#### **PROGRESS** MAKING

# Jury Secured in Hall Land Case In One Day.

#### WILL TRY BUT TWO DEFENDANTS

Ex-United States Attorney Hall and Edwin Mays at Bar-No Explanation Is Given.

Portland, Jan. 16 .- Twelve jurors, satisfactory alike to the government and to the defense, were selected yesterday to determine the guilt or innocence of John H. Hall, ex-United States attorney for Oregon, and Edwin Mays, who are jointly charged with illegally fencing public lands in Eastern Oregon. The first juror, Alfred Freerksen, a farmer of Lebanon, Linn county, was accepted at 11 o'clock and the jury was completed at 5:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the acceptance of Henry Freerksen, a farmer of Shedds, Linn county, and a brother of the first man selected. Both sides had exhausted their three peremptory challenges before the name of Henry Freerksen was reached, but he was subjected to a thorough questioning by Special Prosecutor Hensy before being accepted.

When court convened yesterday morning Mr. Heney created a sensaition by announcing that of the 12 defendants named in the indictment only Hall and Edwin Mays would be tried at this time. His failure to indicate when W. W. Steiwer, Hamilton H. Hendricks and Clarence B. Zachary would be tried, if at all, is believed to give color to the report that these three defendants have been promised immunity in return for important testimony against their codefendants. The testimony of these defendants, it has been romored, is considered essential to the case of the government against Hall and Mays.

#### IDENTIFYING THE DEAD.

#### Many Boyertown Victims, Burned Past Recognition.

Boyerstown, Pa., Jan. 16 .- One hunthe Rhoades opera house fire Monday Corener Strasser last night. The list of dead includes one firemen, who lost his life fighting the fire, and one man, Jacob Johnson, who died from injuries received in the blazing playhouse.

Three charred bodies were recovered from the ruins of the building yesterday, and of the 168 bodies or remains that lie in the improvised ruins of the building 114 have been officially or partially identified by sorrowing relatives r friends.

Not more than 25 of the entire number of bodies removed from the fire have heads. There are several trunks which will never be recognized, as they were strangers in the audience that witnessed the play.

# INDORSES SPARKS' ACTION.

#### Caucus of Névada Legislators Supports Governor.

force or other means to maintain order ed with applause. in the camp. This is a decided victory for Governor Sparks, as the committee governor in the matter of calling troops framing the resolution is composed of to Nevada, left the chair and Speaker 20 members, both Republicans and Pro Tem Folsom placed the motion be-Democrats, with the pro and anti labor fore the house. Skaggs failed to vote elements both represented.

the senate, while the general expres- congratulations from both parties since sion among the members of the lower the passage of the bill. There was a house is that it will go through that meeting of the joint committee this afbody by a small majority, the senate ternoon in reference to taking up a being Republican and the assembly measure for policing the state. It is strongly Democratic.

# Wants to Fine Standard,

Chicago, Jan. 16 .- District Attorney Sims, upon arriving today from Washington, where he is thought to dent Roosevelt, announced that he will today to discuss Lord Grey's proposal Mich. make an effort to bring the Standard to convert the more important parts of Oil company of Indiana to trial next the battlefields of the plains of Abrathe indictments returned against the and to erect thereon a monument to corporation. It will be possible in the commemorate the reconciliation of the victed on each count of the indictment is hoped to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 \$80,000,000.

# Range War Brewing.

Grand Junction, Colo., Jan. 16 .-Appeals to the governor and to the sheriff of Mesa and Delta counties for irate cattlemen through whose territory tricts is the showing that for the entire they must pass, the scene of many period importations of opium reached range wars and murders, the owners of 20,000 sheep are sending their stock The district is presumed to cover pracfrom Montrose to the winter range in tically all of the output of British Co- the forest service. The greater part of 75c@\$1; squabs, \$1.50@2. Utah under a guard of 200 men armed lumbia refineries which operate on a the area eliminated consists of open with Winchesters.

