

has no intent to receive nor the seller to deliver, have you any objection to the Scott bill?"

## Insurance Called Gambling.

"Not if that is the provision of that bill, but it is not," said Mr. Merrill, "And let me say that no insurance scheme could work in place of hedging. Scheme could work in place of hedging. The biggest speculator or gambler or hettor is the insurance company that bets the face of its policy against the premium. The percentage of the in-surance companies that fail is larger than the percentage of speculators."

TARIFF ON HARMONY OPPOSED

Labor Unions Would Bar Musicians

## From Foreign Countries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21-Chords and discords figured at a hearing today be-fore the House committee on immigra-tion in connection with the Hayes bill for regulating immigration. Representative Kustermen (Republican, Wisconsin,) pleaded for the free admission of foreign musicians to "protect us from some of the discords of our American bands."

Arthur Holder, representing the musi-clans' organization in the American Fed-eration of Labor, read resolutions protesting against the importation of for-eign bands and orchestras, who work cheaper than the local musicians.

Mr. Kusterman stamped the effort to bar out these foreign musicians as nar-row-minded, unjust and an outrage, say-ing he was a musician himself. Repre-sentatives Hayes of California, Bennett of New York and O'Connell of Massa chusetts supported the American musi clans' vlew. No decision was reached.

## TRIAL GIVEN TO MERGER PLAN

House Committee Leaves Loophole

#### for Return to Old System.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- The House naval committee today voted a tentative approval of Secretary Meyer's plan of re. organization, which will give the Secretary the power to put his plan into practice for one year. By adopting a resolution originating with Representative Dawson, of Iowa, the committee practically reached a compromise be-tween the rival supporters of the Moyer and Newberry plans whereby the Sec-retary could use interchangeably among the various bureaus, the appropriations for the fiscal year, which he would apply in accordance with his reorganization Ideas.

It is specifically provided, however, that no appropriation shall be diverted from its original purpose and also that # the Secretary, in making his estimates

for 1912, shall pull them in the old form. This practically leaves the way open for the rejection of the Meyer plan if, after a year's trial, it proves unsatis-fuetory factory.

# TAFT APPROVES INQUIRY

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Griscom's diplomatic experience, they, including their host, were equally di-vided, Governor Hughes expressed him-self as favoring a thorough expose of all cases of corruption. Griscom and Otto T. Bannard, who made many friends by his run for Mayor last Fall, backed him up. Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr.: State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff

State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff and United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew advised "calmness" and a "con-

haby. On Thanksgiving day, 1908, Mc-Kee left Fort Worth for San Francisco, according to Mrs. McKee. more satisfactory in general than they ever were before. This fact was made clear in the testi-

After trailing him through California, Mrs. McKee says she found him in Seat-tle, acting as secretary to J. D. Farrell. mony of Chairman Knapp before the House and Senate committees, but an erroneous Impression of the chairman's attitude has been published. This is cor-rected in a statement which he made to-day, as follows: "The report in many papers of a collo-ouv between the chairman of the House

SMALLPOX TAKES ENSIGN

Ine report in many papers of a cono-quy between the chairman of the House committee and myself on Saturday en-thely misrepresents what obcurred. The question asked me by Mr. Mann, to which I gave an affirmative reply, in substance related solely to import rates, which are construct by lass and on some acticles form California Boy Is Fourth Victim of

Disease on Cruiser.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 22 generally less and on some articles from some ports materially less, than domestic rates to some ports on the same articles. (Special.)-Ensign Philip O. Griffiths, aged 25, an officer of the armored cruiser Washington, died at the Diacruiser Washington, died at the Dla-mond Point quararitine station this afternoon of smallpox. Ensign Grif-nith's home was in Palo Alto. Cal., where his mother now lives. He had been in the Navy since 1902. This is the fourth death resulting from smallpox among the crew of the Washington since the cruiser returned from Hanqlulu. The best way to deal with this situation is a problem of great difficulty. A sec-tion of the Mann bill, which was then

under discussion, in effect prohibits im-port or expert rates lower than domestic rates to or from the same ports and it was endeavoring to show that this plan would be unwise and ought not to be from Honolulu.

