# BENSON BIGAMIST IS SON'S CHARGE

Both Wives Remembered in Will of Landgrabber Who Died Recently.

FIGHT IS ON FOR ESTATE

California Man Resents Father's Action in Awarding One-Third of Property to Spouse No. 2, Once Wedded to Swiftwater Gates.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11 .- (Special.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—(Special)
—It is reported this evening that a
peculiar will made by John A. Benson,
of land-fraud notoristy, has been
found among his effects. According to
the story, it leaves one-third of the
estate to his first wife, who is still
living, and from whom it is charged
that Benson never secured a divorce;
one-third to wife No. 2, who was once
the wife of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates,
and one-third to the son, Dr. Edward
A. Benson, who has branded his dead
father as a bigamist.
The sudden death of John A. Benson

The sudden death of John A. Benson on the first day of liberty after a year's imprisonment in the Ingleside fall for land frauds has opened the lips of the son. Dr. Edward A. Benson, who is president of the California Colwho is president of the California College of Optometry, brands his dead father a bigamist and says that he will fight to establish the claims of his mother, the first wife, over those of Mrs. Grace Gates Benson, former wife of "Swiftwater Bill." He says Mrs. Gates married J. A. Benson when he had no divorce from his first wife.

Dr. Benson Talks.

"It was my mother's horror of pubilcity and scandal which made her endure silently the treatment by my father." said Dr. Benson today, "I have applied for letters of administration on my father's estate and special letters have been granted Public Administrator Hynes. I have no idea what the value of the estate is. The home where I live in San Francisco and the Oakland residence occupied by my mother belong to her. I suppose the San Ramon ranch belonged to my father.

"My father let it be inferred by the public at the time of his marriage to this woman about seven years ago that he had obtained a divorce from my mother. My father and mother were never divorced. There was no feeling mother. My father and mother were never divorced. There was no feeling of bitterness between them, as my father many times acknowledged his mistake. During the past few weeks she received a message from him ad-mitting the monstrous crime he had done my mother and asking forgive-ness.

Mother Has Letters.

"My mother has letters, insurance papers and documents enough to amply papers and documents enough to amply support her claims. She is not, however, a party to the action I am taking. I am the only heir, as my sister died some 20 years ago. Whether there are a few dollars or a large sum, the fact will be established that we are the only legal heirs."

Mrs. Grace Gates Benson, who also claims to be the widow of the late land-grabber, and claims his estate, is at her home on Lombard street, where she denies herself to all interviewers.

at her home on Lombard street, where she denies herself to all interviewers. She is said to have won the adventurous "Swiftwater Bill" Gates when he was in the Klondike, through her graceful dancing. "Swiftwater Bill" has been rather versatile as to matrimony and his varied career included the fifth honeymoon a short time ago. Dr. Edward A. Benson is employing attorneys in his fight to establish claims to his father's property.

John A. Benson came into the public eye when he was Land Commissioner here and was called upon to account for misappropriation of funds. He field the country and was located in Copen-

the country and was located in Copen-hagen after a 10,000-mile flight.

NEW AIRSHIP TYPES SEEN

Fairchild and Baldwin Already or Ground in Mineola.

MINEOLA, L. I., May 11.-If next week brings good aeropiane weather, Clifford B. Harmon will essay several long cross country flights around Long Island from his quarters at the Aero Club motordrome here. Harmon has had a week's hard practice with his Farman biplane, making several flights of a mile or more acceptance. reral flights of a mile or more each

There are now seven flying machines here, and nearly all of them are ready for trial flights as soon as the weather seems favorable. Among the more prom. sing of the new ones are a monoplane built by Walter L. Fairchild, of New York, and a new biplane built by Captain Thomas S. Baldwin.

Wrights Going After Record.

DAYTON, Ohlo, May 11 .- Announ was made here last night that the Wright Brothers will attempt to better Paulhan's long-distance seroplane feat by flying from Dayton to Chicago. A date has not been definitely set for the trial beyond that it will be within the next few weeks The distance is approximately 200 miles

FACULTY DEFENDS DIGNITY

Students Suspended for Trying to Disrobe Teacher Ballplayer.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 11 .- (Spe stal.) -School authorities today set the stall)—School authornies today set the seal of disapproval on the student prac-tice of attempting to disrobe faculty members in public when they suspended ar expelled seven atudents of the South Pentral High School, two of them track

Central High School, two of them track toam members and five of them players on the baseball team.

