HARRIMAN LAWYERS MAY DECIDE ON FAIR COMMISSION LETTER EXPLAINS UNITED STATES WILL NOT ARRESTS FOR CONTEMPT

Claim Flanders Worked Crews Contempt of Injunction Order Issued by Judge Frazer.

WILL SEEK TO SECURE PERMANENT INJUNCTION

If This Is Done, O. R. & N. and Portland & Scattle Both Will Have Surveys but No Legal Grade-Truce Under Consideration.

A truce is under consideration between the forces of the Hill and Harriman companies in the fight involving a cross-ing grade and right of way on the Col-lege Endowment association tract on the peninsula. The legal department of the Harriman roads has not arrived at a decision as to whether it will cause the arrest of J. Couch Flanders, local director and acting agent in Oregon for the Portland & Scattle road, on the charge of contempt of court in falling to stop Tacoma to consult with the powers of the Northern Pacific there.

t is claimed by the Harriman people t Mr. Flanders plainly acted in con-pt of the injunction order of Judge Frazer. Notice of the injunction was served on him last Saturday. It is said to the cut at every street intersected by it, and the aggregate expense of track in this state, and has their power of all business, and that he had full authority to cause construction work to be discontinued at the cut at every street intersected by it, and the aggregate expense of track and bridge construction would be enormous.

May Bun Around Bas stinued at the time notice was served

Let Work Go On.

these facts, it is alleged, he sermitted the work to proceed, day and night, for more than 48 hours after he and knowledge that the injunction was sought to be prevented by the in-tion, thus defeating the purpose of

under advisement the matter of prose-cuting the charge of contempt against the agent of the rival companies, and a

decision will be reached this week. The episode will be brought into the case when a final adjudication of the injunction comes before the court. The O. R. & N. people will seek to have their injunction made permanent.

If a permanent injunction is granted, the concepts railreads will be obliced on

Higher Than O. R. & H. Grade. The grade surveyed by the Portland & Seattle is several feet higher than that of the O. R. & N., to conform with the entrance to the Columbia river bridge. The O. R. & N. grade is run to conform with its surveyed extension to Troutdale, and in order to cross the Portland & Seattle tracks as now constructed, will have to be raised heveral feet for a long distance, necessitating a heavy out-

and on the lower peninsula regarding the intention of the Hill companies in ction work by that company's It is rumored that the surveys made in yers across the tract in question a direct line between the two bridges ast Saturday. Mr. Flanders has gone to have been adopted, and that St. John will be connected with a spur from the bridge at the drydock. Such a line across the peninsula would necessitate a cut 100 feet deep and 300 feet wide

granted, and that he took advantage of the legal holidays, Sunday and Christine legal holiday and Chr Attorneys for the Harriman lines have ader advisement the matter of proseting the charge of contempt against a agent of the rival companies, and a be secured as to the route adopted.

HIGHWAYMAN USED KNIFE BUSTER'S NEW RESOLUTION PLEASES NEWSBOYS

Seattle Real Estate Operator The Journal Carriers Give Three Waylaid and Injured Near Police Station.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Dec. 27.—In a desperate battle fought with a highwayman near the corner of First avenue and Yesfer Way at 3 o'clock this morning C. H. Drager, a real estate man, was cut in the hand and badly beaten over the head. An usiy gash, that required five stitches to close was inflicted on his hand.

lose, was inflicted on his hand. Drager was on his way home when s ked and an armed man stepped from behind a pole and commanded him to throw up his hands. Drager was slow in complying and he was struck over the head with the revolver. Drager dropped to his knees but gained his feet again. robber struck at Drager again, but

for several moments. The revolver dropped to the ground out of the reach Journal numbers about 159 young of both men. By a desperate effort Drager was able to throw off the robber, assemble at the bounting-room, of The but not until be had been slashed across Journal at 7:30 o'clock Thursday eventhe left hand. The robber seeing the blood pouring from Drager's hand picked up his revolver and fled. The scene of the holdup was within two blocks of

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING WOODS **CONVENES TONIGHT**

Board Will Recommend Special Brandes for Auditor, Morrow for Levy of Two and a Half Mills for the District.

