Democratic Revisionists Demand Vote on Williams' Bill.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 23 .- The Demo cratic tariff revisionists of the house committee on ways and means made an assault on the Dingley bill this morning. Williams demanded that a vote be taken on his bill putting salt hides and other commodities on the free list. A vote was taken and the bill defeated along partisan lines.

Clark of Missouri made a similar demand in behalf of his bill, taking the tariff off of twine, wood pulp and agricultural implements. The bill was killed. Newspaper Men Appeal.

Several newspaper publishers appeared before the senate committee on postoffice affairs this morning to urge that rural free delivery carriers be per-mitted by law to act as agents for newspapers and periodicals in making collections of subscriptions, the newspapers to pay the carriers for their services.

delegation previously elected M. A. Mc-Rae chairman and delegated him to make the principal address.

Taft Discusses Bill. Secretary Taft was before the house on insular affairs and discussed the Cooper bill authorizing the Philippine commissioners to issue bonds for im-provements. He said: "Unless there be some government aid, capital will not go into the islands, for the con-struction of railroads," Taft said he oncurred with the view that electric roads should be included and all built by native labor, which would be more expensive perhaps, but would have the advantage of creating good feeling. Of a thousand miles of railroad needed he thought one third would be a

CALIFORNIA FEARS DISASTROUS FLOODS

paying venture and would not call in the payment of any guaranty.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 23.—There is no prospect of an immediate discontinuance of the storm. Warnings have been sent to all points along the Sacramento and San Joaquin river districts that floods must be expected.

The seasonal rainfall to date is not

sual, but the number of rainy days this month has already broken the record for the whole of any previous March since 1850. Storm signals indi-cating heavy rains and strong winds are today flying from the top of the Mills building, and there is no immedi-ate prospect of a let up in either The river conditions from Sacramento

to the Rio Vista are again very serious From the government weather bureau warnings were sent out to all river points stating that in view of the vast volume of water now present in the lower Sacramento and upper San Joa quin rivers, and the rains of Tuesday night and today, every precaution pos-sible should be taken.

There is no indication of local rains today despite the signals but it is very cloudy up in the valley and is storming

MURDERER CAUGHT AFTER LONG FREEDOM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., March 23,-Nassar Kahn, an Assyrian tamele vender, was arrested here last night by Chief of Police Stiles charged with the murder of Murrili Kahn, a fellow countryman, on the bor-ders of Lake Washington, near Seattle, a year and a half ago. Chief Stiles received instructions from Seattle to keep a lookout for a man answering Kahn's cription. Chief Stiles telegraphed Sheriff Cudihee of King county that the man was here selling tamales. Hugh McGee, deputy sher of King county, arrived yesterday from Seattle, accompanied by an Assyrian who knew Kahn well and could identify him. When arrested Kahn admitted his complicity in the crime, for which he is charged. McGee left this morning with his prisoner for Seattle.

PASS COMMENT ON ACT OF CONVENTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., March 23.—Some omment has been created here in political circles today over the fact that it was decided by resolution at yesterday's convention not to instruct the delegates for any congressional candidate although the convention was known to be for Moody. The full significance of the convention's action yesterday was un-doubtedly understood by the rank and file who intended it to contrast with the instructed delegation in Multnomah

RIVERSIDE BANK IS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 23 .- The comptroller of the currency today appointed Examiner Milton receiver of the Orange Grove National bank at Riverside, California, owing to the defalcation of \$94,-000 by H. T. Hayes, the former cashier. The comptroller also announced the closing of the Holdenville, Indian Territory National bank, and appointment of a re-

KILLED AND BURNED

Littleton, W. Va., March 23.—The Sharpe hotel was blown up by an exof natural gas this morning. William Lawson of Pittsburg was killed and it is feared that five others were burned to death in the ruins.

RAILWAY MAGNATES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR REUTTSCHNITT AND TRAFFIC MANAGER STUBBS SOON TO VIS-IT PORTLAND-WILL MEET ME.

From official sources it was learned this afternoon that Traffic Manager Stubbs of the Harriman lines and Julius Gruttschnitt, transportation director of that system will arrive in Portland Thursday night. When the changes were recently announced in the Harriman lines, Mr. Stubbs was in the east and it was at first thought that the appointments were not an indication of any change in the general policy of the road, but merely such as corporations make from time to time. Yesterday rumors began to come in from Salt Lake, New York and San Francisco of changes involving the personel of the entire Har-riman system, of a Hill and Harriman deal and of new pelicies that were to change the railroad conditions in the northwest. On the heels of these rumors comes the announcement that Mr. Stubbs, the most intimate of Mr. Harriman's official friends and his chief confidential agent, is, in company with Mr. Kruttschnitt, to pay Portland an efficial visit.

