WILLING TO BE GOOD

Railroads Hold Out Olive Branch to Commerce Commission.

ALL BIG ROADS OF ONE MIND

Death Knell to Illegal Practices Will, Be Sounded at St Paul Meeting Withtn Few Days.

Chicago, Dec. 23 -The railroad interests of the entire country have decid ed to hold out the olive branch to the government and join hands with the Interstate Commerce commission to secure a rigid enforcement of law. To this end two moves have been begun, one embracing all the railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis, and the other taking in all railroads west of the same points.

The Eastern movement was begun several weeks ago, and the commission has been asked to meet a committee of railway men in a conference regarding the situation in the East. The Western movement is of more recent date retly decided that the ground would be and J. C. Stubbs, traffic mrager of the Harriman lines, is in charge of it Yesterday Mr. Stubbs wired the Interstate Commerce commission asking for an early cenference between that body and a committee representing every Western railroad, to discuss plans for a joins effort to prevent further violations of the laws governing transportation. It is expected a date will be set before Friday, when the commission has hearing in that city.

The railroads insist they are in earn- reads as follows: est and toat, if the commission is in sympathy with the move, it means the death knell of the freight rebate, the secret rate or "midnight tariff" of pref- just happened that proved the truth of erential rates, of arrangements with in- our assertions. The governor of Odesea, dustrial railroads, of the payment of unlawful commissions, and, in short, that city and province, was dismissed the end of everything which comes by Witte for the hand he took in the within the purview of the interstate work; he has now been appointed govcommerce act or the Elkins amend- ernor of Nijni Novgorod. Count Witte,

ALL RAILROAD BIDS REJECTED

Government Will Again Offer Concessions in Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 23 -All the bids for concessionary contracts or grants for the construction of railroads in the Philippine islands, recently submitted to the bureau of insular affairs, were today rejected because of the departures from the terms of the circular calling for proposals. Secretary Taft, after a number of conferences with Governor Wright and Mr Forbes, of the Philippine commission, and Colonal Edwards, Smash in Kansas Causes Two Deaths chief of the insular bureau, today decided to re advertise the proposals, and January 20, at 10 a. m , has been fixed as the date for the opening of new bids. The terms will be modified in some particulars.

Where bidders propose to construct the road without guarantee they will be limited in their bids only by the terms of the Philippine government railroads acts of 1902 and 1903. But where bidders wish to take advantage o' a guarantee of a certain interest on their investment, they can vary from the original invitation to bid only in point of time or on the cost of construction per mile as affected by contractors' profi s.

ALL RUSSIA PARALYZED

Empire Tied Up by General Strike and Food is Scarce.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23 .- With the strike in force throughout the entire common people must certainly suffer.

French Ship on Voyage.

Paris, Dec. 23. - A cruiser detached from the French squadron at Saigon, partment was informed by cable from he will plant them. French Indo-China, is now proceeding to Shanghai. The officials here say some further disturbances there and a this is a measure of precaution, as no few casualties. The naval forces which French interests have as yet been dis- were landed from the warships and turbed. The recent disturbances oc- the volunteer guard of various nation- the Walla Walla valley near the state curred in the international concession. which is separated from the French The Chinese authorities are also enconcession. An official dispatch from deavoring to suppress the disturbances the ranch recently purchased by Trajan sack: Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; from Pekin today says an imperial and at the hour of report the city was edict just issued, following energetic quiet. protests on the part of foreign ministers, promises to end the trouble.

Not a Wheel Turns in Moscow darkness and the theaters and clubs request of the prefect of police, who beare closed. The employes of the lieved that it might provoke bloodshed. municipality have abandoned their Batteries of mechine guns are stationed work. Fifty thousand factory hands at several points of vantage throughout are idle. The troops are confined to the city, and infantry and Cossacks are with a crew of a dozen railroad enginthe barracks and every possible precaution for eventualities has been is stationed in the neighborhood of the ment went forth that they were the ad- olds. 5@7c. taken. The strikers' pickets are all Jewish market. over the city persuading or threatening those who are reluctant to join the strike for freedom.

Troops to Suppress Revolt.

correspondent of the Petit Parisien, in disappearing, the extermination of a dispatch dated yesterday, says that mosquitoes will be continued. One ing of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' the government is preparing to sup- new case of yellow fever was reported association will be held in La Grande press the revolt along the Baltic.

GENERAL STRIKE.

Russian Leaders Openly Defy Government by Manifesto.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 .- A call for a general political strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unione, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway union Explaination of Complicated Primary Southern Pacific Arranges New West and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow. A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike.