Taxpayers of the Portland school district will meet in the assembly hall of the High school tonight for their annual meeting. School Clerk H. S. Allen will submit a report of the financial condischool of the district and the board of endeavoring to move across the hallway school directors will make a statement of the courthouse into the more comforthe work accomplished the past year modious quarters occupied by Mr. Fleids, and will present their budget of expenses for 1906. They will also recommend a levy of a special tax of 2.5 mils which will be necessary to carry the disnecessary to carry the district through next year and provide looked on as a serious candidate for the which will be derived from county and

It is estimated that \$375,000 will be necessary to pay the salaries of teachers and \$28,000 the salaries of janitors during 1906. It is thought that \$15,000 with Tom Word for the office of sheriff. will cover needed repairs and \$80,000 the Mr. Prasp is chief deputy in the country cost of creeking the salaries of teachers. cost of erecting new school buildings, clerk's office and admitted today that he will cost \$19,000, much of which will be publican nomination.

It is estimated that school furniture might go into the primaries for the Rewill cost \$19,000, much of which will be publican nomination.

It is understood that R. G. Morrow will be publican for the control of the cost of II open next September.

It is anticipated that the reports of the clerk and the board will be adopted the clerk and the board will be adopted without may objections. There may be several delegations of laxpayers from east side districts, seeking improvements in school facilities in their respective neighborhoods. It is said that Midway will send a delegation to the meeting to ask for a new school building. It has been decided by the board to build a new four-room school building pext summer on the site of the present building, which has become dilapidated.

PLOT TO CAPTURE WITTE IS FOILED

St. Petersburg. Dec. 27.—A plot to capture Witte has been frustrated and the plotters failed. Witte's position is slusky and it is the caur who wishes to

If a permanent injunction is granted, the opposing railroads will be placed on the same hasis they were a week ago, both having surveys across the land in question, but no grade being legally established. Under the law, the company first establishing a grade by construction of a track over it has the advantage.

Any road subsequently seeking to cross
the right of way at that point must
conform to the established grade.

long distance, necessitating a heavy out-lay of money in construction work. There is much uneasiness at St. Johns making final location of their main line across the peninsula to connect the Columbia and Willamette river bridges.

It is not believed in railroad circles that the Hill companies will adopt such a course, but that the main line will run around the lower end of the peninsula. Numerous land-owners and syndicates are stirring up agitation with a hope of compelling the Portland & Seat-tle to adopt the lower peninsula route association tract runs in a direction al-most on a direct line between the Co-lumbia river and Willamette river bridge But it is said this fact has no

Cheers and Accept His Invitation for Thursday.

"Buster Brown" this morning esolved his old resolution.

"Resolved, That I will make people The cause of the renewed declaration was the information that The Journal newsboys and carriers had hailed with delight his kind invitation to be his guests at the Marquam theatre Thursday

ceived the instant and hearty indorse-ment of the various members of the large and well balanced company. Tige acquiesced by a vigorous wagging of his

the commission had to pass upon many matters before the corporation could carry them out, a partnership exists. There are 2,500 stockholders in the ex-The robber struck at Drager again, but the warded off the blow and landed on the robber's jaw. The footpad staggered when the news was imparted to them. They gave three cheers and a "Tige"(r) knife and slashed at Drager.

There was a flerce hand to hand fight laughing canine. There are 2,500 stockholders in the exposition corporation, representing about \$402,000 worth of stock. It is the intention of the officials to pay back as much of this as possible, shortly after the first of the year. Pending the final opinion of the attorney-general the letter was written by Giltner yesterday at the direction of the commission.

There is a disposition on the part of stockholders throughout the city tocriticise the commission for its contrariness. The fair was a luge success and

ing. In a body they will march to the theatre, there to be received by Manager Pangle, who will see that the boys are escorted immediately to their seats with-

ARE FULL **COUNTY CANDIDATES**

Judge and Prasp Would Be Sheriff.

Carl Brandes, county auditor, decided to try to stand for re-election rather than to contest with Frank S. Fleids for the office of county clerk. Mr. Brandes has been credited with the intention of it right, to remain where he is for another two years. Mr. Brandes has been for necessary improvements in county clerkship, his positive announ-facilities, in addition to the funds ment today clears the atmosphere a ment today clears the atmosphere and leaves the present clerk as the only prominent candidate for the place. Another aunouncement of considerable

It is understood that R. G. Morrow will be a candidate for circuit judge for this county to succeed Judge Alfred S. Sears Jr. Mr. Morrow has not yet officially announced his candidacy, but his friends quite generally believe that he will make

THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS SENATOR'S ALL

The late United States Senator J. H. Mitchell's property today was appraised at \$3.767 by the was appended at 13,757 by the board appeinted by the county court—John Kelley, D. W. Wakefield and L. Gerlinger. There is cash \$1,267, \$500 value in law books, \$50 of office furniture and the balance is in realty. The realty is on Holladay avenue.

