DEMOCRATS ARE NOT FOR FUSION

Leaders Speak Against Any but Independent Action by the Party--- Call for County Central Committee---Nominating of Delegates.

Leading Democrats of this city exbring forth overwhelming opposition, Efforts have been made by the Republi-

Governor Chamberlain is outspoken in expressing his views on this subject. "I whole city and county. am decidedly opposed to fusion," he declared. "The Democrats should put up a ticket of their own and should keep either Republican faction."

Alex Sweek, chairman of the counts central committee, takes the same stand. "I have repeatedly declared myself as against fusion in this campaig., and I shall strongly oppose any movement to bring it about. It is better for the bring it about. party to stand alone, even if we do not elect a single one of our nominees. Some persons have insinuated that I am secretly in favor of fusion, but such statements are absolutely untrue and are made with interested motives. We tried fusion two years ago, and we don't want any more of it."

J. B. Ryan, secretary of the county central committee, said: "I am against fusion, and I believe that is the attitude of the great majority of the Dem-ocrats of this county."

H. B. Nicholas and Newton McCoy, members of the executive committee, are emphatically opposed to any combination with either of the Republican factions, and this is probably the view of the whole committee.

Should Not Be Catspaws. There should be no fusion in this

campaign," said Judge Cecil H. Bauer. 'I don't think the Democrats should help Republicans to pull their chest-nuts out of the fire. I was opposed to fusion in the last campaign, and it would have to be a very extreme case that would justify it, in my opinion." Similar utterances are made by many

other prominent Democrats and it would be hard to find any open advocates of the policy pursued in the campaign of

press themselves as strongly opposed to the method of nominating delegates to fusion with either of the Republican the county convention. At a recent factions in the present campaign. This meeting of the executive committee of sentiment appears to be general, and any the county central committee, resolusuggestion of such an alliance would tions were adopted asking the committeeman from each precinct to call gether the Democrats of his precinct for the purpose of recommending candican papers of this city to make it appear the purpose of recommending candithat a considerable element in the Democratic party is favorable to fusion, but teemen have removed from the precincts which they were chosen to represent and some other plan may be necessary such assertions are without any real in order to get an expression from the

"I do not know what course the central committee will pursue," said Chair-man Sweek this morning. "Personally of any entangling alliance with all that I care about is that the dele gates to the county convention shall be nominated as far as possible by the Democratic voters of the county. In that way we shall get a much more representative convention than by having the delegates nominated by either the executive committee or the full central committee. The whole matter will be decided when the central committee meets next week."

> Call for Central Committee. The call for the meeting of the county

central committee, which will be issued today, is as follows:

"To the Precinct Committeemen, Democratic County Central Committee of Multaomah County—Dear Sirs-There will be a special meeting of the Democratic city and county committee in the rooms of the Oregon mining exchange, Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday, February 25, 1904. at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. This meeting is called for the central committee to fix the date of the county Democratic convention of Multnomah county, and also to fix the date or time for holding the precinct meetings in the different precincts to select the delegates that each precinct is entitled to have under the apportionment heretofore made, to send to the county convention.

"ALEX SWEEK, Chairman. "J. B. RYAN, Secretary."

The apportionment of delegates was fixed by the county central committee at its meeting on January 27, and will the policy pursued in the campaign of be on the basis of the vote cast for 1902. So general is the opposition to Governor Chamberlain. Each precinct fusion that there is no likelihood that it will have one delegate for each 50 votes will become an issue, either in the coun- or major fraction thereof, and one delety central committee or in the county gate at large. The convention will consist of 256 delegates

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS FOR LEWIS AND CLARK

hia promotion committee received a telefrom Henry E. Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark exposition, asking it to urge upon congress the passage of the appropriation of \$1,775,000 for the Portland fair, and in compliance therewith the executive officer, Rufus P. Jennings has wired members of the Califor-

(San Francisco, Bursau of The Journal.) offices to secure the financial assistance San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The Califordesired. Mr. Jennings says: "The policy of the promotion committee is to support any movement which is going to benefit the Pacific coast and no hesita tion was felt in speaking a good word in behalf of Oregon's ambitious project.