idopted. "Some members of the committee The quarantine on the Washington was raised today, but the vessel will re-main at the station another week bethereupon mentioned instances of extreme disparity between import and domestic fore proceeding to the Puget Sound Navy Yard for docking and repairs. Three members of the crew are still confined at the isolation hospital. rates on the same articles. Mr. Mann then said that the situation was intoler-able and asked me if I did not think so, and I replied as above stated. "All this had nothing whatever to do with domestic rates in general, which as respects their reasonableness and free-

NEW HOTEL IN HOOD RIVER dom from unjust discrimination, I be-lleve to be more satisfactory now than

C. A. Bell Plans Three-Story Structure Adjoining Present Hostelry.

arately.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 22 .- (Special. Plans were approved today by C. A. Bell, proprietor of the Mount

Hood Hotel, for a new hotel, entirely separate from his present establishment, This will be built of brick and stone, 100x100 feet, three stories high, with

Shot Result of Old Dispute.

ELGIN, Or., Feb. 22 .- Fred Wisdon

LACROSSE, Wis., Feb. 22.-(Special.) -J. Ole Storey, of St. Paul, may settle the suit which Henry A. Salzer, of this city, has brought against him for re-The structure will occupy a space on the southeast corner of the block which Mr. Bell owns adjoining the present hotel, which will be run sepcovery of a certain tract of Montana lands alleged to have been obtained from Salzer through fraud by deeding to Sal-zer 4000 acres of the lands and making

te final payment on the tract, A. E. Clark, of Portland, Mr. Salger's HYGIENE CAUSES PANIC attorney, has been in conference with Mr. Selzer regarding the Storey offer. Mr. Clark declared that Storey has al-Locked-in Immigrants Fail to Unready paid out \$5200 on the lands and now when he makes an offer to restore 4000 out of 6500 acres his offer seems derstand Benefits of Disinfection.

reasonable and may be accepted, Storey claims he took the lands with-out knowledge of the way in which they had been obtained from Salzer. NEW YORK. Feb. 22.—Use of a pow-erful disinfectant in the corridors and de-tention rooms of the immigration station at Ellis Island today cuused more than 100 Italians, locked in one of the rooms,

# to become panic stricken, refusing to be calmed when assured that the thick fumes which stiffed were not caused by INDIAN LAND MAY BE SOLD

Hawley's Bill Would Open Surplus In trying to escape the men beat at the barred windows and ran around the room in a franzy of fear. Four were serious-ly injured in the crush. of Klamath Reservation.

they ever were before.'

STOREY MAY SETTLE SUIT

Makes Offer to Restore 4000 of

6800 Acres He Secured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Represen-tative Hawley today introduced a bill authorizing the opening of the surplus lands of the Klamath Reservation after the completion of allotments to Klam-ath and Medoc Indians. As soon as the allotments on manufacted a commute

as brought in this morning with a bulwas brought in this morning with a oul-let wound in his right leg. He said he was shot last evening by Ira Stewart, five miles southeast of Elgin. A warrant is being issued for Stewart. Stewart bears an excellent reputation. The trouble is of long standing. Wisdom claims he was 100 yards from Stewart.

Fashion Clothing Company, loss \$10,-000. insurance \$5000. Wevley's fur store, loss \$10,000, in-

Wevieys fur store, loss \$10,000, in-surance \$3000. The damage to the building, which is owned by Colonel T. W. Symons, U. S. A., is estimated at \$50,000, fully in-

# BIG PROFIT IS REALIZED

Quarter Block Sold for More Than Double Cost After Four Years.

Announcement was made yesterday of the sale by Mrs. Mary M. Gillette, of 194 Abernathy street, of the northwest quar-ter block at Twentieth and Kearney streets, the consideration being \$15,000. Henry J. Fisher and M. Grahlel Thorsen were the purchasers. Mrs. Gillette bought the property four years ago for \$7250, making a profit on the deal of \$8750.

## Shaw Buys Into Register.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 22.-(Special.)-Harry M. Shaw, an experienced printer of Oregon City, has purchased an interest in the Morning Register of this city, which, under a recent decision of the Messrs. Gilstraps, who have owned the paper for a number of years, is to be conducted on a co-operative basis. Mr. Shaw will have the superintendency of the entire mechanical department under the new arrangement, and assumed his new duties Monday morning. Mr. Shaw was formerly with the Register in similar capacity.