DISAPPEARANCE THROWS BOMB

William Hickman, Asks Share of Corporation's Arthur Profits on Plea That Part-Potts, Thought to Have nership Existed. Drowned Himself.

DEMAND COMES AS

State Board Is Defeated.

Will the courts have to decide?

"Portland, Dec. 26, 1905.—

These somewhat intricate question have arisen by reason of a letter ac

"Portland, Dec. 26, 1965.—Mr. Henry E. Reed, Secretary of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, Portland,

What State Put Up. It is a matter of history that the state put up about the same amount as the corporation—practically \$400,000

-for the enterprise. The money of the state was to be expended under supervi-

sion of the commission, while the stock-holders in the corporation left it to the officials to expend their money-as they

officials to expend their money-as they saw fit. There is a surplus which will pay back to stockholders over 25 per cent of their investment. The officials are anxious to do this, but the state commission, which bears strong animus toward the corporation, is now attempting to block that plan.

The letter from Secretary Giltner was the result of a communication from At-torney-General Crawford, in answer to a

while there was none in the

Attitude of Officials.

President Goode is withholding his opinion. President Myers argues along the same line as that which is followed in the letter, adding that, inasmuch as

ness. The fair was a huge success the men who put up the money to

so are somewhat aggravated to think

that President Myers and the other com-missioners would make an attempt to

legally involve the results. It isn't that the purchasers of stock want their money —they did not, in fact, expect a return—

which actuates the commission is a desire to serve the best interests of the state

A CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL

DYNAMITE USED AGAINST

(Journal Special Service.)
Eureka, Cal., Dec. 27.—The explosion
of several sticks of dynamite late last
night in the rear of the residence of

Justice of the Peace Baldwin leads to the belief that the deed was inspired by some one with a grudge against the of-ficial and who would take his life. The blast was heard all over the city.

A deep hole was torn in the ground and a portion of the stable was wrecked

The police are investigating, but have no clue. Judge Baldwin is convalescing from an illness which nearly proved fatal.

The attendance is quite large and the meeting presents many interesting features. Many, prominent fruitgrowers and experts from this and other fruit states are in attendance and some high-

Rew Dairy Company.

Articles of incorporation for the Pas-teurised Dairy company were filed in the county clerk's office today. The company is formed to manufacture pas-

teurized milk, cream, cottage cheese and ice cream. The capital stock is \$1,100, and the incorporators are J. B. Trullin-ger, J. L. Patton and N. Trullinger.

important papers have been promit to be read.

LEAVE FOR VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT AND FAMILY

Going to Realize on Their Invest-

ment but They Will Not Unless

SAYS ALL-POWERFUL COMPLETE SURPRISE GOD WILL AVENGE HIM

Stockholders Thought They Were Young Man Came Here for Health, Grew Despondent, Was Befriended by Captain Slover, Got Position and Appeared Happy, Then Left.

Was there a partnership, financially, between the Lewis and Clark Exposition corporation and the State Centennial "I am Arthur William Hickman. I have been wronged deeply of the happiness that should have been mine, but the great and all-powerful God will avenge me. I cannot live any longer, and have taken my own life. I will not live among roverty and such coldand have taken my own life. I will
not live among poverty and such coldhearted and loveless people who care
for no one but themselves. I was born
of noble people and will be a slave to no
man. The little money that I have will
bury me respectably."
Such were the contents of a note
found today by Police Captain Slover
among the effects of Arthur William
Hickman, or Potts, who suddenly disappeared last Friday. Captain Slover behave arisen by reason of a letter addressed to Secretary Henry E. Reed of
the corporation by Secretary Edmond C,
Giltner of the commission, making formal demand for the state's pro rata of
the profits and demanding also a full
accounting of the expenditures of the
state's money by the corporation.

The letter, which is as sensational as
mexpected reads as follows:

peared last Friday. Captain Slover be-lieves that the young man has thrown himself into the river and drowned. A search has been made for him tinually since his disappearance.

