

PEPOON DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE OF WIFE MURDER AND ACCUSES WILCOX

RAILROAD BILL AS MUTILATED PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE

Final Vote 200 to 126; Merger Clause Cut Out and Commerce Court Clause Left in, as Final Touches.

Taft Before Passage Says Bill is Good

Insurgents Turn His Dogged Indorsement Into an O. K. Upon Their Work.

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, May 10.—The house this afternoon adopted the railroad regulation bill, as reported by the committee of the whole. The final vote was 200 to 126.

CABIN WHERE THE PEPOON MURDER IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE, THE MURDERED WOMAN AND THREE PRINCIPALS IN THE CASE



MORRIS FORCED TO SAY THAT \$50,000 ACCOUNT NO GOOD

Former Banker Accused of Embezzlement Under Merciless Fire of Questions—Makes Admissions.

For nearly two hours this morning W. Cooper Morris, testifying in his own behalf, answered or sidestepped a merciless fire of questions directed by A. E. Clark, special prosecutor. In the case wherein Morris is accused of embezzling \$125,000 from the Oregon Trust & Savings bank.



READY TO START ON CONSTRUCTION WORK TO KLAMATH

Railroad Contractors Flock Into Bend to Secure Sub-Contracts on 125 Mile Extension of Oregon Trunk.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bend, Or., May 10.—Railroad contractors are flocking into Bend preparatory to beginning the first work on the extension of the Oregon Trunk from Madras to the Klamath Indian reservation.

SKY VAGABOND'S BEAUTY THRILLS CITIZENS OF CROOK

Gleaming Like Great Searchlight Thrown Across Black Dome of Heavens, Comet Rushes Earthward.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bend, Or., May 10.—Residents in and about Bend for the past week have been rising long before dawn to catch the first glimpse of Halley's comet.

FORMER STUDENT FOR MINISTRY TELLS HOW YOUNG WOMAN DIED

Absorbing features of today's developments in Pepon case. George L. Pepon, ex-student for ministry, charged with murder of beautiful young wife, talks for first time since arrest.

(By Verne Hardin Porter, Journal Staff Correspondent.) Colville, Wash., May 10.—George L. Pepon, accused of the murder of his wife, made his first and only statement to the press exclusively for The Oregon Daily Journal today.

"I am guiltless," he averred, "I am confident I can prove it. Ray Wilcox, the convict, poisoned my wife, but I did not know it until he escaped. I believe he loved her and murdered her to cover his wrongs."

EGYPTIAN REBEL PREACHES TERROR

Terrorism, Bearing Arms and Absorption of Army Among Means Advocated.

(United Press Special Wire.) Cairo, Egypt, May 10.—Theodore Roosevelt's appeal for law and order in Egypt had little effect on those inclined to favor a revolution, and the nationalist movement still lives.

GREEK LETTER "DELTA" IS CARVED ON MURDERED DENVER WOMAN'S FOREHEAD

(United Press Special Wire.) Denver, May 10.—The hand that strangled to death Mrs. Katherine Wilson in her palatial home here, carved on her forehead the Greek letter "Delta." The police are admittedly at a loss to understand the motive for the murder and for the strange symbol cut into the victim's flesh.

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CONFEREES ACCEPT ALL OREGON ITEMS, RIVERS AND HARBORS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 10.—The senate and house conferees finally agreed today to all the Oregon items in the Rivers and Harbors bill, ending all question thereon.

FINAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON DOCK BONDS TOMORROW; ORDINANCE MAY BE ADOPTED

Final action upon the public docks bonds ordinance will be taken by the city council tomorrow. It is stated upon good authority that the ordinance will be adopted, eight of the 13 members of the council now in the city having promised to give the measure their support.

PORTLAND FAR IN LEAD AS A CITY OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES

Census Figures Will Show That in Proportion to Population Rose City Has More Home Owners Than Any Other.

BEACH SAYS SEATTLE'S FIGURES ARE UNRELIABLE

Seventy Thousand Would Be Added Here if Local Area Were Same Size.

"Portland has a greater population than any conservative Portland man ever believed. Portland will be shown by the census to have more home owners in proportion to the population than any other city in the United States, not even excepting Philadelphia, which hitherto has held the record."

GOLD IN PLENTY, BUT BEANS FEW

Community in Alaska That Can Realize How Old Man Midas Felt About It.

(United Press Special Wire.) Juneau, Alaska, May 10.—When the schooner Anita Phillips put into the settlement of Yakutat, the first ship in eight months, the crew found 25 people there dangerously near starvation, with only a few beans and a small supply of tea, and yet with gold enough to buy a hundred years' provisions, according to information received here.