The boys took part in a "rough house" at the faculty senior baseball game Monday, in the course of which they tried to remove a pair of orange and black socks from R. Bruce Bartholmow, of the North Central faculty, "rung in by the South Central pedaraverse to strengthen their lineup. gogues to strengthen their lineup

M'KINLEY SEEKING LANDS

Seattle to Be Future Home of Public Lander Frander.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11-(Special.) Horace F. McKinley and S. A. D. Puter, recent arrivals from Portland, who were among the first men arrested in con-nection with the Oregon land-frand cases. registered at the Seattle Hotel late yes-

McKinley said that the purpose of his visit to Scattle was to acquire timber land in this locality and make his resi-

AERONAUT WHO, WITH HIS COMPANION, WAS INJURED BY



A. HOLLAND FORBES

Aeronauts Drop 20,000 Feet Escaping Death.

400-MILE FLIGHT IS MADE

President of Aero Club of America and Companion Pass Through 4 States; Rip Cord Damages Bag and Gas Escapes.

(Continued From First Page.) noon. Those who saw it could discern no passengers and suspected that some thing was wrong. It was going at the rate of five miles an hour. As it moved over Center and north it appeared to be settling toward the ground, when suddenly the bag collapsed and the dash to

Farmers soon reached the field in which the balloon had falien. They freed the two apparently dead men and carried them to the Barton home, where restoratives were administered. It was not until several hours later that Forbes showed signs of returning consciousness, at a time.

Balloon Had Erratic Flight.

The balloon had a most erratic flight. It ascended at Quincy, Ill., Monday evening and traveled soutward. Early yesterday morning it was sighte dat Wentzville. Mo., and it passed over the Mississippi river within the limits of St. Louis. It was next reported in Southern Illinois. At Nashville, Ill., the drag rope ouched the treetops. Ballast was thrown out at North Prairie and the aerostat ascended to an altitude of 3000 feet. It then passed into Kentucky.

FORBES AERIAL ADVENTURER Has Had Many Narrow Escapes

While Up in Balloons. NEW YORK, May 11.—A. Holland Porbes has had a long and adventurous

career as a balloonist, and is vice-presi-dent of the Aero Club of America. On October 11, 1908, while he was competing October 11, 1885, while he was competing for the James Gordon Bennett distance trophy at Berlin, his balloon—the Conueror-burst at a height of 3000 feet and fell swiftly. The gas bag, however, spread after its collapse into a parachute form and lowered the aeronaut gently to a

Forbes won the Lahm cup on October 14, 1999, for the longest flight of that year, With Max C. Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, he started from St. Louis on October 12 and landed in Chesterfield County, Virginia, after covering a distance of 731 miles in 19 hours and 16 minutes.

HOLDOVER LOSS TO FARMER

Goldendalt Wheat Brings 30c Less

Than in December.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 11 .- (Spe ial.)-The first gales of wheat, held over by the farmers at Goldendale, were made this week, the price paid for forty-fold wheat being %c per bushel, which is ex-actly 30c per bushel less than was offered for the same wheat last December.

Most of the farmers took advantage of the high prices offered last December and ery little wheat was held over in the varehouses along the line of the Goldenale branch of the S., P. & S. Light showers still continue in the lickitat Valley and the weather is Klickitat Harvest in the valley will be least 10 days earlier than usual.

SPOILS SYSTEM BLAMED

Civil Service Reforms Say Roosevelt and Taft Ignore Rules.

utive committee of the Civil Service Asso-ciation made public tonight at the annual meeting of the association. The committee believes responsibility

for the customs frauds here rests upon the executive officers of the customs de-partment, who under Roosevelt, it charged, were products of the spoils sys-Instances cited are the appointments of

Surveyors Clarkson (now resigned) and of Deputy Surveyors Vail and Bishop, both of who, it said, were appointed by Gen-eral Clarkson through walver by Presi-dent Roosevelt of civil service rules and both of whom have since been dismissed by Collector Look by Collector Loeb.

Taft appointments, of which the asso

raft appointments, of the control of Edmund Vorhies as postmaster at Brooklyn, Dr. Nathan A. Warren as postmaster at Yonkers, N. Y., and William J. Maxwell as collector of internal revenue.

LOCAL OPTION ORDER IN MOR-ROW IS OPPOSED.