Exposition and Oriental Fair, Portland, Oregon.—My Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition commission, held Saturday, December 23, 1905, at which meeting there was a quorum, I was directed to notify, you, in accordance with the directions of the attorney-general of the state of Oregon, that said commission demands an accounting and claims a pro rata share of the moneys on hand in the possession of the corporation of which you are the secretary. This is sent at this time for the purpose of notifying

tinually since his disappearance, but without avail. Hickman had been be-friended by Captain Slover and the search has been vigorous.

The young man was 19 years of age. He same to Portland from an eastern city to improve his health. He was morbid and morose and frequently threatened to end his life. Several weeks ago he wrote a letter to the leading man of the Belasco theatre declaring that he would commit suicide. The letter was given to the police and Patrolman Croxford found the young man wandering in the vicinity of St. Vincent's hospital at 2 o'clock in the moraing. you are the secretary. This is sent at this time for the purpose of notifying you that the commission will hold your officers and directors responsible for the distribution of the balance in your hands from and after the receipt of this notice. I am yours very truly, "EDMOND C. GILTNER,"

He was taken to headquarters and i was there that Captain Slover became interested in him. He took the young man to his home and kept him. Throug the captain's efforts, the British Benev olent society also became interested and found Hickman a position in the store of Roberts Brothers. He was apparent-ly contented and said nothing further about his determination to destroy himself. Those who were interested in him imagined that he had forgotten his

Hickman worked at the store until 6 o'clock Friday night. He left the store for lunch and did not return. His salary was not called for and on Saturday Captain Slover began a search for him.

In the effects of the young man were, besides the note printed above, papers which showed that his name was Potts and that he served a period of appren-ticeship on board a British training vestorney-General Crawford, in answer to a request for an opinion sent by President Jefferson Myers of the commission. The attorney-general is inclined to believe that the state is entitled to a share of the project, and is making an investigation, while the officials of the corporation point to the fact that such a claim is almost without precedent. The Columbian exposition at Chicago paid the city of Chicago on its investment, but, aside from this—at Buffale, Omaha, Atlanta and St. Louis—what was left was divided among the stockholders. There is said to have been an agreement beforehand in the Chicago instance; while there was none in the sel. He had carefully destroyed all-pers disclosing the address of

W. L. HATHAWAY WILL GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

A change of managers of the Oregon field of the Mutual Life Insurance comfield of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York will occur on January 1. W. L. Hathaway will go to San Prancisco and will be succeeded here by Alma D. Katz of Bolse. C. H. Waterman will accompany Mr. Hathaway and have charge of a district under his management.

The new territory given Mr. Hathaway is much larger than his present field. It will include the states of California and Nevada and the Hawalian islands. He came to Portland three

MEAT DEALERS WANT INSPECTOR APPOINTED

H. F. Joslin, secretary of the Portland Meat Dealers' association, was directed at a meeting held last night to communicate with Mayor Lane and ask why a meat inspector and assistant have not been appointed in accordance with the ordinance which is now in effect. It but they do object, they say, to a law-suit which might produce a stigma on the reputation established by the suc-cess of the venture.

President Myers says the only influence

the ordinance which is now in effect. It was the opinion of the dealers that an inspection of meat in this city would be a good thing, as it would probibit the sale of infected or poor, meat.

The selection of the inspectors is in the hands of the board of health and it is expected that they will make the appointments at the meeting of the board next month. They have delayed making the appointments before as they desired to make a thorough investigation of the ordinance.

BELASCO MAY BE

Although there will be no definite news regarding the disposition of the Belasco theatre before the arrival of M. Belasco theatre before the arrival of M. E. Mayer, one of the proprietors, from San Francisco next week, it is not unlikely that the firm will reopen the house as a home of straight melodrama at low prices. The Central theatre in San Francisco, which was until recently owned by Belasco & Mayer, has netted a fortune by fellowing the policy suggested, and it is believed that such an enterprise would pay here. Of course, a company of less than half the salary list would be engaged and the present prices of admission would be cut in two.

PHYSICIANS PREDICT Washington, Dec. 27.—The president and his family left at 11:30 o'clock this morning for an outing at Pine, Virginia. They expect to remain in Virginia until YERKES' RECOVERY

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 27.—At 3:30 o'clock today physicians ip attendance upon
Charles T. Yerken, who is seriously ill
in this city., and who was reported to
be dying this morning, issued a bulletin
denying the report and predicted his ultimate reprovery. Pruitmen in Convention.

