### ELECTRIC PLANT AT MINNEAPOLIS. IS WRECKED; BURNED

Explosion of Gas Followed by Conflagration in Which the Plant, Valued at \$500,000, Is Totally Destroyed.

MILL "A" OF PILLSBURY COMPANY THREATENED

No Loss of Life, and Only Two Nation's Ablest Legal Talent Persons Injured: Power Famine One Result.

Minneapolls. Jan. 6.—An explosion, said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the basement, today wrecked the plant of the Minneapolls General Electric company. Two persons were severely hart, and the plant, valued at \$590,000, was totally destroyed. Fiames followed the explosion and pread to adjoining buildings. Firemen ed the fire before it reached mill of the Pillsbury Flour company,

ch was threatened. destruction of the plant shut off t and power from many factories stores. The Western Union and companies found themselves without current and for a were unable to handle any mes-The Western Union finally obtained power from St. Paul. tickers in the Chamber of Com-

# IN HIGHEST COUR

Tobacco Case Argued at Capital for Second Time, After Postponement Due to Vacancies on Bench.

**FATE OF SHERMAN LAW** DEPENDS ON DECISION

in Array; History of Trust and of Opposing Suit.

Washington, Jan. 6 .- Before the court of last resort today began the final

legal battle for life, of the American Tobacco company and its subsidiaries. High priced corporation lawyers matched wits with the government's trust busters in a struggle to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust law is invalid or whether it has the power to crush the tobacco trust,

On the outcome of the fight depends the life or death of the vast corporation, with an invested capital of more than \$400,000,000, or the emasculation of the Sherman law, which would nullify the government's strongest weapon against corporate aggression.

Attorneys General George W. Wicker-sham and Special Attorney J. C. Rey-(Continued on Page Fifteen.)

# DELIER FUR RUDA IN RUUDE!

Defections from the ranks of the of the Multnoman delegation Wednessenafors claimed by Bowerman and his day night there was no attempt to con friends in the struggle for the presidency of the state senate took place yesterday and today and the selection of Ben Selling is now assured.

It is certain that Selling will muster at least 14 and probably 18 Republicans.

while only 11 can now be accounted as sure for Bowerman,

Republican votes, and if the fight is carried onto the floor he would receive one or two Democratic votes. In view of the developments of the last 24 iours, it seems unlikely that the Bowerman forces will attempt to call a cauous unless they can create some changes in the situation, which at present ap-pears to be beyond them. In view of the new developments it is possible that some of those who have been lukewarm on the subject, or have even favored a caucus, would now depose one. The change in the situation in favor

f Selling strengthens the fight being made by Jerry Rusk of Wallowa for the speakership of the house. He already claims 25 votes with four contingent ones, and apparently has the lead over any other candidate. With the selection of Selling in the senate, it would appear nevitable that an eastern Oregon man be chosen for the pivotal position in the

It is declared that at the meeting

## GREEKS QUARKEL OVER CARD GAME:

Participant, Beaten to Death, Found in Box Car at Cornelius: Murderer Escapes to Mountains.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Cornelius, Or., Jan. 6 .- A quarrel over game of cards resulted in the death nd mutilation of a Greek in a boxcar in this city Monday night, according to mute evidence discovered by the ection foreman at this station.

Two Greeks were employed on the section here and when they failed to appear for work Tusday moraing, the foreman investigated and found the sody of one of the men lying in the oaxear where the two men had lived. murdered man's head was crushed second di blood was visible on the floor of the third car, indicating that a terrible strug; 29 or 30.

The sheriff and coroner were imme-liately notified and efforts are now be-ng made to locate the murderer. It is believed that he has gone into the nountains near Buxton. The station Sah Francisco side. They were missing gent at Cornelius sold a Greek a when the boat reached the Oakland mole Icket Tuesday for Hillsboro.
The murderer is described ag a short, seavy set man with considerable hair in the back of his left hand.

centrate on any particular candidate, and that the meeting was morely called to discuss the situation and tentatively choose a man, if possible. forces, however, maintain they have James M. Ambrose, Edwin G. Amme, Ralph Clyde, Seneca Fouts, Stephen Collins, C. A. Bigelow, J. C. Bryant, James D. Abbott and W. I. Cottel assured W. In event of a caucus being called, H. Chatten is understood not to have Selling would have a majority of the taken any well defined position, but H. Chatten is understood not to have the Rusk men declare they believe they will get his support. James Cole has given his pledge to another candidate and W. J. Clemens has been managing

> For reasons of policy the Rusk mer (Continued on Page Seven.)