The leaders have declared their ability to stop every train in Russia. The strike order readers every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Minister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the Railway union and of the workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

The members of the St. Petersburg Council of Workmen had been notified by the General Railway union and the Moscow Council of Workmen that in principle they were ready for a strike, but that they hesitated on practical grounds. The St. Petersburg leaders, however, felt that their prestige would suffer severely unless they could answer the government's determined off-nsive with a counter stroke, while many who were committed to full revolution secswept from under their feet should the government promulgate a law granting universal suffrage.

WITTE ONLY TITULAR RULER.

Governor Whom He Removed Gets Higher Office.

Boston, Dec. 20 .- A communication the close of the year, and the conference to Russian revolutionist branches in is likely to take place in St. Paul next | Boston has been received by mail from Russia. It is issued by authority of the League of Leagues, and in part

Our suspicion of an inner and secret government superseding that of Count Witte has been confirmed. A case bas Meidgard, who organized massacres in on being asked how he could give a new and even greater and higher appointment to such a notorious villain, replied that the appointment was made bly of electors, May 4. not only without his consent, but even without his knowledge.

The comunication relates that in several of the provinces the czar's manifesto of emancipation was withheld by for nominations for district offices, such order of the secret government. Had as circuit judge, district attorney, joint the manifesto been made public, the senator and joint representative must letter says, wholesale massacres would be filed in the office of the secretary of have been prevented.

WRECKERS DRAW SPIKES.

and Two Fatal Injuries.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 20 .- Santa E train No. 17, west bound, was wrecked at Badger creek, five miles west of Reading, at 3 o'clock this morning. One express car turned over and caught fire. Express Messenger E. E. Derrick, of Kansas City, was killed outright, and Engineer Henry Davis, of Topeka, was so badly injured that he died soon af er being taken out of the wreck. Two other express messengers were probably fatally injured. Two passengers in the smoker were slightly injured.

It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spikes securing one rail had been removed. Three other passenger trains, including Superintendent Fox's special, had passed over the same tracks a short time before No. 17 was wrecked.

Walls Fall on Them.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- One fireman was empire, conditions are again becoming killed and several employes may have braries. more and more alarming. While it is lost their lives in a fire which decertain that the strike leaders are ab- stroyed the enamel sign factory of the solutely opposed to violence, it begins Charles M. Schonk company, 7 to 15 to look as though they would be unable Park street, tonight. Until the ruins to control the forces. Famine is the of the building have been searched, it one thing to be leared, inasmuch as tle will not be positively known whether supplies of tood within the city have any of the employes were killed, either been heavily drawn upon during the in the explosion which started the fire of the chittim tree, which he will set last 30 days, and now that all the out- or by the falling of the walls and floors out on his farm southwest of this city. 9 50; grain hay, \$8@9. put of the foodstuffs is at an end. w ich followed soon afterward. The The sprouts, when planted, grow very prices are beginning to advance and the loss on the building and contents is rapidly, and it will not be very many estimated at \$250,000.

More Rioting in Shanghai.

Shanghai today that there had been alities, however control the situation

Only Guns Prevent Bloodshed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 .- A big loyalist demonstration had been planned been making extensive imrovements Moscow, Dec. 23. - The town is in for today, and was abandoned at the everywhebe. A specially heavy guard

Cuba Will Kill Off Mosquitoes.

Hayana, Dec 20 .- President Palma has authorized an additional expenditure of \$200,000 for sanitary purposes Paris, Dec. 23. - The St. Petersburg in Havana. Although yellow fever is today.

OKEGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.

System by Secretary Dunbar. Salem-The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the election of state, district and county officers. One of the most difficult things to ascertain and remember is the dates upon which the various steps in the nomination and election of officers must be taken. In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the dates if he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods

of computing time must be adopted. The following list contains all the dates of interest to the voter and the candidate for offices as figured out by Secretary of State Dunbar:

Registration-Registration books opened by county

lerks Tuesday, January 2. Registration books closed for primary election April 10, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after prinary election, April 25. Registration books closed for general

lection, May 15, 5 p. m. Iniative petitions-Number of signers required to initiate aws or amendments, 7,489.

Last day for filing initiative peti tions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposng measures, February 5. Direct primary election-

County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congresional and district officers, March 30.

Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4. Date of primary election, April 30.

