

CONTESTANTS ARE READY FOR THE BATTLE TONIGHT

BOXERS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

O'Keefe and Britt Weigh 131 Pounds.

Large Gathering of the Faithful on Hand to Witness the Big Contest.

In a little while it will be all off. The days of hard training, ceaseless vigil, and attendant anxiety are about to close. The stars of Jimmy Britt and Jack O'Keefe are today high in the estimation of men. Both are picked as sure winners. Their admirers and backers cannot see how it would be possible for either to lose. But from all indications it will be a great bout. This is almost inevitable on account of the fierceness with which both men fight.

There will not be an idle moment after the gong sounds. Britt is aggressive and pugacious and O'Keefe is a whirlwind. There will be no let up. This morning both Britt and O'Keefe weighed 131 pounds after breakfast. They are in the best possible condition and bear no marks or scratches from the hard training work.

The outlook presages the biggest crowd on record. The Pastime Club has made suitable arrangements for accommodating the rush and made special preparations so that every person in the house could see the contest from an advantage. Jack Grant, who is going to referee, needs no recommendation from this paper. He is a square sport and will see that not the smallest rule is broken.

The sports from all over the state are already in town to witness the event. The men will weigh in this evening at 6 o'clock at Tom Tracey's Club.

A Double Challenge.

Willie Britt this afternoon announced a double challenge containing some decidedly unusual features. It includes an offer for Jimmy Britt to take on both Young Corbett and Teddy McGovern on one and the same night. This is the way Britt's manager puts it:

"Provided we win the fight tonight I'll issue a challenge on behalf of Jimmy Britt to both Young Corbett and McGovern. I will have \$1,500 at the ringside for the purpose of backing the challenge. We are willing to make concessions and will agree to meet Young Corbett and McGovern at 133 pounds at 6 o'clock and agree to stop them both in that number of rounds on the same night. Britt is just as big, if not a better, drawing card anywhere in the country, and to give this offer the sincerity it deserves, I will agree to fight them, winner to take all. I will match Jimmy with either of them at 130 ringside, which was the best Corbett would do for Eddie Hanlon after refusing a similar offer from Britt. This is a killing weight for my brother, and on this basis I would not agree to the handicap proposition that I offered them both at 133. This latter challenge is not particularly shied at McGovern, for I honestly believe 'Terry' can do at least two pounds lighter. McGovern and Sam Harris have acted fairly with me in negotiations for a match and I am willing to concede the Terry would have a shade the most of it at 130 pounds ringside.

"It's a well-known fact that 'Young' Corbett had to work up to as late as 7 o'clock on the night of his contest with Hanlon to make the stipulated weight of 130 ringside. He is a leg-mate lightweight, or at least as much of a lightweight as Britt, and has no reason to refuse this offer. I believe that McGovern spoke honestly when he said that 'Young' Corbett had finally agreed to mill with him simply to get rid of Jimmy Britt who is hounding him for a match.

"Everything depends upon our success or failure tonight."

Awaiting the Returns.

Considerable interest in the fight is shown in cities of the East, especially in Chicago, O'Keefe's home. The betting varied considerably and in a few isolated cases even money was placed on O'Keefe, but as time has worn on and the contestants have become more understood Britt is fast making a plunge and went to and over the 2 to 1 mark. New York has interest in the battle and is taking fight bulletins for the newspapers. San Francisco is excited in sporting circles over the contest, with Britt, of course, a strong favorite. Corbett's pressrooms have been filled all day and there is a great deal of Britt money in sight.

