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County Business Men Enthusiastic and Successful Session.

Important Business Top-Are Interestingly Disssed at Big Banquet.

ETARY'S REPORT READ

ion Is Shown to Be in Thravand Prosperous Condition 5th Prospects for Biggest nd Best Year Just Ahead

WOFFICERS OF THE OOS COUNTY BUSINESS

MEN'S ASSOCIATION. esident-T. S. Harvey. Vice-President - J. Albert

reasurer-Geo. H. Rot-

Secretary-Earl Powell. Board of Directors

faloney, J. Albert Matson, S. Harvey, M. E. Everitt, N. Ekblad, W. H. Din-

ustice to a bountiful repast. thusiastic in the history of sociation. The report of Sec-Powell showed the association in a most thriving and proocondition.

conclusion of the banquet ent E. P. Lewis acting as toastfter the disposition of routine s, trade topics were discussed number of the members in a interesting manner.

The letter was received with long ago in Marshfield. s of the association.

a combined membership of first owner for \$100. even and one in North Bend by J. Albert Matson, who made test the entry.

d to each individual case. ting the facts before the mail land. buyer succeed in diverting his iato home channels. Mr. Mer-

tatler in a practical manner somewhere and work, ag in his carefully prepared the necessity of the business giving the same careful attenthat present of the common sense adhat presented a business prob-

a business way. of Credit Guides" was asentinued on Page Two.

tacks by the English in efforts to

hure in Champagne,

ERZERUM IS TAKEN

[By Associated Press to treos may Times.]

Reuters' Telegram from Pet-

rograd says Erzerum has been

English War Office May Take Steps

to Aid the Families of

Soldiers

measure cannot be long deferred.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb.

16 .- The crew of the British

steamer Baron Napier, a

mule ship which arrived to-

day from Egypt, reported a

battle in the Mediterranean

Baron Napier and a German

submarine, in which the

NOT INCLUDED IN RIVERS AND

HARBORS BILL

Improvement in New York Harbor

Only Addition Made by the House

Committee.

1By Associated Press to Coon Bay Times. 1

WASHINGTON, B. C., Feb. 16 .-

410. All new projects, except New

CHAMPAGNE TRENCHES

PARIS, Feb. 16.—An offi-

cial statement says: "There

were no important events last

night. In Champagne we re-

TO REPAIR CRUISER

United States cruiser Marblehead,

of the California Naval Militia.

ing next Saturday afternoon.

Navy aboard.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16 .- The

[By Associated Press to twee flay Times.]

York harbor, were voted down.

• FRENCH RECAPTURE

steamer escaped.

January 17 between the

BRITISH STEAMER

captured by the Russians.

LONDON, Feb. 16 .- A

BY THE RUSSIANS

WHO ARE AT WAR

NOT ENDORSED BY NEW YORK CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Attempt Made to Have Him Backed for President but It Fails to Materialize

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- An attempt to obtain the endorsement of Elihu Root for the presidency by the committee on resolutions of the republicân state convention today was defeated. The motion was debated for

half an hour. The committee unanimously deided to endorse the administration of Governor Whitman, but to attach the endorsement to a separate plank dealing with state issues.

MORE CAMPS FOR SMITH COMPAN

NANN SMITH BRINGS IN 250 TONS OF RAILWAY STEEL TODAY

Additional Logging Equipment Atready Ordered-Forerunner of six-day Shift and Increase

in 250 tons of railway steel for the two persons are missing. · Smith-Powers Logging company.

This is the forerunner of a full six-day shift at the Smith mills in 000,000. The origin of the fire is Estimates by owners of property and ♦ Marshfield. It will take some little unknown but there is suspicion of proprietors of stores in the business • time to put in the steel and open its being incendiary because some of district, swept by fire early today, • some additional camps and until then the steamers were loading with war indicated that the total loss will be they will be unable to supply the munitions for shipment to the Rus- approximately \$2,000,000. The orlarge increase in the amount of logs sian government at Vladivostok. required.

Additional logging engines and equipment have also been ordered. Back to Old Conditions

probably be announced before long by the company as it was announced board to escape the flames. restoration would be made just as at the time of the reduction that a soon as conditions would permit.

JOHN D. TOWER WINS OUT IN HOMESTEAD FIGHT.

called the meeting to order Decision Received From Judge Upton-F. L. Tewell Contested Filing-Tried Long Ago.

