REAL ESTATE AUCTION MONOPOLY.

Action by the New York Legislature

Upon the Pending Bill Deferred. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Senators and members of the assembly looked like a

lot of Kris Kringles as they filed to their seats in their respective chambers at Al-bany yesterday morning. Scarcely half the members of the lower house were in

their seats when Speaker Fish called for

quiet.

There was soon reached on the calendar the bill depriving Croker, Meyer & Co., of

the real estate auction monopoly in New York city. Chairman O'Grady, of the committee on cities, in the absence of Mr.

Pavey, and after a count of noses, re-quested that the bill be fald swide. Sam

Poley, the Tammany leader, arose to pro-test. The speaker's gavel cut his protest short, and Mr. O'Grady's request was granted. When asked afterward why the

was sent to a third reading, their lobb

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That Line.

ley with General Agent Donovan tomo

"The prospect of our handling a large proportion of the fruit shipments of Ore-gon and Washington the coming season are flattering. The Eastern market for

the fruit of the two states is a large one. The mouths of 10,000,000 people living where fruits are not produced can be

where truits are not produced can be easily and cheaply reached, and more mouths will open for the apples, peaches, pears, prunes, berries and grapes as soon as this country extends the limit of production. Those who have studied the sit-

uation have no doubts as to the markets

The Great Northern policy will be to coldially second the efforts of growers iplacing their products in good order the markets of the Pacific consticties, i

the mining centers and camps of the in-terior, and in the non-fruit growing dis-tricts of the Dakotas, and also in the im-

portant cities and distributing points of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, West Su-perior, Milwaukee and Chicago. Shippers should bear in mind the fact that well-

packed fruit will always command bette

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attracting immigration to this country.

BOYCOTT AGAINST UNION PACIFIC.

Lifted.

Chicago that the boycott against the

that the boycott will not be lifted until the Union Pacific opens its gateways to Eastern lines. Herein is found the most

vital reason for doubting the authenticity

white-winged peace hovers over the camp

of the erstwhile beligerents, the only thing necessary being the formal signa-ture of the lines to the Western Trunk

There are, however, many conditions precedent to be considered by the Rock Island and the Burlington on the north,

and the Sante Fe on the south, rivals

railroad men, but there are reasons for

loubting the assertion that everything is

It is a fact that President Clark outlined the policy which Mr. Lomax has been pur-suing for two years past relative to clos-

ing the Denver and Ogden gateways to Eastern lines. Business originating east of the Mississippi river and destined for

a point on the Union Pacific, Mr. Lomax

insisted, should be given his road at Omaha, Business originating west of Omaha, he insisted, should be given the Union Pacific at Denver, and west of

Denver at Ogden. This the Rock Island

and Burlington fought, and inaugurated a boycott on round-trip business, insisting that the Union Pacific should not figure

in either the going or returning portio of round-trip tickets. It is this boyot that is still in effect, no notice having he received at the Union Pacific office th

the boycott on the part of the Sante Fe Rock Island, Burlington or Rio Grand

had been lifted. Until it is, it would seem foolish on the part of Mr. Lomax to throw

Van Horne's Views of a Rival Line

Horne, the president of the Canadian Pa-cific, who has been in England for some time, returned to America on the Teutonic

today. In response to questions regarding the cable and concerning the proposed line extending across the continent as a rival to the Canadian Pacific, he said: "The plan is too absurd to talk about.

As has been stated, the plan of these peo

ple is to unite a number of little Cana-dian roads into one and call it a riva-road to ours. These roads are offshoots of our main line which we did not build

as, in our opinion, the amount of traffic would not justify it. These small roads were built by the Quebec government, it being the policy of that government to open up and develop new parts of the

how they could be united into one con-

ner one containing water and the space

between them being filled with steam from

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.-Sir William Var

open his gateways.

tinuous line."

Line agreement,

were recently sent out from

senator resulted:

A DESERTED WOMAN

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF MRS. WOODARD, OF PORTLAND.

Abandoned by Her Husband in Tacomp, and Without Money, She Tried to Take Her Life.