Among railroad men here this visit is taken to imply an important conference between Mr. Mohler, president of the O. R. & N. and Mr. Stubbs. As it is stated by Salt Lake dispatches that Mr. Mohler will soon retire from the presimade evident that the committee will favor the proposition. The newspaper delegation previously elected M. conference is regarded as one that will be of great importance to the entire northwest and probably to the entire Pacific coast and middle west.

DENY THAT RUSSIAN CAPTAIN WAS SHOT

St. Petersburg, March 23 .- It is officially denied here that Captain Ivkoff, of the commissariat department, accused being a Japanese spy, was shot as stated. He has been removed from the service and is now under arrest awaiting ourt martial for selling information. The work of rushing troops to the front proceeds regularly. The last of the railway equipment for lines in Man-churia passed Lake Baikal today. The emperor today received a delegation of students with an address loyalty, the first on record.

JAPANESE ADOPT STRINGENT MEASURES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 23 .- Minister Allen of Seoul cables today: "A Specie caravan bound for the mines has been stopped by the Japanese forces south of Anju, and the miners were not allowed to proceed further in that direc-Newspaper correspondents have been called from northern Korea to The censorship is strict. After a hard night's march the Japanes troops are today arriving at Pingyang.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

(Journal Special Service.) Pretoria, March 23 .- One death from bubonic plague was reported here today and the authorities believe this indicates that the authorities of Johannesburg, where the diesase has been raging, have been unsuccessful in isolating it. and it is feared the disease will spread through South Africa.

CHARTER DAY AT BERKELEY 'VARSITY

(Journal Special Service.)
Berkeley, Cal., March 23. — Charter California today with interesting exercises in which students, faculty and alumni of the institution participated. The principal address of the day was delivered by President Angeli of the University of Michigan.

FEAR TO ARREST

Riverside, Cal., March 23. — It is charged here that officials fear to arrest defaulting Cashier Hays until after the grand jury adjourns, as Hays knows too much of the local political graft. High officials are accused of attempting to block the investigation by Attorney North into the doings of the Hays crowd.

CUSTOM HOUSE ATTACKED.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, March 23 .- Governor Puttkamer of Cameroons reports that the revolting natives have crossed into British territory and attacked the British custom house at Obelam. Two companies of German troops are now holding the rebels in check.

MRS SCHWAR SEVERELY ILL.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, March 23.—Charles M UNDER RECEIVERSHIP Schwab returned from Europe today. He was called home by the serious illness

> Distance Lend's Enchantment. From the Brooklyn Eagle.

Radium not only cures fits, blindness, baldness, cancer, rheumatism, toothache and locomotor ataxia, but it is claimed to be a remedy for wife beating. It is safe to call it a remedy for anything so long as it costs half a million dollars three days before turning over the govan ounce, and you can't find the ounce,

Same Here.

From the Buffalo Express "I wouldn't mind falling into the puddie," said the philosophic citizen, "if I IN AN EXPLOSION could see that I had sopped up some of it. But it always looks to me as if it. But it always looks to me as if there were just as much water left for it is protected by "the Plats amend." the next unfortunate as there was for

plays that make me cry.



THE REJECTED LOVER—Wet, gone and got yer-self engaged ter him? Why, I kin lick him wid one

"Honest and truly, Willie, is them your very best pants?"

"Well, will yer mind very much if I don't ask yer \$



THE ONE OUT OF IT-Geel if I had dat kid's way wid women I'd give er t'eusand dollar bill.

— CONDITIONS IN CUBA

IN SOUTH AFRICA Bishop W. A. Chandler in Atlanta thing "wearies indignation and fatigues retary Root have undertaken to carry disgust." Seven times, since the close of the Spanish-American war, have I visited

> Each year I have observed evidences of steady and substantial progress. The new government, now nearly two

Cuba.

tained concerning it. Order prevails everywhere in the

island, and life and property are as secure as could be. The sanitation, begun during the days of American occupation, has been continued. Yellow fever has entirely disappeared, and Cuba is now the cleanest, and healthiest spot in Latin America, with the exception of excel Havana, compares most favorably day was observed at the University of with Washington in all matters of healthfulness,