(Journal Special Service.)

Des Moines, Iown, Dec. 27.—The
Western Association of Fruitgrowers
opened its annual meeting here today.

Queen's Gift to a Post.

Queen's Gift to a Poet.

(Journal Special Service.)

Rome, Dec. 27. — Queen Margherita having learned that Signor Carducci, the poet, was in straitened circumstances, has bought his house in Bologna and presented it to him as a gift. The queen has also bought his library and assigned it to him for his lifetime.

B. W. Jones Expires. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash, Dec. 27.—B. W.
Jones, a pioneer of 1853, a wealthy citizen, prominent Baptist and Odd Fellow,
died here today,

EXTEND HELPING HAND

Will Let Morales Fight Own Battles but Protect and Maintain Receivership.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington. Dec. 27. — President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Root, Secretary of War Taft and Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte held a long conference on Santo Domingo affairs last night. While the state department regards the trouble as purely an internal one, and so long as the trouble maintains its present status no intervention will be made, it is possible that Secretary Root may decide that he can exercise inchanter rights to establish and maintain the receivership arm of this government and also may consider any new government rising from the present revolution as no government at all, and under the provisions of the pending treaty will maintain order.

So far as an intervention to help Morales in his difficulties this government will take no part.

Only the committing of lawless acts

ment will take no part.

Only the committing of lawless acts against Americans and their interests, or involving the collection of customs, will cause this government to take measures for the queilling of the disturbance.

Advices received by way of the Bahamas state that the Dominican generals are objecting to the treaty with the United States and that they have taken up arms against the government taken up arms against the government and the American-Dominican fiscal con-ventions. So far the receivership of customs has not been affected by the action of President Morales in leaving the capital or the consequent disturb ances following his action.

CHRISTMAS FRASER A MYTH

Sheriff Quizzes Him as to Tale **About Holdup and Finds** Nothing.

For several hours last night Alexander Fraser was put through an examifation by Sheriff Word and Deputy Sheriff Morden that caused him confusion and worry. While under the influence of liquor on Christmas night Fraser told induor on Christmas night Fraser told F. F. Fisher, a motorman on the Mount Tabor carline, that the two highwaymen who held up the Centennial hotel 10 days ago were known to him.

Fraser talked so much about the affair, asking if the oficials would not be willing to pass the matter up now that it had happened so long ago, that Fisher came to the belief that Fraser was one of the murderers of Flemmings.

was one of the murderers of Flemmings, who was shot during the hotel robbery. Fisher at once informed Sheriff Word of the matter, and the sheriff began an investigation. Fraser was arrested den. He was brought to the county jail, but released at 10 o'clock after the officials had been thoroughly satisled that Fraser's Christmas story

Fraser is an employe of a local printing office and resides with a brother on the Base Line road. When questioned, Fraser could not remember a thing he had said regarding the robbery. His brother appeared at the sheriff's office and explained that several months ago the talkative Fraser had been injured in a streetcar accident in St. Louis, and the accident had affected his brain.

years ago from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he had charge of a general agency. He has been in the employ of the Mutual 15 years, and his assignment to San Francisco is a promotion. nocence of the crime, and Calconi even denied having the knife that was found on one of the Italians when arrested. He insisted that he never carried a knife, while policemen asserted that the weapon was on him when he was taken

> In order to settle the dispute he was searched in court and a scabbard was found in which the knife fits exactly. He was greatly embarrassed and was unable to explain.
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> In view of the circumstances Calconi's bond was increased from \$30 to \$250. The cases against the Italians were continued until tomorrow.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE ON NEW TRACTION LINE

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HOME OF MELODRAMA

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C. Moser.

The traction company has agreed to construct the first 10 miles from Salem within two years, and offers, if the Portland rights are secured, to complete construction before that time.

WATER RATES NEXT YEAR TO BE SAME AS THIS

Water rates for 1905 were fixed by special ordinance by the city council yesterday afternoon on the same basis as the consumers paid the past year. The water board recommended the rates adonted. adopted.

Another ordinance was passed providing

for a water bond sinking fund and trans-ferring \$31,500 from the water fund to the sinking fund. The city charter provides that each year a sum not to ex-ceed 2 per cent of the par value of the bonds of the water department shall be deposited in a sinking fund to provide for the redemption of the bonded indebted-ness of the department.