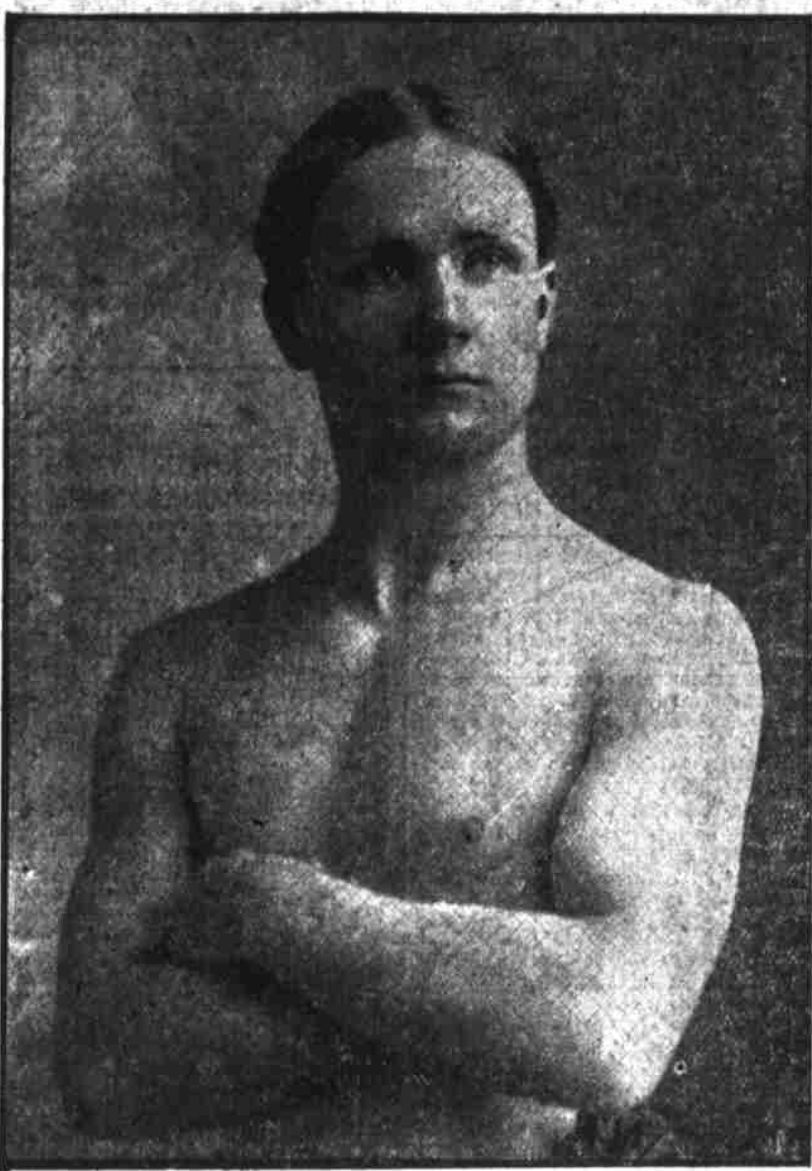
All the Frisco newspapers have arranged for bulletin service and a great crowd will be at Newspaper Square.

Oregon City Sports.

OREGON CITY, March 9.—Oregon City will be well represented at the ringside of the Britt-O'Keefe boxing match in Portland this evening. A larger number than usual of the local sports have signified their intention of going as the match promises to be a lively one. The late car will be held until the fight is over so that all may reach their homes after the contest is over.

BEECHER MONUMENT.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, March 9.—A great mass meeting was addressed by ex-President Cleveland, Justice Brewer and other prominent men in advocacy of a monument to be erected to the memory of Henry Ward Beecher, the clergyman. It is planned to raise \$50,000 and place a memorial on the site of Plymouth Church



JIMMY BRITT

WHAT BRITT SAYS

Jimmy Britt made the following statement this afternoon concerning his fight tonight: "I am going to win. My form is never better, and my punch never stronger. I realize that I am going up against one of the toughest propositions in the ring, but feel confident of putting him out."

Britt's Plans.

Willie Britt, manager of the champion, informs The Journal that after tonight's contest, it is the intention of his brother to linger a few days in this city. After which, the Britt party will visit Seattle, where Billy Bates, the latest aspirant for heavyweight championship honors, will join the aggregation. From Seattle the party will journey to Butte, where the white lightweight champion, Jimmy Britt, will meet the winner of the Clifford-Herrera contest on the 21st inst. After the latter event, Willie Britt will return with his aggregation to San Francisco, where Jimmy Britt is scheduled to meet Willie Fitzgerald of New York, before the San Francisco Athletic Club, the latter part of April.

SUFFERS A RELAPSE

Pope Leo Postpones Pilgrims' Audiences.