#### MINISTER WHO QUIT PULPIT FOR LIVING AGAIN ANSWERS CALL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—The call of the ministry proved too strong for Rev. J. L. Moore, who after giving up a pastorate to become commercial agent of the Salt Laire railroad at Santa Ana, is back in Los Angeles preparing to take charge of a Spokane church. Rev. Mr. Moore found several months ago that he could not make ends meet with his meager ministerial salary. A natural hustler, he was offered the position of representative of the Salt Lake railroad at Santa Ana. He accepted, and made good. But love for the church won.

### ONEISMURDERED REGISTERED MAIL **VANISHES ON FERRY**

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Three Bags Disappear on Way From San Francisco to Oakland.

San Francisco, Jan. 6 .- Three bags of registered mail with contents valued at approximately \$50,000, stolen from the government while on the way from San Francisco to Oakland, is engaging the attention of more than a score of local and federal detectives. The mail bags were stolen separately. The first was taken on the night of December 25, the second disappeared two days later, and the third was stolen either December

the car, indicating that a terrible strugg gis had taken place. The man's body The fact that only the registered mail was partially covered with gunny sacks sacks were taken has led to the belief and rubbish and the door of the car that someone familiar with postal regu-lations committed the thaft, but here despite the fact that a heavy wire guard

padlocked, encased the truck. Until today the government has en

#### Skyrocket Financier of New York



Sketch of Joseph G. Robin, charged with theft of \$1,000,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, who attempted to commit suicide in court when arrested on the specific charge of stealing \$80,000 of

## WEEK-END REVELS OF EXTREME TYPE

Country Place Says Drunken Women Dancing in Snow Was Sample Spectacle.

(United Press Leased Wire.). New York, Jan. 6.—An Investigation of the transfer of the half million dollar residence of Joseph Robin to his sis ter, Dr. Louise Robinovitch, the day before the ex-banker gave himself up for the alleged theft of \$80,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, is being conducted by District Attorney Whit man. The estate, known as Driftwood Manor, was held in the name of the Wading River Realty company, officered by Robin's employes. It was transferred on December 28. On the next day Robin surrendered.

The estate consists of 112 acres, on which is built a bungalow which cost \$125,000. Elaborate furnishings for the (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

### DEATH OF ELKINS REMOVES BAR TO ROYAL MARRIAGE

Rome Dispatches Revive Story That Abruzzi-Elkins Morganatic Marriage, Once Proposed, May Take Place.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Jan. 6 .- That the death of United States Senator Elkins will result in a speedy marriage between Miss Katherine Elkins, his daughter, and the Duke of the Abruzzi is an open expression in Italian newspapers today. papers assert that the real opposition to the marriage came from Senator Elkins.

Washington, Jan. 6 .- Dispatches from Rome, reviving the prediction of a mar riage between the Duke Di Abruzzi and Katherine Elkins, are generally credited here. It is believed th senator's objection to a morganatic marriage was the real barrier to the culmination of the romance. As the duke was remotel an heir to the throne, it is reported, the king of Italy informed Senator Elkin that only a morganatic marriage with the American heiress was possible. The duke himself, it is generally believed, argued with Elkins, pointing out that the possibility of his elevation to the throne was extremely remote.
"Never," the senator replied, accord-

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## LEGISLATURE FOR REPORT ON BALLEY

Fit for Office but Was Protected by Certain Interests. -Gives Personal Views.

"The legislature will remove from office J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner as soon as an investigating committee reports the queer methods he has used in conducting his office," said State Representative W. J. Clemens this morning.

"As early in the session as possible will introduce a resolution authorising the appointment of an investigating committee, not only to audit the pure food fund upon which Bailey has been drawing, but to see if he has during years past been conducting his office with a view to the greatest possible protection to public health.

"Meanwhile," continued Mr. Clemens, 'I have some personal views on this Bailey matter. In the first place Bailey is not and never was fit to hold the of fice of dairy and food commissioner. His sense of responsibility is dulled and confused. I can't understand how he

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#### CENSUS BUREAU FINDS POPULATION OF 4872 IN CITY OF ST. JOHNS

sus bureau today announced that the population of St. Johns, Or., under the enumeration of 1910.

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# OF WOOL GROWERS

to Able Addresses on Different Phases of Protective Tariff Schedules.

MANUFACTURERS ARE TAKING DEEP INTEREST

for Revised Tariff on Wool and Woolens.

