bination, which controlled the grain busi-

warehouses all over the state, notably those at Port Costa, dissolved about six

n wheat which had been sold as low a

it was currently reported in grain circles that the losses amounted to \$2,000,000, in-

arred in covering the enormous short

Where Firm Lost Heavily.

forced to stand their share. It is the be-

lief that the losers shared the loss on

equal terms. This would have resulted in

is declared, to advance considerable su

of money to farmers throughout the state

on wheat crops, and it is probable that

made peremptory and heavy demands on the firm of Eppinger & Co. The obliga-

tions were pressing and the firm could not

meet them. Therefore, notice of insolvency was sent to the exchange.

In addition to the grain trading the firm of Eppinger & Co. did a large business

in warehouses. Aside from the "Big

Four" interest in the Port Costa ware-

touses, the firm controlled immense grain

storage plants throughout the Sacramento

and San Joaquin valleys, and in all the

grain centers of the state. Among these

were warehouses at Dixon, Woodland,

Arbuckle, Modesto and Paso Robles. The

firm had connections in every European

grain port, and, as a usual thing, held

many charters on grain-carrying ships.

Jacob Eppinger, head of the firm, has

been forced to turn over his affairs in the

ons, "Peck" Eppinger and Joseph Ep-

PORTLAND FIRM NOT AFFECTED.

Eppinger & Co,'s Affairs Carried as

Separate Business.

the local business of the grain firm has

been handled by the Northwestern Ware-

house Company, which has an office in

the Union block, at Second and Stark

streets. C. E. Curry, general manager of

the Northwestern Company, said yester-

day that he did not expect the fallure of

Eppinger & Co. to have any effect upon

entirely distinct from that of the North

and did a very profitable and large busi

CREDITORS WILL INVESTIGATE.

Future of the Firm Will Depend on

Committee's Action.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.-At the

meeting of the creditors today it was de-

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"The business of Eppinger & Co. was

the company he represents.

the Portland office of Eppinger &

grain firm

MANSAS CITY

in ill health for some years, and has

a loss of about \$750,000 to the firm.

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"Boss" in Thurston Will Not Go Away.

# TRADE ON REFORM SCHOOL

Mills Is to Succeed Reed on Board of Control.

## LATTER SHIFTED TO CHEHALIS

Governor Changes His Mind About Naming Olympia Man as Hend of Reform School-More Useful in His Own Balliwick.

With the idea of capturing Thursto County, Governor McBride has decided to appoint Sheriff Jesse Mills a member of the board of control instead of nt of the Reform School at To do this, he will make Charles Reed, now on the hoard of conrol, superintendent of the state institu tion mentioned. Superintendent Westerndorf, a Republican, who will retire, was found in office by the late Governor Rogers, and retained there, despite strong protests of the Lewis County Populists. He has been the subject of a bitter fight for six years, but overcome all opposition until last week, when Governor McBride requested his resig-

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 6 .- (Special.)-Instead of receiving the app superintendent of the State Reform School mised yesterday, Sheriff Jesse T. Mills, of Thurston County, has been appointed a of the State Board of Control. Mr. Mills takes the position on the board now occupied by Charles Reed, and Mr. Reed is appointed to the position of super-intendent of the Reform School. The borised this announcement

Mr. Reed is now in Illinois on a month's vacation. The change will occur on July Mr. Milis' term on the board will expire on January 1, 1905.

The removal of Westendorf is the culmination of a ex years' fight; one that be-gan with the first Rogers administration and has existed ever since. Originally, it was a Populistic demand for Westendorf's place that stirred up the trouble and nearly split the fusion parties in Lewis-County. During recent years, or more particularly the past 14 months, the anti-Westendorf people of Lewis County have been centering their fight against the superintendent in the Republican party. Rogers' Stand Cost Much Support.

Governor Rogers refused to remove Westendorf, and his course cost him th friendship of Lewis County Populists. They wanted the superintendent's post and the patronage of the Reform School. Governor Rogers announced, shortly after his first term began, that he would insist upon Westendorf's retention, although the superintendent was a Republican.

endorf matter was partially responsible for the split between the fusion Executive and his first Board of Control. This board, it will be remembered, consisted of state officers and they refused to follow the Rogers plans to the letter. This led to their removal and the appointment of more pliable board.

