## WRECKAGE BURNED

**Certain That Thirty-Five Bodies** Are Reduced to Ashes.

## TRAINS COLLIDE IN COLORADO

Flames Do Work So Thoroughly That Only One Body Has Been Identified.

Pueblo, Colo., March 17. - A wreck accompanied with borrors exceeded only by the Eden disaster, which occurred August 7, 1904, on the line of the same railroad, resulted from a head-on collision of two passenger trains on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad four miles east of Florence, Colorado, at an early hour yesterday morning. The trains were the Utah-California express No. 3, west bound, from Denver, and the Colorado-New Mexico express No. 16, east bound, from Leadville and Grand Junction. They met on a sharp curve and were less than 200 yards apart when the eugineers discovered that a collision was imminent.

The disaster was made more horrible by the manner of the death of many of the passengers, variously estimated from 20 to 35. Fire swept over the general river and harbor bill, its wreck, engulfing the victims in a cauldron of flame and leaving only charred and blackened bodies to tell the tale of slaughter.

A list of injured given out by officials of the railroad company comprises 32 names. None of the injured are dangerously hurt, and it is believed all will recover quickly.

It is reliably reported that but one body is sufficiently intact to make recognition possible, all the others having been incinerated. The identification of the victims who succumbed to the merciless flames is only possible, it is believed, through a comparison of lists of rescued and missing. No accurate estimate of the number of dead was possible by reason of the fact that so many of the bodies were practically destroyed.

One of the pathetic tragedies of the disaster was the wiping out of all but two of the family of Taylor Hewitt, of Lebo, Kan. Father, mother, daughter grandchild, and the wives of the two sons are missing. The sons, A. E. Hewitt and W. L. Hewitt are among the injured in the hospital here each of them having leg fractures in addition to other injuries.

#### ACT LIKE CAT AND DOG.

Russia and Japan Ready to Spring at One Another.

St. Petersburg, March 17. - General churia, and at the same time beginning the distribution of land among the disbanded troops whose familis are helped by the government to emigrate to Manchuria, and the fact that many officers are dispatched to Vladivostok daily indicates that the situation in the Far East is considered uns fe. A famous general who recently returned from Manchuria is quoted as saying:

"Despite official and diplomatic declarations at Tokio, we believe the Japanese consider the war unfinished, and that they will seize occasion to conquer the Amur region from Harbin to Lake Baikal. Their military forces in Manchuria have been strengthened rather than diminished, and officers allow no one to visit headquarters. Even Englishmen are excluded.

"The disorganized state of the Russian army in Siberia favors the plans or the Japanese. This is the reason for General Grodekoff's order and General Rennenkampf's excessive severity in crushing the revolution at Chita in Trans-Baikalia.

Robbed of Large Sum.

Great Falls, Mont., March 17. - A Tribune special from Kalispel reports the loss of \$8,000 by the O'Brien Lumber company at the hands of highwaymen. John Peterson, a trusted employe, was carrying the money from Kalispel to the works at Tomers, about was stopped by three men. One held the team, another held a gun at Peterthat locality.

Russia Threatens China. Pepkin, March 17. - The Seoul authorities have sent an official dispatch to the Pekin government stating that a large body of Russian troops has penetrated to Wusuli and Helunkaug, near the northern frontier of Corea. This extraordinary move is perhaps intended as a demonstration to influence the Russo-Chinese negotiations, which show little progress. The Pekin authorities wired instructions to the Tartar general at Helunkang.

Bond Company a Fraud. Louisville, Ky., March 17 .- Charges of fraud and insolvency were made in a suit filed late yesterday against the a receiver. Millions of dollars belong-doubt the project will be carried ing to investors all over the United through. Work on the elevated rail-States are involved in the suit, which road in Tokio, suspended during the in the company.

ACT ON JETTY BILL.

House Rivers and Harbors Committee Will Soon Meet.

Washington, March 16. - Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, said he would call a meeting of his committee at an early day to consider Senator Fulton's will appropriating \$400,000 for work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. The committee is due to arrive here from its southern trip by Saturday or Sunday and it is probable the meeting will be held some time next week.

If it shall be the opinion of the committee that this separate bill should be presented to the house and pressed on its merits, the bill will be reported without amendment. There is every reason to believe that the committee will favor the appropriation of \$400,000 inasmuch as the chief of engineers and secretary of War have both stated that this amount is absolutely necessary to preserve the jetty work from destruction and have specifically stated that any less amount will not answer.

