

SHORTEN MILITARY SERVICE.

French Senate Has Passed an Important Bill.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The senate, which has been debating for several weeks a government measure reducing the period of military service to two years, has passed the bill through the first stage by a vote of 336 to 22.

A cabinet council has been held to consider the means for making the deficit in the budget for 1903, which, owing to the amendments made in the chamber of deputies amounts to \$5,890,000.

STUDENTS ARE THREATENED.

Bad Water in Ithica May Cause Depiction of Cornell University.

Ithica, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Ithica board of health refuses to assume responsibility or the statement recently made to the effect that it was safe for students of Cornell to return to Ithica, and has passed resolutions that it deems the condition of Ithica city water such that it is absolutely essential for residents to secure such board and lodging as will guarantee that no unboiled water from that source shall enter the stomach, and it looks upon the chance of secondary infection from the numerous cases of typhoid fever now in the city as a new and serious source of danger.

The attitude of the university was the same now as it has been throughout the epidemic, that students who remain in Ithica or who may now return, do so entirely on their own responsibility, but that absent students should be given the greatest consideration in making up for work lost.

FRISCO MAN RECOMMENDED.

Commercial Bodies Urge Appointment for New Department.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The San Francisco chamber of commerce, the board of trade of San Francisco, the Manufacturers and Producers' association of California, the Merchants' exchange and the California state board of trade have joined in sending to Washington a recommendation that Eugene Goodwin of San Francisco be appointed chief of the bureau of manufacturers in the department of commerce.

LONE BACHELOR MURDERED.

Assassin Fires Through Window Killing Helpless Farmer.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—Bert McKinstry, a farmer, living near Mon-

terello, Kas., was shot and mortally wounded by someone last night who fired a charge from a shotgun through a window of McKinstry's house, according to a telephone message received from Olathe, Kas., this morning. McKinstry is 40 years old, unmarried, and lived alone on his farm. The sheriff of Johnson county telephoned the police of Kansas City that the shooting is believed to have been done by a man named Graham, who, it is alleged, had trouble with McKinstry and fled towards this city after McKinstry was shot.

BOWEN IS MOST HAPPY.

But He Will Not Permit His Brooklyn Admirers to Banquet Him.

New York, Feb. 28.—Herbert W. Bowen, United States minister to Venezuela, has declined to allow citizens of Brooklyn to give a banquet in his honor, because, he says, he is to be regarded as a foreigner temporarily.

"My position as Venezuelan plenipotentiary is so peculiar that I feel I must consider myself as temporarily a foreigner here. This is the view taken of me by the government of the United States, and I beg that you will kindly present it to my Brooklyn friends, who have been interested in the proposal to honor me with a dinner. I am most happy, in hearing that they approve of the work that I have done here, and if I retain their confidence until that work is concluded, I shall feel that they have conferred upon me the highest honor that I could desire."

SHOULD CARRY ANAESTHETICS.

Mrs. Booth Explains How Victims in Wrecks Can Be Relieved.

Cleveland, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America has sent a letter to the managers of several railways of the United States in which she says that much of the suffering endured by those injured in railroad wrecks could be alleviated by anaesthetics, which should be a part of the train's equipment.

"Would it not be an unspeakable comfort to bystanders as well as the sufferers if those dying in agony could be rendered unconscious by a few breaths of a merciful anaesthetic, to say nothing of the prompt aid which could be rendered to those who might be saved?"

NO DATE FOR LAUNCHING.

Sir Thomas Lipton Says That Nothing Definite Is Yet Known.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who has just arrived here from Nice, where he has been sojourning, says he intends going to Glasgow next Tuesday to make the final arrangements and fix the date for the launching of the Shamrock III. He adds that all reports thus far as to the date of the launch were conjectural, as he will not be able to settle on the time until he sees the builder and discusses the situation at Glasgow.

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BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED.

It Was Only Heroic Work of Citizens That Saved the City.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 28.—Last night during a very high wind that was accompanied with snow, a fire broke out in the upper story of the Shedd block, occupied by the Hastings Business college, and for a time it looked as if the business section of the city would go, but by heroic work of firemen and citizens, the fire was brought under control shortly before midnight, after completely gutting the Shedd block and spreading to adjoining buildings, burning a solid row of brick blocks, reaching from Burlington to Lincoln avenue, causing a loss of \$150,000 to \$200,000. In this row there were many of the leading firms of the city and their loss will be heavy. Nothing is known as to insurance.

SNYDER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

Young Denverite Now in Custody Undoubtedly "Lone Highwayman."

Denver, Feb. 28.—Policeman John Ritchie, who was shot at badly wounded by the "lone highwayman" while the latter was in the act of holding up a saloon on Tuesday night last, one of the many robberies evidently committed by the same person during the past several months, has positively identified Garfield Snyder, a Denver youth as his assailant. The police have arrested two others on the belief that they have at different times assisted Snyder by watching outside while he alone entered saloons and other places and robbed them.

CHLOROFORMED AND ROBBED.