The messages of Governor Rogers, to gether with several of the interviews the late Executive wave out frequently mentioned Westendorf as an unusually capable official. Possibly Governor Roger was led to force Westendorf to the front use of the early and bitter fight that had been made against him by a faction of the Lewis County Populists, but there is no doubt the late Governor regarded the superintendent as a very efficient

# Welty Benews the Fight.

State Senator J. R. Welty, a close friend of the McBride administration, took up the anti-Westendorf fight after the death of Governor Rogers. He tried repeatedly to have Westendorf removed and another man appointed, not being particularly urgent in the selection of any one man so ing as Westendorf gave way. The men who had been fighting Westendorf in Lewis County lined up behind Senator Welty and continued the fight.

During the last Legislature, serious charges, involving the standard of morals at the Reform School, were preferred against the Superintendent. Board of Control Investigated and dissed the charges; a number of members of the Legislature took the opportunity of looking into the matter, but nothing came of it that reflected upon the superintendent.

Senator Welty, however, persisted that the charges were well founded and he threatened to introduce a resolution in the Senate calling for an investigation. Welty made a fight before the appropriation ommittee of the Senate, endeavoring to Church announcements. Page 22. have those Senators take up the matter and then tried to secure support for a The Two Vanrevels. Page 40. struggle on the floor of the Senate. It is understood that two or three Senators pledged themselves to stay with him, but the showing of sympathy was so meager

that Welty was put out of the fight. Westendorf Asked to Resign. understood that the Lewis County mator has persisted ever since the adurnment to get Westendorf out of the Reform School, Whether this had any effect upon Governor McBride is a matter | Pashions and household. Pages 36-31. of doubt, as toward the end of the session | Touths' department. Page 22

secret here that Westendorf was sum oned to the capital and asked for his resignation.

The Sunday

The appointment of Charles Reed to ucceed Westendorf assures the administration of the presence in Lewis County of a man who will follow instructions, in political matters closely. Mr. Reed has not asserted himself to any extent, either against the Rogers or McBride pro-grammes. At the same time, there is no question that he is a capable official. The plan of retaining Jesse Mills at Olympia was well conceived from the Mc-Bride standpoint, Mills would not have en of much use to the administ in Thurston County were he to drift away to Chehalis. But at home Mills, makes an open alliance with the McBride faction, will be a strong factor in local The Scobey-Madge faction did not have any margin to spare during the last campaign, and deflections will cripple its prospects seriously.

Successor to Mills as Sheriff. OLYMPIA, Wash., June 6.-(Special.)-The Board of County Commissioners to day named Charles Billings, of this city,

to succeed Mr. Mills as Sheriff, Mr. Billings previously served four years as Sheriff of Thurston County, and is a so of William Billings, who occupied the se position for 24 years. Mr. Billings is now in Snohomish County on a cruising trip for the State Land Office, and is not aware of his appointment,

# HANDCAR IS RUN DOWN.

Two Men Are Killed and an Equal

Number Fatally Injured. COLUMBUS, Neb., June 6.—Two men were killed and two fatally injured on a hand car that was run down by a stock extra near Genos this morning. The stock extra was coming down the Cedar Rapids-Spaulding branch of the Union Pacific, The section men were going to work up the track. The engine on the extra struck the hand car about a mile west of town,

Frank Vroyas, John Mekus. Fatally injured: W. Steele,

N. Ikansach.

Drowned While Crossing Stream. DUBLIN, Tex., June 6.-While crossing a creek near here today, James Parish his daughter and two of her children wer drowned.

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# SQUEEZED ON WHEAT DEAL

Trouble Began About Six Months Ago.

## CREDITORS ARE INVESTIGATING

Committee Will Report This Week Whether Firm Will Be Forced Into Bankruptey-Fifty Cents on Dollar Can Be Paid Now.

> The following statement of the affairs of Eppinger & Co. has been given out: The Habilities exceed \$1,250,000; the

assets about \$700,000. The principal creditors are: London, Parls & American Bank, aSo Francisco; San Francisco; San Francisco Savings Union, San Francisco; Nevada National Bank, San Francisco; Anglo-Californian Bank, aSa Francisco! International Bank, San Francisco; American Bank, San Franctsco; Isaac Cohen, capitalist, San Francisco; Bank of Colusa, Colusa, Cal.; Bank of Monterey, Monterey, Cal.; Bank of Woodland, Woodland, Cal.; Bank of Yolo, Woodland, Gal.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.-Eppinger & Co., of this city, one of the largest graindealing firms in the United States, went to the wall today. The crash came suddenly, and for a time threatened to completely upset the local grain market. As caused a big bobbing of prices on 'change and wrought up such excitement as has not been witnessed on the floor for many