Canvassing votes of primary election for state offices. May 5. General election-

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19. Last day for filing nominating peti-

tions for state offices, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices by assem-

Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

General election, June 4. It should be explained that petitions state, and not with county clerks.

ORGANIZE SCHOOL LIBRARIES

State Library Commission Passes an Important Resolution.

sion, composed of Governor Chamber- part of the country. They will remodel lain, W. B. Ayers, President Campbell, the roadbed, cutting out the switchlibrarian of the Portland library, and bottom to Pokegama, by driving a long American occupation. State Superintendent of Schools Acker- tunnel. man, met in bi-monthy session last week, and Miss Marvin, the secretary, submitted an elaborate report dealing its organization to date, and with the methods to be employed in the organ | Farmers' bank of Weston, the Fletcher isation of local ilbraries.

With regard to echool libraries, the mentary readers and general encyclope- lumber. dias with money belonging to their library funds.

Miss Marvin reports that several cities in the state would soon employ trained librarians to look after their li-

Buys Chittim Trees.

Eugene-Realizing that the supply of chittim bark (Cascara Segrada) will be exhausted in this part of the state within a few years, Dr. L. W. Brown recently contracted for 1,000 sprouts years until they are large enough to peel the bark from. The last load of the young trees on the contract has Washington, Dec. 20 .- The State de- been delivered and in the early spring @75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c

Weston Property Transfers.

8214 acres of alfalfa and wheat land in @75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 per sack. line from R. O. Fitch for \$5,000. The place is located about two miles from 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c per Tucker. Mr. Fitch will go to Alberta. Frank King, a prominent farmer formerly of Helix, has purchased the Weaver property in this city and will soon become a revident of Weston. He has dozen.

Surveying Weed Road.

caused in Klamath Falls recently by the arrival of Engineer D. D. Griffiths 21c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 15c. eers and surveyors and the announce- 11 1/2c; prime, 81/2 @9 1/2c; medium, 8c; vance guard of the California Northeastern Railroad company, successor to the Weed Railroad company, which is choice, 30c per pound. to receive a bonus of \$100,000 to build a railroad into the town.

Fruit Men Meet at La Grande. La Grande - The next annual meet-

January 8-5.

SERVICE IMPROVED.

Side Time Card.

Portland-Requests for better freight service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Corvallis have been fruit- The president made it plain to Mr. ful, for the company has arranged a proceedings leading up to the general supplementary timecard which will give that territory a daily freight in fine his service purely to administraeach direction instead of a tri-weekly tive matters. He also discussed the

ion of the new train, the St. Joseph-Lafayette cut-off is opened, and this means the eight and one-half miles of used to any extent and may be abaudoned entirely.

The principal advantage in the new residents of Dayton and Newberg can entered a denial of the declaration. ride into McMinnville, the county seat, McMinnville.

line between Lafayette and Whiteson, once for that place. and but two spurs, so it is figured no secure a better service, but this could Allison and Hale. not be satisfactorily arranged until the cut-off was completed, which cost \$43,

Good Library at Asylum.

Salem-The lack of a supply of good books for the prisoners at the state pententiary formed the subject of comment in the report of Secretary Cornelia Marvin to the Oregon Library commission. of other state institutions, and Miss Marvin is leading a movement to provide the state's charges with good reading matter. At the insane asylum a large library was found, but it is used Marvin remarks upon the fact that the insane asylum has a large library of critcism. unusually good books without great use, while across the way, at the prison, there is nothing to be used and a great

Weyerhauser Road for Lumber. Klamath Falls-Following the defiite announcement that the Klamath Lake railroad interests have been purchase. by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company it is announced that the Weyerhaeuser people do not contemplate building to this city, but will only aim

Bank Takes Over Sawmill.

with the work of the commission from in Umatilla county, 12 miles east of with the bank, retiring. ommission decided to ask for bids for Fletcher, manager of the company, has all school libraries to be submitted been in the sawmill business for 16 next June. A rule was adopted by the years on Weston mountain. Included commission prohibiting schools from with the property are 1,000 acres of purchasing dictionaries, sets of supple- fine timber, which will be cut into

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 70@71c; bluestem, 72 @73c; red, 66@67c; valley, 72c per bushel.

Oars-No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray, \$26.50 per ton Barley-Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton:

orewing. \$22.50@23; rolled, \$23@23.50. Rye-\$1 50 per cental.

Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14 50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@

Fruits-Apples, \$1@1.50 per box: pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box.