TACOMA, Feb. 9.-Mrs. William Wood-ard, of Portland, who arrived here last night in search of her husband, attempte night in search of her husband, attempted suicide at 6 o'clock tonight by taking two ounces of laudanum in her room at the Auburn lodging-house. The landlady heard her hard breathing and the city physician was called. He and another doctor did what they could for her, but she was unconscious at 11:20 P. M., and her recovery was considered doubtful. her recovery was considered doubtrit. She is about 20 years old, and is accompanied by a 3-year-old daughter. It is said that Woodard recently left Portland under a cloud. She found him this morning, and he took her to the Auburn house, paying for a day's lodging. A violent quarrel followed in the room, and outsiders heard loud talking in which refersiders heard loud talking, in which reference was made to another woman with whom Woodard is supposed to have taken up with here. He left then, and has not been seen since. Mrs. Woodard had nothing to eat today. Her pockets contained but 5 cents and a return ticket to Portland

(So far as could be learned in Portland this morning, the Woodards referred to in the above dispatch formerly roomed at 2255 First street. Further inquiry devel-oped the fact that the William Woodard who roomed at this place was arrested some time ago on suspicion of having broken into a house in East Portland.)

CLOSE TO DEATH.

H. D. Smith's Second Escape From the Shadow of the Scaffold.

SPOKANE, Wash. Feb. 2.—A telegram was received tonight, stating that the state supreme court has issued an order allowing an appeal to the supreme court of the United States of the case of H. D. Smith, now under sentence of death for the murder of John Wyant, in November, 1821. This is one of the most remarka-ble murder cases in the history of the Northwest. The crime for which Smith is now condemned was most atrocious, the motive being robbery. He was ar-rested, convicted, the death watch set and work started on the scaffold. Then the was carried to the supreme court which refused to grant a new trial. Ac-cordingly, Smith was resentenced, and a death watch again placed over him. It was discharged tonight.

A telegram received today from the con troller of the currency directs Bank Ex-aminer Flynn to turn the Browne Na-tional bank over to J. J. Browne, president of the broken institution, who is named as receiver of the concern. Mr. Brown has been averse to allowing the bank to pass into other hands, and has worked hard to prevent a receivership. He wanted to wind up the bank's affairs himself, and has carried his point.

William J. Graham, a Great Northern by taking a big dose of sirychnine. He came in from work and went on a protracted spree. He was 38 years old, and had relatives in Richwood, O.

PART OF THIS GARDEN OF EDEN. Midwinter Outburst From the Puget Sound Country.

TACOMA, Feb. 2.—For three weeks the Puget sound country has enjoyed the most delightful midwinter weather, of which balmy sunshine and budding flowers have been the chief features. In two weeks it and ranged jess than half an inch, and the temperature has ranged between \$0 and \$0 deg, above zero. Today the weather has been unusually fine throughout Weather Washington. Here throughout Western Washington. Here the parks have been visited by hundreds of ladies and children in light wraps. Rosebuds are beginning to appear, and buds on the fruit trees are swelling. country has never set up its claims as a winter resort, though several parties of tourists from Minnesota and Illinois are now visiting this section to remain until the weather moderates at their homes. The Northern Pacific's first steam-heated train arrived from St. Paul today, having encountered weather 40 to 52 deg. below zero in Dakota and Montana. The experi-ment was an entire success. After crossing the Cascade mountains, steam was

AT CORVALLIS. Progress of Work on the Govern-

ment Improvements.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 2.—Messrs. Cam-eron & Robertson, of Portland, the stone contractors for the government improvement at Corvallis, are busy with a force of men getting out rock at Buena Vista About 40 men are getting out facines and piledriving has commenced at the revetment improvement.

No clew has yet been found to the in cendiaries who burned the two barns belonging to Adam Radir, across the Thursday morning. The loss of the buildings, wheat, oats and potato amounted to about \$1200, with no insur

A lengthy petition has been sent to the legislature asking that the salary of the county judge of Benton be reduced from

TO EXPERT THE BOOKS. Taxpayers of Baker County Will Di-

rectly Defray the Expense.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 9.-After an almost superhuman effort, the taxpayers have been granted permission to put two experts into the county clerk's office to examine the books, C. H. Stuller and I. S. Hinshaw are the experts and will reeive their pay from the taxpayers, who have voluntarily contributed for that pur-pose. A majority of the county board has refused to employ these experts, giving as a reason that the county was too poor and that it was not necessary that an ex-smination be made.

The managers of the White Swan min engaging a larger force of men, an cations are favorable for an increase output of bullion from that mine.

Tacoma Whist Club Victorious

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.-The duplicate whist tournament, between 12 picked players each, of the Tacoma Whist Club and the Washington Club, of Seattle, tonight end-ed in victory for Tacoma by 37 points. The prizes were silver buttons for the

The supreme court has confirmed the Secision of the superior court awarding 1560 damages to Gust Gunderson, who was arrested in 1887 by William Cochrane, sheriff, on suspicion of being Pete Olsen. the murderer of Minnie Lyons, in Napu

county, Cal. Board of Trade for Heppner.

HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 9.-A meeting of the business men of Heppner was held to-day for the purpose of organizing a board of trade. A committee of three was appointed to secure members. George Gor ser was elected temporary chairman, and J. N. Brown secretary. The next meet-ing will be held Wednesday, when a pemanent organization will be effected.

A camp of Woodmen of the World will be organized here Monday evening, with M. D. Roche, of camp 107, of Portland, as

Joint Fish Committee at Astoria. ASTORIA, Feb. 2.—The joint fish com mittee were here today, and made a trip around the bay on the steamer Queen.
They made a vareful examination of the at the trial traps in Bakes bay and various other Mullihan appelnis on the Washington side. After vis-

iting Fort Canby, they returned, via Fort Stevens, to this city. This afternoon, at a mass meeting, they met a number of tizens and listened to discus ng the fishing industry on the Lower Co-numbia. The entire party went up the river tonight on the Potter.

Visited Vaucouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 9.-A delegation of Walla Walla froitgrowers, who have been in attendance at the fruit-growers' meeting in Portland, visited this city today and inspected a number of the fruit orchards in the vicinity of the town. The excellent condition of the orchards, the quality of the fruit raised, and the manner in which the fruit-raising business s conducted in this county, impressed them favorably,

The grand opening of the Commercia Club at the Hotel Columbia tonight was an enjoyable affair. Only the charter members were present.

Reward for Clump.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Feb. 9.—Sheriff Dyke received information Wednesday
that the absconding county treasurer, M.
J. Clump, was at Tatoosh island, being
harbored by friends there. Deputy Sheriff Burnside and two other deputies were
sent and searched the island. They resent and searched the island. They returned today without finding the escaped prisoner, although he had been on the island. The county commissioners have offered \$200 reward for the apprehension of Clump, and Sheriff Dyke has offered \$100.

A Duck-Hunter Shot.

Charles Tisdale was accidentally shot by George Digby Tuesday afternoon while out duck-hunting on Lulu Island, near Vancouver, B. C. The men were trying to reach a flock of ducks by crawling through brush, when Digby slipped and his gun went off, the whole charge of tack shot entering his convention; think duck-shot entering his companion's thigh and inflicting a wound which may prove fatal.

Now fu Jail.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 9.—One William Oliver, agambler, and Mrs. Johnson, are confined the county jail in this city, for want of ball, on the charge of adultery pre-ferred by the hisband of the woman. Illicit relations, it is alleged, have been maintained by the prisoners in Yakima Seattle and Centralia, and they came here claiming to be man and wife.

His Leg Broken.

THE DALLES, Feb. 9.—Harry Reese, an employe of Seufert Bros.' fishery, fell from a fish-wheel crib this morning, a dis-tance of 10 feet, and broke his leg. The injured man will be taken to the Portland hospital for treatment.

A Young Man's Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Ralph R. Selby, of Selby Brothers, a well-known firm of real estate dealers, committed suicide by shooting himself this afternoon. He was a young man. The cause of the

Postmistress at Chemawa. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.-Mrs. Eller Laufman was today appointed postmis tress at Chemawa, Marion county, Or.

GRUESOME SOUVENIRS. A Curious Crowd Viewed Them at the Hayward Trial.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 9 .- The buggy in which Kate Ging took the fateful ride, and the laprobe, stained with her life's blood, were on exhibition in court when the Hayward trial opened this morning. The curious crowd pressed forward to get a nearer view of the gruesome souwenirs of the tragedy. County Attorney Nye said that he had expected to put Ardry Hayward, the confessing brother, on the stand today, but Ardry was not present as yet. Mr. Erwin said he should present as yet. Mr. Etwin said he should object to Ardry's testifying today, as he wanted to have insanity experts present when the brother gave his testimony. This statement is believed to indicate not only a purpose on the part of the defense to claim that Ardry has hereditary insanity, but also, possibly, a purpose on the part of Ardry to give his testimony in such a manner as to lead to that conclusion. Ex-Mayor William Eustis was called to the stand and testified to was called to the stand and testified to having obtained from Harry Hayward, while the latter was under police sur-veillance, letters, telegrams and a statement from Miss Ging to Harry relative to business relations between the two. Er-win asked to cross-examine the witness to ascertain whether these papers were obtained under durers, and, in spite of the state's objection, was permitted to do so by the court. Mr. Eustis said that, with the police officials, he had subjected Hayward to an examination of 14 hours. The court then adjourned.

OKLAHOMA STAGE ROBBERY.

One Outlaw Bend and the Other Prisoner.