The fallure of the Eppinger concern the greatest and most far-reaching crash in the California grain trade since the Sherlock building, was closed last year. time when William Dresbock was forced to the wall, some seven or eight years ago. Although there had been a whisper of uncertainty in inner circles for several days as to the standing of Eppinger & Co., none of the brokers were at all prepared for the startling announcement that was made on 'change

# Wheat Price Runs Up.

It was known that the company was short on a heavy amount of December wheat and the outcome of the announcement in the face of this condition at once brought about the most marked activity. buying against the amount short for the unt of the suspended firm, with the result that December wheat quickly rose from \$1.30 at the opening to \$1.34%. After the great bulk of the pressing contracts had been filled the market weakened mewhat and the price declined to \$1.54. The connections of Eppinger & Co. are numerous, both on the Pacific Coast and in the grain markets of Europe. The firm embraced Jacob Eppinger, the founder; Herman Eppinger and E. Eppinger. Up to the dissolution of the great com-

# iess, charters, prices and contracts, Eppinger & Co. were members of a com-

months ago. The other members were George W. McNear & Co., Balfour, Guth-Torrential Rain In It is the general opinion that the cause of the failure of Eppinger & Co. dates South Carolina. back to an inciplency, five or six months ago, when the "Big Four" combine was

#### caught heavily long on ships chartered at the highest prices last year, and short PEOPLE DROWNED 165 and which rose to 160. The combine was given a very severe squeezing, and

Great Cotton Mills Go Down Of this big loss, Eppinger & Co. were With the Flood.

#### It has been the custom of the firm, it LOSS REACHES INTO MILLIONS

this was done this year. Present reports from the valleys are that the crops will Twelve Hundred Laborers Are be comparative failures, and this news Thrown Out of Employment has had a very depressing effect on the and Will Soon Be in Need market. The final crash was precipitated of Daily Bread. by the London, Paris & American Bank. which, within the last two or three days,

> HAVOC WROUGHT BY STORM. Mortality list, estimated ... Property loss ......\$2,000,000

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 6.-A torrential rain storm visited this region shortly after midnight last night and continued today, resulting in general devastation and destruction to life and property. All the bridges and trestles on the main line of the Southern Railway were washed away. The greatest destruction of nanagement, much of the time, to his life and property occurred at the Pacolet and Clifton and Glendale cotton mills. associates. A few years ago he was reputed to be worth \$2,000,000. Two of his Wires are down and reports conflicting but it seems certain that 40 or 50 person pinger, are in the racing business. His were drowned, mostly milt operatives other son, Herman, is interested in the The following is a partial list of those who lost their lives by the fnundation at

> Augustus Calvert and wife. Miss Lizzie Calvert. K. Felix. Mrs. W. B. Tinsley. Mortay Sims. Mrs. B. F. Johnson and four children. Mrs. Maggie Kirby. Mrs. John Owens. Roy Owens. Garland Long. Miss Fleeta Gosa.

Will Soon Be in Need of Daily Bread. The heaviest property loss was at the ill-fated Pacolet mills, where President Victor Montgomery estimates the damage at \$1,250,000. About 1200 operatives in these western Warehouse Company," said Mr. Curry, "Our firm, which is a consolida-tion of George W. McNear, Garvin & mills are thrown out of employment, and within a few days will be in need of daily

Eyre and Eppinger & Co., has an ample capital of its own behind it, and should not be disturbed in any way by the fallbecame dangerous, the boller-rooms were submerged and the workmen were ordered ure of one of the firms which organized it originally. We are in no difficulties, back. A little later the fury of the ragins ness in this district in the last 12 months," river struck mill No. 1, sweeping that plant entirely away. The strong current then swept against No. 2, demolishing the mill and leaving only the clothroom standing. The big bridge over the Pacolet River, a steel structure, was carried away by the flood, which had burst through the dams. The wareroom, containing nearly 4000 bales of cotton and 4000 bales of do-

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#### nestic cloth, followed, all the cotton being carried down stream. Five Stories of Mill Washed Away

At mill No. 3 one-half of the picker-ros and five stories on the left side of the main building were washed away. The main building, supported by a thick wall, is still standing, but may collapse at any time. The boiler-room has gone, but the smokestack is yet standing. The dam at No. 3 is intact. All the machinery in this mill is ruined. At Glendale four ware-bouses filled with cotton and cotton products were swept away along with the dam across Lawson's Fork and the trestle of the City Electric Railway. The mill at Giendale was not materially damaged.

