THRILLING RESCUES Miners

Chamber of Commerce.

ONE MAN FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Tongues of Flame Leap From Eighth Floor and Make Rescue Almost Marvelous.

Portland, April 7. - Flames that sprang up as from a magician's wand swept the upper part of the Chamber of Commerce block at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, wrecking the Commer-cial club and imperiling scores of lives. With the swirling, fearful speed of a

whirlwind, great red sheets of fire and versy to a third party at this time. dense volumes of smoke passed from room to room as if in a fiendish hunt for human life. Dozens of people, generally believed; in fact, it is inticaught unawares, scurried before the mated they may flatly refuse the offer, deadly blast with death at their heels. on the ground that existing conditions

ette Valley Traction company. With miners' latest move and promise to smoke and flame close behind him, Mr. give President Mitchell and his men an Hallock attempted to climb from a answer on Monday, when another Commercial club window to a fire es- meeting of the two sub-committees will cape leading down the interior court of be held in this city. the building. The fire escape was six feet away. It was a desperate undertaking, and the unfortunate man failed. senting the operators and three the His body plunged down seven stories to miners. This board held frequent sesa skylight on the second floor. He was sions during the last three years, killed instantly.

The fire department was quickly on the scene, nearly every piece of fire apparatus in Fortland being brought into service. The firemen performed cour-judicial district should appoint an ageous and effective service. While umpire, who should make a decision. part of the force busid itself laying hose and directing streams of water, others were at the equally dangerous task of rescuing those whose retreat had been cut off in the upper stories.

The extension ladder fell 30 feet short of the imprisoned men, and scaling ladders were used to reach the six men imprisoned on the eighth floor. Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial club, was among this number, and when the firemen reached him it looked as though neither would get down alive. Some 50 persons who were in the upper stories reached safety by the fire escapes.

The damage to the Chamber of Commerce building will reach \$100,000 fully insured, and the Commercial club \$40,000, with \$20,000 insurance. The personal losses to occupants of the building, such as lawyers and physicians, is not known, but it is estimated they will reach several thousand dollars.

INSURANCE REFORM BILLS.

Rapid Progress in Driving Them defend themselves against foreign bru-

OFFER TO ARBITRATE.

Willing to Let Conciliation Board Settle Trouble.

New York, April 6 .- Having failed Fire Cuts Off Escape in Portland to come to an agreement themselves, the hard coal miners of Pennsylvania, through their representatives, today proposed to the operators that all matters in dispute be referred to a board of arbitration for settlement, the tribunal to be composed of the board of concili-ation which was created by the award of the Anthracite Strike commission in 1903, with Judge Gray, of Delaware, or any person he may appoint, as chair-man and umpire. If the operators accept the proposition and a convention of mineworkers approves the plan, the 160,000 men now idle in the anthracite fields will return to work at once. While it had been reported for several

days that the miners might ask that the differences be arbitrated, the proposition came to them as a great surprise, as they did not believe the union leaders were ready to leave the contro-

That the operators will accept the The one to forfeit his life was Homer are the result of arbitration. The em-H. Hallock, an employe of the Willam- ployers have decided to consider the

The anthracite board of conciliation consists of six members - three represettling local disputes in the anthracite region. The award of the strike commission provided that, when it could Judge George Gray, president of the strike commission, made the appointments. During the first two years he selected Carroll D. Wright, ex-United States commissioner of labor, as the umpire, but during the last year Charles P. Neill, the present labor commissioner, acted as the arbiter.

FURIOUS WITH FOREIGNERS.

Chinese Excited by Picture of Magistrate Killed by Priest.

Pekin, April 6 .- The Nanchang affair of February last, during which a Chinese magistrate met death as the result of a dispute with French Catholic missionaries which caused a riot and the killing of a number of French and British missionaries, continues to inflame the Chinese. The native papers in the north of China this week print pictures of the magistrate's corpre, showing his wounds, with sensational articles written in a style which appeals to the lower classes, exhorting the people not to forget the outrages and to prepare to



SPEAKERS FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Willamette Valley Directors Making

Up Program for Year.

