Gunderson Resolution Causes a Mild Sensation.

**PRINTING CONTRACT** 

RUMORS OF A COMBINATION

Washington's State Printing Now Handled by Five Different Firms -Cost for Past Two Years \$65,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash, Feb. 7. - (Staff correspondence.)-The adoption of the Gunderson resolution yesterday in the House, providing for an investigation of the letting of the last printing con-tracts, has caused a mild sensation. The resolution itself is on its face merely an 7. - (Staff attempt to get at the relative merits of the two methods of doing the state print-ing that have been in vogue in this state ing that have been in vogde in this state -namely, the old one of having a State Printer do all the work, and the present one of letting the printing by contract. Mr. Gunderson's statement on the floor Mr. Gunderson's statement of of the House that there were rumors of jobbery in the letting of the last contract throws a different light on what is really

back of the resolution. When asked yesterday what he meant by his reference to jobbery, Mr. Gunder-son said he only knew that there were rumors in circulation that there had been combination formed by printing firms a combination formed by printing hims to keep up the prices in the contracts en-tered into with the state last Summer, and that one firm not in the combination had been bought off after submitting a bid and induced to withdraw the same. There is this much of a ground back of

these rumors, and the matter was consid-erably discussed at the time of the letting of the contracts last June:

The contracts for state printing were let by the Printing Board on June 29 last, as First class, State Printing Company, Olympia; second class, Inland Printing Company, Spokane; third class, the Metropolitan Press, Scattle; fourth class, Allen & Lamborn, Tacoma; fifth class, Pioneer Bindery & Printing Com-

any, Tacoma. Each of the above-named firms submitpany. ted a bid for only one class of work-that was awarded. No two firms submitted bids for the same class of work. Only one other firm submitted bids bethose awarded contracts-the Olympian-Tribune Company, of Olympia, The Inst-named company submitted bids for all classes of work, and the award of the Board was against them on every class. The representatives of this company were loud in their protestations. They claimed that theirs was the lowest bid, and threat-ened to start immediate suit to prevent the issuance of the contracts to any other firm. On the day following the letting of the contracts they withdrew their bids, however, and nothing more was heard from them.

thoroughly understand the claim of the Olympian-Tribune people, it should b xplained that the law fixes maximum rates which may be paid for 13 different subdivisions of state work, and the bid ders were required to state, how much they would discount the maximum rate on every subdivision. In each class of work the Printing Board let the contract to the firm whose discount percentages, when added, made the greatest total dis-count The Olympian Tethune Company count. The Olympian-Tribune Company claimed that this was unfair, for the rea-son that in some of the subdivisions the ant of work to be done was so little the bidder could afford to put a big ant thereon, with the idea of making up the loss on some other kind of work, and then put a small discount on the class providing the greatest amount of work, and, while apparently having the

evidence that that company had been bought off. Furthermore, they say the prices at which the contracts were let were very reasonable and are consider-ably below commercial rates in either Se-atile, Tacoma or Spokane. For instance, the commercial rate in Seattle is 75 cents per 1000 ems for straight composition, with extra charges for lockup, according to size and number of forms. The state pays 67% cents, with no extras. The other work is in proportion. As to the cost of printing, the Gunder

son resolution makes the assertion that \$20,000 more has been expended in the last two years than in any of the three two-year periods preceding. While the rec-ords of the Printing Board show that the expenditures in the last two years were but \$15,000 more than in the preceding terms, it is stated on the other hand that in the last period many of the state officers were compelled to pay for certain printing out of their maintenance fundssomething that was never done beforewhich brings the total increase up to fuly \$20,000.

An investigation of these matters show that in the ten years, or five terms, pre-ceding the term about the close, the following amounts were expended for state printing