MRS. FITZSIMMONS SAID TO BE AT SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 27.—It was learned today that Mrs. Robert Fitzsim-mons arrived here Monday and regaged the services of a local attorney to con-duct the proceedings for a divorce she intends to secure in this state when she has established a residence.

SAY THEY HIRED COAST COMPANIES FIGHTING MEN ARE MERGED

One of These, According to Hotel Scott People, Was Oklahoma Bill.

ANSWER MADE TO MRS. DIETZ AND HER HUSBAND

H. L. Stephenson and Bud Levins Say That Mr. and Mrs. Dietz, Finding Room Entered, Assaulted Guard With Hired Men to Help.

Alleging that Ruth L. Deltz and her husband surrounding themselves with a growd of fighting men, including one known as "Oklahoma Bill," assaulted peaceful employes of the Hotel Scott company, H. L. Stephenson and Bud Levins of that company this morning filed their answer to the \$20,000 damage suit that was begun against them by Mra. Deltz last August.

The answer avers that Deltz was at one time an employe of the company but was discharged because he was short in his accounts. It is alleged that the couple continued to occupy a room at the hotel, and it is also claimed that in the room were numerous articles belonging to the hotel management that were wanted.

wanted:
Deltz is said to have kept the door to the room locked, but on April 2 a hotel servant crawled through the transom, unlocked the door and a part of the things were removed. Another employe was left in the room to guard the remaining articles, says the answer, and in the meantime Deltz and wife returned and with outsiders assaulted the guard. Stephenson and Levins deny the charges that they caused Mrs. Deltz to be mistreated.

be mistreated.

Mrs. Deits alieges that she was occupying room No. 244 in the hotel and that from February 11 to April 3 she was refused sheets and bed clothing, although she was ill at the time. On April 3, she declares, she was dragged from her bed, the bed itself removed from the room and her clothes were thrown violently about. She asserts that she was placed in another room and at 1 o'clock at night was pulled down on the floor and dragged from this room, was kicked and choked and thrown out into the street.

THEIR LETTERS CAME BACK MARKED "DECEASED

Therefore London Friends Are Mourning Supposed Death of Theodore Grulinger.

In London, England, friends mourning the supposed death of Theodore Grulinger, an aged man who resided in Portland. Letters addressed to him in this city have been returned to them marked "deceased."

They will cease to mourn, however, as soon as they receive a letter that was sent them by Acting Chief of Police Gritzmacher today. He notified them that the old man was alive and well in this city and apparently had many more years of life. • Relatives in London received no of-

ficial notification of his death and knew nothing of it except the word "deceased" written on their returned letters. The last was written three months ago, and recently they wrote to Chief Gritzmatter. He detailed a patrolman on the case and the old man was found.

The letters from his relatives were a dance tonight at Arion hall, Stark addressed to him in care of the Depot street, between First and Second, for hotel, where he formerly resided. It is said that the word "deceased" was not written on the letters by the postal au-thorities and efforts will be made by the officers to ascertain who is responsible for conveying the false message

DROWNED AT MANILA-**BURIED AT HILLSBORO**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 27.—The body of Paul Elisworth Scoggin, who drowned in the Pasig river, near Manils, Philippine Islands, October 15 last, arrived in this city yesterday and the funeral was held in the Congregational church here in the afternoon, interment being made in the L. O. O. F. cemetery. He leaves a father, mother and two sisters. His father is an old civil war

Paul Ellsworth Scoggin was born in Nebraska May 25, 1881. He enlisted in the regular United States army June 12, 1901, serving three years, reenlist-ing in the army of Manila, where he served until his death.

Weds Daughter of Bishop. Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 27.—In the Muravian church today was celebrated the wedding of Miss Marian Levering, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. J. Mortimer Levering, and Allen Whitmore Stevens of Phoenixville.

Chinese Christmas Pestival The Baptist Chinese mission will hold Christmas exercises this evening at 248 Second street. There will be a program of songs and recitations by Chinese

THREE DAYS' CONFLICT IS STILL UNDECIDED

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The Daily News correspondent at Moscow cables today that the conflicts that have raged for three days are still undecided, and more than 5,000 workfilm and others have been killed and about 20,000 wounded. The streets are strewn as they must have been after Napoleon's visit—with debris of every character. Hundreds of houses have been destroyed by the artillery.

Among the victims are scores of women and children. The troops are loyal to their commanders, and fought vallantly against a worthy foe.