NEWKIRK, O. T., Feb. 9.—The Black-well overland coach was held up and robbed this afternoon by two outlaws, Johnson and Stratton. Tonight Johnson's corpse lies in the city and Stratton is behind the bars, the result of active work on the part of the city marshal. Word was first received of the robbery late this afternoon. City Marshal Austin, Deputy Sheriff Masters and a few other deputies were started in pursuit. Although the robbery occurred some distance out of town, the pursuers had received an accurate description of the outlaws and the direction they took. The outlaws were sighted within an hour, and in another hour were in tow. They were ex-hausted from their long chase, when their pursuers finally came upon them, and, alpursuers finally came upon them, and, although they showed resistance, were easily overcome. A short fusilade of shots fatally wounded Johnson. They then gave up and both were taken back to Newkirk. Johnson died on the way. It is not known how much booty they secured. If any, it was probably thrown away while they were being chased, as none was found on them. None of the posse was injured. posse was injured.

Too Cold for Dueling.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 3. - Anirew Steveck, and Nicholas Kravish, Slav niners, fought a duel near the foot of the nountain about daybreak this morning They are rivals for the hand of a Slav girl whose home is in Mount Pleasant. Last week Steveck and Kravish met at the girl's home. They tried to settle the matter then, but it ended in a fist fight, in which Kravish came out first best. The girl did not consider the contest an even one, as Steveck is much smaller than his opponent, and would not accept Kra-vish until he would meet Steveck in a duel. A duel was arranged, to take place this morning. Each man was allowed two seconds. The girl and her father were on hand also. Two shots were fired, without any damage being done. A con-sultation resulted in the postponement of the matter until the weather moderates. Two years ago the men fought a duel with swords in the old country, when Kravish was severely wounded.

Apparently Murder and Arson

ARDMORE, I. T., Feb. 3.—News was brought tonight from Bayou, 12 miles southwest of here, of what appears to be the murder of the family of M. M. Tucker, consisting of himself, wife and three children. The skeletons of the victims were found in the ruins of their home, which had evidently been set after to cover up the crimes of robbery and mur-der. The murder, if murder it was, was committed Wednesday, but was not dis-covered till this morning. It is laid to Dred Wilson, a son-is-law of Tucker, who had often threatened the dead man. Wil-

O'NEILL, Neb., Feb. 2.—James Pinkerman, one of the first men arrested for the murder of Barrett Scott, was yesterday released, on motion of the county attorney, no evidence being found against him at the trial. The trial of Roy, Elliott, Mullihan and Harris was today set for

VOTED SIXTEEN TIMES

NO CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR TO SUCCEED DOLPH.

The Only Notable Incident Yesterday Was the Absence of Many Members Attending Committee Work.

The sixteenth ballot for United States senator was taken yesterday at Salem It had the usual result. The opening bal-lot and those taken during the week, tak-ing into consideration only the candidates

	11	111	121	13	14	15	16
Dolph	44	35	41	29	41	413	36
Williams	1	9	11	30	9	31	1
Hare	10	10	19	10	10	10	- 3
owell		100	2	3	3	10:	-3
Lord	193	4	-38	- 3	4	8	В
Wentherford	MI	25	- 8	- 7	2	8	
Hermann	124	16:	12	13	13	1	1
Absent	12	161	2	- 6	2	2	24

SALEM, Feb. 9 .- The joint assembly today passed without unusual incident. In fact, little interest was manifested, be-cause of the great number of absences. All told, 34 members were absent, making If yotes necessary to a choice. Scott, the sick man, was present today and cast his second vote. His only other vote was on the second ballot, and was cast for Judge Today he voted for Williams The only change was Wright back to Williams. When the assembly met, pairs were announced as follows: Myers with Lester, Coon with Bridges,

Bancroft with Stewart, Cogswell with Pat-terson of Marion, McGreer with Hillegas, Long with Beckley, Cooper with Carter, Dawson with Johnson, Smith of Linn with Templeton, Smith of Clatsop with Cal-breath, Gowan with Patterson of Grant, Denny with Rinearson

Denny with Rinearson.