"This state will undoubtedly come in for a share of the good results that will accrue from the Lewis and Clark expodelegation and James A. Tawney, sition inasmuch as most of the visitors chairman of the house exposition com- from the east and abroad will wish to mittee, requesting their aid and good see California before going home."

CREST OF FLOOD DUE HERE FRIDAY

The crest of the Willamette flood will | say this rise will not inconvenience river a depth of 15 feet above the low Heavy snows in

be the greatest reached there.

Heavy snows in the middle west and The Ash street dock will washouts in the southern part of the be about the only one which will be af-fected. The lower dock at that place is 5 of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation feeted. The lower dock at that place is not used to any great extent and no company, west-bound from Huntington, ley, to work, and when the man gave was over two hours late this morning, out refused him shelter. Judge Webster At noon today the highest stage of the For the third morning No. 1, the Northriver was reached at Albany. It was ern Pacific North Coast Limited, has 25 feet at that point. Tomorrow at Sa-been five hours behind time. It arrived lem it will be about 22 feet, which will today at, 1 o'clock. No. 16 of the South ern Pacific is 18 hours late today, which confident there will be will bring it into Portland about 1 no high water of any consequence. They o'clock tomorrow morning

BIG ARMY TRANSPORT LEAVES FOR THE SEA

the water at about 10 knots an hour, the port. transport Dix weighed anchor at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and left down the river for the sea.

bumping her hull against a sandy bar the afternoon. At the Bay City she will pire, John F. Douglas; Andy, Tom and or a hidden space. The freedom with take on board 420 head of horses and a Joe, smugglers, Robert E. Gleason, J. or a hidden snag. The freedom with take on board 430 head of horses and a which she could shift about without experiencing long delays on account of shoal water proved a revelation to the concerning the transport Buford. She

Drawing but 23 feet and skimming over | would happen during the stay in this

of oats, of which 35,400 were loaded at the Albers dock and the remainder at Montgomery No. 2. It is expected that for the Philippines.

No additional word has been received officers of the transport, who had been is expected to arrive here the latter part led to believe all sorts of dire things of the week.

BRIDE AND GROOM OF TENDER YEARS

Surrounded by a number of clerks, gap- as domestic by the Howers for two afternoon. ing in astonishment, a boy and his mother | months. stood in the county clerk's office this morning trying to get a license to wed a girl 16 years old. Bert Hower, the applicant, and his mother say he is 20 years of age, but he looks not more than 15. of her The boy and his mother live in Albina. They say he has made his own living for years as a lather and is well able to support a wife. The girl in the case, Nina

Moore, is the daughter of a railroad man living at Albany and has been employed the prospective union.

The indravelli, which sailed from Yokohama for Portland February 13 and day. is due March 1; carries a full cargo. She has aboard 6,000 tons all told. The most valuable part is silk. She carries about 150 bales of silk, valued at \$75,

father has written he is willing for the children to marry and I have no objec-

tion. He is a good boy and can take care Both the boy and his mother were

"My boy's father is dead," said Mrs.

Hower, "Nina's mother is dead. Her

ter to the office giving his consent to and 3 and 8 p. m.

will arrive February 24. She is due in San Francisco from Mexico next Fri-

INDRAVELLI'S CARGO The Indravelli carries 27 passengers. Chinese or Japanese, 11 of whom are bound for Portland. The Clavering, the China Commercial company's steamer, chartered by the Portland-Asiatic Steamship company,

MORMON WANTS DIVORCE. (Journal Special Service.) ooe; 500 tons of general merchandise for Portland, consisting of matting, tea and Oriental goods, and 600 tons of similar supplies for San Francisco. The rest of the shipment is for eastern cities.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 17.—Joseph J. In Indian, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary this afternoon on a charge of stealing a horse. James Ratchard of the shipment is for eastern cities.

NOW WHY DO THEY DO IT.



The eagle builds his nest so high; I'm sure I wish he wouldn't. I don't know why he builds so high-I couldn't tell were I to try, And probably he couldn't.