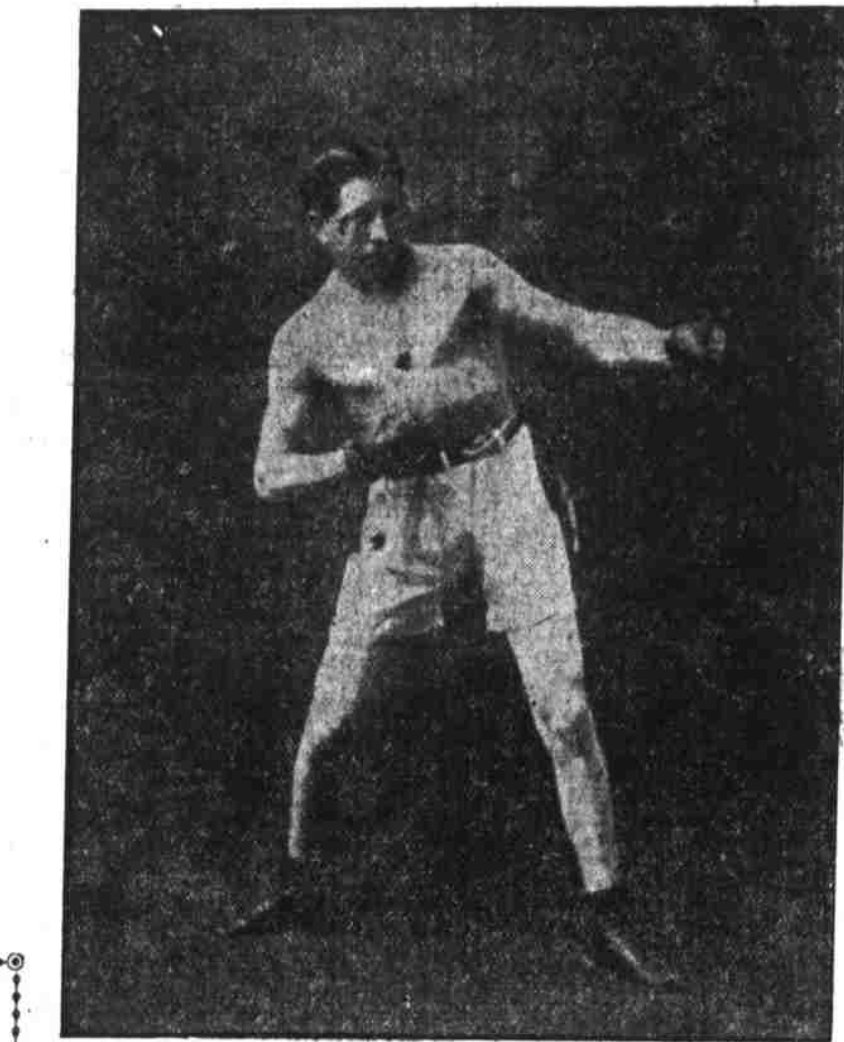
(Journal Special Service.) ROME, March 9.—Pope Leo suffered another slight relapse this morning. It is given out that this is the result of fatigue incidental to the audiences with the pilgrims yesterday. Owing to the condition of His Holiness the audiences scheduled for today with the English pilgrims have been postponed. The foreign cardinals will remain in Rome for the present, or until the Pope's health takes a decided chance in case it should be necessary to convene the Sacred College in special conclave.

SENATE SESSION WAS VERY SHORT

Panama Canal Treaty Favorably Reported.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The Senate legislative session today lasted only six minutes. Oaths of office were administered to Gallinger of North Dakota, Clark of Arkansas and Stone of Missouri. When the name of Ankeny of Washington was called, his colleague, Foster, reported that the newly elected Senator was still confined to his bed in the hotel by grip.

The Senate committee on foreign relations this morning ordered a favorable report of the Panama Canal treaty without amendments. The Senate therefore entered into executive session for its consideration.



JACK O'KEEFE

STRIKE MAY BE SOON SETTLED

Canadian Pacific Officers Considering the Situation.

(Journal Special Service.) VICTORIA, B. C., March 9.—The terms of agreement submitted by the unions in the Canadian Pacific strike have been submitted to the head office of the company at Montreal. Both sides here are now awaiting the reply. The outlook is said to be good for a settlement. Vancouver merchants have been compelled to handle their freight cases themselves, owing to a sympathetic strike of the teamsters.

CLEVELAND IS RETICENT

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, March 9.—Grover Cleveland, who is visiting in this city, was interviewed today and most emphatically says he will take no active part in politics. He declines to discuss Bryan or Democratic Presidential timber.

