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The weather—Occasional rain to-
night and Sunday; southerly winds.

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS
STANDS, FIVE CENTS

JOHN R. WALSH CONVICTED ON 53 COUNTS OF WRECKING THREE BANKS AT CHICAGO

RULES OUT LETTER OF HITCHCOCK

Judge Hunt Will Not Per-
mit Prosecution to Intro-
duce Order From Secre-
tary of Interior in Hall
Case.

Immunity Bath Epistle Sub-
mitted in Exchange—Wit-
nesses Testify to Alleged
Illegal Fencing of Govern-
ment Lands.

It was the defense's time to smile in the Hall land fencing case today, made so by a ruling by Judge Hunt this morning, shutting out for the time at least, one of the vital links of the government's evidence. Just as the sound was closing, however, Mr. Heney got in a short arm jab closer to the belt by the introduction of a letter written by D. M. Walton, a fossil rancher, in which it was related that Ed Morgan, a neighbor, had alleged that Hall had promised immunity from prosecution to William Townsend, one of those maintaining illegal fences.

This blow was blocked in part, however, by the reply of Hall in which the former district attorney denied having made any such promise and in which he announced his intention of criminal prosecution against the fence men as soon as he could get hold of the evidence in the possession of Special Agent E. W. Dixon, who had made an investigation of the conditions surrounding Fossil.

Hitchcock Takes Hand.
Yesterday afternoon Mr. Heney moved the calm serenity of the procedure by the introduction of a letter written by Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock to Special Agent A. R. Greene, then in charge of the Oregon land investigations. In this letter Hitchcock directed Greene to send E. W. Dixon, a special agent, out to make an investigation of the alleged frauds near Fossil.

Judge Webster objected to the introduction of the letter on the ground that it was immaterial to the case, since the defendants were not bound by any action of which they had no knowledge. The counsel held that Mr. Hall knew nothing of the Hitchcock letter and that it had nothing to do with the case.

Mr. Heney, however, contended that the letter was introduced to show the continual efforts of F. A. Putnam to secure some investigation of and action upon the frauds and illegal fences which were hindering his business and the failure of any result so far as Hall and Mays was concerned. The letter showed, Mr. Heney said, that Putnam had then at last turned to Hitchcock, who at once sent Dixon to make an in-

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EDITORS CHEER FOR PUTNAM

Medford Newspaper Man Re-
cently Convicted for Libel
Given Round of Applause
by Members of State Press
Association.

Action of Court Viewed as
Persecution — Organiza-
tion to Be Known Here-
after as State Editorial As-
sociation.

Hereafter the organization of Oregon newspaper men is to be known as the State Editorial association of Oregon and no longer as the Oregon Press association. A new constitution and by-laws were drafted by a special committee appointed for the purpose yesterday and submitted this afternoon to the convention.

It is believed a stronger organization is necessary for the interests of the newspaper men in Oregon and it was with this object in view that a reorganization was planned. The committee that submitted the report shortly after noon today included: Dr. Henry Waide Coe; J. S. Dellinger, Daily Astorian; B. E. Kennedy, Baker City Herald; C. H. Fisher, Eugene Guard; and J. C. Hayter, Polk County Observer.

Session Well Attended.
The morning session of the convention was the best attended session in the history of the association. Nearly 150 newspaper men were in attendance and more than 75 papers in Portland and in Oregon were represented. Papers were read by E. C. Beach on "The Benefits of Organization," and by E. R. Bradley, formerly of the Hood River News-Letter, on "The Paper in the Home and What It Should Be." Discussions were permitted after each paper, which grew interesting at times.

Putnam Given Cheers.
In connection with the paper read by Mr. Bradley the discussion of what should appear in the paper regarding judges and other public officers was discussed. George Putnam of the Medford Tribune, who was recently convicted of libel by a Jackson county judge, was invited to the platform and was greeted with tumultuous applause. Mr. Putnam read his alleged libel on the grand jury of Jackson county and told of his persecution at the hands of the officials of Jackson county.

