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WAS IT SUICIDE?

Coroner Returns Verdict That He Was Shot by Some Unknown Party.

FRUIT FARMER OF MILTON FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED.

J. B. Dawkins Shot Through the Head With a 44-Calibre Ball—J. A. Rogers, Living With Him, Reported the Case.

J. B. Dawkins, a fruit farmer living two miles north of Milton, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning, with a hole through his head made by a ball from a 44-calibre revolver.

The revolver, when the body was found, was grasped in the old man's right hand and lay across his breast. The body was lying slightly on the left side. The bullet had entered the right ear, coming out near the top of the head, on the opposite side. When found, the body lay undressed, as he had retired the night before, and the bed clothes were drawn up around his head and face. Life was of course entirely extinct.

Mr. Dawkins was living with a man named J. A. Rogers, to whom, it is said, he had deeded the place, which is a fruit farm, for and in consideration of Mr. Rogers caring for him during the remainder of his natural life. At the time the agreement was made, it is said, Mr. Rogers' wife was living with him, but the couple have parted since and the two men lived alone.

Mr. Dawkins was over 60 years of age and is said to have been in a very despondent frame of mind from a stroke of paralysis, which, while it did not render him entirely helpless, was a great annoyance. This affords the basis for one theory of the death. The coroner's verdict suggests another theory. It was to the effect that the shot which resulted in the old man's death was fired by some unknown party. The old man left no message that had been found up to the hour when the alleged facts in the case were learned by 'phone from Milton.

Rogers, who gave the alarm, avers that yesterday morning after arising he heard a muffled report from the room where the old man lay in bed, but thought nothing of it, being busy preparing breakfast. Later, when he went to arouse the old man for breakfast, he found him dead, in the position described.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Supreme Court Decides Case in Favor of Dewey.

Washington Feb. 23.—Dewey's prize money case against the United States in behalf of himself and his men for the capture of the Spanish vessels at Manila was decided in favor of Dewey today in the supreme court. In the case instituted by Sampson for prize money of the Maria Theresa, which was taken from the Spanish, but lost at sea while being brought to America, the supreme court dismissed as libel. Brown and Brewer dissented, taking the ground that the men were entitled to the prize money for the capture, as it was not their fault that the vessel was lost when being brought in.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL.

Canada Will Be Consulted With Regard to the British Members.

London, Feb. 23.—It was announced in the house of commons today the British members for the Alaskan boundary tribunal would be selected after consultation with the Canadian government. Cranberne also announced that he had information that the American claims against Venezuela would also be submitted to The Hague.

VESSELS ICE BOUND.

Navy Cutter Sent to Release Them Is Unsuccessful.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 23.—The navy cutter Seminole, which was sent to the Bay Islands in an endeavor to release the Gloucester ice-bound schooners, arrived last night unsuccessful. Little hope is entertained for the vessels' liberation before spring, when they must take chances in the floes.

BLOWN INTO RIVER.

Two Italians Killed and Two Injured in a Premature Explosion.

Connelsville, Pa., Feb. 23.—Two Italian workmen were killed and two fatally injured Saturday in a premature explosion of 16 sticks of dynamote in a quarry. They were blown over the bluff into the river.

OPPOSITION TO BLISS TREATY.

Cuban House of Representatives May Not Ratify the Act of the Senate.

Havana, Feb. 23.—Opposition to the Bliss treaty has arisen in the house of representatives. Although it may be ratified by the senate, Wednesday, it cannot become effective without the sanction of the house.

TO SEARCH FOR ALEXANDER.

Commander Higginson Sends Prairie to Find Disabled Collier.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Higginson, commanding the North Atlantic fleet today, wired the navy department from San Juan that he had sent the collier Prairie to search for the disabled collier Alexander.

Reception to Schley.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 23.—Admiral Schley was given a reception at the Jesuit college at noon Saturday.

DROPS COAL INVESTIGATION.

Littlefield Decides That the Transportation Companies Rarely Overcharged the Dealers.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Littlefield, the chairman of the committee which went to Boston to investigate the coal transportation, submitted a full report which shows that while excessive freight rates had been charged in some cases, it was only of rare occurrence. The committee recommends that the hearings in New York and Philadelphia be abandoned.