# Postpone Seattle Fair.

Seattle, Jan. 16 .- While the idea is not received by with approval by the and others have recently began a movement to postpone the Alaska-Yukon commissioners and the express comexposition until 1910. The financial panies doing business in Missouri, goes

#### POLITICS FIGURE LARGELY.

Heney Tells Sensational Story in His Opening Statement.

Portland, Jan. 17.—In his opening address in the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial yesterday, Francis J. Heney charg-

Hall wanted reappointment as United States district attorney and sought election of Senators Mitchell and Fulton to that end.

He forced State Senator W. W. Steiwer to vote for Fulton in February, 1903, by threatening Steiwer and others with criminal prosecution (Hall then being United States district attorney) for illegal fencing of public lands.

Fulton was a party to this deal with Steiwer and used his influence in Stei-

Brownell wanted to succeed Hall and prosecution for acknowledging forged land papers, for which Brownell later was indicted through Heney.

Hall threatened Hermann, Williamson and Mitchell with land-fraud indictment if they did not secure his reappointment.

Hall had agreement with Steiwer,

Zachary and Hendricks by which he allowed them to maintain their illegal fences, this being the alleged conspir-Hall says he and Mays will both take

the stand in their own defense. L. R. Webster, attorney for Hall, said that when his client first learned of the illegal fences in 1901, he notified Steiwer, et al., that they must not fence government land. Webster denied that Hall was actuated by ulterior motives, politics or other.

Witnesses Putnam and King testified that they informed Hall by letter of fences as early as March, 1900. The fences were not removed until 1905, after Hall was ousted from office.

#### INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN.

#### California Will Probe Into Actions of Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.-After 29 board of railroad commissioners flew nue of \$5 to \$10 each be realized. full into the face of the Southern Pacific company today and ordered a searching investigation into the rebating prodred and seventy persons perished at clivities of the Harriman lines, the Santa Fe and the Salt Lake road. night, according to figures compiled by the same time the board, with the assistance of Attorney General Webb, former employes of the Curtiss Lumber passed the responsibility for efficacious action to the door of Governor Gillett. It lies with the chief executive to authorize the expenditure of the money that such an investigation will cost, and Mr. Gillett has no alternative but City mills, and have also acquired the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company as, as he has the Texas law at hand, to choose squarely between the people ownership of a large body of spruce and the railroads.

The sudden awakening of the board dustry a large one. has developed a unique situation. The state railroad commission has always been the object of tender care on the part of William F. Herrin. Now the glass factory in the near future. commission has suddenly decided to tave Mathisen, an expert glass blower, put Mr. Herrin and his associates on who was one of the promoters of the the carpet.

# SEEKS TO RETAIN TROOPS.

#### Nevada Legislators Are Unanimous in Approving Policy.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 17 .- At the Carson, Nev., Jan. 16 .- A joint cau- afternoon session of the assembly yescus of the special committees of the terday a resolution which passed the senate and assembly of the Nevada leg- senate in the morning, petitioning the islature met yesterday and framed a president to retain the troops tempojoint resolution which will be introduc- rarily, passed without a negative vote. ed in the senate today asking the presi- There was no argument on either side dent of the United States to retain as to the merits of the measure. Govtroops in Goldfield until such time as ernor Sparks was at the speaker's desk, the state can provide either a police and as he came into the hall was greet-

Speaker Skaggs, who has opposed the on the measure, absenting himself at The resolution will undoubtedly pass roll call. The governor is receiving likely that this measure will be introduced by Monday.

# To Preserve Battlefields.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17 .- Representatives of the Canadian clubs throughout week on the remaining 4,000 counts in ham and St. Foye into a national park, ional governments.

# Opium Shipments Light.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 17 .-Among the interesting features of the protection, having failed and fearing a business of the last year, transacted by bloody battle will be participated by officials of the Puget sound customs disthe insignificant total of 238 pounds. large scale. The light shipment is re- grass lands. The boundary has also garded as suspicious.