"If such persecution as was practiced upon Mr. Putnam is sanctioned by the laws of this state those laws should be revised," was the expression after a warm discussion and though no action was taken it was the sentiment of the convention that a revision of the libel laws should be made.

Senator Beach then took the platform to speak on organization. He said that

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DEFENDANT WILL FIGHT TO REGAIN HIS LIBERTY

WOODEN LEG WAR ON; CRIPPLES LAY IN PEGS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pittsburg, Jan. 18.—Pittsburg's wooden-leg war broke into the courts this morning with injunction and damage suits and charges of perjury by members of rival firms.

Meantime cripples are in clover, for a price war followed on the heels of the litigation, and anybody can have a leg at any old price.

E. H. Rowley of Pittsburg and a brother in Chicago have fought for a year over the use of the family name on artificial legs. Judge Buffington was asked in United States court to restrain the Chicago man from branding his legs with certain marks and symbols.

Today the Pittsburg Rowley was arrested and arraigned before United States Commissioner Lindsay, accused of perjury. He in turn swore out a warrant against the Chicago brother.

Both concerns have local shops and prices have been going down. All Pittsburg is laying in legs for a rainy day.

COURT SCORED BY PROFESSOR

Prexy Wheeler of Berkeley Indirectly Raps Judges for Schmitz Decision.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 18.—The district appellate court which recently reversed the action of the superior court in the case of ex-Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz was scored by President Wheeler yesterday at a meeting of the California students in Harmon gymnasium.

TO BURY VICTIMS OF DISASTER IN TRENCH

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Beverlytown, Pa., Jan. 18.—Despite urgent requests of friends and relatives for more time in which to make efforts to identify victims of the recent theatre fire and panic, Coroner Strausser firmly declares that all bodies must be buried before night. The 29 remaining unidentified bodies will probably be buried in a trench.

SAYS HE WORKED FOR DEPOSITORS

Jury Declares He Worked the Depositors and Should Serve Term in Prison.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National and Home Savings banks, has been found guilty on 53 counts in the indictment accusing him of misappropriating funds of the former institution.

The jury reached a verdict shortly after midnight this morning and it was read when court opened at 10 o'clock. It was charged that Walsh used savings entrusted to his care by depositors to finance his railroads and other enterprises.

After listening for two months to a recital of the "rescue finance" methods of the banker, the jury consumed 30 hours in reaching its verdict. The verdict is based upon 53 of the 150 counts in the indictment and he was found not guilty on the remaining 97 counts.

Thus ends the financial drama of an Irish lad who came to America in 1849 and immediately set out to build up an immense fortune and wield power in the political world. Success attended his efforts to become a money king as the years rolled on, but as a politician he never became a great power.

The collapse of the Chicago National, Home Savings and Equitable banks, all controlled by Walsh, created a tremendous sensation in the financial world of 1905. At first it was generally supposed that the government would allow Walsh to escape prosecution, but opposition to such a plan was so strong in certain quarters that an investigation was started.

National bank examiners, according to their report, discovered that Walsh, in following a shrewd system of juggling the funds of his three banks, had employed \$1,000,000 of depositors' savings in promoting his railroad properties and other enterprises in which he was interested. This discovery was of such a startling character that there was no possible way for the banker to escape indictment. After the grand jury had indicted him his attorneys sought in vain to have all the counts, at least the ones most damaging to their client, quashed.

STOESSEL LANDS ON HIS ENEMIES

General Declares He Will Prove Strategists Caused Fall of Port Arthur.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—General Stoessel today turned his artillery on St. Petersburg strategists whom he accuses of being responsible for the loss of Port Arthur.

"Using the stories of his officers as evidence, he declares that he intends to prove that the fortress was not protected by a sufficient number of men, that the arms were inadequate and that the supply of provisions was altogether too small. The general declares that the fortress was so poorly guarded by sea defenders that he wonders how he was able to hold it as long as he did.

Stoessel has upset the plans of his enemies, who imagined that they had planned a case overwhelmingly against him, by appealing directly to the czar.

GIRL'S RED STOCKINGS PUT FOX TO FLIGHT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—On her morning pilgrimage to the barn in search of eggs, Miss Mabel Weymar of Roxborough heard a hen uttering some mutinous rejoinders high up in the hay-mow.