\$112,500 For years 1891-93 For years 1898-95 50,000 51,000 years years 1895-97 1897-99 years 1899-61 51.00 It is stated, however, that some bills that should have gone in as a deficiency appropriation under the years 1897-189 were carried over and paid out of the next regular appropriation. The same plan was carried out in the next period. Some thing like \$9000 that should have appeared as a deficiency appropriation of the term directly preceding the present one was paid out of the appropriation for the present period. This is one place where the money went. The Legislature of 1901 op dered 12,000 copies of the school code printed and made no special appropriation therefor. They were paid for out of the printing fund at a cost of \$34%. The State Statistician had printed an edition of 30,-000 copies setting forth the resources of the state, at a cost to the printing fund of about \$500. Then the House and Sen-ate journals and session laws of the reguhar and special session were paid for out

of the fund at a cost to it of \$11,199. are some of the big items that caused the increase in the cost of printing. As to the merits of the two methods tried, it is claimed by the state printing expert that the experience with the cor tract system has not yet shown that that method is the more expensive. The last Legislature appropriated \$35,000 for the printing for the two years. Gwin Hicks, the last of the State Printers under the former law, did not go out of office August 1, 1961. In the period between April 1, 1991, when the new appropriation of \$35,000 became available, and the end of his term of office, the printing done by him cost the state \$35,685.94, several of the large bills of work being done by Hicks. During the next year, under the contract system, the cost was \$11,852.36, and from August 1, 1902, till February 1, 1903, the cost has been \$11,480, which includes printing stock and most of the biennial reg year-will amount, therefore, in round numbers, to \$30,000. The cost during the last two years has therefore been \$55,000 for the total

for the total amount of printing paid for out of the printing fund. E. W. W. IN HER CHARACTERISTIC WAY.

### Carrie Nation Makes Trouble on Her Way to Los Angeles.

Way to Los Angeles. EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 7.—Carrie Nation visited El Paso today on her way to Los Angeles. She tried to break up the Rio Grande soloon, in Juares, in typical style, but was highed off by the saloonkeeper. On the way across the river she grabbed cigars from the mouths of two Catholic priests and lectured them on smoking. On the train before arriving in this city she was asked to join in a game of cards. She was asked what game she played and answered "pitch," at the same time gath-oring up the cards and throwing them out afterward sold to another man. Senator May objected to the immediate passage of the bill unless some Senator could ex-plain why Hampton should be paid the money. No one could explain the matter, cring up the cards and throwing them out of the window.

to the bill was laid over. Inquiry at the Land Department shows that in 1888 Hampion heat a definition of the land and had paid \$140 there-on. He was delinquent in his payments, and under the statute it was the duty of the board to cancel the certificate and sell the land again. The board had a rule, however, that the purchaser was entitled to 30 days' notice under such circum-stances and Hampton was given notice to pay the \$80 delinquency within 30 days or his certificate would be cancelled. Hampton sent the \$80, but before it reached the State Land Department an attorney had convinced the board that under the statute the certificate must be cancelled without giving Hampton the 30 days' grace. When Hampton's money arrived the clerk of the board was in-

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FAVORABLE TO CONSOLIDATION. House Committee Will So Report on Kuykendall School Law.

proper.

MANY WERE ABSENT.

Lower House at Olympia Holds a

Short and Unimportant Session.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 7.-(Special.)-Nearly one-third of the members of the House were

absent this morning and several of those in attendance were willing to be, so that

