PORTLAND MUST ACT QUICKLY OR SEATTLE WILL GET THE TRANSPORT TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES

The Sound City Forges Ahead in the Race and Only Energetic Action Will Win the Day for Oregon's Metropolis.

Whether or not Portland secures the contract for the transport service business with the Philippines, she has been thoroughly advertised all over the country as a competitor. Yesterday afternoon and last night press dispatches were sent broadcast announcing that "Portland, Oregon, is in the fight for the transport trade." Do you know what this means? It means that the city has been made known to the people of the country at large as an enterprising com-

Portland should never overlook the opportunity to let the world know that she is a progressive commercial center. The city has been altogether too slow in bringing itself to the front. If it elects to remain passive while other cities act, then it will gradually, rich as it is, disappear from public view. Neither San Francisco nor Seattle have secured the transport contract as yet. Portland should unturned when bringing her claim to part of the business to public notice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- it was announced at the War Department today that the lowest bid for the transporation of troops and army appplies from the Pacific Coast to Manila is that of the Boston Steamship Company, of Seattle, which bids \$4.25 per ton for freight, \$10 per 1,000 feet for lumber, \$100 per head for first-class passengers, \$25 per head for soldiers with-

for passengers.

UNLESS SOME OTHER BIDDER CAN SHOW ADVANTAGES OVER THE SEATTLE FIRM IT WILL GET THE CONTRACT, IF CONGRESS APPROVES THE CHANGE FROM THE PRESENT SYSTEM, WHICH NOW SEEMS AL-

THIS CITY UNQUESTIONABLY WAS MANIFOLD ADVANTAGES OVER SEATTLE FOR THE HANDLING OF THE RETURNING SOLDIERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES, AND IF A FIRM AND UNITED EFFORT IS MADE THE

EVERY GRAIN OF INFLUENCE THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY POSSESSES WITH THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO PLAY BEFORE THE RISE OF TUESDAY'S SUN. ENERGY AND PUSH WILL WIN. PORTLAND CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE.

LET THE MERCHANTS OF THIS CITY BE UP AND DOING WITHOUT AN HOUR'S DELAY.

Next Tuesday decides whether Portland, Seattle or San Francisco is the favored one in the mind of Secretary of War Root in relation to the transport business. Portland has at last awakened to the realisation that she is a factor and will endeavor to prove it. Portland has the port, the people, the money and the ships, so why should she not get the

Through the efforts of The Journal, as stated in yesterday's issue, the Chamber of Commerce has taken the matter up, telegraphed to Senator Mitchell to urge the recognition of Portland in the award of the contract, When the blds for thunsporting men

and supplies from this country to the Philippines were opened on November 19, it was found that there were only two bids-one from Portland and the other from Seattle. Both were for the transportation of general cargo at \$4.50 The Portland bidders were James Laidlaw & Co.

When seen this morning regarding their bjd, Mr. Laidlaw stated that he offly bid on general cargo, not on men or mules and horses. He said:

A Direct Cable Service

Opens on Monday.

Southwest Beneath the Pacific and

Indian Oceans---Tolls Are

Also Reduced.

On Monday for the first time in the

history of Portland it will be possible

for those who desire to communicate

without the message having to travel

across the American continent, beneath

the Atlantic Ocean, through an English

office and then away again parallel with the coast of Africa and along a thin steel

cable to the far away Southern Island. From Monday until wireless telegraphy

takes the place of the present system messages from the Western American

toast will reach Australia through the

waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans,

and the British Pacific Cable will bear

shatever thlings are sent. The Portland

agents of the company are the Postal Sargent.

OLD TIME FUN IS

with Australian points direct by

PORTLAND CLOSE

charter the steamers Comeric, Wymeric and Yeddo. One of these we expect to run once a month. Why we only bid on general cargo is because of the shortness of the time of the contract-it is only to June 30, 1903. If it would be for at least two years we could bid on the transportation of horses and mules also, as it would then pay us to refit the ships. As it is, we only bid on the general cargo.

The ships mentioned by Mr. Laidhiw are all over 7,000 tons' burden. PRIVATE COMPANIES SHY.

Private companies are rather shy of bidding on the transportation of men, as is what transports come to San Franthere is a howl raised as to their accommodations. If a private company undertakes the job, such if not worse conditions would prevail.

sald some time ago: "There has always been more or less talk that the government was spending a mint of money on its transport service, even in Congress. I do not see how any

Telegraph people. The newly opened cable reaches the following places:

Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. A reduction of rates to these points is also announced from \$1.11 per

word, as at present, to \$58 cents for all points except Fanning, that to be 46 cents. The shortening of the distance is responsible for this curtailment of the

BY VANCOUVER.