Washington, Feb. 23.—It is generally expected that some compromise in the statehood bill will be offered today whereby the deadlock can be ended.

Washington, Feb. 23.—During the routine business this morning Kearns presented the credentials of Senator-elect Smoot, which were received and placed on file. Burrows, the chairman of the committee on elections, announced that he had received protests against seating Smoot, and asked that the remonstrances be filed, which was done. Smoot was an interested spectator. He was afterward greeted by many senators.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, by a vote of 10 to 7, today refused to report the ship subsidy bill, thus disposing of the matter so far as this season is concerned.

Jones, of Washington, made an effort to have the ship subsidy bill amended in several particulars, but was steadily voted down.

Rev. Sutter offered a prayer when the house met today, praying that the generation might be guided by the precepts and example of George Washington.

The senate was also opened with a similar prayer. The time-honored custom of reading Washington's farewell address was gone through with, Dubolse, of Iowa, being called to the presiding officer's chair for that purpose.

Exercises at Johns Hopkins.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—Commemoration day exercises were held today at John's Hopkins University. The principal address was delivered by President Edwin H. Alderman of Tulane University.

LAST DAY AT SALEM

EFFORTS TO PUT STATE PRINTER ON SALARY.

Theaters Exempt From Sunday Closing—Firecrackers the Only Explosives That Can be Sold to Children.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 23.—The house expressed itself in favor of a flat salary for the state printer by passing Senator Miller's bill to place that official on a flat salary of $3500 after 1907.

Orton wanted to know what the state would do for a printing plant. "Private people own the present plant and if you put your state printer on a salary he will be here without tools to do the work. The logical thing to do would be to appropriate $40,000 for a printing plant."

"Let that go until the next session," said Bilyeu, and so the house decided.

No State Examiner.

Senator Booth's bill for an act creating the office of state examiner of public officers and public offices, allowing that officer a salary of $2400 a year and $1500 for clerical aid, was brought to a sudden standstill when it reached the house. In committee of the whole the provisions of the bill were adopted with amendments, and on the final vote it was defeated. Then a motion to reconsider was made and this, too, received no support, so the measure was permanently buried.

The bill was supposed to appoint an officer who would do the work of the various committees appointed by the legislature at every session to examine into the accounts and affairs of the various state and charitable institutions, and it was claimed that this would do away with considerable expense.

The measure also provided that the governor should make the appointment and this was amended, on motion of Hodson of Multnomah, to give the appointive power to the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. The bill was not adopted, and when it came up for reconsideration there were not sufficient votes to do so.

Theaters Exempt.

Theaters will be exempt from the general Sunday closing law, according to the vote taken by the house on senate bill No. 123. This bill was introduced by Sweek and amended the existing law in regard to theaters only.

Senator Smith's bill to prohibit the selling, exchanging, bartering or giving to any child under 14 any explosive article other than an ordinary firecracker containing not more than 10 grains of gunpowder, or fireams except those used to explode caps, was passed.

If the governor signs the senate bill introduced by Rand the supreme court of the state will have two terms of court at Pendleton, one in May and the other in November instead of one term as at the present. The bill also proposes an increase of salary for this additional work from $1500 to $2500, making the total salary of the supreme justices $4500 a year.

Senator Rand's bill to constitute Baker county the eighth judicial district of Oregon was passed Friday afternoon, 35 voting in favor of it. Robbins of Baker said the bill was necessary on acount of the amount of legal business in that county. Kay thought the expense entailed would be too much and Davey declared that one judge ought to be able to look after the business of Baker, Union and Wallowa counties. The bill was passed, however. Judge Eakin and District Attorney White of that district will retain their positions.

Senator Pierce's bill, which passed the house Friday afternoon, provides that the county assessor shall be elected for four years instead of two years as at the present.

COLORED YALE GRADUATE AND WHITE BRIDE ELOPE.

Pass Through Spokane en Route to Canana, Fleeing From the Irate Father—Couple Met While Doing Slum Work in Mobile.