# New Express Rates.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17 .- The majority of the people, Colonel Blethen new schedule of express rates recently agreed upon by the board of railway condition in all parts of the country into effect today. In round figures the and failure to realize on certain invest- schedule rovides for an average reduction ments cause this plan to be considered. Semilarion per cent. by the Eastern and Southern interests. ness; mohair choice 29 \$30c per pound.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### GRAFT OLD TREES.

Corvallis-A movement is being sunched here for a great campaign for the renovation of old orchards in the Willamette valley and other parts of Oregon. President Newell, of the state tion concerning the proper pruning and board of horticulture, Mr. Lownsdale, spraying of fruit trees. It has been Mr. Reid, and a large number of the fruit inspectors of the various counties so short that all the subjects in which civil proceedings against Steiwer in-stead of criminal.

Brownell stead of criminal. campaign was fired by M. O. Lownsdale result the growers get partial informain an address before the visiting hortiand Fulton. Hall forced Brownell to culturists and other winter short course them. At the weekly or bi-weekly retire and so to notify Mitchell and students in college chapel. The ad-Fulton, by threatening Brownell with dress met with a hearty indorsement, and aroused much enthusiasm. The Agricultural college authorities will join in the plan, and in an educational pruning will be one of the first considway and otherwise co-operate to the ut- ered for the reason that the pruning most extent in furthering the move-

> years a complete new orchard can be methods and time of cultivation, thinmade out of the old one, and a profit of ning fruit, etc., will be taken up as \$5 to \$10 per tree be realized. This occasion seems to demand. was the assertion of Mr. Lownsdale in his address. He says he has accomplished this result with old trees on his farm, and that it can be done by any farmer who can do grafting or have it

The thing to do, says Mr. Lownsdale, is to cut down the old trees. The best plan is to cut them close to the ground, leaving the roots intact. This should be done by the 1st of March. The next season, from the 10th to the 15th of May, such varieties as are best for the climate and for commercial purposes should be grafted on the three or four best sprouts. This is the easiest and most certain plan. Two feet of the old trunk may be left and the graft applied to it the first year, and a year of time in reproducing the orchard is gained, but this requires an expert at grafting in order to be successful. By either plan the trees will be in good bearing years of quiescent obedience, the state in from three to five years, and a reve-

#### Shingle Mill for Albany.

Albany-A shingle mill, with a capacity of 60,000 shingles daily, will be At established in Albany this winter by E. A. Thompson and Elmer Cramer, added to the population of Oregon City compelled to take the oath. As there company in its big plant at Mill City. Work will begin on the new mill as soon as a satisfactory location is found. The two men have secured the shingle manufacturing machinery of the Mill timber, and propose to make the in- for delinquent taxes. A majority of the member. It is likely to meet with

# Glass Factory for Eugene.

Eugene-Eugene bids fair to have a to put up a plant costing \$50,000 if the citizens of this city take stock in a company to be organized to the amount of \$5,000. Mathisen claims to be backed will be taken immediately.

# Lebonen Mills Reopen.

idle are again in employment. The recent flood piled so many logs in the and library builder. Santiam canal that the mill could not get a supply of fuel wood for the regular consumption of 30 cords daily. Though this was the cause of the shutthe financial stringency, but the prompt resumption of work has restored confidence.

# Large Timber Land Sale.

Oregon City-The transfer of 1,850 acres of timbered lands on the Upper Molalla river in Clackamas county has just been made public, through a deed filed in the office of County Recorder Ramsby. The price stated in the deed purchaser is the Molalla Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, which purchased the property from the have discussed the matter with Presi- the dominion met in conference here Cornwell Lumber company, of Saginaw, 75c per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$3

# Corporations Are Dissolved.

Salem-Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation dissolving 300 corporations which have failed to pay event that the company should be con- British and French races in Canada. It their license taxes for 1907. In the list are many concerns which in all to impose fines aggregating a total of by public subscription to supplement probability will wish to continue busi- \$32.50. the grants of the Federal and Provis- ness and which have neglected to pay Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$8 per the license fee. These concerns can se- ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$2166 core restoration of their corporate pow- 22; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, ers by paying up delinquencies within \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14 30 days. The complete list will be published in a few days.