Australia many hours nearer Portland

in the matter of direct communication

LOTUS BUDS RELEASED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- The secretary

the case of the Cuban children now de-

Tingley Point Loma School. It was con-

cluded to admit the children and the au-

thorities at Ellis Island were telegraphed

to to release the children to Tingley's rep-

resentatives. The principal witness in

favor of the school was Commissioner

NO LONGER IN IT

Two Idaho Sports Undertook to "Shoot Up

Town" and One of Them Is Dead

at Lenis as a Result.

LENIS, Dec. 6.-After a protracted spree and while he was attempting to top off with a little "old-time frontier sport" by shooting up the town, Nels Otterson was fatally shot this morning by City Marshal East. Otterson and his pal, a man named Myers, came here from Blackfoot, Idaho. They became hilarious after making the rounds last night and several times were warned by

the officers that they must conduct themselves with greater propriety. Laugh-ing and jeering the peace offilals they went ahead with their orgy. Early this

morning they declared themselves masters of the town and began shooting They forbade anyone coming into the streets except upon their invitation. Marshall East undertook their arrest and they opened fire on him. Shooting back he mortally wounded Otterson, after which Meyers surrendered.

than when it was necessary for cable

world to reach their destinations.

price of messages.

Fanning Island, Norfolk Island, Fiji

Regarding the commercial end of this matter, Maj. Devol of San Francisco so as to save the government anything. The call for bids demands refrigerating and ventilating systems, lavatory and sleeping accommodations, and some other fettings, with which the ordinary vessels

are not provided, and which could not be

introduced except at an enormous ex-

DON'T UNDERSTAND.

"I know no more what Secretary Root neans by the call for bids than my one It is my opinion, however, that he intends to show Congress how much cheaper the government can do its own work than hire other people to do it. The service has just been reorganized, and a, regular, economical schedule adopted. The rost of inalitaning the present fleet s, by a rough estimate, approximately \$1,250,000 a year. We have figured out many times the comparative cost, and we can beat any private concern by thou-sands of dollars annually."

Pertland is working at a disadvantage. Seattle, has President Hill of the Great Northern, and President Mellen of the Northern Pacific, to help it along. San Francisco undoubtedly has the Harriman system; Portland has no one to aid it. It must get there on its merits.

DISLIKE DELAY,

Colombia May Drive the U. S. to Nicaragua Route.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6,-The Colom blan side of the treaty for the construc-The new service will be by way of Vancouver Island, B. C. North along the tion of the ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama is still attracting much at-American coast the messages will be car-ried over the wires of the Postal Comtention. It is announced that not before the middle of next July can there be sepany, and from Victoria it will dive beneath the waves and journey toward cured action from the Colombian Congress regarding this important matter. The feeling in favor of the Nicaraguan the Southwest.
Portland business with Australia is inroute is growing and if Colombia concreasing, and just at the present time it is larger than ever before, because of tinues in her present course and interposes many more objections, it- seems bighly probable that a change will follow. the shortage of cereals in that island. Several cargoes have gone from the It is well known that Morgan and a Northwest to the large Southern British possession, and firms are establishing aguan route before the Senate. agencies there. The new cable places

CUBA WILLING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-Gratifying news grams to travel the long way around the concerning reciprocity with Cuba is published in morning papers in this city. It seems to forecast a victory for the policy of President Roosevelt and the statement is made in positive terms that the treaty will be signed Monday next. All that will then remain to be done is of the treasury today held a hearing in for it to be ratified in proper form. There seems little doubt that the upper house of tained at Ellis Island, en route to the the Cuban Congress will sustain the approval of President Palma.

TO DECIDE BOUNDARY.

FORT WORTH Dec. 6. Gev. Blanco. Mexican representative of the Interna-tional Boundary Commission, has gone to California, where, with Gen. Barlow, repspect the long string of monuments erected many years ago. The distance to be traversed is 700 miles, from California

FATAL WRECK.

TALLMADGE, O., Dec. 6.-Two Erie freight trains came into head end collision this morning and four trainmen were killed and five others severely injured. The accident occurred a short distance from this city on a curve. A flerce snow storm blinded the train crews and caused

CANADA LEADS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—The Canadian Pacific has met the advance in wages given by the railroads of the United States and gone them one better. Yesterday it posted notices that a 12 per would go into effect January 1, 1903.

WOULD-BE ASSASSINS.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 6.-Several young Livadian students have been ar-rested for alleged complicity in a plot to

So Says Bill That Passed House Today.

Miners May Now Secure Title to Their Claims---Pension Bill Also Passes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Each American citizen who so desires may, according to a bill which passed the House of Representatives this afternoon, file homestead upon 320 acres of land in Alaska. This filing and the steps necessary to acquire title are governed by special laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- After being in ession 10 minutes today the House of Representatives passed the pension bill without opposition from either Republicans or Democrats. The bid was reported from the committee with favorable recommendation at 12:15 and in the shortest possible space of time the matter was rushed through.

