An anarchist weekington, Dec. 6.-Senator Heyburn and Representative Hammer will tomorrow

as were natural and necessary to its busi ness management and showing that no pollical rights were thus transferred to Russia.

Russian Rights There Not Po-

litical, Complains Empire.

Circular Invokes Agreement Between

Emperor and Russo-Chinese

Bank Creating Chinese-

Eastern Railway. This announcement was made in the two cases of the Southern Pacific and of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Com-panies against the Interstate Commerce Commission, the former involv-ing the right of the Commission to re-duce rates, the latter the right of rail-WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The State De-partment has received a long circular note from the Chinese government re-stating the principles involved in the Harroad distribution of cars among coal mines.

Sanitary Gray Blankets, with very pretty borders; warm, dur- \$3.95 able, and usually sold for \$4.50; on sale now for, special..... white, gray, blue and red predominate in delicate mixtures. Any taste easily suited in colors and shades. Regular price, \$2.50 each; \$1.95 SPECIAL NOW FOR ONLY. Scarlet Wool Blankets-very fine material and weave. For those \$5.00 who prefer a warm color, this is a bargain; regular \$6.50, now ALL-WOOL WHITE BLANKETS, from \$6.00 to \$25.00 per pair. In a Sanitary gray Blankets, very fine weave; soft and of splendid \$4.45 quality; a blanket regularly sold for \$5.50; special now for \$4.45 variety of plaids. We also show Auto Robes and Steamer Blankets. Chang, the Chinese envoy sent there to the coronation of Emperor Nicholas, claim not only exclusive jurisdiction of report of Dr. William H. Warren, on his ter from a firm of attorneys in Columbus malysis of Erder's organs today, Deputy oroner Fath said that Dr. Doxey would the Eastern Siberlan road, but they also claim authority over the cities and towns along this road to exclusion of Chinese

be held as an inquest witness. "He is under constant surveillance now," said Dr. Fath, "and before the day is over will be taken into custody by the pelice and held as a Coroner's The United States has heretofore pro-tested against these claims on the part of Russia, on the ground that they inwitness. The inquest is set for Tuesday.

Neb., in which it was stated that the records of a bank there show that a draft for \$2700 drawn by Mrs. Dora E. Erder was received shortly after Erder's death. This corresponds with the amount of life insurance on Erder's policy.

Mrs. Russell Sage gave \$50,000 to Syra cuse University on her jast birthday. The money is to be used as an endowment fund Jane Erder, sister of the dead man, fur-money is to be used as a ished the prosecution today with a let- i for the teachers' college

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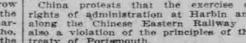
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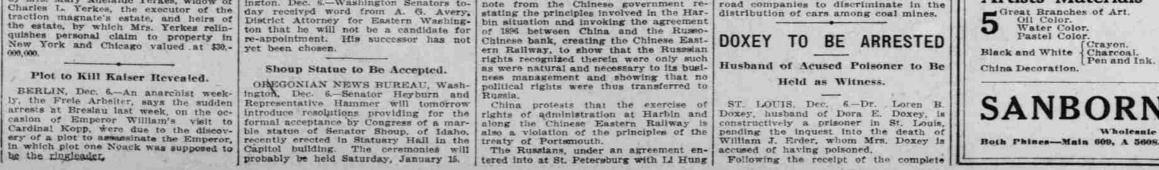
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stating the principles involved in the rist-bin situation and invoking the agreement of 1895 between China and the Russo-Chinese bank, creating the Chinese East-ern Railway, to show that the Russeian rights recognized therein were only such as were considered therein were only such





companies to discriminate in the

volve Chinese sovereignty in these citles and towns, notably Harbin.

HIGH COURT DEFINES WORK

Will Receive Cases Coming Only

Through Proper Channels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- In emphatic

washingtion, Dec. 6.—In emphatic language the Supreme Court of the United States announced today its deci-sion not to receive cases on certifi-cates from lower courts until they have reached the proper stage for such certification.