The swallows circle as they go In such a crazy sort of way. I don't know why they circle so, Altho' I should so like to know; Perhaps I'll ask them why come day.

SIMPLY QUESTION AS TO ITS POWERS

DR. JOSEPHI OF THE WATER QUARREL WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OVER FIRE HYDRANTS-UNCERTAIN ABOUT EXPENSE.

The discussion whether it is the duty of the water board or of the executive board to bear and attaching them to the city mains has given rise to reports of a disagreement between the two bodies, but members of the water board explain that there is no controversy over the matter, and that in seeking the advice of the city attorney they are simply endeavoring to learn whether it is within their province to make such expenditures. Dr. likely be a complete wreck. Josephi, who is a member of the wa

is any antagonism between the water board and the executive board. We want to know the line of limitation tween legitimate and illegitimate expenditures from the funds under our control. We do not know whether we have the legal right to buy and erect fire hydrants. Probably we have that right, but we do not know, and we have therefore asked the advice of the city attorney. There is no controversy with the executive board, but simply a question as to how far we can properly go. If we pay out money for fire hydrants we must reduce our expenditures for the extension of malns, and many resi-dents of the city who are now crying for water must remain unsatisfied. At the beginning of the year we submitted our estimate of expenses for the year and it did not include any such expenditures as the erection of fire hydrants If we must bear that expense the extension of mains must be correspondingly curtailed."

J. N. Teal, another member of the water board, said: "While I believe the water board is

the proper body to do everything re-lating to the water mains, including the placing of fire hydrants, the editorial presses my views."

VETERANS' COMPLAINT

Colonel E. Swan, commander of George Wright post, G. A. R., and Col James Jackson, commander of Lincoln-Garfield post, called on Judge Webster this morning and lodged formal complaint against Superintendent Courtney of the county farm. They charge that he compelled promised to investigate.

GRADUATES IN A PLAY.

"More Sinned Against Than Sinning. melo-drama, was played by the class of 1902 of Blanchet institute at Catholic Order of Foresters' hatt, at Sixth and Washington streets, last night. A musical trio by the Mueller brothers and a vocal duet with banjo accompaniment by the Mudget brothers, were features. The cast of characters:

Squire Hilton, who comes from an illustrious family, Charles R. Bird; Mar-maduke, his son, commonly known as "The Duke," Charles A. McGinn; Alphonsus Belhaven, a characteristic land The vessel had on board 84,598 sacks agent, A. E. Barnickel; Dick Harvey, an unscrupulous villain, B. J. Eder; Major Lookout, a jolly good fellow, "ye know," pected that w. B. Dresser; Teddy O'Neil, a "rale for San sprig from the ould sod," W. J. Moran; During her week's stay she moved she will sail from Astoria for San sprig from the ould sod," W. J. Moran; about the harbor with ease, never once Francisco tomorrow at 2:15 o'clock in Captain DeBalgac, a remnant of the em-Lovell McAllen and Leo Harris; Jemison, an aristocratic servant, James L. Caraher; jaller, who looks after the destinies of "jailbirds," Frank St. Ores.

PARK THEATRE ATTACHED.

show house curtain. The writ was is-sued by Justice Reed late yesterday and was served on Manager Frank Munroe of the theatre just as the curtain dropped on the last vaudeville act of the

RED CRUSADE TOMORROW.

A red crusade conducted by Major and Mrs. Dubbin of the Salvation army. will begin tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the hall, near the corner of Third and Davis streets. Friday, services will be keenly disappointed when informed by Clerk Prasp that they would have to get the father of the girl to address a letservices will be conducted at 11 a. m.

LONE HIGHWAYMAN AGAIN.

(Journal Special Service.) Baker City, Or., Feb. 17.-The Mint aloon was held up here at 3 o'clock this morning by the same lone highway man who robbed it before, and who held up the Geiser hotel two weeks ago. The robber last night secured \$150.