There is a report that the members of the house committee may favor enlarging the Fulton bill by adding provision for three or four other emergency projects, so as to make it virtually an emergency river and harbor bill, such as was suggested earlier in the session. This is not certain, however, as the committee has had no meeting this session, and its sentiments cannot be accurately ascertained. If the bill can be so amended without making it a chances of passing the house will be brighter than would the bill making an appropriation for the Columbia river

#### CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA.

Commissioners Predict This as Result of Study of America.

New York, March 16 .-- Prince Tsai Tse, High Commissioners Shang Chi Heng and Li Cheng To, envoys of the emperor of China, their secretaries and attaches, sailed on the White Star liner Baltic today to continue their investigations in England, France and Belgium. The prince said last night:

this country, and the uniform courtesy that has been accorded me, including the reception by President Roosevelt. has deeply impressed me with the friendly attitude of the American people. I believe that such contact makes bring benefit to both of our peoples."

That China will soon have a contsitutional government is the opinion of some of the commissioners. Announcement of this belief was made by one of means much for the county. the secretaries of the commission just before the Baltic sailed. It followed a brief conference between all members

"We have been making a comprehensive study of the political situation was not definitely known how soon the 000 acres of beets in that locality. The many insists that the inspector general Grodekoff's order issued yesterday exin this country," he said, "and have cluding Japanese from Russian Manseen the application of your laws and cent conversation with a gentleman acreage this year than ever before.

The second was not definitely known now soon the sugar company expects to have a larger possess the right to control the police. United States, appeared before acreage this year than ever before. the workings of the governing bodies. I believe that China will soon have a constitutional government. It will probably be modeled much on the lines of the British constitution, but will contain some of the good features of your own constitution.'

### WRECK KILLS 150 PEOPLE.

Head-On Collision of Fast Passenger Trains in Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., March 16. - No. 1, southbound, and No. 3, northbound, passenger trains on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad collided head on near Portland, Colo., shortly after midnight, and it is reported at least 50 persons are killed and a large number injured. Relief trains have been ordered from

Pueblo and Florence. At this hour details are unobtainable. Meager but authentic information from several sources states that the

number killed in the collision will reach 150. The ccaches caught fire and most of the victims were roasted to

Money for Guns and Powder. Washington, March 16 .- The senate committee on appropriations today completed the fortifications bill, and it was reported by Senator Perkins. It carries appropriations aggregating \$5,-618,993, an increase of \$780,000 over nine miles distant. Near the mill he the amount appropriated by the house bill. The increases are: For mountain, field and siege cannon and equipment son's head, and the other secured the and machinery for their manufacture currency. The robbers were disguised, at arsenals, \$290,000; for the erection but are believed to the be men from and equipment of a powder factory and for seacoast cannon, equipment and machinery for their manfacture, \$365,000.

Did They Steal Money?

New York, March 16. - The grand jury which is investigating evidence in the insurance matter submitted by District Attorney Jerome is at sea as to whether a political assesment by a director of a corporation constitutes the matter and at his suggestion the matter was placed before Judge O'Sullivan, of the Court of General Sessions, who will render an opinion next week.

Will Nationalize Railroads.

Tokio, March 16. - The parliamentary majority in favor of nationaliza-American Reserve Bond company, of tion of railways is reported to be in-Chicago, asking for the appointment of creasing and there seems to be little doubt the project will be carried was filed in the United States court war, has been resumed. Japan and for the eastern district of Kentucky by Russia are planning to exchange im-Levi Hake and Mary Welch, investors perial envoys to signify the restoration of peace.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

VOTERS CANNOT CHANGE.

Attorney General Says Original Registration Must Stand.

Salem-Attorney General Crawford is of the opinion that there is no authority for the changing of a voter's registration after it has once been made. He has not rendered a written opinion growers' and Gardeners' Co-Operative npon the subject, but after hearing the association, and will be owned by the ering this bill, and has now agreed to report that changes have been permitted in Linn county, he examined the statutes governing registration and said that the only change provided for by law is that which becomes necessary stock. when a voter changes his residence from one precinct to another.

Mr. Crawford said that if a voter registers as a Socialist and then changes his registration so that it shows him to be a Democrat, this would be in effect a second registration, and more than one registration is expressly forbidden. If the clerk should make a mistake and write the word "Socialist" after a man's name, when the voter had announced himself as a Democate, Mr. Crawford thinks it would be permissable for the clerk to correct the error, but where the party affiliation has been recorded as given by the voter, there is no authority for a subsequent change.

It has been many times asserted that in Marion county many Democracs are registering as Republicans in order to take part in the contest for the Republican primary nominations. Inspection of the registration books shows that this is not true, and that if any persons are registering improperly the instances cape notice. The disposition here is for each to register his party affiliations which it is expected will be organized, honestly and fairly, if given at all.