Vegetables - Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1%c per pound; canliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 45 per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, % @lc per pound; sprouts, 7c per pound; suash, 3/@1c per pound; Weston-J. B. Hart has purchased turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack, carrots, 65

> Onions-Oregon, \$1@1.25 per sack. Potatoes-Fancy graded Burbanks, crates, \$2.15.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @30c per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 31@33c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 10@11c per pound; young roosters, 9c; springs, 10@11c; broilers, 12@13c; dressed

@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@ Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@

Wool-Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c; mohair,

Seef - Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers,

4@4%c. Veal-Dressed, 3@8c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 6@6 %c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@

Pork-Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS.

Panama Canal Affairs Discussed at White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19. __ Pleater of Russian Revolt Has Won h the Isthmian canal scandals as developed by debate in the senate during the past three days. He is determined to prevent further criticism of the character put forward by Senators Tillman, Culberson and others. Senators Allison and Hale, both members of the appropriations committee, were present. Shonts that the literary bureau in charge of Secretary Bishop must be at once discontinued, and Mr. Bishop conadvisability of reducing his salary from Simultaneously with the inaugura- \$10,000 now paid to \$5,000, or some other moderate sum.

It was also made apparent to Chairman Shonts that if he still has an offitrack between Lafayette and Whiteson, cial connection with the Clover Leaf on the Yambill division, will not be railroad, it must be severed immediately. Senator Tillman declared that Mr. Shonts is still active president of the system, and neither Mr. Shonts nor passenger time schedule will be that any of the administration senators have

The president further gave Mr. and return home the same day, as the Shonts much advice regarding the contrains will be operated via Dayton and duct of affairs on the isthmus. It is prescribed in the president's order that There are no stations on the Yambill the canal commission must, leave at

The bill appropriating \$11,000,000 particular harm will result if that por- for the canal work, passed by the sention of the road is torn up. The deter-mination of the Southern Pacific to within 90 days the secretary of the place a daily freight train on the route treasury must furnish estimates to the pleases shippers, both in Portland and senate and house appropriations comalong the West Side division. For mittees of all salaries paid those emsome time a strong effort has been ployed on canal work, except laborers made by the shippers of McMinnville, and unskilled workmen. This feature Dayton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro to of the bill was discussed with Senators

It is believed that many reforms will be instituted in the administration of the canal before another appropriation is requested from congess. This work of reform must begin at once, as Secretary Taft says the \$11,000,000 new being obtained will last no longer than April 1 at the outside.

In the meantime Senator Tillman will begin a strong agitation after the What is true of the prison is true also holiday recess for a thorough investigation of the entire canal situation. He will be opposed by the Republicans, but supported by the Democrats. Even some of the Republicans favor an inquiry, and Mr. Tillman threatens to by comparatively few patients. Miss cause much trouble unless matters are put on such a basis as to prevent just

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.

Great Increase Shown Over Last Year by Department of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 19. - Estimates made by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor, based on the returns for ten months ending with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippines for the cal-Important Resolution.

Salem — The State Litrary commission, composed of Governor Chamberon, composed of Governor Chamberpart of the country. They will remodel

\$\frac{1}{20,000,000}\$, against about \$15,000 in this, failed to heed the demand to about \$15,000 in this \$15,000 in 1896, \$1,000.000 in 1900, \$4.000,000 in 1898 and a little more than \$4,000,of the State University; Miss Isom, back in getting from the Klamath river | 000 in 1897, the year prior to the

> Prior to 1899, the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never ex-Weston-The largest sawmill plant ceeded \$250,000, while in the present year they will aggregate nearly \$6,000,-Weston, was recently taken over by the 000. Imports from the islands, which ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5,company, which had become involved 000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,-000,000, and in 1905 will be about \$14,000.000, according to the bureau estimates.

The imports in 1905 are chiefly hemp and sugar. Hemp imports for the first ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,-376,528, and sugar \$2,212,249.

Connecticut Safe Looted. Suffield, Conn., Dec. 19. - After

binding the railroad watchman, W. Jones, and his 12 year old son to chairs from the race for re-election. in the railroad station here this morning before daylight, six bank robbers pried their way into the Suffield Savings bank on Main street, blew open the safe after a fourth attempt and escaped with \$50,000 worth of registered by with Lane, has numbered but fire bonds and stocks not negotiable, according to President Newton, of the institution. They overlooked \$3,000 in cash and negotiable bonds in a drawer nearby.