John D. Tower has won his fight of the features of the busi- to retain the homestead taken up from the "Knights of the Grip," The decision in the case was today DESTINY FOR A CENTURY DE- whether it was of incendiary origin. on, in which a plea was made Graves, from Judge J. M. Upton, se active co-operation of the government land registrar at Rosc- United States Senator Wadsworth ed at \$100,000. werehants and the local sales burg. The case was fought out

sam and ordered spread on the Franklin L. Tewell appeared as the contestant. He claimed among rkin Clab Membership" was other things, that Tower did not andled by Robert Dillard, who maintain a residence on the land that a careful investigation and that his improvements did not ed that it was not so formid- Emount to more than \$10 worth. sit might appear. There were Tower had bought a homestead re-To Larkin Clubs in Marshfield linquishment to the land from the

Had Leave of Absence

bout forty members. The mem-ledge themselves to spend at made entry to 80,82 acres of land 11.00 per month to a Chicago and on May 7, 1914, filed a leave order house for merchandise. of absence for not over five months. Posse to this address, "Meet- It was on August 15, 1914, that arkin Club Competition" was Tewell filed his application to con-

teresting and intelligent pre- Many witnesses on both sides on of the business man's at- were heard in the subsequent hearwhich, he stated, had to be ing. Some of the witnesses for the plaintiff stated that they did not R Mercer of Cooston supple- see Tower about the place until 4 Mr. Matson's address with March of 1914, but also said that practical suggestions and gave later in that same year they had da whereby the merchant may vegetables from his garden on the

Proved Clearing.

The testimony of the defendant's alk was received with enthumen was to the effect that between Ambassador von Bernstorff today one-quarter and one half an acre presented to Secretary Lansing the dension of Credit" dealing with had been cleared and close to three latest draft of the Lusitania agreethe most important features acres slashed. Tower, it seems, ment, embodying the changes sug. is missing and damage estimated metall bushesses. Description of the control of the co beer Kreitzer. He presented stead, leaving now and then to go and also one change suggested by liness district early today. The

sold the Ladies' Emporium stock to United States. the extension of credit that Mrs. Mattie Blain, who will move It is understood that you Bernwas given great that Mrs. Mattie Blain, who will move it is understood that the death of Carl Farley, brother of was given great attention and it to North Bend, where she will storff was informed that the draft August and Jack Farley of Coos Bay. • son. He has not been added with enthusiant and conduct a ladies' furnishing store. of the agreement could not be aced with enthusiastic approval Mrs. Owen, who has long been in ceptal as final until submitted to Mr. Fariey lived in North Bend vised of the acceptance of the state department of his res-

> Sarter's grand opening of their Secretary Lausing, new place on Central avenue next Saturday afternoon.

Two Big Vessels and Large Dock Burned and Many Scows Destroyed.

Suspected By Officers That the Origin Was of an Incendiary Nature.

BOATS OWNED BY ENGILSH

Were Loading Shipments for Russians to Be Delivered at Viadiystok-The Bolton Custle and the Pacific, Vessels Lost

[By Associated seas to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- The steamers Bolton Castle and Pacific and a 900 foot pier belonging to New York Dock company were destroyed early today by the most disastrous fire on the Brooklyn water front in years.

Another steamer, the Pallazia, was damaged, about 25 scows and light-The Nann Smith today is bringing ers partly of wholly damaged and

Loss Is Enormous

The loss estimated more than \$3,-Many Forced to Jump

The three steamers lying at the pier were surrounded by a fleet of about 50 fighters and barges, on apartment hotel and several of the The present outlook in affairs in- each of which was one man or more, largest retail stores in the city were Three Men Who Made Up the Crew dicates an early return to old con- On some of the barges were the destroyed and many others damaged. ditions. An increase in wages will wives and families of the captains. Some were compelled to jump over- Cathedral prevented the flames from

Boilers Blow Up The Bolton Castle was loading with gasoline for Russia and th's fed the flames. The boilers both of the Bolton Castle and the Pacific blew up when the fire was at its LOADED ON VESSEL FOR ENGheight. Several barges loaded with gasoline near the steamers were destroyed. Both the Bolton Castle and Officials Investigating Whether Fire Pacific are British vessels owned by the Castle Line. The pier was filled with merchandise including war mu-

PENDS UPON PRESENT

Tells the New York Convention

So Today (By Associated Press to Cope Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- The United States faces one of the most critical periods in its history and the des- BLAZE IN ANACONDA WORKS IS for the damage she has suffered. tiny of the republic for a century to come may well be determined by the conduct of the government and the Twenty-One Men Lost Their Live sentiment of the people as exercised and expressed during the next four years, United States Senator Wadsmanent chairman.