Oregon City-The board of directors

of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua

association is preparing the program for the 1906 assembly to be held at

Gladstone next July. Dr. Charles Ed-ward Locke, who was in Portland 10

years ago, but is now pastor of one of

be one of the speakers. Captain Jack Crawford, the famous post-scout, has

been engaged for the coming assembly,

as has also Rabbi Leon Harrison, of St.

Louis, who will be heard in two lec-

tures, on "Shylock" and "The Glory

Professor Mark B. Beal, of the Occi-

dental college of oratory, of Los Ange-

les, will be the elocationist this year.

Dr. W. C. Sherman, of Sacramento,

who last year had charge of the class

science, United States history, elocu-

The Chautauqua management is in

communication with a great many

other lecturers and entertainers with

whom contracts will be entered into if

of directors will be called soon, when

New Rail Lines for Lane.

the program will be completed.

and Shame of America."

T. U. institute.

OFFICIAL CANDIDATE LIST.

Names as They Will Appear on Primary Ballots at Election.

Salem-The follwing is a list of the Republican and Democratic candidates for nomination for senators and representatives in congress and state officers as they will appear on the official primary ballots:

Republicans: Senator-Short term, Fred W. Mulkey, Multnomah county; senators, long term, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Multnomah county; H. M. Cake, Multnomah county; Stephen A. Lowell, Umatilla county; E. L. Smith, Wasco county; E. B. Watson, Multnomah county.

Representative, First district-Willie C. Hawley, Marion; Samuel B. Hous-ton, Washington; Walter L. Tooze, Marion. Second district, W. R. Ellis, Umatilla; William J. Lachner, Baker; John L. Rand, Baker; George S. Shepherd, Multnomah.

in Bible study, has been retained for Governor-Harvey K. Brown, Baker; T. T. Geer Marion; C. A. Johns, Baker; Charles J. Schlbrede, Coos; James tion, English literature, physical cul-Withycombe, Benton.

ture, junior Bible study and a W. C. Secretary of state-Frank W. Benson, Douglas; Claud Gatch, Salem; Lot L. Pearce, Marion; Frank T. Wrightman, Marion.

Treasurer-John H. Aitkin, Baker; E. V. Carter, Jackson; Ralph W. Hoyt. Multnomah; Augustus C. Jennings, Lane; Thomas F. Ryan, Clackamas; George A. Steel, Clackamas.

Supreme judge - Robert Eakin, Union.

Superintendent public instruction-. H. Ackerman, Multnomah.

State printer-William J. Clarke-Marion; Willis S. Duniway, Multno-

mah, J. R. Whitney, Linn. Attorney general-M. A. Crawford, Douglas; George H. Durham, Josephne.

Commissioner of labor-O. P. Hoff, Multnomah.

Democrats: Senator-long term, John M. Gearin, Multnomah.

Representative, First district-P. A Cochrane, Marion; Charles V. Galloway, Yamhill. Second district, James

Harvey Graham, Baker. Governor-George E. Chamberlain,

Multnomah. Secretary of state-P. H. Sroat, Ma-

rion. Treasurer-J. D. Matlock, Lane. Supreme judge-T. G. Hailey, Uma-

tilla. State printer-J. Scott Taylor, Kla-

math. Attorney general- Robert A. Milier, Multnomah.

Each one of the above filed the required petition with the secretary of state.

The names of Oglesby Young and H. B. Nicholas, Democratic candidates for ably order the Supreme court reports- 000 men, and they are all idle. Circuit judges in departments 3 and 4. 44 volumes-for use of the court and . The entire nonunion field of the Alof Multnomah county, will not appear The belief that a French priest mur- on the official ballots. Secretary Dun-

MOROCCO PROTOCOL LONG. HOLDING HER

Powers Will Combine to Induce Sultan to Approve Reforms.

Algeciras, Spain, April 4 .- The protocol of the conference on Moroccan affairs, copies of which are in course of preparation for signature by the delegates on Saturday, is a formidable doc ument of 128 sections.