TRANSPORT CHANGES MADE.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Major Duval announces several changes in the transportation service. The position of Marine Superintendent, held by Captain George H. Pierce, has been abolished and the Captain resumes command of the Sheridan. It is thought that Captain Lothrop, Assistant Marine Superintendent, will command the Sumner, sailing this month for Manila, en route for New York, where she will remain.

ASK INJUNCTION BE DISSOLVED

(Journal Special Service.) ST. LOUIS, March 9.—An attorney representing the Wabash employes has filed an answer to the temporary injunction recently issued by the court restraining them from striking. The court is asked to set a date for the hearing of arguments on the motion to dissolve the injunction. In the mean-

O'KEEFE'S STATEMENT

Jack O'Keefe, the Chicago favorite, when seen by The Journal's representative as to the outcome of his meeting tonight with Jimmy Britt, said: "I am not much of a talker, but feel confident, bar accident, I will land the winning end. A reversal would be a serious drawback to me in my chosen profession. I am feeling well, and eagerly awaiting a sound of the gong. That is all I wish to say in this connection."

Popular O'Keefe.

Jack O'Keefe, the Chicago entry in tonight's championship contest, during his brief stay in Portland has made a legion of friends. His record is an unusually lengthy and creditable one. Jack, who is a well-beloved youngster, feels confident of attaining the title of Pacific Coast lightweight champion to his credit, as also does his manager, Sig Hart, the Chicagoistic impresario. O'Keefe assured The Journal's representative that he was after the world's lightweight championship, and did not regard in view of the future contemplated engagements, to lose tonight's decision.

RACING TOWARD GOTHAM

Railroad Magnates Annihilate Time to Meet at New York.

Gould, Morgan and Harriman Will Confer—Settlement Possible.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, March 9.—Three special trains, all making the best possible time, are bringing J. P. Morgan from Tampa, George Gould from Jacksonville, and E. H. Harriman from New Orleans to this city.

It is openly stated on the street that the trouble over the southern Pacific controversy and threatened litigation to be brought against the Union Pacific is the cause of the hurried coming.

Gould asked how much a special would cost from the Atlantic Coast line to put him through, starting yesterday afternoon, to arrive in New York at 2 this afternoon. He was told \$1,500 and accepted. The first 125 miles were made in 1 hour and 37 minutes.

It is expected the three magnates will hold a conference this afternoon, by which adjustments will be made of all railway controversies in the far west.

NEW YORK, March 9.—It is learned on excellent authority that negotiations are now under way for a settlement of the fight between the so-called Keene pool in the Southern Pacific and Harriman interests who are practically in control of the Southern Pacific through stock owned in the Union Pacific. Arrangements will be made by which the minority holders in the Southern Pacific will not carry out their proposed plan to overthrow the Harriman management.

NEW TRIAL IN ANDERSON CASE

Supreme Court Reverses Decision for C. & S.

SALEM, March 9.—The Supreme Court today handed down several decisions. George W. Anderson, administrator, respondent, vs. the City & Suburban Railway Company, appellant, appeal from Multnomah County, Clatsop Judge, reversed; opinion by Judge Bean.

This was a suit for damages for the killing of a boy in October, 1901, who, while riding on the defendant's street car in Portland, came in contact with the structure of the Morrison street bridge and was thrown under a car and killed. The appellants contended that instructions provided by them that passengers riding on the foot board of a street car must exercise care or be deemed guilty of negligence. The case should have been given a jury trial, it was claimed, as there was no testimony to the effect that the deceased boy had been careless. The appellant contended that the requested instructions should have been given to the jury. The case is therefore reversed and a new trial ordered.

Other cases decided were: Portia Knight and Sylvia Knight, respondents, vs. Wana Alexander et al., appellants, appeal from Multnomah County, Judge Boise; reversed and dismissed. John and Maria Durning, appellants, vs. Jacob Walk, respondent, appeal from Jackson County, Judge Hana; affirmed. Opinion by Moore, Circuit Judge.

The State Board of Barber examiners met today at the Capitol for organization. The newly appointed member, J. C. Weis of Portland, took the oath of office and the board elected the following officers: J. C. Weis, president; H. George Meyer, secretary; F. T. Rogers, treasurer.

ADVANCE ENTRIES AT OAKLAND

Journal's Weight Card of Horses, Form and Track.