Cuba is very fortunate in its first president, Hon, Thomas Estrada Palma, From all accounts-and he is praised on all sides-I gather that he is not what called a brilliant man, but a man of sturdy common sense and of incorruptible honesty. In this straightforwardness, both Cubans and Americans down here seem to feel the same sort of confidence as the people in the United RIVERSIDE CASHIER confidence as the people in the United States have in the honesty of Mr. Cleveland. Men who differ with him wind up by saying, "But Don Thomas will not lie, nor steal, nor allow lying or stealing to be carried on about him." He is He is not so able or astute as President Diaz, of Mexico, but he is far more frank and Diaz manages men! Palma calmly defies them where they attempt wrongs. Bias is not wanting in courage but he gises finesse. Palma is scarcely so forceful but he goes straight at his

> He is a man who exercises the veto power at the right time, and loses no sleep over the flurries which arise from

There, for example, is the Corona law, which he vetoed. Corona was a congressman from Santiago who committed a homicide. To meet his case congress passed a law exempting members of both houses from trial by any tribunal but the supreme court, proposing to have a sort of aristocratic justice for themselves and plebian courts for the rest of the people. The president promptly vetoed the measure, and Senor Corona has received his sentence and begun a four-years' term in the penitentiary.

Again the congress passed a bill es-

tablishing a lottery. The president, knowing the damage done for years to the morality and industry of his people by these gambling concerns, vetoed the, lottery bill, and so "it died a borning." His conduct in the matter of lotters is in sharp and honorable contrast with the conduct of General Wood, who just

ernment to President Palma, granted a

10-year concession to that abominable

establishment of gambling, the Jai Alai

ompany. This institution the Cuban government would abolish in a moment—and it ought to be abolished-but it is defended by the plea, that, being established by the

Our congress ought to find some way to extricate us from a position so disgraceful. To have the Platt amendment invoked to shield the operations of a den of blackless makes us ridiculous and investigation by the congress of the contemptible in the eyes of the world. years old, has disappointed all fears and after all our professions of high pur-exceeded all hopes which were enter- pose in going to war with Spain. This little "Doctor Wood" has dragged a great nation into a puddle of shame in which he seemed to enjoy wallowing.

Senator Platt, since his name is con nected so conspicuously with the amendnected so conspicuously with the amend-ment, should move an investigation of of the war, and the \$35,000,000 loan to the acts of Wood in this and other matters, which acts are now being protected aged. This means much for the peace in Cuba as I am sure was never intended Porto Rico, which equals but does not by the wise and statesmanlike measure which bears the senator's name. A committee should go to Havana, investigate the facts and report a remedy.

Our Senator Proctor might visit Cubi again and make another speech like that terrible and just arraignment of Spanish oppression and corruption, which made on the floor of the United States senate early in the year 1898. Our government is much more directly respon sible for the doings of General Wood try in the history of the world ever bethan it was for the deeds of General gan life under such auspicious circum-Weyler, and we cannot afford to endorse stances as did Cuba and certainly none

A non-partisan investigation should be made. But if that cannot be had the the first installment of the \$35,000,000 Democratic campaign committee can by a visit to Havana gather many facts the revolutionary soldiers and then the that will make mighty "interestin' readin'" during the approaching presidential lieved. campaign. President Roosevelt and Sec-

LEAVES HIS WIDOW

In the will of Ludwig Hohnstein, filed for probate in the county court this greater success than President Palma morning, five of his children are cut off had ever hoped for. To give some ide with \$1 each, one son is left \$100, and of what a great success this stamp tax the residue of the estate, consisting of is, we need but give a few figures. In valuable realty and considerable per-sonal property, is bequeated to Mar-fund of the big loan it is necessary to garet Hohnstein, the widow of the tes- collect \$1,700,000 yearly, and, adding the tator. The children left \$1 each are cost of collecting, the whole amounts to John, Henry, Louis, Kate and Lizzie \$2,000,000. Will taxes meet this? Yes. Hohnstein. Peter Hohnstein receives and much more Last month there was

The realty consists of 160 acres of land near Culberson, in Hitchcock more than was needed. A year of such county, Neb., and a lot at Albina, in collections would mean \$3,600,006, or

FILIPINO PRESIDENT KILLED IN BATTLE

Manila, March 23 .- Macarico Sakay, president of the Filipino republic, and 15 followers were killed and the remainder of the band captured by Capmainder of the band captured by Cap-tain Dewitt's constabulary and Lieu-the people who pay the loan tax are those tenant Pitney's scouts this morning. No who are able to buy more than the necescasualties are reported in the American saries of life. This is an item of this

be made very heavy luggage for them to carry in the election. Still, as I have intimated, it would be better for the honor of our country that all this mat-United States.