The opening paragraph sets forth the desire of the powers to assure peace and prosperity in Morocco by reforms, without violating the three principles of sovereignty of the sultan, integrity of his domain and commercial equality, Deadlock is Reached in Negolar at the same time pointing out the method of procuring the resources nethe largest Methodist churches in the cessary to carry out the reform pro-

United States, at Brooklyn, N. Y., will posed. Details follow, relative to the delegates' decisions concerning the organization of the police, the repression of contraband traffic in arms, the establishment of a state bank, the creating of freeh revenue and the control of cus-toms and public works. The signatory powers undertake to introduce legislation ratifying the engagements of the delegates.

Final ratification of the protocol will occur not later than December 13, of

this year at Madrid. Meantime the another year. Other classes will be conducted as usual in music, domestic endeavor to obtain the sultan's integral adhesion to the reforms outlined in order to make them simultaneously operative. The reform will be effective December 31, 1906. Existing treaties between Morocco and the various powers will retain validity, but in the event of conflict between treaties and the conference's protocol the latter will possible. Another meeting of the board take precedence.

MINES OPENING.

Operators at Many Points Sign Scale

Pittsburg, April 4 .-- With the exception of one or two points outside of the

and tion between the operators and miners in the soft coal fields of Western Pennthere up McKenzie river to the Blue sylvania is hourly growing more pariver mining district. Length of the cific. Following the signing of the scale yesterday demanded by the miners, the of the steam road about 45 miles. The mines of the operators who signed the Willamette river will be bridged at scale resumed their operations today, although in many instances with re-

In the Pittsburg district there were 18,000 miners working and 1,200 idle. Nearly all of the mines of the Pittsburg Coal company were in operation, and it wrs expected that those men who are out would return within a day or so. It was explained that following holidays it was generally several days before all the men returned to their labor. The cause of the idleness today, however, was said to be their failure the summer range, and the invasion by to receive word of the signing of the

> The independent operators met tonight and decided not to sign the scale and not to work their mines nonunion. They employ between 12,000 and 14,-

The bill passed today is not the burn townsite bill recently ma This bill probably will not be ; because general opposition derel the house.

With Miners. Pittsburg district, the strained situa-

Albany-The County court will prob-

legheny valley will continue work without interruption. This is what is known as the Freeport vein.

Russia Refuses to five lip churian Claims. CHINA CONSIDERS THEM IN

> But Russia is in Possession Both Work Secretly.

Pekin, April 5 .- The Russon negotiations appear to have real deadlock. At any rate, they are ging along elowly. M. Pokotlet Russian minister to Chins, and the Chinese commissioner appending negotiate an agreement with Rest garding Northern Manchuria, have ferred only two or three times in the past month.

the past month. Russia has the upper hand, be she holds nearly all the privilen contends for, while demaading China officially grant them. The nese, on the contrary, it is all also determined to withstand all of an engrous humania. Both early eign encroachments. Both parts trying to keep the details as seen was the case with the Chinese Jan treaty.

One contention is believed a about the mining and other con which the Tartar generals is which the fartar generation churia gave to Russian corpora-and which Russia wants the Chi-government to ratify. The Chi-however, insist that their govern however, insist that their govern never sanctioned these con that therefore they are invalid.

IRRIGATED LAND TOWNSITE

House Passes Bill Allowing St Lots for Reclamation Fund

Washington, April 5.-Bepres tive French today called up and pa through the house Senator Herin general townsite bill, anthorizing Reclamation service to set aside sites on government irrigation b and sell lots at public auction, money going into the reclamation instead of into the treasury, as its under the general townsite las. bill also provides that towns on a mation tracts and other towns my ceive a municipal water supply government canals, and where the surplus power developed under project, it may be leased for tes periods, the money to go into the lamation fund.

The Reclamation service cosi this bill highly important, belief will ultimately yield from \$10,000, to \$15,000,000.