TWO GO TO PENITENTIARY.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Feb. 17 .- Senator Mitchell, an Indian, was sentenced to two years

LUMBER SCHOONER **UNMASTED BY GALE**

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17 .- The three nasted schooner Emma Utter will prob ably be a complet wreck off Clayo-quot, on the west coast of Vancouver BOARD SAYS THAT BODY HAS NO. island. The vessel was on her way from Grace harbor to San Francisco with 360,000 feet of lumber, and cleared from

there February 7. She experienced terrific weather and the vessel was unmasted. Captain Hansen and five of the crew left her in a boat, and Henry Byndall remained on question the schooner until she drifted to Clayoquot, where Indians took him off.

It is not known where the captain the expense of purchasing fire hydrants and the others are. The tugs Lorne and Pioneer, from Victoria, have gone to render assistance, if possible. The Queen City, of the C. P. R. Steamship company's line, running between here and west coast points, should have reached Clayoquot last night or this morning. It is doubtful if any assistance can be given, and the vessel will

DROWNED IN CREEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., Feb. 17 .- Charles Spangler, who has mined in Siskiyou county for over 50 years, accidentally met his death yesterday in Humbug creek. He was clearing away the drift wood that had accumulated in the swollen stream against his wingdam, when he lost his balance and pitched headlong into the raging torrent. No living creature could breast such a current, and the old man, who was 74 years of age, was swept out with the roaring, booming Klamath river. Spangler came to Sisklyou county in the early fiftles.

REV. W. C. KANTNER VIEWS LOCAL FIELD

Woodlawn, was in Portland today conferring with the committee and looking over the field. Dr. Kantner is very favorably impressed with local conditions, as indications point to rapid and flour-AGAINST COURTNEY as indications point has not yet given his decision, but will do so in the near future. Dr. Kantner returned to Salem this afternoon.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF YAMHILL STREET

Property owners on Yamhill street will hold a meeting at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon at Ladd & Tilton's bank to consider the advisability of improving Yamhill street and the character of imrovements needed.

Queen Victoria's Baby Days.

The toys and playthings of Queen Victoria, which in their intrinsic value to not compare with the priceless jubilee presents, will appeal to the sentiment of all who see them. They are at the replica of the orangery, at Kensing ton palace, the birthplace of the queen. When a little child she spent many happy hours in the quaint old building, designed more than 200 years ago for the famous Queen Ann.

Some of the dolls bear the marks of the affection lavished upon them by the little princess. The arm off one, the leg off another, and the paint rubbed from their cheeks,

Courtly Pomp in Washington.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. President Roosevelt is as fond of the comp and circumstance of war as a sav age of the gorgeous feathers and pain with which he decorates his person. It is hinted that the president is going to have a guard of honor, all his own, shining with brass buttons, red sashes, epaul J. C. Leonard, a solicitor, attached ettes, swords, and spurs—a perfect de-ne Park theatre yesterday for a claim bauch of the sensations. The idea is the Park theatre yesterday for a claim bauch of the sensations. The idea is of \$49.80, said to be due him as wages European. It used to be said that "we soliciting advertisements for the didn't care for abroad," but the hero of San Juan has changed all that.

GENEROUS.



"Well, little girl, I cuppose you are glad school opens soon?" "It doesn't make any difference to

UNDERTAKER HAD

SAN PRANCISCO EMBALMER IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY TOOK BODY AND TAXED CORONER PIN-LEY HEAVILY POR SERVICES.

.(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.) San Francisco, Feb. 17.—J. P. Finley, oroner of Multnomah county, has com plained to Coroner Leland that he had been shabbily treated by Undertaker Suhr, who had obliged him to pay \$30 charges on the body of Charles Fellows, who died on January 20. Fellows' parents reside in Portland and are unac-quainted in San Francisco. Their son came to this city on his way home from Los Angeles, whither he had gone to be treated for consumption, and died here. Finley telephoned the coroner to hold the body of Fellows until he arrived here to take it back to Oregon. it, and when demanded to know how arising above the roof. Suhr came to have possession, he was "The present walls a informed that the body had been delivered upon a written order signed by "J. R. Richards" and "Mark Strouse," room 26 Mills building.