> Change in Blue Mountain Reserve. Washington-The president has just signed a proclamation which eliminates 131,643 acres of the Blue Moun- live, 15c; dressed, choice, 18c; geese, tain forest reserve, as recommended by live, 9@10c; ducks, 16@17c; pigeons, been changed to exclude some heavily timbered land, title to which has passed from the government.

# Mines to Resume in Spring.

Baker City-The annual meeting osumed a two-days' session. It was def cided to resume work in the mines in 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkby the Eastern and Southern interests. ness; mohair choice 29@30c per pound. land navy yard on January 27.

# TALK SPRAY AND PRUNING.

Salem-The Marion County Horticultural society has decided to hold either weekly or bi-weekly meetings the remainder of the winter for the special purpose of spreading informafound that at one meeting the time is tion, which is of little practical use to meetings, special subjects will be taken up, varying according to the particular portion of their work the growers are about to perform. Thus the subject of season is now on. After that spraying will be the subject of lectures and It is said that within three to five demonstrations. Use of fertilizers,

#### Filing on Harney Lands

Burns-The business of the United States land office in this city for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, makes an excellent showing for this country, the total entries and proofs moved. for the period covering 51,200.69 acres and the payments, fees and commissions amounting to \$56,944.64. The month of December brought in \$29,000 of this sam. When it is considered that the financial pan c held business in suspense a good part of the quarter, it will be seen that the movement for settlement of Harney county and contiguous country is a determined one and cannot be stopped.

#### Welcome to New Industry.

Oregon City-Nothing in recent years constructed at Oregon City on the East committee. side of Wilammette Falls, fronting the that from 400 to 600 people will be within a year, and that there will be a is a disposition to depose Skaggs, in corresponding increase in the industry case of a re-opening the question, it is and business of the town.

#### Road Will Go Under the Hammer

situated in Linn county is to be sold and it has been read by a number of the stock is now owned by the Harri-man interests. Sheriff Smith has be-where the labor unions have a strong gun the advertisement of the property representation for public sale February 17. The prop-Gus- erty advertised includes the roadbed fornia, now located in Goldfield, is in and right of way of the company in attendance, representing the Goldfield this county, the roundhouse and mafactory at Coburg, in this county, offers chine shops at this city and some tracts of real estate adjoining Albany.

#### Wants New Library. The Dalles-Renewed interest in the

by ample capital. The matter will at Carnegie library to be built here has once be taken up by the Commercial come since the forwarding of the archiclub and it is probable that some action tect's plan to Andrew Carnegie's secretary for approval. The edifice will be erected in the city park and will cost Ablany-After being closed for three meet the maintenance expenses and tions as presented by the steel magnate

# PORTLAND MARKETS

Fruits-Apples, 75c@#2.25 per box; peaches, 75c@\$1 per crate; pears, down, some feared it might be due to \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$9.50 @\$12 per barrel.

Vegetables-Turnips, 75c per eack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, le per pound; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.50 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; pareley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@ 134e per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c is \$81,000 or about \$44 per acre. The per pound; squash, 1@1%c per pound; tomatoes, \$2 per box.

Onions-\$1.85@2 per hundred. Potatoes-Delivered Portland, 50@

per cwt. Wheat-Club, 85c; bluestem, 87c; valley, 85c; red, 83c. Oats-No. 1 white, \$27.50@28; gray,

\$27.50@28. Barley-Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.

Corn - Whole, \$32.50; cracked,

Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@35s per

Poultry-Average old hens, 12c per pound; mixed chickens. 11 1/2 @12c; spring chickens, 11 1/2 @12c; roosters, 8@10c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, Eggs-Fresh ranch, candled, 30c per

dozen Veal-75 to 125 pounds, 9@9%c 125 to 150 pounds, 7e; 150 to 200

pounds; 5@6 1/4c. Pork-Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@ 7c: packers, 667c.