The revolutionaries, however, have shown greater endurance than the carr's troops. The central revolutionary committee commands more than half of the city.

Local Agents Notified of Union of Conservative Life and Pacific Mutual.

DEAL CONSUMMATED AT 'FRISCO YESTERDAY

These Are Only Two Insurance Corporations Operating in California Under State License and Combine Will Be Strong One.

Local insurance circles were much interested this morning in the announcement of the absorption by the Conservative Life, Insurance company of Los Angeles of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of San Francisco, Cal., both of which companies have offices in this city. The deal was consummated yesterday in San Francisco, confirmation of the merger being received in Portland this morning in a telegram to Cashier George F. Keck of the Conservative Life, from Wilbur S. Tupper, president of that company, who is to head the new company. George f. Cochran, vice-president of the Conservative Life; is to fill a similar position with the proposed company, which is to be known as the Pacific Consolidated Life Insurance company. The headquarters of the new company will probably be in Los Angeles, where President Tupper lives.

The merger is the direct outgrowth of a deal consummated in San Francisco last week, whereby the Conservative Life toompany acquired the intermediate department of the Pacific Mutual company. This is the second time the Pacific company has disposed of its department insprance to another concern. Several years ago it sold its industrial policies to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The consideration at the time of the transfer was said to

ance company. The consideration at the time of the transfer was said to have been in the neighborhood of \$500.-

These two companies are the only ness in California operating under a These two companies are the only ones in California operating under a state license. The reasons for the consolidation are said to be purely practical and based upon the belief that the two corporations merged into one and acting on an individual basis can do better than by continuous.

than by continuing to compete.

The Conservative Life Insurance company was organized in 1900, and had for its leading spirit Alfred H. Rindge, the Boston millionaire, reputed to have made \$20,000,000 in Texas oil lands and deals. deals. It has a cash capital and surplus of \$300,000.

The Pacific Mutual company was or-ganized in 1868, and in its last annual

report its assets were given as \$7,413,528. A few weeks ago there was a reorganization of the company, when the
following officers were elected, fiso constituting the board of directors: H. T.
Scott, president; George W. Scott, first
vice-president; S. M. Marks, second vicepresident, and Richard J. Mier, assistant
secretary.

When seen this morning, Cashier Keck me as so great a surprise as it does department. The Conservative Life, as we look at it, is the greater company of the two.

. "As regards the consideration in-volved in the transfer of the interme-diate department, which led up to the merger, I know nothing, and I do not think the public will be informed relative to the price involved in the mof the two companies proper."

MESSENGERS TO DANCE FOR INJURED BROTHER

the benefit of George Faulkner, who was injured a few weeks ago by being run over by a fire truck. The dance also will be the means of gathering the nucleus of a permanent fund for the assistance of members of the union who are injured or sick.

The messenger boys have been or-

ganized as a part of the American Federation of Labor, and the union is growing in strength and influence. The members state that it has been the cause of considerable improvement in their

At the dance tonight Parsons' orchestra will furnish the music and a large number of persons have bought tickets. Already it is assured that \$100 will be netted and this amount may even be increased to \$150. Careful preparations have been made to look out for the comfort of the guests.

. J. HILL TO RETIRE PROBABLY NEXT WEEK

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—The reported retirement of James J. Hill from railroad work is neither confirmed nor denied by Mr. Hill. His closest friends say he is preparing to give up the de-tail work and the presidency of the

road.

When asked as to the truth of the report, Mr. Hill said only that he intended to retire, but would not say when. The report that Howard Elliott is to resign the presidency of the Northern Pacific is denied by Mr. Elliott.

A newspaper man who interviewed J. J. Hill says the latter told him that he would turn his work over to his son Louis about the first of the year.

PORTLAND IS PUT LAST ON THE LIST

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 27.—The American consul at Kobe, Japan, in a report to the department of commerce and labor, quotes the Japanese officials as making an estimate of the future importance of American ports on the Pacific. Panama comes first, with Sin Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver and Portland in the order named in Asia, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Osaka, Manila and Dainy. Lack of factories and torrid climate will retard Manila.

METCALF GIVING HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—To the carrying out of the president's determination to have a "square deal" for visiting professional Chinese, Commissioner Metcalf is paying personal attention. As a result fewer Chinese of a high character are being subjected to indignitied and fewer appeals are being made from the decision of immigration officers.