NEW DRAFT OF LUSITANIA MAT- 13 not yet determined, TER IS PRESENTED

Indications Are That It Will Now Be Acceptable to the United States

(By Assortated Press to Come Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16agreement in the prezent form prob- origin of the fire is unknown. Sells Steck-Mrs. Nellie Owen has ably would be acceptable to the

Dr. Leslie, Osteopath, Marshfield children,

DESTRUCTION AND DEATH BY FIRES TODAY

at Brooklyn from burning of piers and steamers loaded with munitions. Suspect mcendiarism. •

One man killed and two injured in fire that wrecked the American club, at To-Explosions heard. ronto. Alien military plot suspected because club favored Allies.

Two million dollars' loss when business district of Fall River, Mass., is swept by flames Woman burned to death .

man missing, and \$150,000 . damage caused by fire which . destroyed Block in business district at Midland, Mich,

Cargo of sugar on vessel at Philadelphia destined to . Believe Blaze Result of Alien Mili-England is burned. Incendiary suspected.

FLAMES TODAY Score of Buildings in Business Dis- ered.

FALL RIVER, MASS., SWEPT BY

trict Wiped Out Causing \$2,000,-

000 Loss [By Ameriated Press to Coon Bay Times.] FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 16.

in a department store basement. Cathedral Stops Fire A score of buildings, including an The granite walls of St. Mary's

LAND AT PHILADELPHIA

Was of Incandiary Origin-Loss Is \$100,000 [By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 .- The ity authorities and the British consulate today are investigating a fire which damaged the sugar cargo of the Dritish steamer Dalton at the

The sugar was destined to the Brit-

ishe government. The loss is estimat-

EXTINGUISHED.

In the Disaster Which Came Monday,

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 16 .- Fire in worth told the New York state re- Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda publican convention here today. He Copper Mining Company, which addressed the convention as its per-caused the death of 21 men Monday night, was extinguished this morning. Fifteen bodies have been brought to the surface. Ten horses were suffocated and others found alive were put to death to end their suffering from the fumes. The cause

MICH., FIRE. [By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

woman was burned to death, one man privilege into the law. Berlin. The indications were an iness, district early today. The

DIES IN THE EAST.

Word has been received here of President Wilson. The indications about six years ago, but has been state department of his reswere that it seemed satisfactory to residing in Chicago, where his death . Ignation. He expressed a deoccurred. He was about 45 years • sire to leave as early as posof age and leaves a widow and two sible.

Suspect That House of American Organization Is Set on Fire.

Several Others Are Injured of the French in the attempts to Kaiser's When Six-Story Building Burns Early Today.

\$50,000 LOSS IS ABOUT

tary Plot Because Club Was Scene of Demonstration in Favor of the Entente Allies

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] TORONTO, Feb. 16,-One man was illed and two others injured in a fire which early today wrecked the six story home of the American club, WILL PROTECT RENTERS Several explosions were heard while the fire was burning but no detonations before the fire were discov-

Early reports were that the blaze was the result of an alien military plot, the American club having recently been the scene of demonstrations in favor of the entente ailies. The loss is \$50,000.

igin is unknown. The fire started

ALASKA FISHING CRAFT MISSING outbreak of war, as a matter of A LONG TIME

Have Probably Perished (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

spreading to the residential district. JUNEAU, Feb. 16 .- The gas fishng boat Swan, which left Juneau Yakutat last November, has not been heard from and has been given . up for lost with her crew composed of George Young, Thomas Martin and Robert Fulton.

WILL WID DEFOIDING

ALLIES WILL INSIST UPON HER . INDEPENDENCE

In New Treaty Agree Not to Stop Fighting Until Country Is Reestablished

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] HAVRE, Feb. 16 .- The allied pow-

ers signatory to a treaty guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium have decided to renew the agreement not to end hostilities until the political and economic independence of Belgium is re-established and the nation indemnified

ILLINOIS

Supreme Court of That State Hands • • • • • • • • • • • • • • Down an Important Decision Today.

fits Associated Press to Coon Hay Times. 1 SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16 .-Women of Illinois were denied the right to vote for delegates and alternates to the national nominating conventions and state central and precinct committeemen in a de- tions east of the road from eision of the state supreme court . Tahure to Somme." today, which court held that while BURNED TO DEATH IN MIDLAND, the state had the right to give the women this suffrage, it had not been done and it was not within the MIDLAND, Mich., Feb. 16 .- A province of the court to write the which is to come to Portland for

RUSSIA RESIGNS [By Associated Press to Cove hay Times.]