Eugene-Portland, New York and Euzene capitalists who recently applied to the city council for franchise to construct a system of street railways here, announce that they intend to build an electric line between Eugene Springfield and a steam railway from electric line will be four miles. That

Eugene, and the line will reach Springfield up the eastern banks of the river. duced forces.

Sees Danger to Sheep Herds.

Pilot Rock-The Cunningham Sheep & Land company has finished shearing. R. A. Keleay, 'a member of the firm, reports an excellent quality of wool this season, which he attributes to the heavy rains, which washed the fleeces unusually clean. Mr. Kelsay apprehends difficulty by the sheepmen of Oregon as a result of the division of Washington woolgrowers of Oregon's scale. territory.

Plan to Supply Court Reports.

Through Legislature,

Albany, N. Y, April 7. - The bills committee passed another stage of their progress today toward the statute books in the senate committee of the whole.

Of the bills introduced by the committee - originally ten, but since consolidated into seven-four have passed the assembly, and are at the stage of senate on the way to the governor. friction would result in massacre. These are the bills designated:

First, to restrict lobbying by requiring registry of "legislative agents"; second, relative to the acquisition of real p operty by life insurance companies; third, making contradictory statements under oath presumptive evidence of perjury, and fourth, forbidding rebates.

A fifth, the bill further penalizing falsification or omission of material matters in the books and records of corporations, has passed the assembly, but was amended in the senate, and the bill must return to the assembly for concurrence.

The so called "big bill" generally amending the insurance laws and embodying most of the radical reforms in insurance methods, was advanced to the third reading in the senate today.

The seventh bill, that forbidding campaign contributions by corpora-tions, was temporarily laid on the table today with the consent of its friends.

Increase in Foreign Commerce.

a bulletin issued by the department f Commerce and Labor, the exports from authorize and direct the Interstate the United States for the first eight Commerce commission, or some other months of the fiscal year 1906 were department of the Federal government, \$190,000,000 in value in excess of those of the corresponding months of railways in the United States, and to 1905. months of 1906 are \$71,000,000 greater of each state separately. than for the corresponding period (f 1905. The growth in exports of manufactures has been \$45,000,000, and in agricultural products, \$133,000,000 over the same period last year.

Heyburn's Useless Inquiry.

Washington, April 7. - The senate today passed Heyburn's resolution calling for a statement of receipts from sales of timber an leases within forest reserves. The information asked for will avail Mr. Heyburn nothing, since the reform he seeks to bring about is already under way. This money, heretofore spent without the knowledge of congress, is hereafter to be expended by direction of congress. This takes the meat out of Mr. Heyburn's inquiry.

Thieves Loot Monastery.

Rostoff, province of Yaroslav, Russia. April 7 .- Thieves looted the Troitze Warnitzki monastery on the night of April 3 and got away with \$23,000 and a quantity of valuable articles.

talities.

proposed by the special investigating dered the magistrate is universal and bar was obliged to reject their petitions probably no other incident ever excited for the reason that they were verified such widespread resentment against the by J. T. Milner, who had not himself missionaries. In many places the signed the petitions. Catholic converts and the other Chinese are living on the basis of armed neutrality, and but for the presence of the troops stationed near the missions by third reading or final passage in the the government's orders, the slightest

Disturbance in Coal Field.

Philadelphia, April 6. - The situation in the coal fields remains unchanged. Occasional disturbances are reported from various sections, but As a result of the attacks made on the breakers of the Fernwood colliery, the occupied by the mineworkers, han erdered them to vacate the property. The miners are said to have shot out nearly every window in the breaker.

A detail of state police today arrested seven Italian laborers at Mocanaqua, near Wilkesbarre, who yesterday prevented non-union men from operating the West End washery. They were sent to jail.

Wants All_Railroads Appraised. Washington, April 6 .- By unanimous vote today the National associa-

Washington, April 7 .- According to to be the sense of the association that the congress of the United States should to ascertain the inventory value of all

> Viosca Has Been Vindicated. Washington, April 6 .- Charges made

against James Viosca, the American vice consul at La Paz, have been investigated by the State department and the Navy department, and the result is a complete vindication of Mr. Viosca. It was charged by Charles Pauson, who, until his death a short time ago. was employed at the United States naval coaling station at Pichilinque bay, that Viosca withheld part of the pay of employes at the station.