Indicted Men Admit Sale of Intoxicating Liquor, but Insist No.

of the local option law of this county. Of these, Gld Hatt and Dave Pressley pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each, while 13 others charged with from one to three indictments entered pleas of not guilty and waived jury trial.

Stipulations were entered into by their counsel, Sam E. Van Vactor, and G. W. Phelps, District Attorney, admitting that each of the defendants did sell nearbeer, which they admitted to be intoxicating, to C. W. Demarest, a detective employed by the authorities during the pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each, employed by the authorities during the week preceding and following the cele-bration last Fourth of July. They also admitted the facts alleged in the indict-ments to be true except that in selling ments to be true except that in seiling intoxicating liquors they were violating no statute, for the reason that the County Court never made any valid order prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor, and the counsel for the defendants avers that there is no provision made in the statute for the holding of a special session when the regular session has been ad-journed for the term.

The case of E. C. Maddock was taken as a test case, stipulations being made that in case the defendant was found guilty and an appeal from the decision of this court is taken to the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, the execution of sentence in each of the other cases shall be suspended and held in abeyance until the case against Maddock is finally decided, and that the other cases shall abide by the decision rendered in the case

After long argument by both sides, Judge Bean assessed the fine of Maddock at \$100, rendered his decision sustaining the law and allowed 30 days in which of exceptions and at the same time ordered a stay of execution.

TACOMA ASKS THIRD TRIAL

Commercial Club Seeks Mrs. Kvalshaug's Conviction or Acquittal.

TACOMA, May 11.—The trustees of the Commercial Club today adopted a resolution urging that Mrs. Martina Kvaishaug, charged with the murder of

her husband, he tries a third time, the jury having twice disagreed. The resolution also recommended the expenditure of any money that may be ecessary to employ additional co Prosecuting Attorney for the state. McMurray said the third trial probabl will be held some time in June.

Lewis County Crop to Be Bumper. CHEHALIS, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)

The crop conditions in Lewis County are most favorable and it is expected that the fruit crop will be a re

Astoria Ships First Fish Car. ASTORIA, Or., May 11 .- (Special.) -- The NEW YORK, May 11.—Neither President Taft nor ex-President Roosevelt escaped criticism in the report of the exec-

Klaw & Erlanger Reply to Seattle Man's Organization in Theater War.

SHUBERTS' SHOWS COMING

Heilig Theater Probably Will Play Independent Attractions if Portland Theater Lessees Acquiesce - Speculation On.

NEW YORK, May 11.—An alliance has just been formed by producing managers in the United States, who to-gether own and control 200 of the leading traveling combinations in this country. They have placed the book-ing of their various interests in the hands of Klaw & Erlanger, with in-structions to play only in such terri-tory and in such theaters as will give the producing managers the support to which they consider themselves en-

The managers of the new alliance are Charles Frohman, David Belasco, Henry W. Savage, Henry B. Harris, Joseph Brooks, Cohan & Harris, Klaw & Erlanger, Florenz Ziegfeld, Augustus Pitou, Charles B. Dillingham. James M. Caits, Wagenhals & Kemper, Frederic Thompson, Al H. Woods, Joseph Weber, Henry Miller, Daniel Frohman, William Harris and others. William Harris and others.

That the theater war, started by Calvin Heilig, of Portland, and John Cort, of Seattle, a week ago, which has since spread until it embraces 400 the-

since spread until it embraces 400 theater managers of the same way of
thinking as themselves, is but in its
infancy, was indicated by a New York
dispatch last night.

Threatened with the downfail of
their supremacy by the rival booking
agency, what the independent theaters
proposed to form, Klaw & Erlanger
have drawn their forces together and
are making a grandstand fight. The
renowned K. & E. have bound together managers representing over 200
leading attractions, who have consented leading attractions, who have consented to an agreement that they will sign no contracts otherwise than through K. & E. What country shall be played is to be left entirely in the hands of the booking agency.

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Thus a prompt checkmate has been called to the plan fostered by the Northwest Theatrical Association that the middleman be eliminated. K. & E. have not taken kindly to the proposal for their elimination and have come back with an answer.

It was but Saturday John Cort telegraphed to Portland and Seattle: "The battle is over. The game is in our back"

The prompt resumption of hostilities by Klaw & Erlanger would lead to the belief the announcement was prema-

As to how the great war started there are varying statements. Calvin Heilig says it was because Klaw & Erlanger told him they could only supply 14 attractions for the following season, while on the other hand K. & E. charge bad faith by Heilig and Cort. Hellig says he withdrew his theaters in the Northwest, and the other independent theaters followed suit; K. & E. assert they declined to book further for Cort, Hellig & Co.