Coroner Finley said that those persons were total strangers to the family, and had no authority to give an order for the body. Suhr charged Finley \$30 for having the body embaimed and the corpse cared for, which sum Finley paid, taking Suhr's receipt. Coroner Leland has begun an investigation of the mat-

Charles Fellows was the son of A. J Fellows of 211 Harrison street, an engineer in the employ of Jones & Co., local towing agents.

Mrs. Fellows, mother of Charles Fellows, said this morning: 'Charles was buried here just three weeks ago today in Lone Fir cemetery. He died of consumption in San Francisco four weeks ago tomorrow while on his way home. He had been to Los Angeles for his Rev. W. C. Kantner, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church of Sa- as we heard of his death, and he has lem, who has received a call from the had charge ever since. We received the congregation of the Highland church at bill for the work of the undertakers in San Francisco. One item was \$20 for embalming. We thought it exorbitant, but said nothing. We did not know of any trouble until now, but the matter is in charge of Coroner Finley, and whatever he does will be right."

FLAGSTAFF GOES IN HEAVY WIND

With her flagstaff gone as a result of the recent big storm at sea the steam schooner Aurelia, Captain Erickson, ar rived in port last night and moored at the Oak street dock, where she is discharging a small general cargo.

The Aurelia came from San Francisco

and all the way to the Columbia river had a very stormy voyage. A number of times her decks were flooded, but she proved herself to be a staunch craft by riding the waves without sustaining any material damage. One of the waves carried away her flagstaff. Her cargo consisted of a small shipment of salt, sugar and beans. On the return trip she will carry wheat in her old and a deckload of lumber.

The steamer Alliance sails tonight for San Francisco by way of Coos Bay. She will take out about 750 tons of general freight.

Tomorrow night the steamer G. C. Lindauer, Captain Allen, will sail for the Bay City with 500,000 feet of lumbe and about 30 passengers. She will make one more trip to Portland, and will then probably return to Gray's Harbor,

MAN AND TEAM LOST IN FORDING STREAM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., Feb. 17 .- A. M. Lemo aged 70, a well-known Portuguese rancher, was drowned in Yreka creek yesterday. The old man attempted to ford the creek with his team, in spite of the warnings of spectators who had been on the spot to view the high waters. Upon plunging into the stream both horses were whirled off their feet, the wagon overturned and the unfortunate driver swept swiftly down the stream. It was impossible to give him any aid, as was carried down the stream faster than the excited men could run along the banks. The body was found this more ing on a bar near the mouth of the creek Both horses were also drowned.

NOTORIOUS RUSSIAN WOMAN MURDERED

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Feb. 17 .- Mrs. Mary San-

FIRE RULES MUST

ONE BUILDING ALBEADY UNDER HARBAUGH - ALTMAN PACTION THE BAN OF THE INSPECTORS AND OTHERS WILL BE CLOSELY EXAMINED-FIRE WALLS MUST BE CONSTRUCTED.

Investigations which have been car-ried on by Fire Chief David Campbell and Fire Inspector W. R. Roberts de-velop the fact that the building regulations were not observed in the construction of a new brick structure on the north side of Taylor, between Second and Third streets, and in response to their statements the city council today may pass a report calling the owner, Dr. Wood, and Architects Lewis & Lewis to remedy the defects complained

The results of this inquary are interesting from the fact that it indicates an effort to enforce the building regulations to the letter. An investigating committee is, inspecting all the buildings within the fire limits. The architects for the Wood block

were notified that the inspectors had found the structure faulty in respect to the fire walls and replied as follows: "We, the undersigned, erected the two-story brick building on the north side of Taylor street; between Second and Third, for Dr. Wood, owner. There was no intention of evading the law. The fire wall was not constructed the height required by ordinance, the object being to avoid expense in tearing down the wall to construct a third story, which it CHARGE OF CHARLES FELLOWS is the intention of the owner to add during the present summer. In view this, we ask your honorable body to defer action against same and agree if third story is not built during 1904, to make present fire wall satisfactory to you. The surrounding walls are at present from four to 20 feet above roof.