OAKLAND RACE TRACK, March 9.—The over-night entries for tomorrow's races are as follows:

First race, three quarters, selling:
4054 Flo Calver...104-4372 Idaho...103
4052 L. Cleveled...104-4390 Myrtle H...106
4049 Bonarding...104-4255 Madman...101
4222 Nallah...104-4444 Yreala...109
4046 Miss Reuses...104-4449 Sonor...104
Second race, half mile, selling, 2-year-olds:
4343 Annie Marie...103-4386 The Cure...108
4409 Sotta...104-4403 Pachua...103
4408 Bonarding...104-4357 Madman...101
4407 J. Abbott...104-4380 Sweet Tooth...109
4386 Y. Pepper...104-4449 Miss Ringlets...109
4392 Trella...104-4380 Juana...107
Third race, Futurity course, selling:
4243 Lizzie Rice...97-4292 Gus Banks...80
4242 Alice Carey...92-4241 Lydia...101
4408 Bonarding...104-4357 Madman...101
4146 Fort Wayne...92-4388 Quatre...97
4407 J. Abbott...104-4380 Sweet Tooth...109
4386 Y. Pepper...104-4449 Miss Ringlets...109
4392 Trella...104-4380 Juana...107
Fourth race, Futurity course, selling:
4405 Nigrette...90-4359 Noorika...102
4280 Belmont...90-4403 Deutchland...88
4393 Loyal Rogue...100
Fifth race, mile and seventy fads, selling:
4585 Portlanda...101-4400 David S...104
4407 Canajo...101-4357 Madman...101
4408 Bonarding...104-4357 Madman...101
4322 Philbuster...104-4401 Rosario...90
4407 J. Abbott...104-4380 Sweet Tooth...109
Sixth race, one mile, selling:
4386 Yreala...104-4449 Miss Ringlets...109
4392 Bryonville...112-4352 Huratia...104
4393 Loyal Rogue...100
Indications—Weather clear, track fair.

SOUTHERNERS FIGHTING TO SAVE HOMES

Rivers Way Above Danger Line—The Levees Bursting—Refugees Reath Memphis.

(Journal Special Service.) MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 9.—Every hour brings added reports of damage caused by floods throughout the South. Incoming boats today are loaded with families of refugees, live stock and chattels from the flooded centers agree that the situation is worse than for many years past. The greatest alarm is felt over the situation at Walnut Bend and Caruthersville, Mo., where the inhabitants are working with frantic energy to prevent a general break in the levees. All teams have been pressed into service, and almost every man, woman and child that can do any work at all is helping in the task of attempting to save the lives and property that are endangered.

On the Cotton Belt Railway near this portion of the levee all traffic is suspended. Government engineers are in consultation with engineers for the R.R. boards as to the best methods of fighting the rapid advance of the river waters.

Two government boats have been turned over to the levee engineers to aid in the inspection of dangerous places. Another boat, loaded with materials, is kept under full steam, ready to rush at a moment's notice, wherever weakness in the levee develops.

Government Issues Warning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The Weather Bureau has issued a special river bulletin, which is being sent rapidly throughout the country affected by the floods. It says that the danger line has been reached or passed in all rivers

from Cincinnati to New Orleans. The greatest height above the danger line is at Evansville, where it is 6 feet 8 inches. At New Orleans the water is within one and four-tenths feet below the highest mark ever known.

All rivers, it is expected, will rise still more and atmospheric conditions indicate a probability of excessive heavy rains in the upper Missouri Valley, as well as the Ohio Valley. The bureau issues an urgent warning to prepare for extreme high water.

Additional bulletins will be issued rapidly as occasion demands until all danger is passed.

Danger at New Orleans.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—With strong feelings of apprehension every one is watching the river gauge this morning. It shows a fall of five-tenths of a foot since yesterday morning, and is still getting higher.

Heavy rains that have been falling since last evening increase the danger and have caused extraordinary effort to be put forth to check the flood waters if it be possible to do so.

This morning the levee boat began backing the levee at the foot of Jackson avenue, where the levee is seeping badly. Ten thousand sacks were purchased and a large force of men put to work. Quantities of sacks have been shipped down the river to points where the levee shows signs of breaking.

It is feared that despite the precautions the river will overflow and that great damage will result.

STRANGE CASE OF DISSIPATION

District Attorney of Washington County, Idaho, in City Jail.