Heilig has an iron-clad agreement that the Shubert shows shall play in the Heilig Theater next season so

Law Was Violated.

HEPPNER, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—
The regular May term of the Circuit that the Portiand will not be without adequate theatrical entertainment, yet both Heilig and Cort were confident that they would be able to book the other shows a surprise, because of the large docket of criminal cases.

There were 30 indictments against proprietors of near-beer dispensaries for selling intexcitating liquors in violation of the local option law of this county.

Now Klaw & Erlanger come back associates, could take care of a show from coast to coast.

Now Klaw & Erlanger come backwith their old standby producers more firmly than ever their adherents. Those who had announced their defection from the K, & E, standard appear to be still without the fold. These include William A, Brade I.

SEATTLE, Wash, May 11.—L, B. Frost, 37 years old, who came here from Theresa, N. Y., was found dead in his room in a hotel today, having committed suicide by hanging with special at 12½c Ea

Classes Today in Hardanger Embroidery includes an object of mental points of appeals in the defection from the K, & E, standard appear to be still without the fold. These includes William A, Brade I.

be still without the fold. These include William A. Brady, Liebler & Co., and a number of others.

Locally the situation appears as it was prior to the arrival of Mr. Heilig.

The Heilig Theater probably will play the Shubert and allied attractions and the understanding Russell & Drew assert they have with the Shuberts probably will be settled by the Shuberts buying out the half interest Russell & Drew have in the Portland Theater and the Alhambra at Seattle.

## LAND FRAUD CASES DEAD

Several Idaho Prosecutions Dropped, Venue Changed in Others.

MOSCOW. Idaho, May 11.—(Special.)—Special Assistant Attorney-General Peyton Gordon dismissed several of the North Idaho land-fraud cases in the Federal Court today.

William F. Kettenbach, ex-president, and George H. Kester, ex-cashler, of the Lewiston National Bank, who were in-Kettenbach, ex-president. dicted several years ago with William Dwyer, C. W. Colby, Fred Emery and Clarence W. Robnett numerous times at Moscow and Boise, each have been discharged from all but two important cases. The cases against William B. Benton, C. W. Colby, Fred Emery, George H. Kester and William F. Kettenbach, who were jointly indicted, were dismissed.

George H. Kester and William Dwyer, Judge Dietrich granted a motion for change of venue to Bolse. The only conspiracy case now remaining is against J. E. Steffy, who has since turned state's evidence; William F. Kettenbach, George H. Kester and William Dwyer, a timber-cruiser.

EXPLORERS' ROUTE CLEAR

Mount McKinley Parties Will Find Susitna Navigable.

SEATTLE, May 11—The steamer Bertha, from Northern Alaska ports, brings news that Cook Inlet and a part of the Susitna River was navigable when she left and that the whole of the Susitna must be clear of ice now. This is important for the two Mount McKinley exceptions which had feared they must portant for the two admit acclinity ex-peditions, which had feared they might be delayed a long time by ice. A fur trader who returned from the in-let reports a disastrous season. The na-tives have obtained catalogues of Flastern fur houses and have increased prices uneasonably.

First Shipment of Strawberries Out. MOSIER, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The first shipment of Mosier strawberries was made today by A. P. Bateham, man-

ager of the East Hood River Fruit Com-pany. The fruit is of fine quality and is being shipped through the Hood River union to Portland and Spokane. The

PRESIDENT APPROVES BILL

Postal Bank Bonds in Multiples \$24 Pass Muster.

WASHINGTON. May 11.—President Taft virtually approved of the postal savings bank bill as presented to him in tentative form last night by Chairman Weeks and other membars of the House committee on postoffices and post roads. After the bill emerges from committee it will be submitted to a Republican caucus for final changes.

It is understood that the President approved the idea of issuing United States bonds in \$24 denominations and multiples thereof, bearing 2½ per cent interest, to

thereof, bearing 2½ per cent interest, to be sold to postal savings depositors. A postal bank bill already has passed the Senate.

RECEPTION TO BE INFORMAL

Thousand Invitations Issued to Roosevelt Luncheon in London.