Conference at White House.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Senators Allison and Hale, who are members of the committee on appropriations, and Chairman Shonts and Secretary Bishop, of the Isthmian Canal commission, were in conference with the president at the white house tonight. It is presumed that the case of Secretary Bishop, whose duties as agent for the commission has been the subject of discussion in congress, was among matters talked of, but no statement was made.

General Strike is Improbable. London, Dec 19 .- The correspondent

of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in commenting on recent events in Russia, says he is still optimistic Klamath Falls-Some excitement was chickens, 12@123c; turkeys, live, 16 and is convinced of the impossibility of an organized general strike, because public opinion and the peasantry are strongly averse to it. He insists that the military outbreak at Moscow is in no way an indication of general disaffection in the army.

Furs Go Up in Smoke.

sale furriers and manufacturers of auto- Diaz, a small settlement in Chihushus, mobile garments 27,20 mobile garments 37-39 East Twentyfirst street. Other tenants in the building will suffer beavylly from water.

REBELS IN CONTR

Baltic Provinces.

CASTLES BECOME FORTS AG

Insurgent Army Numbers 100 Well Armed Men-Revolted Region Has Provisional Head,

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.-The war provinces has g the Baltic throughout Lithuania. The insur army is believed to number 1903 constantly increa and it is Women and children are participate in the hostile movement against government forces. Thirty the troops are either in retreat or cooped up in the cities, where they provisions and must either sum or be annihilated by the insu Russian officials and some Gr barons have been imprisoned. At mittee of Livonians and Jews is admistering the afficies of the revolted gion. It controls the railroads telegraph lines, permitting price messages to pass over the latter, refusing all government comme tions.

The mediaeval castles in these p vinces have been turned into forms some of which are held by their own against the insurgents, while others in the possession of the latter, 6 rilla warfare is in progress at me points. Except for a few belesges

garrisions, the czar's rule is gone. Agrarian riots in the southern tions of the empire are increase. The landowners are fleeing to the loss leaving their property to the meny the rioters. Revolutionists are reported to to hold Kharkoff and Sevator In the latter city the soldiers dens the release of the imprisoned sale who were concerned in the recent a tinies. Finland continues to arm.

HOODOO OF KANSAS SENATOR

Beginning in 1861, the Office I Been Full of Trouble.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21 .- "The fa succession" is the name Kansas given to the senatorship of which J eph Ralph Burton, the latest inci bent, is under conviction of grafting A dark hued bird of evil onen me to watch over those who take thes first occupied by James H. Lane.

The hoodoo started at the outs In 1861, when Kaneas was admitted a state and chose two senators, if tossed a coin to see which should the short or four-year term. It was

He served his term, was re-electe

Kansas for the impeachment of Pre dent Johnson. Ross' vote saved i president, but Ross was defeated re-election, cast aside, and now lives

humble life. Alexan fer Caldwell took the place held it two years, and resigned, it said, to avoid fighting charges.

Robert Crozier was appointed at ousted as soon as the legislature mel. James M. Harvey was elected and d feated for renomination.

Preston P. Plumb was then chose was re-elected twice, and died a in death within a year after starting h third term. B. W. Perkins could held the

after appointment only until the leg lature convened. John Matrin, his successor, held t place two years and dropped cot

sight. Lucien Baker served his full term six years, but was forced to withdra Joseph Ralph Burton succeeded him

and before half his term was sen was under jail sentence. The line of Kaneas senators who su ceeded Pomeroy, chosen simultanen

the highly esteemed W. A. Harris. Dynamite Kills Three.

and included the brilliant Ingals as

New York Dec. 21 -Three men wet blown to pieces seven others were men or less seriously hurt and the occupant of fashionable hotels and residences the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Thirty fourth street were startled today by a explosion of dynamite in an excavating for the new Altmon building. Fra ments of the bodies of the dead sen scattered over an area of hundreds feet. The explosion was caused by workman striking a heavy charged dynamite which had defied all efforts to explode it at the proper time.

Germany Apologizes to Brazil. Berlin Dec. 21.-The German gor ernment has directed its minister Petr polis to express to the Brazilian gover ment its regret that the officers and men of the cruiser Panther sent ashe at Itajahy to obtain unobtrusively facts concerning a supposed deserter from the Panther overstepped the proper forms Germany also affirms that Steinhof, the

man who is said to have been maltre ed was not taken on board the Panthel nor had he been near the vessel. Killed by Robbers in Mexico.

thousand dollars' worth of furs were destroved by fire today in the establishment of Max Paiseeki & Co. whole Mexico. A man named Finstad, of La Angeles, and another known as "Short ty" were wounded.