Returning to the consideration of President Palma's administration, the Cuban people are particularly pleased with the financial success of the new administration. There is money in the treasury to pay off the bonds issued pay the army has been successfully manand prosperity of the island during the present year, and the immediate future. Nor does the transaction involve anything of an undesirable nature in the more distant future.

The case is well put in an editorial printed in The Havana Post, from which extract the following:

"Looking at it from any point whatever, the outlook for Cuba's future is certainly rosy. Probably no other counmany transactions of his administration ever made a better success in so short during his last year in Cuba. be only a matter of a few weeks before will arrive here to be distributed among present money stringency will be re-"Some people are saying that the

island will be put into financial distress when the time comes to pay back the debt. We fail to see why this is true, BULK OF ESTATE because before the money was ever borrowed there was put in force here a stamp tax on liquors and some other articles in order to make up the necessary sinking fund which such a loan would call for, and it has proved a far order to meet the interest and sinking and much more. Last month there was collected from the stamp tax alone \$300,-000 in round numbers, or just \$100,000 \$1,600,000 more than is needed to pay for the establishment of the sinking fund, the interest and the expense of collecting. And it must be borne in mind also that for the first six years the interest only will have to be paid.

"It should be remembered also that the tax which is to pay the loan is one that rests more lightly on the people than any other. This is because the articles taxed are for the most part commodities that would or should come under the head of luxuries-liquors be-

ARK SKINNED PEDDLER WANTED BY SEATTLE POLICE LOCATED IN SUGENS - BROUGHT TO PORT LAND TODAY—CEIME WAS WORST IN SEATTLE'S RISTORY.

After the lapse of more than two years the Seattle authorities have succeeded in laying hands on Nassirkhan implicated in the murder of Amer Al Khan, a Syrian peddler, which occurred near Woodinville, on the line of the Northern Pacific railway, bordering Lake Washington, about five miles from Seattle. Nassirkhan is an Afghan and was arrested at Eugene yesterday and was brought to Portland today by Deputy Sheriffs Magee and Southard of King county, Wash. He was kept in the county jail until this afternoon, when he left for Seattle in charge of

the two officers.

The murder of Amer Ali, or Merle, as he was known, was a cold-blooded affair and has caused the King county officials to exert more efforts to bring the guilty persons to justice than any other crime ever committed in Washington. The peddler was a member of an Afghan-Syrian colony, quartered in that district of Seatle formerly referred to as "south of Yesler." About two years ago, in the early summer of 1962, he was discovered lying in the edge of Lake Washington under a rail-way trestle. An autopsy showed that he had been shot in the back. The work of the police revealed that several days previously to his death he had quarreled with a number of his countrymen and warrants were issued for the arrest of Pittikhan, Rasoulkhan, Nassirkhan and Obabshaw. Pittikhan was located in British Columbia. He proved

an alibi and was released.

Obabshaw and Rasoulkhan were located long afterward, one in Ilberta and the other in Wyoming. Nassirkhan was located in Portland in last December, but fled before he could be arrested. The two prisoners at Seattle accuse him of the crime. He protests his in-

JAPAN ASKS CHINA TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Vienna, March 23.—Die Neu Frieverenz learns that Japan has intimated to China that she earnestly desires that China's neutrality shall be strictly maintained in the far east, fearing that Chinese participation in the war would seriously affect her foreign trade and probably cause a Boxer uprising, thus leading to intervention by the powers.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE LAKE SHORE

(Journal Special Service.) Erie, Pa., March 23 .- The Lake Shore & Pittsburg express ran into an open switch northeast of here this morning. Two trainmen were fatally injured and the passengers were badly shaken up The train left the track

GENERAL DICK NOW IN HANNA'S PLACE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) enate today. He succeeded Senator Hanna. There was no demonstration from the well-filled galleries.

CUT PLOUE ORDERS.

Spokane Millers Receive Stop Orders on Reavy Oriental Shipments. Spokane, Wash., March 23 .- Moritz Thomsen, president of the Centennial Mill company, which operates flour mills in Spokane, Sprague, Ritzville, Paaha and Seattle in Washington, and in Wasco, Oregon, has visited the mill in Spokane. He says consignments flour for Port Arthur, Chefoo and other northern China points have been canceled with his company in the past two

weeks to the amount of 432,000 sacks. POOR WORK CAUSES ARREST.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 23 .- The coroner's ury this morning held Eugene Allison, the head of the Allison Realty company, and Messrs. Pole and Chwandtner, iron contractors, guilty of negli-gence in the collapse of the Darlington Warrants were issued for their hotel. arrest.

THREE PERSONS ASPHYRIATED. (Journal Special Service.)