Farmers Tired of Waiting. Ontario - The farmers of Dead Ox Flat, tired of waiting for water from the various projects contemplated, have taken steps to organize an irrigation district under what is known as the "I have greatly enjoyed my visit to Wright law. A petition to the County court will be considered at a special session April 16. The proposed district includes about 10,000 acres of the best land on Dead Ox Flat, in Maiheur county, just across the Snake river from Weiser, Idaho. When this district for a better understanding and must is organized and the means of watering it have been installed, there will have been added to Malheur county many thousands of dollars of taxable proper-

Wallowa Bridge by July I.

Wallowa- When the O. R. & N. Co. started to secure right of way in this county for an extension of their line it who is in a position to know the activity of all projected railroads, it was learned that the extension to the O. R. & N. was expected to reach the Wallows bridge by July next. With railroad accommodations so early, much of the crop raised in Wallows county, as well as the surplus stock, will be shipped from that point.

Change Wool Sale Dates.

Pendleton-Owing to dissatisfaction with the schedule of wool sale dates re cently announced for Eastern Oregon, the executive committee of the State Woolgrowers' association has made out a new one, as follows: Pendleton, May 22-23, May 29-30; Heppner, May 24-25, June 7-8, June 21-22; Condon, May 31, June 1, June 27-28; Shaniko, June 5-6, June 19 20, July 10 11 Baker City, June 25-26, July 12-13; Elgin, July 13. The sale for the Wallowa county wool has been set for Elgin instead of the town of Wallowa as previously arranged.

Closed Season To Be Enforced. Oregon City-"A strictly closed season will be maintained on the Columbia river this year," says Deputy Fish Warden H. A. Webster, who has gone to the Lower Columbia. The closed season began on the 15th inst. and continues for a month, and in order that all illegal fishing may be prevented the authorities of Oregon and Washington will co-operate and maintain a thorough patrol of the river. Oregon this year has two patrol boats and Washington has one, and all three will do service onthe Columbia.

Cannot Use State Money.

Salem-Attorney General Crawford holds in an opinion that the State Lewis and Clark commission cannot use the \$50,000 appropriated by the state for a memorial building, even if an individual is willing to supply the \$50,000 which the Portland Lewis and Clark corporation refused to donate. crime of larceny. The members of Mr. Crawford says the law is explicit the jury questioned Mr. Jerome on the in its declaration that the corporation must supply the money and the city of Portland donate the site.

> Prospects Good in Sumpter. Baker City - Conservative mining operators are of the opinion that during the coming summer greater results will be obtained from the mines of the Sumpter district than ever before. In an interview on this question I. R. Bellman, a well known operator and manager of the Crack Oregon, Bourne, stated that this is assured the fact that so many properties have been fully developed and are now on the verge of being placed among the regular producers.

FRUIT CANNERY FOR ALBANY.

Gardeners and Orchardists of Linn County Take Stock.

Albany-Active work looking to the company will be known as the Fruitpany or by citizens of Albany. Stock in the new company is selling under a cure more than 25 per cent of the tically every member of the committee restriction that no one man could se-

Besides packing, preserving and canning fruit and vegetables, the new concern will handle all kinds of produce, acting as a kind of distributing point ber and stone act. where all produce for the local trade can be secured at a uniform price. In their product.

The plan is to start with a cannery, prune packery and cider and vinegar works. All of these industries have been needed very much in Linn county, because of the immense amount of small fruits and garden products grown here, and because the county had no such enterprises the development of the fruit and gardening industry has been much retarded.

Wool Sales at Condon.

Condon-An effort is being made by the Condon Commercial club to establish at this place wool sales days. The secretary of the club is in communication with the State and National Woolof the local woolgrowers' association, it is thought dates may be secured. Endeavors are also being made to secure a reduction in freight rates on wool from Condon to Boston, and also on local shipments of sugar, salt

Seaside to Astoria. Salem-Charles M. Cartwright, William L. Dudley, Edgar J. Daly, San-derson Reed, B. F. Alien and J. Frank Watson have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state for the They propose to build a steam or electric railroad from Astoria to Seaside, property, in Clatsop county. The capital stock is \$300 000 divided into \$100 ty. The success of the enterprise

Beet Acreage Largely Increased.

La Grande-Manager F. S. Bram-Heretofore the factory has never had is counting upon at least 4,000 acres.

Big Yield in Gilliam.