The vote in detail was as follows:

For J. N. Dolph-Beach, Blundell,
Brownell, Calvert, Cardwell, Cleeton,
Conn. Daly, David, Gesner, Gowdy, Hobson, Maxwell, McCraken, McGinn, Mintie, Moorhead, Paxton, Price, Sehlbrede,
Shutrum, Smith of Clackamas, Smith of
Josephine, Smith of Polk, Stanley, Steiwer, Thompson, Woodard, Moores, Simon

For George H. Williams-Burke, Cole, Gates, Hofer, Keyt, Lyle, Tigard, Scott, Wright-9. For W. P. Lord-Barkley, Craig. Dunn, McClung, Yates-5. For S. A. Lowell-Alley, Baker, Boothby,

Curtis, Davis, Gulld, Gurdane, Hope-S. For W. D. Hare-Buckman, Burleigh, Holt, Hoffman, Jeffrey, King, Nealon, Vanderburg, Young-9. For J. K. Weatherford-Butler, Huston, McAlister, Raley, Smith of Sherman-5.

A Talk With Hermann.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.-Hermann said oday in reference to the withdrawal of his name from the senatorial contest, that he had never entered or authorized his came to be used, nor had he author-ized a withdrawal. He had simply remained aloof from the contest. In an in-terview in the Washington Post today, he is quoted as follows:

"The deadlock has now lasted for nearly three weeks, and as the legislature must expire by constitutional limitation in about 18 days, it is not improbable that here will be no election. I hardly think, however, that the republicans will allow the state to go unrepresented in the United States senate. I look for some chited States senate. I look for some action between now and adjournment. I have made my position very plain. I have stated that I would not become a candidate until it became very plain that there was no possible election of the caucus nominee, Senator Dolph. Several of my friends have voted for me and I have been asked to request them not to do so. been asked to request them not to do so. This I do not feel at liberty to do. They have the right to vote for whom they please, but their action has not been at my request. I do not know how the struggle will end."

IN THE TWO HOUSES.

Routine Work of Oregon's Legislature at Saturday's Session.

SALEM, Feb. 9.—At the morning session of the senate the invitation to visit the Corvallis agricultural coilege was ac-

The military committee reported recom mending the passage of Gowan's bill for a better organization of the Oregon National amendments ordered printed and the bill passed to a third read-

The second reading of the following bills hen took place: King-Regarding sale of land by guard-ans; amendments adopted, and went to

third reading. Thompson-Regarding service of sum-Paxton-Abolishing the jute mill; public uildings. Sehlbrede-Prohibiting the sale of liquor

within one mile of the Soldiers' Home Burleigh-To protect fish; fisheries, Daly-Permitting recorders to take ac-knowledgments; judiciary, Patterson-Incorporating Prairie City;

Curtis-Legalizing Astoria bonds; laid of the Union Pacific, before any absolute definite action is taken. These conditions may have been carefully gone over, say

In the Lower Branch, SALEM, Feb. 9.-The house was called o order at 9:30, and prayer was offered by Rev. Representative Barkley. The reading of the journal was dispensed with and the report of the special committee on Thursday's journal was approved.

The second reading of house follows was then had: Kyle-Creating Sutton county; countless Thompson-Relating to lieu lands; pub-Hoffman - Locating the boundary be-

tween Umatilia and Union counties; delegation of those counties. Conn-For the relief of S. P. Moss and others; judiciary. Long, by request-For the propagation

on of salmon: fist Barkley-For the relief of James H. Sharp; claims. Hofer - Prohibiting free passes; un

mendment offered to exempt Multnomah ounty from the operation of the bill, lost: bill indefinitely postponed by a vote of 58 Conn-Amending homestead exemption

Cardwell-Legalizing copies of deeds and recording the same; corporations.

Moores, by request—Changing the name of Peter Waldo to Henry M. Loria; read third time and passed.

Dunn - Amending Ashland's charter; Jackson county delegation. Hofer-For instruction in public schools as to humane treatment of domestic an mals; education.

The Multnomah delegation reported with amendments Cole's bill for a free ferry

at Portland; passed; also reported Beach's bill amending the Portland charter;

THE THEATER HAT.

passed.

Not Only It But the Wearing of

Tights to He Prohibited.

SPRINGFIELD, III., Feb. 9.—Represen rative Alex Jones' bill to protect patrons of theaters, opera-houses, lecture halls, concert halls, and other places of amusement, from the high-hat nulsance, was the subject of a lively discussion in the house judiciary committee yesterday. The bill prohibits the wearing of "any hat, bonnet or other unsightly head covering which will obstruct the vision or disturb the comfort of a spectator. Mr in calling up the bill, said: "T "This bill, Mr. Chairman, was introduced at the in-stance of a long-suffering class of our community. It contains some crudities which can be best eradicated by referring the bill to a subcommittee. For instance, by steam and hot water, whereby, it is said, the danger of injury by scalding in a wreck is considerably reduced. The arrangement will be permanent on this line.

an amendment to offer on the subject of tights. I have been informed that Mr. Revell, of Cook county, whose popularity among the young isdies of the ballet, attests his qualification to pass on this matter, has also an amendment regulating wearing apparel of the 'blueroom.' I will ask that all amendments prepared to referred to the subcommittee, to be considered with the bill." Mr. Morris offered a bill prohibiting tights on the stage. Chairman Berry appointed a subcommittee, with Mr. Jones, as chairman, and the committee adjourned. THIS WEEK THE FIFTH

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR BY WASHINGTON'S LEGISLATURE.