Wool Growers' association is predicted for this afternoon. Up till noon today the white dove of peace has floated calmly over the convention hall in the Armory but a number of questions scheduled for this afternoon, it is voiced about in the hotel lobbies where delegates congregate, will precipitate leated discussions.

Fred H. Blume, state senator of Wyoming, came from Sheridan of that tate, to deliver an address on protection for wool and woolens. It is known that he will speak straight from the shoulder and declare himself strongly in favor of a revised tariff graded so as to benefit the wool growers and manufacturers of woolens, worsted or carded, equally and on a thoroughly impartial basis. He says this is not the case under the much talked of schedule Mr. Blume's contention is that the worsted woolen manufacturers benefit to a greater extent than the carded woolen manufacturers, and this being known, it is said that strong endeavor will be made by friends of the worsted

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## HANDLING ALASKA **GOLD FOR MINERS**

Ounces, One of 250, of Bullion.

Joseph E. Whealen, proprietor of the Fargo saloon, who is being held a prisoner by the United States on suspicion of having been connected with the robbery of the Alaska treasure ship Humboldt, and an earlier robbery from the same gold shipment on a Yukon river steamer, is said to have made a statement to government officials admitting he handled some 400 ounces of gold for Alaska miners last fall, which he tried to dispose of, and failing, returned to the owners.

He denies that he knows the men who rave him the bullion, says he received but a small quantity of it, and handled it without understanding that it had been stolen.

This statement, said to have been made by Whealen, together with the fact that he is known to have sent \$450 worth of Tanana filings to the San Francisco mint, is practically all the government has to hold Wheelen on, it ts alleged. Conclusive evidence has failed to turn up as rapidly as was expected. Whealen was arrested on authority of the United States district attorney, and in the absence of additional evidence, it is thought his statements admitting having handled gold bullion for unknown men soon after the Alaska robbery will be sufficient to stave off any habeas corpus proceedings for the

Whealen says that last fall men coming from Seattle asked him whether he could not sell some gold they had

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### **CUT OUT THE NONSENSE**

It is unthinkable that Mr. Bowerman should be put in the second position of power in the state, where he would be able to combat and obstruct the policies and purposes of the man recently chosen over him by the people for governor. If the rank and file Republicans of Oregon had wanted Mr. Bowerman in high position they would have elected him. If the senate insists on making him president of that body, it will be a direct slap at the people of the state who elected a Democrat rather than have Mr. Bowerman. The gathering signs of a break in the Bowerman forces, and the occasional discovery that men counted for him are in fact against him, are evidence that the state senators still

have respect for the verdict of the people. The thing that is desired at Salem for the next 40 days, is not a political combat with the legislature organized to obstruct the administration, but a business session with politics eliminated, and an earnest endeavor by 'all the departments to build for Oregon. It is not time for political maneuvering and partisan skulduggery, but a time for bus-

iness and horse sense. The purpose to partisanize and prostitute the session is disclosed by the efforts of some of the assembly leaders to force the assembly issue in the house. They go to house members who were nominated in assembly and appeal to them to elect a speaker similarly nominated. It is the evident purpose to organize the house, not for business, but for a political and obstructive program. Anti-assembly house members who aid and abet such a movement will betray the state, and reveal themselves as having professed anti-assembly convictions for campaign pur-

# BUILDING IN 1910

National Convention Listens Only Four Great Cities, New York, Chicago Philadelphia and Los Angeles, Surpass Oregon Metropolis.

> IN PER CENT OF GAIN THÍS CITY IS SECOND

Wyoming Senator Leads Fight Against Portland's Advance of 55 Per Cent, Seattle Has Loss of 26.8.

> Chicago, Jan. 6 .- The American Conractor reports that the first 10 cities n the total cost of construction of building during 1910 are: New York .....\$1 Chicago . . . . Philadelphia os Angeles .....

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Portland's sensational gain of \$7,415,-322, or 55 per cent, over its building record of 1909, is exceeded by but one other city in the country, Los Angeles having increased its building operations in 1910 by 61 2-3 per cent. Portland climbed from twelfth place among the (Continued on Page Five.)

From Interests' Hands.

Wisconsin's Becord.

# LANUJ IN FALIFIL NUN I NWEDI

ng expended for Oregon and Washington apple lands by middle western investors, and also concerned over the tide of emigration from those states to Former Manager of Banker's Member Says He Never Was Denies Knowing Men He Says east and middle west are taking steps to "keep their money at home," and Gave Him One Lot of 150 articles telling of the conditions surrounding sales here are to be features of many papers in eastern cities this winter, prior to the annual spring homeseekers' excursions to the coast.