Condon - Crop prospects for a large yield are said to be better than ever before in Gilliam county. There is a seeded in this county before and con-ditions are unusually favorable at this to nonescentials, but realize that Garof more than two feet. Range is imgrowing weather of the past two weeks. see it, while leaving it in substance a

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 66@67c; bluestem, 66 @68c; red, 64@65c; valley, 70c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray \$27 per ton. Barley — Feed, \$23@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@

Buckwheat-\$2.25 per cental.

Hay-Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13@ 14 per ton; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain\_hay, Fruits-Apples, \$1@2.50 per box:

cranberries, \$12.50@14.50 per barrel. Vegetables-Asparagus, 10@11c per pound; beans, 21/c; cabbage, 11/c per pound; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per crate; celery, \$4 50@5; sprouts, 6@7c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25 per box; parsley 25c; turnips, 90c@#1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@ \$1 per sack.

Onions-No. 1, 70@80c per sack No. 2, nominal. Potatoes-Fancy graded Burbanks,

50@60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; sweet potatoes, 21/4@21/c per pound. Butter-Fancy creamery 27% @30c

per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 161/2017c pe

Poultry-Average old hens, 13@14c per pound; mixed chickens, 1216@13c broilers, 20@22c; young roosters, 12@ 121/c; old roosters, 10@101/c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@ 17c; turkeys, dressed, 18@20c; geese live, 8@9c: gcese, dressed, 10@12c ducks, 16@18c.

Veal—Dressed, 31/2671/26 per pound. Beef — Dressed bulls, 21/263c per pound; cows, 3% @ 4%c; country steers, 4@5c.

Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 81/4@9c pe pound, ordinary, 4 @ 5c; lambs, 86 Pork-Dressed, 6@8 4c per pound.

Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ 10 1c; prime, 8 16 @9 16; medium, 7@8 olds, 5@7e.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26 mohair, choice, 25@30c.

MAY FORCE FIGHT.

Senate Committee Will Report B Repealing Timber Law.

Washington, March 14 .- The senate Washington, March 1 ands is putting Germany Gives Up Hope of the finishing touches on a bill to receal the timber and stone act and substitute therefore a new law authorizing the sale of mature timber on the public domain at no less than its appraised valerection of a cannery and packing plant ue, provision also being made for the in Albany has begun by the gardeners sale of stone valuable for building purand fruitmen interested. The new posses on an equitable basis. For six weeks the committee has been considmen who sell their products to the com- its various provisions, merely waiting for the adjustment of minor features before reporting to the senate. Pracs favorable to the bill in its present form, believing it will cure most, if not all, of the evils that have been perpetrated under the provisions of the tim-

The future of this bill is somewhat in doubt. It seems quite likely that this way all stores will be able to keep it will pass the senate, for there is a up with the market, and the farmers general sentiment in its favor. With will have no trouble in disposing of few exceptions, the entire senate is convinced that the timber and stone act is iniquitous in many respects; in its enforcement, if not in its prescribed stipulation. But what will the house committee do to the senate bill?

It will be recalled that only a couple of weeks ago the house committee tabled a similar bill. By a vote of eight to five the house committee refused to even permit the house to consider the subject of repealing the timber and stone act. It was a wise move from the standpoint of the men opposed to reform in the land laws, for it is a sure thing that once the house has an opportunity to vote to repeal the timber and stone act, that law will go off the statute books with the sanction of are so few and so unimportant as to es- growers' associations, and with the aid a large majority of the house members.

#### WIN BY SUBTERFUGE.

Germany Wants a Neutral Power to Name Inspector General.

Algeciras, March 14.-Success failure of the Moroccan conference still depends upon Germany. When Germany in consequence of the almost universal disapproval which her position excited, appeared to concede the principle of the Franco-Spanish police, Astoria & Coast Interurban company, the delegates supposed an agreement was at hand and all menace of war vanished. Closer scrutiny of the Austro-Gerending at the Halladay or Old Seaside man proposal for an inspector general, particlarly in the light of Herr von Padowi-z's private description of this functionary, showed that Germany continued to demand the internationalization of Morocco.

It is expected that France's opposiwell, of the sugar factory, has been in tion to such a scheme will finally lead Cove, making contracts for the growing Germany to abandon it, but in the of sugar beets for this season's run, and | meantime the state of tension and unreports having contracted for about 1,- certainty has been resumed. If Ger-The French will not permit a stalking day in support of the Foster M more than 2,800, acres but this season horse in the form of a supreme executive officer to enter Morocco with Germany behind him disguised as Sweden, Holland or Switzerland. To allow this would be to allow the kaiser to accomplish by a trick what he has been powerless to achieve openly.

time. The ground is wet to a depth many's latest move looks like a subtle of Chinamen and let all others attempt to attenuate the French posi- after due consideration by the or proving rapidly, owing to the splendid tion until the world will be unable to large as originally. It is doubtful if tificates duly vised by the offices, the kaiser's negotiations will gain any.