At Converse the main building of the Clifton factory collapsed, and the flood rose till the second floor of the mill was under four feet of water, 40 or 50 feet above the ordinary stage. The Converse mill is utterly demolished, nothing standing except the picker-room building, which is badly wrecked. Clifton mill No. 3 also lost its boiler-room, engine-room and smokestack.

MANY PEOPLE CLINGING TO TREES They Cannot Hold On Much Longer, and Prospect of Rescue Is Remote

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 8.—S-many wires are down and communication of all sorts is so thoroughly demoralized that it is impossible to form any definite calculation of the loss of life in today's cloudburst and the resultant floods. The mortality list may go to 150, but the more conservative estimates place it somewhere around 40 or 50. The total property loss in the entire section laid waste by the storm is likely to aggregate \$2,000,000. The loss at Pacojet is placed at \$1,000,000. More than 500 people are homeless and 4000 out of employment.

There was no wind and no damage by lightning, the less all being by water. This fell in veritable torrents, converting the surface of the earth into a sheer lake the surface of the earth into a sheer lake of raging waters; rivers everflowed their banks to heights never before known; creeks became rivers, and small rivulets raging torrents, wiping out everything in their course. Bailroad bridges were torn from stone and iron piers; cotton mills were crushed like straw before the flood, and grist mills and innumerable smaller behaviors and courses. Were washed away. industries and cottages were washed away

by the angry waters.
Tonight scores of people were clinging
to the branches of trees at Clifton and
could not be reached. Unless help comes to them soon it is feared that many will fall into the water and drown.

#### DIE LIKE RATS IN TRAP. People Are Caught in Their Houses

and Swept Away by Flood, ANGUSTA, Ga., June 6.—The Herald's staff correspondent at Spartanburg gives the losses in the flood district as follows: the losses in the flood district as follows: Arkwright mill, 26,3% spindles, elightly damaged, not over 5009; Beaumont mill, 589 spindles, damuse slight; Clifton, Nos. L. 2 and 3, 191,322 spindles, most serious damage of all, amounting to \$709,000; Pa-colet, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 19.552 spindles, cap-italized at \$1,900,000, damages, \$756,000; Whitesay 1000000 capages, \$156,000;

Whitney, 10,000 spindles, damage \$100,000. Thirty-five fives are reported lost. The bodies of these with two exceptions were caught floating in the river at Clifton. 16 miles from Spartanburg. Only mills Nos, 1 and 2 were completely destroyed at Pacolet, but No. 3 was se-riously damaged. All that now remains

on the scene of wrecked mills is a mass of broken and twisted iron and stone in disheveled heaps. Most of the drowned people were operatives of the Pacolet River milis. So suddenly did the water rise that they were unable to escape from their homes, and went down in the torrent with their houses.

## POPE IS WASTING AWAY morning the water pressure at mill No. 1 Condition of His Holiness Gives Room for Apprehension.

PARIS, June 6.—The Temps today prints the following dispatch from Rome Leo XIII continues to receive, but those who see him notice the gradual decline warrant a continuance of the recent confident optimism. His recent audiences were very fatigu

lng. Each time the pope received he was obliged to rest, sometimes for two or three days. During the last few days the pope has restricted his diet to milk, bouillon and eggs. This regime counts severely against a man 92 years of age. Very little fresh air is admitted to the pope's apartments in the Vatican. His valet, Centra, opens the windows of the Pontiff's sleeping-room momentarily, night and morning, but the air is more or less vitiated, and there is a lack of sufficient oxygen. ondent of the Temps adds:

The correspondent of the Temps adds:
"I have had occasion during the last few days to see a number of persons on intimate terms with the entourage of the holy father, and I find their opinion is al-ways unanimous that Pope Leo has been slowly wasting away; atrophying for some time. The pope rises late, and does not celebrate mass, except on Sunday, when no one assists him except the faith-ful Centra, who serves him at the masses. The Pontiff appears not to desire that others should see his infirmities trembling of his hands has become

Dr. Lapponi requires the pope to drink iced medicinal water in the morning. The ice is used mainly because the pope is subject to slight inflammation of the

gums.
"I do not wish to unduly alarm the de-voted friends of Leo XIII, but neverthe less I am compelled to state that the condition of his health actually is far from satisfactory.

# Allment of the Pope. VEN'CE, June 6.—The Gasetta di Vien-ita asserts that the pope is suffering from intestinal inflammation; that he eats

practically nothing, and that his strength is diminishing. The paper adds: "Though there is no immediate danger, there is room for apprehension, unless an improvement is soon manifested."