The London dockage bill was called and made special business for Monday. Action on the pension bill was taken by the House as committee of the whole. When the house met today Speaker Henderson announced committee appointments, the Democrats being given the following places:

Glass of Virginia to become a mem-ber of the Pacine railroad and postoffice committee. Hillmeyer of Bernsylvania to be a mem

her of the mines and mining committee. ALASKAN HOMESTEADS

The House they cost up the question of Aleskan difference and the first step toward righting the wrongful conditions that exist there was taken in the pessage of the Alaskan homestead bill by a large majority. This bill throws open the lands of

Alaska to general settlement by citizens of the United States and makes provision for acquiring title which has heretofore been almost impossible. In view of the rigorous climate and the extreme doubt whether any section of the territory can be successfully cultivated, the grants to each homesteader are made larger than in former instances and the area that can

Alaskan conditions that was advocated by J. W. Ivey, special delegate sent from the Far Northern country to appear before this session of Congress.

TO SHAKE UP THE POLICE

but must face Mayor Williams when the time comes to reappoint such officers under the new charter. The mayor made the following state-

ment this morning: "Every person desiring an appointment on the police force under the new charter.

especially including those now on the force, must make application to me in person so that I can have an interview with nim and ascertain from my own observation his qualifications for the office he seeks. "I am in my office at the city hall from 10 s. m. until 12 m. and from 2 until 5

p. m. all days except Sunday, unless ne-cessity caused by other engagements compels my absence. I propose to retain in office all those whom I find to be honest, efficient and faithful in the performance of their duties, and those whom I find to be dishonest, unfaithful or inefficient must go. "GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

"Mayor of Portland."

"IS THERE TO. BE A SCHISM?"

Rabbi Wise Speaks of Essentials and Non-Essentials of Judaism.

Rabbi Wise spoke last night on "A

Movement In Judaism; Is There to Be a Schism In Israel?" at Temple Beth Israel. He appealed to the young men to join a church, instead of keeping aloof from the same. In part he said: "Why must a man be dead or married before he can join the temple? Why do the managers of his church and of other churches shut out the young men If I should suggest that every Jewish young man 21 years old in Portland should foin the temple, I would be laughed at. It is spiritual fratricide. We have modernized the service, have instituted the choir and the organ and have a more simple, reasonable, beautiful service than before. have the old-fashioned idea that it is a good thing for the young men to attend

MAY BE REBELLION.

the synagogue and yet they stay away because nothing is done to bring them."

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.-Vessels arriving from Central America report that a revolution threatens in Honduras where Senor Bonilla has been elected president and General Sierra refuses to give up the



REED IS BETTER

Sick Statesman Seems

to Be Improving.

He Was Considered as Very Much

Worse by the Physicians

This Morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- Thomas B.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.-The early

morning bulletin does not give the condi-tion of Thomas B. Reed as being as fa-

vorable as last night. His stomach is so weak that no nourishment can be re-tained and the patient, suffers from sau-

sea. Symptoms are considered very dis-couraging and physicians do not disguise

the fact that there is little hope for Mr.

The patient grew much weaker during

the night and the encouraging reports

that were given out yesterday were coun-termanded shortly after nightfall. Mem-

bers of the family remained by the bed-

side all night long and there was not a moment when the physicians were not in

COMPLETE COAL DEAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6,-It is announced

here that the coal operators who are

under agreement have decided upon a pinn which will force those known as

DEMAND IT ALL.

PARIS, Dec. 6.-Thus far all offers of the shipowners have been scornfully re-

jected by the striking sailors and fire-

They declare no half-way meas-

Reed's recovery.

fold.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Five Sailors Overcome by Smoke and Fireman Drowned.

PHILADELPHIA: Dag. 6 -Five-sation were overcome by smoke in the forematte of the steamer Saxon which burned at the wharf here this morning, and one fireman was drowned while attempting to put out the fire. He fell averboard and the smoke was so dense the accident was not discovered until too late to save him. The other men were seriously hurt

PORTER WANTED

This is one of the remedies for Police Seeking Mack Fassett of the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago.

> CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—There is another now likely to get into scricus trouble as a result of the Lincoln Hotel holocaust here. The police are searching for Mack Fassett, porter of the hotel, who was on duty at the time of the fire. The fire inspector has rendered a report which says that not a life would have been lost had the alarm been turned in within a reasonable time. He therefore recom mends that Fassett be held as criminally

PELEE'S FIRES.

They Are Still Burning and Lava Is Flowing.