There Is, However, Sufficient Time Left for All Needed Legislation

Without Undue Haste.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—Beginning with next Monday the legislature enters upon the fifth week, and the present session ends March 15. This leaves four weeks and a half to conclude the work, and gives it an excellent opportunity to attend to all legislative matters without undue haste. The fact that there is plenty of time before The fact that there is plenty of time before it has caused the legislature to start in with great deliberation, even to a greater extent than was perhaps necessary. The result is that the fourth week ends with but little accomplished but preliminary organization and the committees, with the exception of the judiciary, have only finaly begun their work. The fifth week will start the different senate and house com-mittees around the state to investigate its institutions, while the special investi gations of the crookedness reported at the penitentiary and the work of the land and harbor commissioners have yet to be taken up. These latter two will, without doubt, furnish the most interesting mat-ters to come before the legislature. The judiciary committees of both houses have been doing faithful work and will

hill was shelved, Mr. O'Grady replied:
"Simply because we have not enough
votes to pass it today," It is claimed by
opponents of the measure that since it be kept busy without doubt to the end of the session. This is due in part to the necessity for correcting the many errors has gotten in very effective work upon a number of members, and have in a num-ber of cases secured the positive pledges of republicans that they will vote against in the code as well as changing to a large extent the practice act of the courts, and reducing the expenses of county govern-ment by the enactment of laws more in it on its final passage. Should this prove true, friends of the bill charge that undue influence will clearly be demonstrated, and the members will be judged accordkeeping with the times, county officials now receiving sums far in excess of the labor given. This is, of course, no fault of the officials themselves. The present Three Absentees Reduced the Vote laws were enacted when prosperity was upon the new state, when it was growing rapidly, and when it was thought neces-BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 4.-There were three pairs today, and the vote for United States sary to enact laws that would care for future growth. With the coming of de-pression, the inability of people to pay taxes and the general reduction of wages, this condition of extravagance in county FRUIT SHIPMENTS BY RAIL overnment continued until now the per ie are crying for a lowering of salarie What the Great Northern Is Doing in and expenses in all county offices. Meas ures to this effect have been introduced and are certain from the temper of the legislature for economy to be enacted into Moses Folsom, the emigrant agent of the Great Northern, who has been here several days attending the fruitgrowers' meetings, will leave for a trip up the vallaws.

The present legislature is again be-sleged with bills aimed at railroads and other corporations. Since Washington ecame a state the anti-corporation legislation attempted at each session of the legislature has been enormous, but this year outrivals all others. There are bills reducing the charges against the people by the railways, the telegraph, the lephone, the Pullman and other companies. This is due in part to the times, n part to the anti-monopoly cry of the copulists, and to the desire of many indi-riduals to force the corporations to come forward with sufficient funds to have them suppressed. This latter is generally known as a bill with a "club" in it, and there are many such. Among the more serious measures, however, are the bills ger rates of rallroads, and of telegraph and telephone rates. The freight and passenger rate bill will perhaps receive the greatest attention, and while the rail-ronds complain that they have already been reduced by former legislatures or freights until their roads have been re-duced to a position of control by receivers packed fruit will always command better prices than fruit put up in a slovenly fashlon. With proper care in harvesting, packing and crating their products, fruit-growing is bound to be profitable. The cleanliness of Western-growing numes is a great factor in their competition with the fruit gathered in the uncless and fever-stricken Mediterranean districts."