## Statement of Church Officials. ROME, June 6.-Several high ecclesian tical personages who have been inter-viewed regarding the reports about the pope's ill health say that during the last few days he suffered from a slight hemerrholdal indisposition, which entirely dis

appeared today.

Appointed Bishop of Manila, WASHINGTON, June 6.—The papal delegation in this city today received notification by cable of the appointment of Rev. T. T. Harty, of St. Leo's Church, St. Louis, as bishop of Manila. The appointment was made by the pope, and has been accepted by Father Harty.

Victim of Asphyxiation ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 6.-John R. McFetridge, head of the publishing firm of John R. McFettridge & Sons, Philadelphia. was found dead in bed in his cottage here last night. The Cor-oner's jury states that death was caused by accidental asphyxiation.

# **BOOM FOR ROOT**

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

New York Wants Him for Governor.

# MACHINE IS WELL IN LINE

Secretary Is Willing to Make the Race.

## STRONG MAN IS BADLY NEEDED

Republicans Realize the Independent Voters Will Repudiate Any Candidate Whose Honesty and Fearlessness Are in Doubt.

# Career of Elihu Root.

Born at Clinton, N. Y., February Graduated from Hamilton College in

Graduated from University Law School of New York in 1867. Admitted to the bar in 1867. United States Attorney for the South-ern District of New York, 1883-1885. Secretary of War since August 1, 1839.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 6.-The New York Republican machine is considering, with great earnestness, the advisability of making Elihu Root the candidate of the Republican party for Governor next year. The administration of Root as War Secretary has been so eminently successful that he has sprung into National as well as state prominence. Platt, Odell and the rest of the New York leaders recognize that it is necessary to have a strong man to head the ticket, and one who is not machine made to such an extent that the independent voters will repudiate him. Platt and Odell are also very friendly

Secretary Root was asked today regarding the talk about him as a candidate and simply replied that he knew noth ing more about it further than he had read. At the same time he would not be adverse to leading the Republicans in his native state, and President Rooseveit would be willing to lose him from his Cabinet for that purpose.

#### HANNA SINCERE IN HIS SUPPORT. Ohio Indorsement of Roosevelt for Re-election Is Unequivocal,

NEWARK, N. J., June 6.-The Newark News prints an interview which a staff ndent has had with Senator Hanna at Cleveland. When told that the impression had gone out "that the Administration of President Roosevelt of itself was not indersed by the Ohio Republican Convention, except enough to make the state convention appear in good form, Senator Hanna replied: "President Roosevelt's Administration

was unequivocally indorsed by the state convention at Columbus." Senator Hanna declared that in all probability President Rooseveit's name would be the only one presented to the

"The country has heard con discussion about yourself as a Presiden-tial candidate, or as a Vice-Presidential candidate, Senator," said the interviewer.
"I am not a candidate for anything except for the United States Senate, as my own successor," he-quickly replied.
"If you are not a candidate at this time.

sir, there might come a time next year when the welfare of the Republican party demanded you for second place upon the Presidential ticket. It has been said that your name would strengthen the ticket with the great business and financial ments of the East," was suggested. "That is unfair," he replied. "I car talk about what the probabilities of the future may or may not be. I am not a candidate for any office except the one I have already told you about."

#### IRISH HONOR COCKRAN. Prominent New Yorker Is Granted the Freedom of a City.

SLIGO, Ireland, June 6.-The municipal corporation today granted the freedom of the town to W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, who delivered an address upon the future economic development of Ireland. In the course of which Mr. Cockran pro-dicted that the island would become the clearing point for all products between America and Europe, because only on the West Coast of Ireland were the harborn capable of accommodating the great ves-sels of the future, which he believed would reach a tonnage of 50,000. He was confident, he said, that a day of great industrial development was now dawning

# THE DEATH ROLL.

United States Consul Ingersoll. COLON, June 8.-J. C. Ingersell, of Illi-nois, United States Consul at Cartagena, who was on his way to New York, died here today from dysentery. Mr. Ingersoll was a nephew of the late Robert G. In-

NEW YORK, June 6.-William Thompson, who for 30 years had been presiden of the New York Pie Baking Company,

Prominent Presbyterian Minister. PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—John Caldweil Thompson, D. D., a prominent Presbyterian ciergyman, died today at his me, aged 75 years.

Port Is Now Free From Plague. MEXICO CITY, June 6.—The merchanis of Mazztian have petitioned the federal government to declare the port once more open to commerce, as the plague has completely disappeared.

FLOODED DISTRICT OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.