FORT DE FRANCE, Dec. 6.-With a cloud of fire-lit ashes extending for five miles into the air above the crater, Pelee is again in most viotent eruption. De-scending debris falls many miles from the mountain. Although many have al-ready fled from the vicinity of the mountain, there is no panic and it is under stood this place is in perfect safety.

A KING'S ADVICE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-At Breslay, Gernany, yesterday afternoon, Kaiser helm, the German Emperor, addressed a large delegation of workingmen. He strongly denounced Socialism and advised those who were following it to take up a more substantial course. "Send workingmen to Parliament to represent you, the Emperor advised.

DENSE SMOKE---SMALL DAMAGE

The overheating of a stove in the warerooms of the Bowen Seed Store, corner Front and Taylor street, called out the fire department about 11 o'clock this morn-The room contained a large quan-of seeds, which were slightly dam-

TWO YEARS FOR DENNY

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 6 .- Two years in the penitentiary is the term that must be served by Charles J. Denny, convicted last evening of perjury in connection with the bribery charges which have been investigated here.

REBEL TO DIE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-Victorian Lorenzo, a noted Colombian rebel leader, has been captured and will be executed because of his many bloody crimes,

WHEAT MARKET.

ARGUE THE USE OF TERM "SCAB"

Heated Discussion Before Strike Commission.

Father Curran Declared "Scab" to Be a Detriment to the General Community.

SCRANTON, Dec. 6 .- This being Saturday, members of the strike settlement commission announced their session would be short in order that members might be given an opportunity to visit their homes

Father Curran was the first witness

He declared conditions as he had found hem in Wilkesbarre to be deplorable. Hardly had he taken his seat before he was placed under the conversational microscope and every effort possible was made by the operators' attorneys to secure damaging admissions.
Under this strong cross-fire Father Cur-

ran admitted that a non-union miner had been most brutally murdered at Olyphant, but declared he did not know whether union men, non-union men or hired guards

of the operators had been guilty.

Nothing new was brought out, and after some minutes' questioning Curran declared "scab" labor worked an injury to the general community. This declaration precipitated an argu-ment regarding the use of the term "scab"

and for some time the prosecution, de-fense and witness discussed this question in heated terms TROOPS NOT NEEDED

Curran said there never was necessity or calling out troops and that the conditions specified in Governor Stone's milltary proclamation did not exist. The civil the pities was abandoned wine to cope with the isolated cases of lawlessnes

Andrew Chippie, a 12-year-old breaker boy, was the next witness. He had been in school for one year. His father was killed in the mines and owed \$50 to the company at the time. The boy was work-ing out the old account as well as having to pay rent and fuel. The child had been working for four months and had never received a penny. He said the dust was very bad on a breaker and that his back got lame sometimes. The boss would then twist his cars, pull his hair and tell him to pick faster. His due bills when examined, showed him deeper in debt than when he began work.

James Gallagher, a miner, was the next

witness. He had been employed at Markle for 17 years and nine months. During that time he only drew \$50, He had dealt at the company's store

and was kept constantly in debt. When he got too far in arrears he was given work in a good chamber where he could make good wages. When the debt was almost liquidated he would be given a poor chamber until he was again in debt. Contractor Rain was on the stand when liournment was taken.

TO SAVE FENCES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- A delegation to be sent from Nebraska to appear fore Congress and ask that a special ommission be sent to look into the status the land laws. Range fences are to be removed by a Government representative and the people of that state do not

REMOVE MEAT BAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-Satisfaction was caused in the meat market today by the statement that England stood ready to "independents" to come into their What this plan is has not been remove the ban upon American meats from the New England States as soon as the American Department of Agriculture announced the mouth and hoof epidemic had been placed under control. It had been feared the embargo would be lasting.

HASSETT FUNERAL.

AURORA, III., Dec. 6 .- The funeral of ures will de adepted, and they must have Kate Hassett, the actress who was murdered by Barry Johnston, occurred in full what they demand or they will

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DIVORCES COME EASY IN PERSIA

The People Complain of Radical Reform Because the Shah Reduces the Harem From 1100 to a Scant 60.

VIENNA. Dec. 6.—The Tageblatt today tells of a wholesale divorce court that was convened in the privacy of his own chamber by the Shah of Persia, and which resulted in the weeding out of undesirable wives until the menarchial harem was reduced in the number of its immates from 1,180 to a scant 5). The

harem was reduced in the number of its firmates from 1,100 to a scant bit. The numerous grass-widows are returned to the custody of their parents or friends, each provided with a liberal present in money "for services rendered." Favorities and the most beautiful of the women were those retained. The shah has established his family and household on a conservative basis.

There is great-figuration among the people as a result of the unifreedenied action of their ruler in the radical reduction of his harem. It is looked upon with great disfavor and is considered an astounding reform. The common ple are charging that the shah has become converted to retained revolution of ideas through too intimate association with European travelers.