Portland, Feb. 23.—A Spokane special says Louis Brownlee, (colored) and his wife, (white), are there on their way to Canada. They were married in Los Angeles Tuesday. The bride is the only daughter of Horace Kingsley, a wealthy man of Mobile, Ala., and a belle among the smart set. The groom is a Yale graduate, and a physician. They met while doing slum work in Mobile and eloped. They are fleeing from the irate father, who vows he will have blood.

SPEAKS BEFORE THE ILLINOIS STATE LEGISLATURE.

Declares That the Reason There Are More Strikes in America Than Elsewhere Is Because of Our High Civilization.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 23.—President John Mitchell was given an ovation when he entered the hall of representatives this morning. In a speech, Mitchell said he was opposed to strikes except as extreme measures, and said it should then be fought to the las tditch. The reason why there are more strikes in America than any where else in the world, he declared was the result of the highest civilization.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Quarry Man Thawing Dynamite at a Fire—Was Blown to Pieces.

Salt Lake, Feb. 23.—Archie Brown, of Diamondville, Wy., was killed by an explosion of giant powder which he was thawing at a fire near the lime quarry there today. His left arm and leg were blown off.

BRITISH DEMONSTRATIVE.

Decorate With Bunting and American Flags Before the American Warships.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The principal feature in today's celebration here was the decoration of the foreign steamers. The British vessels were profusely decorated with bunting and American flags before the United States warships and colliers were so arrayed.

SOME BAD FEATURES

ATTORNEY-GENERAL KNOX SPEAKS OF TRUSTS.

Over-capitalization He Considers One of the Most Objectionable Things—Is a Fraudulent Imposition of a Burden Upon the Public.

Attorney General Knox, in speaking of the objectionable features of the trusts, says:

"Overcapitalization is the chief of these and the source from which the minor ones flow. It is the possibility of overcapitalization that furnishes the temptations and opportunities for most of the others. Overcapitalization does not mean large capitalization or capitalization adequate for the greatest undertakings. It is the imposition upon an undertaking of a liability without a corresponding asset to represent it. Therefore overcapitalization is a fraud upon those who contribute the real capital, either originally or by purchase, and the efforts to realize dividends thereon from operations is a fraudulent imposition of a burden upon the public.

"When a property worth a million dollars upon all the sober tests of value is capitalized at $5,000,000 and sold to the public, it is rational to assume that its purchasers will exert every effort to keep its earnings up to the basis of their capitalization. When the inevitable depression comes, wages must be reduced, prices enhanced, or dividends foregone. As prices are naturally not increased, but lowered in dull periods, it usually resolves itself into a question of wages or dividends.

"While this condition may exist under any circumstances, it is exaggerated by overcapitalization in the illustrating case five to one. The overcapitalized securities enter into the general budget of the country, are bought and sold, rise and fall, and they fluctuate between wider ranges and are more sensitive in proportion as they are further removed from intrinsic values, and, in short, are liable to be storm centers of financial disturbances of far-reaching consequence. They also, in the same proportion, increase the temptation to mismanagement and manipulation by corporate administrators.

POPE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Silver Jubilee Is Celebrated at Rome With Impressive Ceremonies.

Rome, Feb. 20.—The pope's jubilee was celebrated in the vatican hall. Admission was by tickets and only 4,000 were present. The presentation of a triple crown and golden keys was made by Cardinal Rospeghi. The vatican was splendidly draped.

The pope was borne to the throne on the shoulders of guards waving peacock fans. He maintained his strength wonderfully.

After receiving the pilgrims, the pope retired to his private apartments suffering with but little fatigue. He was in excellent spirits and said this was really the happiest day of his life.

A simultaneous celebration was held at St. Peter's, where Cardinal Rampolli addressed an audience of 25,000 people.

RESERVES ORDERED OUT.

The Porte Continues His Warlike Preparations Against Macedonia.

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—Warlike preparations continue. In the Salonica district the reserves are being called into the Balkin service. The porte has ordered the Smyrna & Kasabe railway to hold its cars in readiness for the transportation of 25,000 reserves to Macedonia.

Steps are now being taken by the Washington legislature to codify the irrigation laws of that state.

FULTON IS ELECTED

Scott Enters the Race, But His Forces Are Swept Away Like Chaff.