Mabel decided to make a search for the nest. The girl was soon tramping back and forth over the hay quite heedless of the fact that that morning she had put on red stockings. In the haymow a fox had taken refuge, and when the red fox saw the red stockings, naturally he fled precipitately. The young woman was so frightened that she fell in a faint, first screaming in a piercing manner suited to a country where distances are great. Her relatives found her in an unconscious condition a short time later.

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COLLEGE EXPERTS TO PASS UPON SULPHUR

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt decided today to appoint a commission composed of scientists from five leading American universities to pass upon problems brought up for the enforcement of the pure food laws. The institutions that will be represented on the commission are the University of California, the University of Virginia, the University of Chicago, the Johns Hopkins University and Yale University.

The principal questions to be discussed concern the use of benzoate of soda in preserving catsup and pickles, and the use of sulphur in dried fruits and glucose in syrups.

\$6,000,000 DROPPED BY A. BELMONT

New York Traction Magnate
Transfers His Gotham
Property to Lord Nathan-
iel Rothschild for Myster-
ious Reason.

Believed American Was Bad-
ly Squeezed in Inter-Met
Deal and Forced to Part
With Valuable Land to
Cover His Losses.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 18.—Financial and real estate circles in this city are astounded to learn that August Belmont has transferred to Lord Nathaniel Meyer Rothschild of the English banking house in London more than \$6,000,000 worth of real estate in Manhattan and the Bronx.

The exact reason for the transfer of the vast amount of property to the Rothschilds has not been learned, but it is recalled that Mr. Belmont held one of the largest interests in the noted pool, which was organized with the idea of making a big profit out of

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AUTO CAB SYSTEM FOR PORTLAND

Taximeters, Under Control
of Stock Company, Will
Give City Quick Service
and Reduce Fares—Will
Use 25 Coaches.

Project Promoted by Thomas
People of Buffalo—Local
Service Will Be Ready
This Summer for Night
and Day Calls.

Organization of a stock company to operate automobile cabs in Portland, each of which is to be supplied with a taximeter which automatically registers the distance traveled, the time the machine is in use and the price the customer is to pay, is being urged here and for this purpose Edwin L. Thomas, of Buffalo, New York, a son of E. R. Thomas, manufacturer of the Thomas automobiles, is at the Hotel Portland.

H. L. Keats and other Portlanders are already interested in the idea and it is probable that the cab line will be put into effect during the summer of this year. Twenty-five cabs will be used to start with.

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LAUGHTER WON'T HURT YOU —SEE THE JOURNAL FUNNIES

THE GIDDY GOBLINS—Is one brand new series of laugh producers in The Sunday Journal magazine this week. There are others. Bertha, the Beautiful Typewriter. What Happened to Happy? Jimmy.

BEST WIT AND HUMOR—Famous artists contribute to a special page which will please both young and old.

ALL THE BIG STORIES OF THE DAY—Two leased wires and a complete special telegraph service. All the local news.

ARE WE A NATION OF PRISONERS?—Portland is not the only city where dairymen are careless. The whole country is threatened.

BEFORE THE DESERT BLOSSOMED—First newspaper at Salt Lake City weeks in reaching editor.

CONSERVATIVE ENGLAND HAS GRAFTERS—Americans have no corner on gentle art. Rotten municipal affairs in John Bull's land.

COPPER-COLORED BUNCO ARTISTS—Indian medicine men make nature fakers take back seat. No cure no pay. Is one good feature.

DRESS REVEALS AGE—How would American ladies like to be forced to dress in certain colors to tell public their ages?

GOING SOUTH FOR YOUR BRIDE?—Rush for Dixeyland on. Recent novels make belles popular with northerners.

THE FOREGOING ARE BUT A FEW OF THE MAGNIFICENT FEATURES OFFERED IN

The GREAT SUNDAY JOURNAL

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GROUP OF OREGON EDITORS WHO ARE HERE TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION AND SECURE BETTER COOPERATION FOR OREGON AMONG MEMBERS.