Mr. Folsom is the author of the Great Northern Bulletin on Oregon and Washthere is a general belief that there will be at least a reduction in the passenger rates. There has been considerable talk in the state of a railroad commission, but the temper of the house committee seems to be against it, and the indications are that the bill creating such commission will be reported adversely. There seems to be little doubt but telegraph rates will be ngton fruits, which has been mentioned reduced. It may not be to the ex-everal times recently. On this work the the Van Houten bill, which provide the property of the view of a 40 per cent reduction, but it is reduced. It may not be to the extent of the Van Houten bill, which provides for certain to reach 25 per cent. This is held to be necessary and in keeping with the general reduction of the ability of the No Indications That It Is Soon to Be people generally to earn money graph companies have reduced the wages of employes, have secured the benefits of reduced rents, but have not given the people a corresponding reduction in the cost of transmitting messages. This, too, it is claimed, by the promotors of the telephone reduction bill, is true of tele-Union Pacific had been lifted, so far as the Union Pacific had been lifted, so lar as the cost of transmittin Rock Island and Burlington were concerned. These were subsequently denied by General Passerger Agent Lomax.

ion among the members regarding the employment of help during the present session. When the legislature convened it was the unanimous verdict of all that a general cutting down of expenses should of the rumors that an agreement is about to be reached, although the Chicago press would have it distinctly understood that gin with clerk hire and other employes. An army of applicants for such positions, however, arrived upon the scene, and for a time it looked very much as if the legislators who valued their lives would be compelled to give places to them all. But the cry of retrenchment prevailed, and the session began and has continue so far with a less number of employes and at lower wages than at any previous session. Notwithstanding an effort is made every few days by some member o secure a position for some friend or constituent, and several minor rows have ecurred in consequence. And the end is not yet, for it is known that an attempt will be made some time next week to 'land' a few more elerkships in the senate. The Washington legislature may not realize the great good it has accom-plished in the way of employing help, but the fact remains that this always expensive feature of legislatures has been re duced at this session below that of any other Pacific coast state. In California the legislature is very extravagant, comparatively, for as unimportant and un necessary employes as committee clerks are there paid as high as \$8 per day, and each committee is supplied with several. Oregon, compared with Washington, is also throwing money "to the birds" in this respect. In the Oregon legislature it is reported there are twice as many committee clerks employed as here. Several of the Oregon committees have two and three clerks, and there is no committee that has not been supplied with at least one. Special committees on investigations have been supplied, it is said, with a clerk, and in some instances with two. In very instance, too, the pay reaches as igh as \$5 per day for such service. the Washington legislature there is a dif-ferent state of affairs. The senate has in its employ but 25 persons, and the house but 40. This includes all employes, from the chief clerks of the house and secre-tary of the senate down to the pages. In the senate the employes, with their sai-aries per day, are as follows: Secretary, %: assistant secretary, %: sergeant-atarms, \$5; assistant sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper, \$4; minute, and one assistant, each \$4; bill clerk, \$4; journal clerk, \$6; enrolling clerk and two asisstants, \$4 each; engrossing clerk and one assistant, each, \$1; docket clerk, \$1; stenographer \$4; judiciary clerk, \$4; eight committee \$4; judiciary clerk, \$4; eight committe clerks, each, \$4; postmaster and messer country in this manner. They branch off from our main road at such angles and so far apart that I cannot possibly see ger, 31; watchman, 34; three pages, each, 32. The house employes, with their salaries per day, are as follows: Chief clerk, 35 50; assistant chief clerk, 34 58; sergeantat-arms, \$4 50; assistant sergeant-at-arms, \$3 50; reading clerk, \$5; docket clerk, \$5 50; journal clerks, \$4 50; three assistant journal clerks, each \$4; enrolling clerk, The through Northern Pacific train, which arrived last evening, was the first steam-heated train to reach this city. The train is virtually supplied with double heating apparatus. The heating equipment is designed somewhat on the steam-jacket system, and consists of two pipes, the in- ror one containing water and the space \$3.50; waschman, \$3.50; night watchman, ror one containing water and the space \$3.50; speaker's secretary, \$3; four pages, 3 50; postmaster, \$4; assistant postmaster \$3 50; speaker's secretary, \$3; four pages, each, \$1 50; judiciary clerk, \$5; 14 commit

the engine. The train is practically heated by steam and hot water, whereby, it is said, the danger of injury by scalding in a wreck is considerably reduced. The ar-

aries have been out IS per cent all along the line. The committees are grouped, and, with the exception of the judiciary clerk, each committee clerk has been as-signed from three to five committees. It is found that the committee clerks have, for the first time during legislativ sessions, plenty to do, but not too much for the pay they receive. Washington has certainly acquitted itself with credit in regard to legislative employes.

Some important changes in the road law Some important changes in the road law are suggested in the bill by Wooding of King. It reduces the road poil tax from it to it per day, and the supervisor's pay is scaled down from 250 to 25 per day. The bill amends the law of 1833, so as to permit the commissioners to purchase of otherwise acquire suitable tracts of land not exceeding for access the form which not exceeding five acres each, from which to take gravel for road work. The poil tax may be worked out at the rate of \$1.50 per day for eight hours' labor, and when a team, plow or wagon is required, a credit of \$3 50 is to be allowed.