Salem, Feb. 21.—Charles W. Fulton, of Astoria, state senator from Clatsop county, was selected United States senator to succeed Joseph Simon, on the 18th ballot, last night.

There was high excitement throughout the evening session, and the state house presented the same old feverish expectancy that has been the leading characteristic of the senatorial elections, since the possibility of a deadlock first crept into Oregon politics.

At first the vote showed a tendency to remain unchanged, despite the whispered prophecies of an early break and a landslide for a dark horse.

Members answered the roll call for the old candidates with a snappy determination that seemed to denote a certain deadlock.

Not a change of countenance could be seen in all that body of legislators. There was absolutely no tremor in the voices for the first four ballots.

Then Mays, of Multnomah, switched from Williams to Geer. A momentary ruffle of the complacent visages was seen. The members straightened up in their seats in expectancy.

No further change was made, until Orton deserted the venerable mayor of Portland and took shelter under the shadow of the "Tall Tamarac."

All this time the friends of the various candidates were busy. While the clerks were footing up the ballots the members were intermingling in confusion, visiting and campaigning.

The 17 democrats had no factional gods to appease, and sat in their seats, amused and interested spectators in the drama that had a senator in making.

When Senator Andrew C. Smith, of Multnomah, arose to nominate H. W. Scott, there was a breathless silence. In a neat and well-worded speech he presented the name of the Oregon Colossus to the joint assembly. No sooner had he finished than the wild cheers drowned the voice of the president, who vainly rapped for order.

Quiet restored, Malarkey, of Multnomah, arose to second the nomination of Scott, when the first disorderly demonstration of the entire session was shown. The Geer men hissed Malarkey and hooted the name of Scott, shouting wildly, "Geer," "Geer."

On the first ballot after Scott's nomination, Geer's force of 30 vanished like a snow man before a chinook wind. Six stalwart veterans stood firmly by him. Scott had 28 votes on the first ballot, while Fulton's 33 swelled to 35.

From the 14th to the 18th ballot, the greatest confusion prevailed.

The Geer forces, absolutely demoralized, canvased in vain.

The Fulton soldiers showed no sign of weakening.

The 17 democrats smoked and voted for Wood.

On the 18th ballot the usual monotonous roll call had proceeded but a short way, when a Scott man, with trembling voice, announced that the time had arrived to elect a senator, and voted for Fulton. Like sheep crowding through a narrow gap, the Scott forces rushed into the Fulton ranks, speaker following speaker in quick succession.

When the vote was counted, Fulton had the necessary 46 and the 22d legislative assembly was at an end.

Fulton made a neat speech, thanking the members for the support and the joint assembly adjourned.

Following is the vote in detail:

First ballot—Senate called in at 8 o'clock. Fulton 33, Geer 27, Wood 17, Williams 6, scattering 4.

Second ballot—Geer gained one, Hume going to him. Fulton 33, Geer 28, Wood 17, Williams 6, scattering 3.

Third ballot—No change except that Fulton is present and voting the first time this session. He cast his ballot for Secretary of State F. J. Dunbar.

Fourth ballot—No change except in scattering vote. Fullest strength of 89 voted.

Fifth ballot—Fulton 33, Geer 27, Wood 16, Williams 4, scattering 4. Several out to get a drink.

Sixth ballot—Fulton 33, Geer 27, Wood 17, Williams 6, scattering 5.

Seventh ballot—Fulton changed from Dunbar to Hume. No other change.

Eighth ballot—Mays changed from Williams to Geer. Fulton 33, Geer 28, Wood 17, Williams 4, scattering 5.

Ninth ballot—No change. Strength of Geer now 29.

Tenth ballot—No change.

Eleventh ballot—No change.

At 10:28 the following message was sent out: Jonathan Bourne has formed an alliance with Scott for the purpose of electing the latter senator. Scott expects all of Geer's vote, but Fulton's friends say he cannot get all. Fulton says that unless he himself is elected there will be a deadlock.

Twelfth ballot—No change.

Thirteenth ballot—Fulton 33, Geer 30, Wood 17, Williams 4, scattering 5. Orton changed from Williams to Geer.