LONDON, May IL—After communicating with Mr. Roosevelt, the committee of the corporation decided today to present the ex-President with the honorary freedom of the City of London on May II, the date originally chosen.

Instead of the formal luncheon planned, however, there will be an informal reception, for which 1000 invitations will be issued.

# WOMAN BURNS HER BABY Summer Coats and Jackets

BODY RECOVERED FROM BAY SHOWS CAUSE OF DEATH.

Mother Now in Hospital in Critical Condition-May Be Charged With Murder.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11 .- (Special.) -With blood on her clothes and hands, and her naked baby dead by her own hand in her arms, Hilda Schinke, 19 year old, threw the body into the bay and staggered to her home, three blocks away, in agony. Neighbors called Dr. F. A. Booth, who sent her to the city hospital, where she is in a critical condition. Coroner Snyder

is investigating.

The girl rented a room in an apartment house at Inter Bay several months ment house at Inter Bay several months ago. She has been working in a laundry until last week, when her condition made it imperative that she quit. Mrs. P. H. Reilly, who lives in the same house, saw the girl leave Monday with the naked baby, badly burned. The mother took the child to the foot of Smith street, where she throw it into the hear.

threw it into the bay.

She stold she was married, but would not talk to any extent. Sergeant Dagner recovered the Caby's the little one had been burned to death, its head, back and arms being charred. An Alaskan stove was mound in the room occupied by the girl. If she lives, the mother may be made to answer toa charge of mur-

Residence District Paved.

MEDFORD, Or., May 11 .- (Special.) Grading and paving on East Main street and Queen Anne avenue are practically completed and the people on these streets are using the dirt thrown out by the excavating to level up their property and will soon plant lawns. The work is under contract to the Clark-Henry Company.

Dancehall Plans Made.

SEASIDE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)— Plans and specifications for a large dance hall have been accepted, and Monroe Grimes has the contract for the con-struction of the building. Percy A. Campbell and William Byers of Portland

WASHINGTON, May 11.-Lands aggregating 233,294 acres, located in the Chip-pewa Indian Reservations, in Minnesota, which were withdrawn from settlement a little more than a year ago, have been restored to the public domain by the In-

terior Department, They will be subject to homestead entry on June 20. Rules Committee Delays Action. WASHINGTON, May 11.-The rules mittee, which was to have acted today on a rule designed to expedite the consideration of the anti-options bill in the House, postponed its meeting until later in the week, possibly Friday.

Lecture at Oxford Put Off. LONDON, May 11.—It was definitely announced last night that Mr. Roose-velt's lecture at Oxford University cheduled for May 18 has been post-

Trading Stamps Under Law's Ban. WASHINGTON, May 11.-The issue of

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Thursday \$6.75

-Women's Jackets in 32 to 36inch lengths, made of all wool tan covert cloth, black taffeta silk in plain and braided styles, also of natural colors. Cloth of gold in braided and trimmed styles and of fine all-wool broadcloth. These jackets are all this season's

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Extension Rod Sale for Thursday 5000 Brass Extension Rods of superior quality and fin-

ish, both for sash and full-length curtains. All brack-

ets and screws complete with rods. Regular 10c Rods, Special at 7c Each Regular 15c Rods, Special at 9c Each

NEW EARTHQUAKES ARE FELT

Killed at Cartago, Are Found. SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 11.— Heavy earthquakes were felt here to-lay. Thousands of persons are leaving the city in alarm. A series of severe shocks were experienced yesterday.

Congress has practically declared martial law in the province of Cartago to prewent robbery and disturbances.

The American Consul has succeeded in finding all the Americans, some of were thought to have been All the injured are now re-

celving proper care. Methodists Would Block Fight. LODI, Cal., May II.—A resolution ask-ing Governor Gillett to stop the Jeffries-Johnson fight was adopted by the Sacra-

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Legislative certicitions good for oleomargarine are

washington, May 11.—Legislative restrictions good for oleomargarine are good for butter, to precisely the same extent, according to John F. Jelke, of Chicago, who advocated the former product as the poor man's food before the House committee on agriculture today. Jelke said he was against any tax or any arbitrary discrimination organizations. All Americans, at First Thought arbitrary discrimination against garine.

> Severe Shock Felt in San Domingo. SAN DOMINGO, May 11 .- A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 3 o'clock this morning. There was no loss of life nor damage to property in the city, but reports from the interior have not been received.



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