Yours respectfully, LÉWIS & LEWIS. The fire authorities submitted the fol-lowing report, which resulted in the petition being denied:

"In answer to your inquiry for information regarding violations of the fire ordinance in building erected by Lewis & Lewis, contractors, on the north side of Taylor street, between Second and Third, we beg to call your

"Rear wall was stopped at ceiling of second floor and west wall was stopped He was surprised to find that Suhr had under the roof, there being no fire walls

"The present walls are 16 inches on first floor and 12 inches on second floor, which are heavy enough for a twostory building, but for a three-story building the basement or foundation wall shall not be less than 16 inches in thickness, the third story shall not be less than 12 inches in thickness. "The adjoining walls on all sides of this building are not heavy enough to

JUDGES DON'T NEED TO SEEK EXCUSES

be used as party walls."

judges and clerks of election sent out by County Clerk Fields, answers have been returned to only 421. The num-ber of acceptances is 309 and of declinations 112. The work of making new apcointments will fall on the county court. William Ladd declines to serve because the Australian ballot law makes fallure to perform the duty punishable by fine and imprisonment and he is not ertain he will be in the city when the time for the performance of that duty arrives. J. S. Rogers says he is now a resident of Forest Grove. H. J. Ennis did not use the blank for answer inclosed, but a separate sheet of paper, in city August 21, 1900. order to show his accomplishments as a penman. He inclosed Mr. Fields' several handsomely-written cards for use by that official when visiting. Many say they will be too busy to serve and others plead illness. The law requires ne sees fit to accept the appointment.

LABOR ORGANIZERS **BUSY IN PORTLAND**

Several prominent labor leaders from other states are in the city for this week Among them is Henrich Neidlinger, business agent of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' union of San Francisco, Tonight he will organize the cabinetmakers of

Robert A, Callahan, president of the international union of hotel and restaurant employes and bartenders, arrived in the city yesterday from Boston. He was accompanied by Daniel J. Foley of Wor cester, Mass., general organizer of the same organization. Yesterday afternoon CHICAGO MAYOR President Callahan addressed a meeting of the bartenders.

SNOWSLIDE BLOCKS RIO GRANDE ROAD

(Journal Special Service.) Salt Lake City, Feb. 17.-The Helens branch of the Denver & Rio Grande rail-road is blocked by a huge snowslide damming up the Provo river. Freight traffic started over the Ogden-Lucin cut off across the lake today. The cut-off was opened by Harriman last Thanks giving, but owing to a sinking track no trains were operated until today.

KILLED UNARMED FATHER AND SONS AGED BRIDE GETS

(Journal Special Service. Norton, Kan., Feb. 17 .- Mrs. Berry Stand today testified that her husband and sons were unarmed at the time they were killed by the Deweys. As the trial progresses the bitter sentiment against the Deweys Increases,

LOOKING FOR SITES.

The chamber of commerce this fore

noon received offers for the establish ment of a factory for the making of notions in leather and a plant for the building of kilns for the drying of lumborn, known as Russian Mary, notorious as the queen of a gang of Russian convicts who escaped from the island Saghalien, in a small boat, was picked up when looking over the field and the tannery almost dead from exhaustion and brought plants to see what can be done in the to San Francisco, where she committed way of securing raw material. If thes a number of sensational crimes for which are not adequate to meet his demands he one was hanged and others sent to the may start a tannery on his own account. penitentiary, was found dying this morn-ing at the foot of the steps to a lodging-house where she was employed as house-F. E. Worman of Indiana, who proposed me, sir. There isn't room for all the children in our school and I'm going to let somebody else have my place."

There isn't room for all the children in our school and I'm going the statillary in the children in our school and I'm going the statillary in the statillary in the people of Portland to provide him with a site of 4,000 square feet on suspicion, but proved an allbi.