Fourteenth ballot—No change.

At 11:10 p. m., Smith of Multnomah, nominated H. W. Scott, who is greeted with cheers.

Malarkey, of Portland, seconds Scott's nomination amid cries of "Geer," Geer." Geer men hissed Malarkey and the name of Scott. Eddy speaks for Fulton amid wild cheers. Davey speaks for Geer.

Fifteenth ballot—Fulton 34, Scott 28, Woods 17, Geer 8, Hermann 1.

Sixteenth ballot—Scott gains one.

Seventeenth ballot — Fulton 35, Scott 29, Geer 6, Wood 17, scattering 2.

Eighteenth ballot—The vote for Fulton was 35, when a Scott man started the landslide and the votes poured in from all sides, speaker followed speaker.

GOVERNOR VETOES FOREST FIRE BILL

Shows That it Was Possible for the State to Be Robbed Under Its Provisions.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—Governor Chamberlain yesterday returned senate bill No. 50, introduced by Senator Booth, to senate with his veto. The bill provides for the protection of forests and lumber and was thought to have been a meritorious measure until it underwent the keen scrutiny of the governor, who discovered numerous irregularities in it which he did not look upon favorably and he commented upon it as follows:

"The bill purports to be for the protection of forests and timber of the state against forest fires. Its object is worthy, but I cannot give my assent to the measure before me for many reasons, two of which I will now consider.

"First. It appropriates $5,000 annually for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act, but while this appropriation is made, the bill by its very terms, authorizes the creation of claims against the state and the several counties which may reach as much as $50,000 in one year, for which deficiency appropriations would have to be made at the next session of the legislature to cover the state's portion thereof.

"The commissioners named in the act are authorized to appoint at least one person in each county of the state as a fire warden—they may appoint more. Say that they do appoint two in each county. The salary for each is not to exceed $300. Sixty-six fire wardens at $300 each, is $19,500 per annum.

"The fire wardens in each county, at the request of the commission, have power to nominate, with the approval of the commission, five rangers, whose salaries are to be paid by the counties, and are not to exceed $2 per day, while employed in actual service. The secretary of the commission is to receive $5 per day for the time actually employed by him, and he, together with each of the commissioners, receives mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for the distance actually traveled in the performanc of duty.

"It is safe to say that there will be applications filed with the commission to appoint men to the full limit of their power of appointment, and the expense in the very nature of things is bound to be large, however capable and honest the commission may be.

"A large indebtedness will surely be created against the state and numerous claims against the several counties. Protection of the timber interests of the sate may justify the expense, but it seems to me that the bill itself ex vi termini, should limit the amount of moneys which the commission shall expend, and an appropriation made therefor.

"Second: Another objection to the act is the fact that the legislature undertakes to deprive the executive of the state of the power given him by the constitution. It will be noticed that this act names the five commissioners, who are to hold their offices for four years, after which the executive is to appoint—an admission on the face of the act that the executive is the proper person to appoint the commissioners and not the legislature.

"For the reasons stated, I return it herewith with my veto."

ANOTHER DEAD.

Six More Bodies Expected to Be Recovered Today in Ruins at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 21.—Search in the ruins of the Clifton hotel continues. They expect to recover six more bodies today. Another has died from the effects of injuries, this morning. All others are doing satisfactorily.

EXILED MOTHER'S HUSBAND.

King Alfonso Takes Advantage of His Mother, Who Is Visiting in Austria.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—Kink Alfonso has taken the advantage of his mother's visit in Austria to exile from Madrid Count Escosure, the master of the horse, to whom his mother was recently morganically married. He has been sent to Seville to take charge of the royal stables.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO SMOKE HIM OUT.

After Shooting at the Police, New Orleans Outlaw Was Finally Killed by the Officers.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The negro who barricaded himself in a Rampart street house early this morning and defied the police by shooting frequently at them, was finally killed by the officers after the fire department had been called and all plans made to somke him out.

From 2 Till Daylight.

The siege lasted from 2 o'clock until daylight. The scene was a negro boarding house, where he went a couple of days ago. When the landlord went to his room, which was occupied and where seven beds were located, the negro ordered him to stay out. The landlord wanted to give another man lodging. The negro showed fight and the landlord appealed to the police.