very little business of importance was

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.-(Special.)-The House committee on education will make a favorable report next Monday on Kuy-kendall's Senate bills for the consolidation of school districts. The bills passed the Senate without opposition, and the outfell in a perfect torrent, the streets being quickly converted into rivers and the crossings lakes a foot deep and the sewers were suddenly checked. Flashes of light-Senate without opposition, and the out-look is very good for their success in the ning and roaring of thunder added to the severity of the storm. In the business district cellars were flooded, and in the House. In line with a movement that has taken strong hold in several Western States, Senator Kuykendall introduced two bills providing for the consolidation suburbs there was an interruption of street-car traffic. At the Ingleside raceof country school districts and the con-veyance of pupils to and from their homes. It has been found by actual ex-periment in Kansas and elsewhere that THEORIES ABOUT CATARRH. better results are achieved by concentrat-ing the educational energy and talent of Peculiar Ideas Regarding a Common Discase. several adjoining country districts in one central school. Greater economy in ad-ministration follows more efficient sys-Mark Twain's cure for a cold in the head was simple, but he claims very ef-fective in his own case; his plan was to tem and classification and larger aggre-gate attendance than in the separate in-stitutions. To bring scholars from a diseat nothing whatever for 24 hours, or presumably until the trouble had disappeared. tance say eight or ten miles one or more Although not able to speak from per-sonal experience as to the effectiveness of this treatment, it certainly has the vehicles may be provided, and the exvenicies may be provided, and the or-pense is borne by the consolidated dis-trict. In Oregon the new system, if adopted, is designed to be taken up also merit of extreme economy, but it occurs to us that the application of it to a case of nasal catarrh might be attended with by little towns like Junction City, in Lane County, or Gervais, in Marion County. Either of these places could take in the outlying districts and could establish a difficulties. Catarrh, as everyone knows, is a chronic cold in the head, and Mr. Twain's treat-ment, if it should become a fad, would make of us a nation of fasters-an army emulating the example of the immortal outlying districts and could cannad a graded school of a character impractica-ble without greatly increased expense under present conditions. Strong senti-ment for the Kuykendall plan is said to exist in Lane County, and it will probably Tanner, who achieved world-wide fame by fasting 40 days. Catarrh is certainly becoming a nabe found to prevail elsewhere. Governor Chamberlain discussed the subject in his message, and made recommendations in its favor. tional disease, and there is little doubt but that errors in diet, particularly over-Most people, however, are more inter-ested in the cure of the trouble than in the cause, and modern medical science has produced more effective and less he-role remedies than Mr. Twain's. OPPOSE PUBLIC EXAMINER. First Draft of Bill Is Found to Be Too Radical. SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.-(Special.)-The Hydrastin is a new remedy, very effective in some forms of Catarrh. Red Gum is another, which, on account of its antimittee on assessment and taxation, to which was referred Senate bill 82, to create the office of Examiner of is should a white a very valuable, while many severe cases of Chronic Catarrh have been entirely cured by the san guinaria, or extract of blood root, alone. Within a year an enterprising chemist Public Offices and Accounts, finds con-siderable opposition to a bill so radical as that now before it. The bill gives the be that now before it. In the sum of the term public examiner power to suspend officers and to this feature of the Mill there is the most opposition. It is probable that the committee will recommend a bill re-quiring a uniform system of accounts and creating the office of Public Examiner, Within a year an enterprising chemist has combined all of these remedies in tablet form pulatable and convenient, and the superiority of this tablet over other catarrh remedies is so apparent that all druggists now carry them in stock to supply the popular demand. They are called Stuart's Catarrh Tab-lets, and it is doubtful if any medicine has achieved a national popularity in so short a time as this. hut no power of removal will be given. Under the laws now in force a public officer may be impeached by a grand jury There has also been opposition to the bill on the ground that it authorizes the so short a time as this. Governor to appoint the examiner. Dur-ing the present administration the ex-aminer would be a Democrat, and Repub-licans would rather see one of their own party in the position. It has been sug-gested that the examiner should be ap-pointed by the board composed of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, or, better still, by the Supreme Court. The committee, however, seems to be of the opinion that a Democratic examiner of public accounts will be proper. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are used by thousands of traveling men because they can be carried in the pocket and used Governor to appoint the examiner. Durany time and in any quantity, being free from Cocaine, opiate or any poisonous drug. They clear the head and throat from

evening at 5.20 o'clock was visited by a peculiar storm, the like of which is not recalled by the local residents. A high wind suddenly sprang up from the north-west, bringing with it a hallstorm and a deluge of rain. For five minutes the rain fell in a perfect forrent the streate be-

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till receive a far great er sum for the total amount of work done than would some other bidder who had figured his discounts specifically. They claimed that in actual money that would be paid for state printing during the year their bids were several thousand dollars the lowest, though the adding of their list

does not deny that the indications pointed to an agreement between the five success-ful firms as to which class each should bid on, and that no one of them should bid on more than one class. The contract had already been awarded when the Olympian-Tribume acoule withdraw and her her her

certainly won't fail you.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Schools Close Because of Fever. THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 7.-(Special.)-At a meeting of the board of directors of the public schools of this city, held here today, it was decided to close all schools excepting the high school grades in consequence of scarlet fever, which has in consequence of scarter the school will become epidemic here. The school will remain closed for two weeks. The of discount percentages apparently made them the highest bidders. As a matter of fact, the Printing Board become epidemic here. The school will remain closed for two weeks. The prevalent type of the disease is generally mild.

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Light Snowfall at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 7.-(Special.)-About four inches of snow fell here toalready been awarded when the Olympian-Tribune people withdrew, and they had no moderating tonight.

the disgusting secretions of catarrh, very often in a few hours' time. For nasal Catarrh they are far superior to any wash, lotion or ointment, the use

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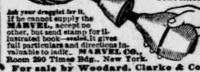
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