#### Shooter Shot by Deputy.

SUMPTER, Or., Feb. 22.-Samuel Hale, should rank off, red. 22-Sandar Hale, a rancher residing near Whitney, 147 miles from this place, was shot Sunday at Whitney by Walter Hanby. Hale had imbibed and began shooting up the town and soon had the inhabitants dodging. Hanby was deputized to arrest him and reas compalied to shoot him in order to was compelled to shoot him in order to was competed to shoot him in order to bring him to terms. The bullet struck Hale at the base of the car, tearing it almost completely away. The wouldned man was brought here yesterday after-noon for treatment. His recovery is exnected.

# Development League Elects.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Feb. 22.-(Special.)-The White Salmon Valley De-velopment League today elected its offi-cers and directors for 1910 as follows: President. E. E. Mills; secretary, J. Morgan Lewis; treasurer, Dr. George F. Jewett; directors-William Olson, N. A. Ingram, G. W. Needham, Frank P. Egan,

# Bishop Addresses Students,

CHEMAWA, Or., Feb. 22.-(Special.)-The RL Rev. Charles Scadding, bishop of Oregon, addressed the students of the Chemawa Indian School this evening at the close of the entertainment given by the Indian pupils in commemoration of the day. The bishop was attentively listened to by the Indians.

## Oxygen Tank Explodes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- An oxygen tank exploded in a garage on East Seventy-fourth street this afternoon. Arthur Commier, a mechanic, was blown to pieces, and his brother Henry was so severely injured that he may die,

Weeks of Campaigning for Western Wage Schedule Result in Defeat-Brotherhood Officials

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22 .- The two now rful railroad labor organizations, the Order of Railway Conductors and the

Brotherhood of Rallway Trainmen, which have undertaken to obtain a general increase of the wage scale for all em increase of the wage scale for all em-ployes in those branches of the service on the principal lines in the eastern part of the United States and in Canada, have suffered repulse at the inauguration of their better pay campaign.

Regard Strike as Likely.

Three weeks of negotiations with the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, among the first to be approached, ended today when the company, through President Daniel Willard, declined to accede to the de-mands of the organization, the company's position being set forth in the official statement

#### Union to Take Vote.

"The conferences with the representa-tives of the conductors, and trainmen's prganizations and President Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio, held today in the endeavor to reach a mutually satisfactory basis of agreement on the question of wage increase," the statement says, "ended in a suspension of further confer-ences until the brotherhood representatives have submitted the matter, as it now stands, to the membership for in-structions for procedure to be taken.

"The company could not accept the men's proposition as originally made and the men's representatives did not feel authorized to accept the counter-proposition made on the part of the company with-out referring it to the men for further advices."

### Strike Strongly Possible.

The whole question now goes back to the rank and file, who will vote on the question of a strike, which the brother-hood officials regard as a strong possibility.

bility. The men asked for the Western rate in freight and yard service, an increase of 9 1-16 per cent in their passenger serv-ice, and the abelition of double-header

freight trains. According to the men, the railroad met these demands with what they declared was a "very slight percentage increase to the minority of the men involved."

Van Vorst, H. L. Simpson, George-LABOR TO MIX IN POLITICS

# Federation Will Be More Active in Campaigns Than Ever.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The Ameri-can Federation of Labor will this year take a more active part in politics than ever before. Plans for active political labor campaigns in practically every state of the Union were made public today by the executive council of the Federation, which has adopted a resolu

"Resolved, that the American Federa tion of Labor most firmly and unequi-vocally favors the independent use of the ballot by trades unionists and workmen united, regardless of party, that we may elect men from our own ranks to make new laws and administer them

## HIs Machinists Work.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.-War between Martin B. (Skinny) Madden and his As-sociated Building Trades and the Amer-ican Federation of Labor again broke out Mrs. Sarah Ball Is Dead. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 22 .- Mrs. Sarah E. yesterday, with the result that build-ing operations were stopped on a num-ber of skyscrapers. The leaders of the Building Trades

Council plan to strike on every build-ing where the Otis Elevator Company has the contract for elevator work and where Madden's machinists are acting elevator constructors. Yesterday the faction of painters B. Young, of Sydney, Fla. as strikebreakers, taking the places of

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Sarah E. Ball, for several years a well-known Albany woman, died at her home in this city last night, aged 75. Mrs. Ball was born at Fostoria, O., and spent the most of her life at Fremont, O. She came to Albany in 1891. She is survived by five children: Dr. T. J. Ball, of Astoria: Dr. F. L. Ball, of Port-land; Mrs. Charles H. Cusick and Kath-erine E. Ball, of Albany and Mrs. E



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