Two officers went to the scene and the negro opened fire. Fifty officers were then called who coaxed and tried to get the negro to come out. Cotton balls, saturated with oil and sulphur, were thrown into the room. When he appeared at the door, armed officers fired. Seven shots took effect.

JAMES SIMONIS DEAD.

Eagle Valley Citizen Pays the Penalty of Lawlessness.

Richland, Ore., Feb. 20.—Jim Simonis, the Eagle Creek rancher, who was shot Tuesday night by City Marshal Frank Robertson, while resisting arrest, died Thursday. The fatal bullet penetrated his right breast and came out between the shoulder blades. Another ball entered his right groin and came out near the anus. Sentiment in Richland is unanimously to the effect that Robertson fired in self defense. Funeral arrangements have not been perfected pending an investigation by the district attorney.

CUBA IS FAVORABLE.

Senate Takes Action in the Reciprocity Treaty With United States.

Havana, Feb. 20.—The foreign committee of the senate made a favorable report on the reciprocity treaty with the United States this afternoon.

WATER CURE KILLED

MOTHER APPEALS FOR JUSTICE TO SON'S SLAYERS.

She Says Lieutenant Sinclair Was Unjustly Acquitted of Crime and Asks President to Punish Him.

Mrs. Ellen C. Richter, of Syracuse, N. Y., the mother of Private Edward C. Richter, who died in the Philippines as the result of having the water cure administered to him by Lieutenant William Sinclair, who was acquitted of the charge, is in Washington, and has made an appeal to President Roosevelt that justice be done. Mrs. Richter says in her appeal to the president that she is prepared to prove these facts:

"That my son, Edward, was a good, kind, obedient boy to his mother, and possessed the confidence and esteem of the leading citizens of Syracuse.

"That on the night of February 7, 1902, at Dasmarinos, P. I., Lieutenant William S. Sinclair ordered and directed that my boy be removed from his quarters and bound hand and feet to the ground.

"That, while thus bound, Lieutenant Sinclair ordered a gag placed in the helpless boy's mouth.

"That this gag, consisting of a piece of cloth, was held in Edward's mouth by means of a club, held in the hands of Sergeant McDermott, who sat on his breast.

"That as a further means of torture, Lieutenant Sinclair compelled his men to pour ice water on the helpless soldier's face.

"That this torture was continued for two hours and 20 minutes, and that my poor, misused, dying helpless boy pleaded for mercy, saying: 'Oh, don't, Mac.' The torture was still continued.

"That many of the soldiers present could not witness his awful suffering, and were obliged to turn, horror-stricken, from the scene."

Mrs. Richter say that, when Judge Advocate Davis was asked why Sinclair was acquitted, he went so far as to admit that the court erred in its decision.

The mother asks that the president order her boy's body sent home, and that Sinclair be stripped of his uniform.

CLOSING WIDE-OPEN TOWNS.

Washington Sheriff is Conducting an Active Campaign on Gambling.

When Sheriff Graham was marshal, prior to January 1, he was forced by the council to suppress gambling in this city, and went after the vice so vigorously as to make it dangerous even for society people to play cards at home, says an Aberdeen paper.

The saloon element opposed him for sheriff tooth and nail, but he was elected by a majority of over 500.

With a new city administration gambling was resumed, and Sheriff Graham now says he will make every council or town board in every town in the county show their hands.

He apeared before the Aberdeen council Saturday night and asked for its co-operation in suppressing the vice, but the council, after listening to the remarks, adjourned without saying a word.

Sheriff Graham will go before every municipal body in the same way and then will strike at the gambling fraternity.

Hoquiam, which has been a wide-open town for months, and has profited at the expense of other cities in which gambling was curtailed, will be the first on the list of cities in which the crusade will be started.

Another Victim Dead.

New York, Feb. 20.—The fifth victim of yesterday's explosion at Fort Lafayette, died this morning in the hospital.

FUEL AND FOOD SENT TO THEM BY DOG TRAINS.

Snow Has Been Falling seven Days in New Foundland and in Places the Drifts Are 30 Feet Deep.