Will Build Island for Fort.

Washington, April 6 -The creation of an artifical island in the middle of the entrance to Ch espeake bay is proposed by the joint board on coast defense, as an absolute essential to the defense of the National capital and the cities of Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News and even Richmond. The gov-ernment will dump stone on the middle ground as foundation for a fort.

Insure Water for Land.

Salem-The State Land board is preparing to enforce a rule with regard to the sale of lands reclaimed under the Carey act, which will insure the settler ample supply of water for all land purchased. Until recently contracts have been entered into for the sale of land before the irrigation canals were completed or exact supply of water available known. In order that there may be no they are regarded as inconsequential. question in future, the board will insist on knowing how much water is available for each segregation and the number Erie, company, which owns the land of acres to be sold will in no instance be more than the visible supply of water will irrigate.

Furnish Ditch is Completed.

Pendleton-W. J. Furnish announces that the Fornsih ditch, which is to reclaim 20,000 acres of land in the western end of this county, is finished. Of this amount of land, 10,000 acres are now ready for water, and there are at least 10,000 more which can be brought under the ditch. This land is adjoining the big Umatilla reclamation project which the government now has in tion of Railway commissioners adopted hand. The Furnish ditch is 30 miles the resolution of B. H. Meyer, of Wis- in length, while the government canal consin, offered yesterday, declaring it will be 22 miles long and will also supply water for 20,000 acres.

Cherry Crop Destroyed.

Scappoose-Early cherries, with few exceptions, are killed by the early frosts. Royal Annes are completely destroyed, as well as early pears. At -The imports for the eight fix a valuation on the railway property ples, prunes and plums are apparently all in good condition, having been uninjured. Nearly all orchards in this locality are being sprayed this season. Fruits from the Scappoose district are not inferior to any in quality, as attested by premiums won at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Storing Wool in Heppner Warehouses June. A large crop will be produced in this county this year, and very little 19c. is being contracted, stockmen prefer-ring to hold until the sales days, when

it will be sold to the highest bidder.

Cut Timber Illegally.

Prineville-John Dee and A. R Eastwood were arraigned before United States Commissioner M. R. Biggs last week on a charge of cutting timber on government land. They were held in the sum of \$50 to appear before the pelt on, 10@11c. United States grand jury.

county officials and the Circuit court. An effort may be made at the next session of the legislature to secure a measure providing that the state shall furnish the County courts of each county with the Oregon reports as statutes and sessions laws are supplied to county officials and justices of the peace.

New Mill at Scappoose.

Scappoose-The Brace Lumber company is building a sawmill on a tract bought of Rev. Mr. Brown. The mill will cut 30,000 feet a day. This makes five mills within a radius of eight miles of Scappoose. The new mill will be in operation in about three weeks.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 66@67c; bluestem, 66 @68c; red, 64@65c; valley, 68c. Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton.

Barley-Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@ 25.50.

Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; common, \$13 @14: valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7 @8; alfalfa, \$12.

Apples-\$2@2.75 per box.

Vegetables - Asparagus, 8@12c per pound; cabbage, 214c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75@90c per dozen; head lettuce, 35@ 40c per dozen; onions, 40c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, \$1@ 1.25 per box; spinach, \$1 per box; parsley, 25c; turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 per sack.

Onions - No. 1, 70@90c per sack; No. 2, nominal.

Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks, 50@60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; new California, 5@6c per pound; sweet potatoes, 21/4@21/2c per pound. pound.

Poultry - Average old hens, 13%@

18%c; broilers, 25@90c; young roost-

olds, 5@7e.

15@20c; valley, 24@26c per pound: mohair, choice, 25@29c.

Veal-Dressed, 316 @ 3c per pound.

Beef - Dressed buils, Se per pound cows, 4@5c: country eteers, 416 @516c Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 9009 %c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, with

Pork-Dressed, 6@8%c per pound.