Sea Captain in San Francisco Relieved of Valuables.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Captain W. Woodus Greene, of the Japanese liner Rippon Maru, has reported to the police that he was chloroformed and robbed while asleep in his room in the California hotel. His losses include a gold watch and chain valued at \$500 and \$35 in coin. The burglar gained entrance to Captain Greene's room through the window, which opens upon the fire escape. Detectives are working on the case, but no arrests have yet been made.

SEPARATING CHURCH AND STATE.

Legislators Do Not Favor Legalizing Sectarian Holidays.

Havana, Feb. 28.—The session of the senate was taken up yesterday with discussion of the house bill fixing five national holidays. Good Friday was stricken out of the list of proposed holidays after a debate in which the idea of accentuating the separation of church and state by not legalizing the holidays fixed by the church predominated. The reciprocity treaty was not discussed and consideration of it was adjourned until Monday.

KILLED THREE HORSES.

An entire change of program tonight at the Electric theater. The great Spanish bull fight from start to finish, the international yacht race between the Shamrock and Columbia, Twentieth-century tramp and a number of other select scenes. A big show for the 5:30 to 10 p. m. 505-8 Commercial st. NOTICE TO PIONEERS.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

LIMERICKS.

(From the Chicago Record-Herald.)

MADE HIM SHRIEK. They were playing a game of blique. In the tent of a crusty old shique. When he stuck his long nose in their game, and they rose and landed a few on his blique.

GOT IT IN THE NEQUE. A man passed a spurious cheque. On a merchant way up in Quebec. But he came to the States To all a few dates. And was landed in prison a wreeque.

LET OTHERS BEWARE. An invalid went from Bellaire. To recoup in the rarified air. Of a high mountain pass. But one morning, alas! He swapped his life off to a baire.

THE AIR WAS TOO BLIQUE. A sailor from far Mozambique. Who quailed when the ship sprang a blique. To escape being drown d. Climbed aloft and was found Frozen stiff at the mizenmast pique.

WENT TOO HUY. A weak but ingenious guy. Was induced to believe he could huy. So he built a machine That required gasoline. Well, he found it a quick way to duy.

THE PROPER WUET. They had purchased a set of croquet. And were ready one morning to puet. But the horrid old rain Spoiled the game for the twain. So they spooned in the parlor all duet.

DIDN'T SQUIQUE. He had written a scorching critique. Full of "two-edged swords," so to spique. But it weakened his grip. When he got a straight tip. That if printed he would lay up a wique.

WILL NOT RETURN. A minstrel of France, named Auvergne. Sang of love till he made the heart berge. But he couldn't hold out. So in heaven no doubt. At the harp he is taking his tergne.

"What were you in jail for last week?" "I borrowed \$2 from a fellow." "Why, man, they don't put people in jail for borrowing money, do they?" "Not ordinarily; but I had to knock this fellow down before he would lend it to me."

Up in Portland some time ago a small street urchin was sent on an errand to a certain residence. When he returned he exploded as follows: "I drills up to de shack, pushes de zing-zing and out comes a pale gasook with a bunch of Virginia creepers in front of each listener."

"I beg your pardon; I did not quite catch your meaning." "I say, I drill up to de hut, touch de white bean and out comes a guy in Mardi Gras make-up with a fire escape on each side of his map."

"I say, that brother of yours is a fine musician, I understand." "Yes, sir! He played with Sousa once—but only once."

"That boy of yours must be a lot of trouble." "He is. Worries me almost to death. I would have had brain fever once—but I didn't have any place to put it."

"Young man," said the Rev. Good-man, "some day you'll bring your father's gray hairs in sorrow to the grave." "No danger," replied young Rakely. "he hasn't any. Worrying about me has made him bald."

"Standing on the corner— Wasn't sayin' a word; Dressed in my Sunday clothes And feelin' like a bird— When a mighty mean man Played a mighty mean trick— He slipped up behind me And he hit me with a brick."

I thought he was a jokin' And I laughed with all my might; Due he hit me again And then I knowed he wanted fight"

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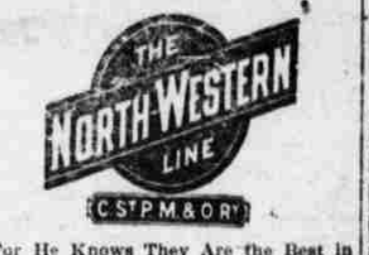
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CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, February 12, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William H. Wilson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 14172, made June 6, 1902, for NW 1-1 section 28, township 7 n, range 9 w, by William Harrigan, in which it is alleged that contestant "knows the present condition of the same; also that the heirs of William Harrigan, entryman above named, now deceased, have wholly abandoned said claim for six months or more last past, and that he or they have never made settlement on said above described land; nor has he or his heirs ever made any improvements whatever on said claim; nor has he or they ever had any work done by other parties which would in any way constitute settlement required under the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged." Said parties, the heirs or legal representatives of said William Harrigan, deceased, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 2, 1903, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Oregon City, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed February 8, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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