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 21.—Dog teams carrying food and fuel started this morning for the interior where two trains with more than 100 passengers aboard, are snowed in. Snow has been falling for seven days and the drifts are 30 feet deep in places. The government has called upon the railways to assist in rescuing the passengers.

SEVENTEEN GIRLS INJURED BY BEING TRAMPLED.

Fire in a Chicago Factory Causes a Panic Among the 300 Employes—Foreman Is Suffocated.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Fire this afternoon in the Sturgis factory, caused a panic among the 300 employes and the foreman was suffocated. Seventeen girls were injured in the stampede. The fire loss amounts to $50,000.

OPTION EXPIRES MARCH 4.

Representatives of the New Panzma Canal Say Senate Must Ratify Before That Date.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Representatives of the new Panama Canal Company here deny the report that the company will extend the time beyond March 4 on the option the government now holds. If the treaty is not ratified by the senate before that date they will hold that option has expired. If ratified they will regard the property as disposed of.

INHUMAN PARENTS.

Force Their 12-Year-Old Daughter to Marry a Man 30 Years of Age.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—Julia Roubinall has applied for a divorce, alleging that her parents forced her to marry at the age of 12, a man over 30. She left him at the end of nine months.

Pretender Is Dead.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—Tangier dispatches say that the Morocco pretender was defeated on the 15th near Melilla. The pretender perished in the battle.

EDDY'S SCHOOL LAW

HOUSE ACTS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT MEASURES.

School Tax of $6 Per Capita—Upland Owner Has Rights Over Tide Lands.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The house this morning passed three Eddy bills. One is to require each county to levy a school tax of at least $6 per each person in the county between 20 and four years of age. Another of the bills proposes to divert the earnings of convicts from the general fund of the state to the betterment fund, for the improvement of the penitentiary. The third bill proposes to give "shore" or "upland" owners priority in acquisition of tide lands in front of their shore property from the state land board.

The present law as to school taxes requires a levy in each county of at least five mills. The bill provides that the per capita amount levied shall never be less than the per capita amount of the school tax levied in 1903.

In urging passage of the bill, Eddy pointed out the wide diversity of valuations in the counties, and the consequently wide diversity in the moneys available for schools.

Gill advocated passage of the bill, saying that the constant reduction of assessed values had reduced sums of money for schools so much that in many counties the per capita levy was under $4.

Kay opposed the measure, and argued that the counties should be left to raise money in accordance with their needs.

The bill then passed.

Flat Salary Bill.

The bill placing state officers upon a flat salary, introduced in the house by Mr. Kay, pased last night with but two dissenting votes, Bilyeu and Both.

This allows the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer a salary each of $5000 per year; the attorney general, $3000 per year; the chief justice of the supreme court, $4500, and the associate justices, $4000 per year. The bill will not be effective until 1905.

FAITHFUL DOG LEADS WAY TO DEAD MASTER.

Body of William McKay, a Trapper, Found in the South Fork Mountain—Disappeared Last Monday.

Ashland, Or., Feb. 21.—The body of William McKay, a trapper, well known in Trinity county, was found on South Fork Mountain, four miles west of Hyampom, last Monday. The discovery was due to the trapper's faithful dog. McKay and his dog were inseparable companions. On Monday, when the dog appeared at A. S. Fletcher's place, it attracted Fletcher's notice. It seemed to him the dog's actions meant that he wished the man to follow him, and he decided to do so. The delighted animal led the way to his master's cabin, but the dog did not wish to stop there, and Fletcher continued on with him, tramping two miles further through the deep snow, where, sitting by the base of a tree, was McKay, cold and stiff in death. The dog licked the trapper's face and showed almost human intelligence.

Fletcher went to Hyampom to obtain help to remove the body, and later a message was sent to Weaverville to the coroner, who summoned a jury. It is believed that McKay became exhausted or sick, and, sitting down by the tree, dropped to sleep and was frozen to death.

Fire in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 20.—Fire this morning in the business section, destroyed property valued at $150,000.

REACH AGREEMENT

Quay Will Win His Statehood Battle and Morgan Ceases Fight on Canal.