Senator Hutchinson has introduced a Senator Hitchinson has automated bill to prevent a pooling of insurance companies for the purpose of raising rates. It makes it unlawful for any company or its agents doing business in this state to belong to any organization of the first property of the first page. tion for the purpose of fixing fire insur-ance rates or preventing or lessening com-petition, and in so doing, the company runs the risk of having its license annulled. Any citizen may file written charges against a company or its agents for holding membership in a pooling or-ganization, and the insurance commissioner is empowered to issue a citation for a company's representation to appear and show cause why the license should not be revoked.

The most important measure to pass the house today was Senator Range's bill in the interest of the proposed Lake Wash-ington ship canal at Seattle. The present congress appropriated \$5,000 to begin the work, but delay has been occasioned by the refusal of certain property-owners to grant right of way. Range's bill emowers the county com demn property for public improvements and provide a special tax to create a fund for the purchase of such property when condemned. The bill has now pass d both puses, and is in the hands of the gov ernor for his signature.

Representative Rogers' bill to amend the school law of 1850 passed the hous today. It provides for a tax levy suf-ficient to produce a sum which, in addi-tion to the amount of money to be derived from interest on the permanent school fund for the current fiscal year, shall equal 10 for each child of school age, as shown by the last reports of the several county superintendents to the state superintendent. The tax, however, is not to exceed 6 mills on the dollar. Rogers, the author, made an extens. argument in support of the measure, an was supported by Cline, another populis Several republicans opposed the bill, con tending that it was wholly for the benefi of the smaller cities, and placed addi-tional burdens on large cities. It finally passed by a vote of 40 to 24.

Although the woman suffrage bil has twice met with defeat in the house a great many women have continued to crowd the lobby and beseige the members in the endeavor to have them take some action in its favor. Today Reynolds e Lewis introduced a resolution which set forth that inasmuch as the senate has bill relative to woman suffrage, all peti tions and resolutions pending, or to be introduced in connection with the subject be sent to the senate. Rader, populist, asked if the resolution carried with it to the senate the women, and was in-formed that it did. The resolution was then adopted, and its adoption was attended with great laughter and applaus

The house was in session alone today he senate having adjourned yesterda intil Monday. When the house adjourne this afternoon a great many members, a a usual on Saturday, left for their ...om: to pass Sunday. There are a sufficien number of legislators here, however, to hold various committee meetings and ac complish needed work in this direction

OPERA AND CONCERT. Two Notable Musical Performance

in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Saint Saens' opera, "Samson et Delila," was produced at the Metropolitan opera-house last night for the first time in this country. The plot deals with the familiar story of on and the Philistines told in th differing in but few particular Mme, Mantelli as Delila scored a success, and was repeatedly called before the curtain after the second act. Signo-Tamagno as Samson was warmly re-ceived by the audience, as was Signo Campinaria, who took the part of the high riest. M. Plancon took two parts, thos of Abimelech and an old Hebrew. Sig-ror Mancinella conducted. There was but a small audience, although the boxes were well filled. Chauncey M. Depew and

Signor Ancona were among the notable The Knelsel quartet of Boston gave it: nd concert of the season yeste the Mendelssohn Glee Club hall. A larger audience than on the former occasion was in attendance, but not nearly as large a ne as such a rare musical treat de rved. The programme contained un sually felicitous selections, giving char-steristic examples of three of Germany's greatest masters, viz: Haydn's quartet in D major, opes 4, Mozart's quartet in (major, and Beethoven's quartet in nor, opus 59.

The Sacramento Murder Mystery. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 9.—The Bee publishes a story giving the details of the commission of the Weber double murde and robbery, and accusing William H. Sprout, Joseph Sprout and Harry Sands, of the crime. Each has several aliases and detectives are vainly searching the

state for them.

The police say Sands wielded the ax which killed Grocer F. H. L. Weber and wife. One of the Sprouis bought nes shoes the day following the murder, leaving his blood-stained shoes at the store George Sprout, brother of Joseph, in jail here, incriminated the murderers. Geis not suspected of complicity in the mur-der. The three murderers have all been in jail since New Year's night, but the ce allowed them to depart and cannot and them now.

A Manitoba Town Scorched. WINNIPEG, Feb. 9.—A Morden special says: A terrific fire is raging here. The Morden house, D. Kilgore's dry goods store, McLaren's drug store, Sparling's grocery store, Forest's jewelry store, Wei-man & Co.'s Hauor store and the Com-mercial hotel have been burned, and desperate efforts are being made to save the

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