John Day and A. F. Williams, representing the Minneapolis Tribune, reached Portland today, and will spend the next two months investigating apple land conditions in the Pacific northwest. They frankly state that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been in-

#### NEW ZEALAND SAVANT COMPLAINS OCTOPUS HAS TENTACLES ON RADIUM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Melbourne, Jan. 6.—Professor Laby of the University of Wellington, N. Z., charges that the present high price of radium is due to the existence of a "ring," which has bound itself to maintain the price at what amounts to about 20 times the proper value of the substance. Professor Laby suggests that the pitchblende which exists in New Zealand should be worked up with s view to placing a supply of radlum on the market at a "reasonable" rate. The alleged trust deals in the highest priced article in the world.

## AT CENTRALIA

Body of Well Dressed Stranger Found Horribly Mutilated in Granary.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Centralla, Wash., Jan. 6 .- The horribly mutilated body of a well dressed man was found lying in a granary two miles from Centralia early yesterday morning. The head was beaten to a pulp and many terrible bruises were found on the body. The floor of the granary was covered with blood and the disheveled condition of the body showed that there had been a terrible struggle, The case is an entire mystery. No one of the description of the murdered man has been seen in the vicinity and the body had lain in the granary several days before it was discovered by a tramp named Samuel Secord, who entered the place to seek shelter. The victim's shirt had been torn from the body, the shoes and hat were gone and there was absolutely nothing in the pockets by which to identify the body.

The murdered man was about 5 feet 6 inches in height, had gray eyes, smooth face and weighed about 140 counts.

## LEAD OF OREGON Commends Action in Enacting

LA FOLLETTE SAYS

Election of National Convention Delegates and Ballot on Presidential Preference.

SAYS WALL STREET HAS

CANDIDATES NAMED NOW Just Time for People, Through

Legislatures, to Take Reins Madison, Wis., Jan. 6.—Today Senator

La Follette at the opening of the new year fires the first gun in the contest to give the people the right to elect delegates to the national conventions of 1912 by direct vote. In this week's issue of La Follette's Weekly magazine, Senator La Follette declares that, "Wall street has already selected the presi-dential candidates of both parties. There is just time to defeat the Wall street plan. Let the people organize and demand of every legislature the enactment of a primary law for the election of delegates for the national convention by direct vote.

To Wisconsin belongs the honor of enacting the first primary law for the election of delegates for the national convention by the direct vote of peo-(Continued on Page Sixteen.)

Aroused by the millions of dollars be-| vested by residents of the Twin Cities in the last two years in fruit lands in the northwest, with the expenditure of very little money for advertising. Made Hurried Trip.

Ten days ago Emerson Hough, repre-senting the Saturday Evening Post, made a similar, though more hurried, trip to Portland and other north coast points, with the idea of writing a series of articles on the Oregon and Washington apple for that publication, giving particular attention to fruit lands as an investment for the easterner. Immigration commissioners for a

number of the middle western statesespecially Minnesota and Wisconsinhave issued bulletins this fall and winter advising residents of those districts to stay at home and be sure they knew what they were about before they invested money in far western fruit lands. Several of these bulletins attacked Pacific coast lands almost viciously and said better fruit could be raised in the upper Mississippi valley states for much less money than could be grown on the Pacific coast.

Looking for Pacts.

Day and Williams, however, do not ake this attitude. They stated at the Hotel Portland today they were out here to make a careful investigation of the various fruit districts, and planned to "shoot holes" through only such proj-(Continued on Page Fourteen.)

### WEST UMATILLA UNIT OF PROJECT TO BE TAKEN UP

Oregon Senators Have Informal Assurances of Furtherance of Reclamation Work From General Fund.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—The department of the interior before long will order the reclamation service to proceed to the construction of the west unit of the Umatilla project. It seems almost cer-tain that \$500,000 will be available, probably from the general reclamation und, and not from the \$20,000,000 certificate of indebtedness loan fund. How ever, it will be better to have the funds assigned from the general fund than from the certificates fund, because the latter must bear interest at 3 per cent. while the former is repaid under the prevailing rules, without interest. Investigation by Senators Bourne and Chamberlain sustains the prediction made in these dispatches Saturday night, that there is practically no-hope of procuring a larger apportionment from the loan fund for Oregon, but they are confident, as a result of formal assurances, that the West II tilla unit will be taken up soon.
Secretary Ballinger and the board of army engineers manifest no disposition to discriminate against Orason, but seem disposed to consider all them matters in the light of the best interest of the public service.