New York, March 23 .- Otto

man, aged 35 years; his wife, Minnie, aged 32, and Rosa Longseldon, aged 33, PLAGUE HILLS AMBRICANS.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 23.—United States Consul Fee of Bombay, India, cables the state department that his daughter is dead of plague and that his wife tacked with the same disease.

DEAL IS ON

O. R. & N. Co. Is Extending Its Line---May Absorb Clark's New Road.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salt Lake, March 23.—The information
published exclusively in The Herald today says that all that portion of the Central Pacific between Reno and Og-den, and all of the Union Pacific between Green River and Ogden, is to be added to the Oregon Short Line, is correct, except the statement that A. L. Mohler,

now president of the O. R. & N., and others, will have titles as vice-presidents of the respective roads.

W. H. Bancroft, recently appointed vice-president and general manager of the Union Pacific, comes back to the Oregon Short Line here. The Oregon Short Line will not be enlarged, but will simply operate its trains on the Union simply operate its trains on the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, between Reno, Nev., and Green River, Wyo.

E. Buckingham, superintendent of transportation, may succeed E. E. Calvin here as assistant general manager

of the Oregon Short Line.

The important announcement is ex pected shortly that the Oregon Short Line will take in Senator Clark's road to Los Angeles, now building, and that it will operate its traffic under Mr. Ban-

THOUGHT ENEMIES SOUGHT HIS LIFE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., March 23 .- William R. Kemery, a resident of Fairmount, a suburb of Eugene, committed suicide last night at 7:30 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. Kemery had suffered for some time with a recurrent mania which usually took the form of an expressed fear that enemies were seeking to kill him. All day yesterday he was restless and said he had a presentiment that he was going to die that evening. His wife and friends tried in vain to quiet him, but the unfortunate man was helplessly de-ranged upon the matter. A number of neighbors were in the house when the tragedy occurred and had been trying to reassure him that he was all right and without danger, but he rushed into the bed room and placed the muzzle of a rifle behind his right ear and fired blowing the whole back of the head off. He was 44 years of age and a man of family, leaving a widow and three little children. He was a member of the Fra-ternal Tribunes, holding an insurance policy for \$2,500.

POLICE PREVENT

Chinatown was thrown into a fever of fore 3 o'clock when the police were sen for to prevent what was claimed to be an impending tragedy. As a result, Se Washington, D. C., March 23.—Gen- an impending tragedy. As a result, Se eral Dick took the oath of office in the Ung, employed in the canneries in the north, was taken into custody. It is alleged that he planned to kill a Chinese

slave woman named Gen See. Gen See is a human chattel, and is accused by Se Ung of robbing him of \$200. A Celestial residing in the Chinese quarter sent a hurried message to headquarters to the effect that Ung was about to murder the woman. Under the pillow in Ung's bed was found a big revolver, fully loaded. The police will investigate.

INDIANS MUST WORK SAYS THE PRESIDENT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 23.—President Roosevelt preached a homely sermon to a delegation of Indians from Pine Ridge this morning, urging them to sell half their ponies and get more cattle. "The government will help you all it can, but it cannot help men who can work and won't," said Mr. Roose-velt. The president's remarks met with the approval of the Indians.

ANTOINE LABBE DEAD.

Antoine Labbe, an old and well known citizen of Portland, dropped dead on the sidewalk near his residence on Portland Heights at 4 o'clock yesterday afwere found dead in their apartments in a tenement-house this morning. They were asphyxiated by illuminating gas, stroll, little suspecting that death stalked beside him. Heart failure was the cause.

APPOINT POSTMASTER.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) . Washington, D. C., March 23.—Today A. Sanders was appointed postmaster at Garrison, Or.

BAPTISTS MAY BRING CONVENTION HERE

Baptist anniversary meeting. Rev. J. W. Brougher of the First Baptist church cations. gatherings of the Baptists north of the Brougher will leave for the meeting Mason and Dixon line.

The Pacific coast Baptists have united | The meeting place of the convention under an agreement to endeavor to se- is usually chosen by three boards, the cure for Portland the 1905 northern leign mission board, the board of for-

In its effort to secure the 1905 meet and prominent members of local ing the Portland delegation will be churches will attend the anniversary backed by the delegates from Pacific meeting, which will be held this year coast towns, Seattle, Tacoma, San Fran-commencing May 10 at Cleveland, Ohio. cisco, Los Angeles and other cities of Some 3,000 delegates attend these an- the west having already offered to as-

H. G. M'KINLEY SUED ON PROMISSORY NOTE

there were just as much water left for the next unfortunate as there was for me."

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