Hops-1907, prime and choice, 600 the Highland Gold Mines company con- 7%c; per pound; olds, 1@2c per pound. Wool-Eastern Oregon, average best,

# TOTAL DEAD 170.

#### Nearly Every Family at Boyertown Affected.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15,-When Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 10 Boyert covering the dead from the ruins of the Rhoaues opera house, where Monday night's holocaust occurred, the official roll of victims numbered 167. Whether any more bodies are buried beneath the ruins cannot be positively stated, but it is the belief of those who had charge of the grewsome work that all of the dead have been removed, and that the total list of victims will not go over 170. The ratio of women and girls to men and boys is about 9 to 1. Work of identification will not be begun until today, as most of the bodies are still lying in a confused state at the four improvised morgues.

The population of the place is about 2,500, and the disaster paralyzed the town, and the people are going about dazed. It is safe to say that everybody in the places either lost one or more relatives or was intimately acquainted with those who died in the fire. In several cases, whole families were wiped out.

It was almost daylight yesterday before the flames were extinguished and rescuers were able to enter the ruins to remove the dead. The morning was bitter cold, and by the time the benumbed and exhausted firemen began the task of disentangling the usus of

burned beams and twisted iron the entire ruins were coated with ice and there was danger of the walls falling. The work was slow at first and it was 7 o'clock before the first body was re-

#### SPECIAL SESSION CALLED.

#### Nevada Legislature Meets to Consider Goldfield Situation.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 15 .- The special ession of the Nevada legislature called by Governor Sparks met at noon yesterday. After organization Governor Sparks' message was read. In the senate the appropriation bill of the session was passed. The only important action taken was the passage of a resolution has brought so much satisfateion to the referring all bills that may be intropeople of Oregon City as the announce- duced relative to state rangers, constabment that a new paper mill is to be ulary or military, to a special joint

There is a question as to the legality basin, with the installation of two ma- of the organization of the assembly. chines of the largest capacity at the The members, under a ruling from the outset. Not less than 300 men will be attorney general, organized without furnished employment, and this means swearing in the speaker Robert Skaggs. In the senate all of the officers were

Governor Sparks, it is thought, will endeavor to influence the passage of a Albany-The real property of the state ranger law similar to that of Tex-

Senstor Morehouse, formerly of Calichamber of commerce.

# PLAGUE CAMPAIGN ENDED.

#### Only One New Case Since Christmas in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 15 .- The campaign for the eradication of the bubonc plague in San Francisco, which has street, between First and Second been conducted by Dr. Rupert Blue and nues, with 80 disposess warm \$10,000. The city council has voted to a staff of 150 medical officials of the families who had unitedly a United States marine hospital, is al- reductions in rents of a dellars weeks, the Lebanon paper mill has re- appropriate \$1,000 annually. In fact most over. Only one case of plague sumed work and 50 men temporarily this was necessary to meet the condi- has occurred in this city since December 26, and it was a Japanese who was taken ill after arriving from Stege, Contra Costa, where he is believed to have contracted the disease. The local health authorities announce that no tenants. further daily plague bulletins will be issued.

Since the origin of the plague in this sistance and had half tora hists city last May there have been 137 veri- his back when assistance arrived fied cases. Of these 17 were verified arrested four women. Several by clinical examination and 120 by strative men were also sent to 2 bacteriological investigation. Of the tion house. The police were ! total number of persons who contracted time struggling with little this disease, 74 died and 63 recovered, disperse an increasing crowd of Only two cases remain under treat- demonstrators, but other arrests ment, and at the isolation hospital officers finally had the effect of there still remain 18 suspects under ob- a stop to the trcuble.

Dr. Blue and the local health authori- more dispossess warrants at the ties will continue for some time.