W. D. Lovejoy, District Attorney of Washington County, Idaho, is a prisoner in the city jail, with a charge of forgery hanging over his head. A Lenoir, a First-street merchant, is the complaining witness. The case will probably come up in the Municipal Court tomorrow. The amount of the check forged, or alleged to have been forged, by Lovejoy is \$50. Erickson, the North End saloon man, was also one of the victims.

Lovejoy, loaded with liquor, when seen by a Journal reporter this morning, refused to make any statement whatever relative to his case. "I will not at this time say anything," was all he would say.

"Is it true that you passed those checks?" was asked.

"I refuse to state."

"Are you District Attorney for Washington county, Idaho?"

"That I will not say."

"Is it true that you owe \$5,000 in Weiser, Idaho, and that you fled to avoid paying the same?"

"I beg to be excused."

Lovejoy continued in the up-stairs cell of the city jail. He appeared very nervous this morning and looked as though he were on the verge of delirium tremens. His frame was shaking like a leaf, and his voice trembled so as to be scarcely audible. His eyes looked wild, and he appeared as one haunted by his record, and simultaneously almost crazed from the effects of liquor.

The name of C. H. Freeman was forged to the checks alleged to have been passed by Lovejoy in this city. The men who cashed them knew Lovejoy and trusted him implicitly.

Lovejoy's publisher is one of the most peculiar ever published. He moved to Weiser, Idaho, when that place was but a mere station. He remained there, finally being elected District Attorney. At the last election he was again chosen. Lovejoy is said to have recently begun speculating heavily and as he made many mistakes he soon had no money left. He still has some property, it is said. He recently left Weiser and it is claimed he left debts to the amount of \$5,000.

POSTPONE QUINN CASE.

Owing to the illness of Detective Joe Day, the case of the State against Edward Quinn was postponed until March 13. It was called in the Circuit Court this morning, and upon request of Deputy District Attorney Arthur C. Spencer was continued. Quinn is charged with the larceny of a fur cape. He was arrested by Detective Day, who shot at him one night before he could be made to stop running. Quinn has commenced action against Day for \$2,500 damages.

MINERS WERE SHOT DOWN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 9.—Chris Evans, the investigator appointed by the United Mine Workers to inquire into the recent killing of union miners in West Virginia, reports that the men were shot down while they were in bed, and that they were given no chance whatever to fight back or even to surrender. The report says the killing was wanton and unnecessary.

SNOW PLOW RUNS AWAY

FALL RIVER, March 9.—A runaway snow plow on the old Colony Street Railway demolished two cars this morning and injured a score of passengers. Five were taken to the hospital. The car became unmanageable at the top of the steep hill.

WILL DECIDE NEXT THURSDAY

Why Mock's Bottom Is Urged as Drydock Site.

Port of Portland Commissioner Ben Selling Against Its Selection.

The Port of Portland Commission is still considering the question of a site for the drydock, now under construction at Vancouver. At the meeting next Thursday the matter will probably be settled. There are many locations offered for a site for the drydock, but it is the opinion of Captain Archie Pease, one of the best posted pilots in Portland, that Mock's Bottom is the worst of all of the tracts offered. As explained by him to the Port of Portland Commission at its last meeting, the current is so strong at that point that should a ship which has been in dock attempt to come out it would be dashed back by the current and wrecked.

Selling is Opposed.

Speaking with The Journal this morning Ben Selling, one of the Port of Portland Commission, said, in answer to the question as to whether he is in favor of the purchase of Mock's Bottom:

"No, indeed; I am not in favor of the purchase of Mock's Bottom. There is no use getting a place which would be more of a bugbear on our hands than anything else. As explained to the commission by Mr. Pease, the pilot, it would be dangerous for a ship to attempt to come out of the dock when it once got in there, for it would be dashed back by the current and considerably damaged. The channel at that point is very narrow. Personally, I prefer a site for the drydock on this side of the river, somewhere between here and Linton. There are a number of tracts that could be gotten that are far more suitable than Mock's Bottom, and would not cost near so much."

HAD TO WORK TO EARN HER BREAD

Duke Leopold's Actress Goes Back to Stage.

VIENNA, March 9.—Former Grand Duke Leopold, brother of the famous Princess Louise, is about to part from the actress with whom he eloped. She returns to the music hall stage to earn a livelihood on the Saxon Court cut 50 the Duke's patrimony when it took away his title.