COMING BY THOUSANDS. Extra Trains Required to Take Home-

seekers to Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn., April 4. - The homeseekers' travel continues heavy and tonight more than 4,000 holders of these tickets had appeared at the Union depot. All the regular overland passenger trains were sent out in is authority for the statement that double sections, and the Canadian contingent via the "Soo" line went out to-

night in three sections, taking about 1,000 passengers. The Great Northern and Northern

Pacific sent out each two special trains, while each of the five regular trains carried from three to five extra coaches to accommodate the rush. These passengers were bound for Oregon and Washington.

Tomorrow railroad men say the rush will exceed any day since the low rates went into effect, and the most conser vative estimate the arrivals at 5,000. The one-way colonisi rates put in effect February 15 will expire tomorrow, but will be renewed and continued throughout the summer. Indiana, Illinois and Missouri are furnishing the bulk of the homeseekers' travel.

Texas Cattle Law Invalid.

Washington, April 4 .- In an opinion by Justice Brown the Supreme court of the United States today decided the case of the Houston & Texas Central railway vs. J. A. Mayes in favor of the mineral land subject to home company. Mayes ordered 17 cars, in try, but no commutation is allow which to ship 625 head of cattle. The timber land. This was done at the cars arrived 24 hours atler the time set in the agreement. Mayes sued, under a Texas law, for damages done his cattle by the delay and also, under the state law, to recover \$25 per car on his contract with the company. The lower courts upheld the complainant.

Big Guns Without Gunners.

Washington April 4 .- Some surprising facts regarding the ina lequacy of the coast artillery force were brought out in the recent examination of Secretary Taft by the senste committee on military affairs. The secretary preauthorized force of coast artillery is sufficient to provide one relief for only 4 per cent of the guns, mines, range finders, etc., now actually installed or authorized for the coast defenses.

Conference on Statehood Bill.

the joint conference on statehood today was devoted to a discussion of the main proposition. the eliminating Arisons and New Mexico that the enemy in view is Ame from the bill.

DECLINES TO INTERFERE

President Refuses to Appoint G mission on Strike.

> Washington, April 5 .- It is stan the White house that the preside made a reply to the telegram re from the coal operators and that a the text will not be made public, president has decided not to inte as long as conditions remain as now are.

Columbus, O., April 5.-John Winder, president of the Ohio Ope ors association, today gave out part a letter he has received from Presi Roosevelt, in which the pres answers the request that a comm be appointed by him to settle the s ers' strike. The president said:

"To appoint a committee to with the miners and operators, a request, would nee esitate action of part of congress. As yet, I an prepared to say what action I pre-ly will or can take in the matter."

Changes in Coeur d'Alene Bill Washington, April 5. - By mous consent of the Idaho delegal the Idaho delegation, the amendment to the Indian appropriate tion bill authorizing the opening of Coeur d'Alene Indian reservati settlement was altered to make all stance of Dubois to prevent large ber corporations from gobbling ap

the best timber. Change wasmak

open the reservation by act of con

Insure Their Own Hops. San Francisco, April 5.-Tes growers of Sonoma county abs members of the Hopgrowers' suis will soon organize an insurance pany of their own and will insure own crops, particularly during dangerous period, the drying at The growers believe that they as sure their product more chesp the old line companies. The See hop crop of the state.

Prepares to Fight America. Moscow, April 5. - General Mack, the Russian representation the Red Cross, has just rel from Japan. He declaret that 5

Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@25c per Eggs-Oregon ranch, 16c per dozen 14c per pound; mixed chickens, 13@

Heppner - Wool is beginning to ar- ers, 13@13%c; old roosters, 11@12c; rive at the warehouses here, where it dressed chickens, 15@16c; turkeys,

will be stored until the sales days in live, 16 @ 16%c; turkeys, dressed the latter part of May and the first of choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 8 @ 814c; June. A large crop will be produced geese, dressed, 10@11c; ducks, 17@

Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 7@10c

Wool-Eastern Oregon average heat