PLANS FOR ORDER BE OBSERVED OF HOME BUYERS

TALES OF A RECEGARISATION WITH CONTRACT-MOLDERS.

the Harbaugh-Altman faction of the Order of Fraternal Home Buyers, has returned from Spokane, where the troubles of the Washington Home company have been adjusted. Mr. Joseph, in speaking of the affairs of the Spokane branch and the Portland company, said:
"In Spokane the Washington Home

company, through outside troubles, was dragged into court and the scheme thoroughly investigated, and was pronounced good thing. In that concern the terms of the contract were different and the amounts to be paid larger, after a contract had been matured. Over 25 families have been placed in homes there. "The Order of Fraternal Home Buyers is daed. We will have a receiver ap-

pointed and return to the contract-holders all that can be realized. This will be very little, as the assets are slim. "A new company will be formed which will be backed by a bank, which will handle all the money, and in which the contract-holder has assurance that he will get returns for his money. The system of paying and the time granted for maturing of the contracts will be different. For instance, after a contract matures and a man is placed in a home

"The new concern will have nothing to do with the old one, and the only interest we have in retaining control of that is to protect as far as possible the contract-holders fho have been induced by Altman and Harbaugh to invest their money. As far as trying in any way to tack even a part of the old company to the new, it is not to be thought of. All the old company has is assets of about

he must increase his payments. In this

manner the scheme can be made to work

\$15,000. H. K. Sargent, attorney for Mr. Wake field, said: "For the present my client does not contemplate any action to regain control of the business of the Order of Fraternal Home Buyers. He is working to get the support of the contract-holders, and with their co-operation will endeavor to reorganize and protect them in so far as it is possible under the cir

ANGRY HUSBAND **SEEKS DIVORCE**

George A. L. Winters was subjected to sharp cross-examination at the hearing of his suit for divorce from Bertha E. Winters in Circuit Judge George's court this morning. At times he was obliged to pause and speak slowly in order to control his temper. The charge is cruelty. Among the allegations mu are that an umbrella of Mr. Gable's disappeared from the house under cir-cumstances causing Winters keen mortification, that his wife hid his revolver and when she finally produced it made remarks causing him to fear for his safety, that she humiliated him before third persons by her language and once made him ill by her declaration when his brother-in-law. George died, that "the Lord has broken one of

'em's back and will break more." As a defense his wife, after denying the various charges made, alleges her tusband is lazy and that she has to work for a living, while he often leaves the house and is gone for several days without letting her know what has become of

BOYS ATTEMPT TO WRECK TWO TRAINS

(Hearst Special Service.)
Los Banos, Cal., Feb. 17.—Two Italeian boys, Joe Ferro and Jim Moleake, are under arrest here charged with placing obstructions on the railroad track between this station and Volta and have already confessed to having placed some angle plates on the track midway between here and Volta on January 30, and also to having put a sack of spike plugs and solid pieces of iron on the track about a mile and a half from here last Sunday. The latter obstruction was hit by the Porterville local, which passes here at 1:27 p. m., but luckily was not derailed, due to the cowcatcher being low enough to pick up the sack of plugs. The train was severely jarred. The boys confessed their guilt.

IS EXONERATED

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Feb. 17.-The testimony in the Iroquois disaster investigation, by the grand jury today, tended to exonerate Mayor Harrison and establish his lack of culpability in the issuance of a license before the examination required by the law was made. Prior to the fire Mayor Harrison suggested the conference of the heads of departments to instruct the building inspector to carefully inspect all new theatres before approving their applications for license. mayor was not aware that the inspector failed to do this in the Iroqueis case. The evidence throughout was damaging to Building Inspector Williams.

DIVORCE DECREE

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Louise Price Barnes, whose matrimonial troubles have been given much publicity, has been granted a decree of divorce from her young husband, Dr. Barnes, with whom she eloped. The grounds were cruelty and abusive treatment. She is very wealthy and the testimony tended to show that Barnes married her for money. She is 80 years old and Dr. Barnes 37. He is now in California,

where he has been for some time. KITCHEN SAPE GRAFT.

(Journal Special Service.)
Pendleton, Or., Feb. 17.—The Kitchea Creasure Safe company, which gracefully touched Umatilla county for sums variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$20,000, is now operating in Colorado

Colorado newspapers, and especially the Denver Post, are exposing the methods of the company and hope to check the graft before it reaches any large proportions.