THE ILL FEELING IN SENATE PASSES AWAY.

Morgan Is Willing to Allow the Panama Canal Treaty to Be Passed if His Objections Are Made a Matter of Record.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate met at 11 o'clock in executive session but there was no quorum, and the doors were thrown open for a legislative session.

It was apparent early that much of the ill feeling of yesterday had passed.

It is generally believed that an agreement has been reached which will permit Quay to win his statehood battle and will also result in the withdrawal of Morgan's opposition to the Panama canal treaty.

It is said that Morgan is willing to withdraw if his objections to the treaty are made a matter of record, as he wants future generations to know his prophesy. While it is unusual it is probable that it will be consented to.

Beveridge and Pentrose had a lively debate over a matter of preference. Beveridge won the point. Considerable routine business was cleared.

HOUSE SESSION.

Moody, of Oregon, Will Preside at Tomorrow's Session—Currency Bill Is Considered.

Washington, Feb. 21.—When the house met Henderson appointed Moody, of Oregon to preside over tomorrow's session when eulogies will be delivered on the lives of the late Representatives Tongue, of Oregon, Vrumple of Iowa, and Moody of North Carolina.

A question of quorum arose when the consideration of the currency bill was resumed. After the quorum was gained by closing the doors and sending for the absentees. Fowler outlined at length the provisions of the bill.

SOCIALISM IN ENGLAND.

Municipal Productive Undertakings Have an Income of $65,000,000 on Capital of $1,055,000,000.

New York, Feb. 20.—A parliamentary return just issued of the reproductive undertakings of municipal corporations, gives some remarkable figures, according to a Tribune dispatch from London. There are 317 municipal corporations in England, excluding London, and 299 carry on productive undertakings. The total capital of the undertakings is $1,055,000,000, the average annual income being $65,000,000, and the average annual working expenses $41,250,000.

CONTRACT IS LET.

Twins Falls Company, of Idaho, Will Dam the Snake River and Build 47 Miles of Irrigation Canals.

Salt Lake, Feb. 21.—The Twin Falls Land and Water Company, of Idaho, today let a contract to dam the Snake River and construct 47 miles of irrigation canals, to Utah and Idaho contractors. The company will import settlers from the East.

IDAHO SHEEPMEN NOT RUINED AS REPORTED.

Isolated Cases of Loss Have Led to False Reports—Martin B. Gwinn, Secretary of Idaho Woolgrowers' Denies Alarming Statements.

Boise, Feb. 20.—Somebody has been industriously circulating stories to the effect that great losses of stock have been occasioned in this state by the snow and cold weather. These stories are so greatly exaggerated that they are practically false. While there have been losses in places, there has been no general decimation of flocks. In fact, the great majority of sheepmen have lost no more sheep than was to be expected under any conditions, while no cattle have been lost anywhere, so far as known.

The only sheepmen belonging in Idaho who have lost, so far, are two or three who make their headquarters in Fremont county. Other Idaho sheepmen have their flocks well supplied with feed and the animals are doing well. On the Snake river plain in the vicinity of Minadoka there are some bands that were driven in from Utah late in the fall. These bands have sustained losses.

Reports from over the state, said Montie B. Gwinn, secretary of the Idaho Woolgrowers' Association showed that the losses so far this year with the exception of a few isolated cases, were only nominal. In practically all sections the owners of sheep and plenty of feed and their stock was not suffering to any great extent. Of course, there were a very few exceptions but, speaking generally, the conditions were quite satisfactory.

AWFUL RESULT OF PLAY.

Child Hurled Twenty-Five Feet into the Air, Breaking Both Arms.

A peculiar accident happened at the Shelburn school grounds Friday evening last. Some of the larger pupils bent an oak grub about 20 feet long, until the top almost reached the ground. Then they placed the six-year-old son of Norman Long upon the grub intending to "teeter" him, but accidently released their hold upon the stick, which rebounded, throwing the child fully 25 feet, and breaking the bones in each arm between the wrist and elbow. Surgical aid was hurriedly summoned and the little fellow made as comfortable as possible. The injury, of course, was accidental, but it was a foolish one, and the elder pupils are highly censured.—Jefferson Review.