# Keep Coolies at Home

ese newspaper prints an interview with ing the importation of opium Viscount Aoki in which the viscount is Philippines will become effects quoted as follows: "I do not approve large quantity of opium is conof manual laborers going to America. the islands, mainly by the Chim They cannot expect, after Japan's long ment. Congress has passed and isolation, to establish themselves in tended to correct the evil, but any Western country. Destiny and great doubt of the ability of opportunity are in Asia, in Corea and firmed opium neer to abandon Manchuria." Viscount Aoki expressed and a considerable agitation himself as opposed to Japanese seeking taking place in the Philipping naturalization in America, for the rea-son that citizen-hip is only needed by time for the stoppage of the indipermanent residents.

# Evacuate Cuba Next Year.

ing to the senate today the report of today a committee of seven was Provisional Governor Magoon on condi- ed to go to Washington W tous in Cuba, the president said: "I sgairst and secure a modification am glad to be able to say that we can rule covering the use of fore February 1, 1000 fore February 1, 1909, we shall have tions and speeches it was state and construct to the president the use of sulphur was the elected next Decem- to the public health and that he o turn the island over to its own peo-ile will be scrappiously regarded." to the public health and oration was impracticable in the

# outh Dakota in Commission.

Washington, Jan. 15 .- The battleplaced in commission at the Mare Is-land navy yard on January 27.

# **DEFENSE IS FIGHT**

# Little Progress.

# HENEY IS MOVING WITH CAME

Session Largely Given Up to Res of Letters Sald to Show Conspiracy.

Portland, Jan. 18.—The govern tion of the case against John H. nd Edwin Mays.

Heney introduced some 507 written from June, 1900, to \$ ber, 1902., by Hall, Mays, L Stratford and Putnam. More as ters will follow today.

Hall objected seriously to an letter, written by Secretary Ha to Special Inspector A. R. Green recting Greene to investigate fences. Heney' purpose is by that this investigation was pro by settlers, who had appealed us Hall to act against the fences. objects to the letter because a conot the original letter has been and because it is irrelevant. Hunt will decide the question morning.

Unlike Hall, Mays raised no objections in the course of the dat The steps in the government dence of conspiracy will be the

First-To prove Hall and Men frequent knowledge from protes tiers of the fences as early as K Second-That Stelwer, Zeckey Hendricks caused various person

on land for their company, in che complete the company's ender public land. Third-That Hall and Mays be steps to prosecute the offender, they had full knowledge of the be

and the conspiracy for more than At this stage, Steiwer is expen testify about the alleged under by which Hall and Mays were m prosecute him and his associates. of the terms of this alleged age

was Setiwer's vote for Fulton. George Brownell is expected to that Hall promised him immu land fraud prosecution for his drawal from the contest for Hall's

TENANTS IN RIOTS.

to Paying More That They Fix Themselves New York, Jan. 18 .- Foreible:

Side landlord was trying to end! ed yesterday in the gatheringda of two thousand or more symple in the neighborhood, who ma much trouble for the police the precinct reserves were called out. ing the rioting four women and a ber of men were taken into cost

The riotous demonstration when a city marshal and about \$ sistants visited the block on the side of East One Hundred and B and had refused to pay the is collector more than the new rise had fixed. The taking out of the iture from the rooms of the fint visited was the signal for an also the marshal and his men by st

Angry women surrounded 17 man who had gone to the matter

The immediate purpose of the stamped out, the sanitary campaign of deciding not to attempt the sanitary campaign of

Will Cut Off Oplum Supply Washington, Jan. 18.-Wi Honolulu, Jan. 15.—A local Japan- little over a month the law

Deny Sulphur Injures Fra San Francisco, Jan. 18 .- At the Washington, Jan. 15.—In transmit- convention of California trait beland to the president the use of sulphur was not de

> Warships Sail for Magdale San Diego, Cal., Jan. 18. was left here of the Pacific # ing in target practice.