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16 .-George T. Marye, American ambassador, has resigned, • giving ili health as the rea-

FAIL IN EFFORTS TO RECOVER TRENCHES LOST. Germans Withstand an Attack Made

Against Them at Ypres, Belgium. Sayville Censors Withhold Re-[By Associated Press to coos Bay Times.] port of Sinking of British BERLIN, Feb. 16.-Three at-Cruiser Arabis Feb. 11.

recover the trenches southeast of Ypres, Belgium, which they lost to the Germans, was announced today by army headquarters. All attacks were fruitless as were those

Ambassador - Asks regain ground lost northwest of Ta-United States Why Matter Was Kept Quiet.

SUPPRESSION IS ADMITTED

Censors Thought It Was Proper Thing to Do Under the Orders Given Out by the Secretary of the Navy

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16 .-The German government through Ambassador von Bernstorff today formally asked the United States to explain why the American wireless censors at Sayville suppressed the original announcement of the German admirality of the reported sinking in the North Sea of the British cruiser Arabis February 11.

News Was Held Back

LONDON, Feb. 16.-Sir Alfred News reporting the loss of the Ara-Mond's bill for a moratorium of rent bis reached the United States from for men entering the army, which would prevent landlords not only Berlin via London, passing through from raising rents on soldiers' de- British censorship. On February 12, however, a Berlin wireless direct, via pendents but from ousting them for arrears in payment, is now under Sayville, was passed, saying that another ship in addition to the Arabia the consideration of the war office. was sunk in the same engagement. France passed such legislation on the Admit Suppression

At the navy department it is adcourse. But England, as a volunteer mitted the Berlin dispatch was supcountry, had not until lately considered such a measure necessary. The pressed by the Sayville censors because they alleged that they considgeneral opinion is that the domestic situation is such that passage of the ered the dispatch coming under the inhibition of Secretary Daniels orders permitting the passage of war dispatches provided "no reference was made to the movement or location of war or other vessels of the ESCAPES GERMANS. . belligerents."

FOUND IN BACK YARD OF HER HOME TODAY

With Her Husband Conducted Popcorn Stand and Was Familiar Figure in the City

Mrs. Jennie L. Wilcox, wife of Asher Wilcox, was found dead in the back yard of her residence on North Pine street this morning. She had been seated on the back porch and evidently fell off in an attack of heart trouble or apoplexy. Mr. Wilcox came home and found his wife

dead where she had fallen. Well Known Herb The couple together conducted the pop corn stand at the Flanagan & After adding \$700,000 for the im- Bennett bank corner. They were provement of East River channel at both often there together and were New York to extend to the navy familiar figures about the city, both yard, the house committee on rivers being quite old. Every night they and harbors today voted favorable on could be seen going home together. the report on the annual rivers and They were seldom apart but it hap-NOT ALLOWED PART OF VOTE IN harbors bill aggregating \$29,608,- pens that when death came to Mrs. Wilcox it was at a time when her

> husband happened not to be with her. The deceased was born January 17, 1838, in New York state. They were married several years ago, the union being arranged by correspondence.

Funeral Tomorrow The funeral will be held from the Wilson undertaking rooms at 2:00 . o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The captured by atacks with hand • services will be conducted by Miss grenades certain trench sec- . Montgomery, of the Christian Science · church.

JEWELER BANKRUPT.

Otis Wilson Has Liabilities Amounting to \$2480.

use as a training ship by the Oregon Otis Wilson, the jeweler who had Naval Militia, is to go on Govern- his store in the same room with Mrs. ment drydock at Mare Island, Cal., Owen on Central ave., has filed a pe-February 21 for a general overhaultition in bankruptck before Referee ing, according to information re- Schibrede. His liabilities are \$2.480 e ceived by Lieutenant-Commander and his assets \$10,000 consisting of Blair from Captain George W. Bauer, his home, house furnishings and stock. Exemption is claimed on ev-It is expected that it will take sev- erything excepting the stock which eral weeks to go over the vessel and will amount to \$800 or \$1,000. The put her in first class shape, after date for the hearing has not yet been which she will be dispatched to the set.

Columbia River. The Marblehead has John Snyder, Sr., a well known Coos Bay pioneer, has been quite sick

a crew of 40 men of the regular Don't forget Sarter's grand open- at their home on Hall avenue near Broadway.