D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotts, I thing from this effort. The delegates do not relish the assumption the conference is lacking in discernment.

Sea Rushes Over Land.

Brussels, March 14 - Terrible havoc has resulted in North Belgium from the ily recognized that it was desir overflowing of the Scheldt river. Many farmhouses were completely demolished by the rush of waters and at Melsole ten children were drowned before the manufacturers to bring Chines eyes of their parents, who were help less to aid them. People have taken refuge on the roofs of houses, from which points they are now being rescued by soldiers in boats. Manufacturing establishments were destroyed and the loss is estimated at 2,500,000 france.

Funds for Trust Inquiry.

Washington, March 14. - The house commerce today decided to make a last night did not arrive until the favorable report on the Townsend joint noon. Drifted sand along the Coresolution providing to committee on interetate and foreign resolution providing for an appropria- bia river and snowdrifts near w tion of \$50,000 to enable the interstate commerce committee to investigate railways and monopolies under the Tillman-Gillespie joint resolution. The Townsend resolution also corrects other defects in the Tillman-Gillespie resolution.

Watch for Fitzgerald. New York, March 14. - The New

York American this morning says that Jeneral Louis Fitzgerald, ex-chairman f the Equitable Life Assurance socity, who was desired as a witness by he Armstrong investigating committee. vas returned to New York. He was in his home in Lexington avenue last night and a process server held vigil in he street near by.

High License Passes Ohio House. Columbus, O., March 14. - The source tonight by a vote of 66 to 46, assed the Aiken bill increasing the low tax imposed upon saloons from 1350 to \$1,000. The passage of the bil. a stributed targely to the recent riote

roccan Settlement

LAYS ALL BLAME ON F

Kalser's Spokesman Says Ha Yield No More-Hands of Delegates Are Tled.

Berlin, March 15 .- German an amicable settlement of the g can tangle has given way to be ness. A spokesman for the gov today admitted that the situat reverted to a critical point, v minishing prospects of agree

When your correspondent to 15 5 cabled that harmony was in sign reflected the firm confidence of kaiser and Prince von Busing settlement was only a matter of France's refusal to regard the Ge concessions as adequate surpris Berlin authorities, who now laist handing over police control a Blanca, which is one of the see Morocco, to the neutral powers

German irreducible minimum. The Foreign office's concent position of affairs at this hour a matters are where they were a except it is "plainer than ere! if the conference breaks up, the will belong to France, and to fe

Cannot Move Step Forward Algeciras, March 15 .- The March conference has reached a peculiar It is completely helpless to solude addock which has arisen over to maining details of the police and questions.

The sessions are temporarily pended without knowing when will be resumed. The French mi man delegates are bound by the structions, and therefore are un make any further concessions, a conference, not having judicial a ecutive powers, cannot settle the ences by a majority.

The neutral delegates who have tofore sought to secure an agree between the parties which the m ence could unanimously confin. recognize that if the conference is to itself, it is incapable of getti of the present difficulty, and it re for the governmen's themselves is tervene for the purpose of reschi agreement.

TO CHANGE EXCLUSION U

Representatives of Commerce Opinion to House Committe Washington March 15 .- John Fo secretary of the American Asiatic ciation, and representatives of en cial interests in prominent cities amend the Chinese exclusion

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may be admitted at less incore

Mr. Foord discussed the sections president's message rec modification of the exclusion set. "There is nothing radical about re mady is to define the excluded officers of the United States at the

of departure in China, and bearing

D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotts, I. representing the National associate Manufacturers, said his associate no desire to admit Chinese coolis. said class distinctions were mi China and must be recognized United States. The coolie was s this country to say that all Chicas the coolies may enter our perturged that there was no desire in ers here to compete with and labor, for, he said, intelligent using improved machinery, exch nese cheap labor.

Utah Roads Demoralized Salt Lake City, March 15 .- Rai traffic both north and south free Lake has been badly demo Trains from the north on the Or Short Line are 10 to 20 hour The train from Portland due al Idaho have caused most of the Trains from Los Angeles on the Lake route are detained by was No trains have passed this point Tuesday night.

Relieve Settlers on Railroad La Washington, March 15.—The best committee on public lands today is ably reported a bill permitting at along the Northern Pacific miles. tween Portland and Walluls ton their land wherever they come the conflicting grant to the railrest. the Interior department.

Vote to Seat Hawalian Deleg-Washington, March 15. - Bra mous vote, the house cemulicommend the seating of Delegate nianaole, of Hawaii, whose contested on the ground of tra election methods.