

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Approves Kuykendall's Requiring Transportation of School Children.

WILLIAMS GOT SEVENTEEN VOTES.

Labor Bill Now Up for Consideration—Pierce's Bill Relative to Associated Press is Defeated—Approvements Reach \$2,500,000.

Feb. 13.—Little change in senatorial situation. Multnomah's vote was united for Moyer. H. Williams. The vote was as follows:

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| Williams | 17 |
| Moyer | 16 |
| Wright | 16 |
| Wheeler | 2 |
| Ward | 1 |
| Wright | 1 |
| Wheeler | 5 |

Or., Feb. 13.—Senator Hobbs introduced senate bill No. 210, which he produced, seeks to prevent conviction of convict labor with free employment in casting or foundry work than the making of stoves. To restrict the manufacture at prison from turning out other articles named, and will require that has been expressed in the state institution rivalry with other institutions where self-supporting workers are employed.

For Years for Assessors.
There is now before the house, having recently passed the senate, a bill to revise the term of county assessors for four years. There were those in opposition in the upper house and it is believed the senate will meet no serious obstacles to the law.

Union Factions Agree.
The warring factions in the city of Astoria, Ore., have got together and a compromise on the townsite has been agreed in senate bill No. 208, now before the house. Senate bill No. 176, introduced some time ago, dealt with the corporate limits of Astoria, but when an agreement was reached this bill was recalled and 208 substituted for it. The difference was purely local in character, and after some time, and all interested are pleased to note the conclusion. Senator Pierce was the factor in bringing about this satisfactory result.

For County Schools.
The house gave the stamp of approval to Senator Kuykendall's bill regarding district school boards, when passed by a majority vote, to furnish transportation to and from school pupils living more than two miles from the building and to suspend school and make arrangements for another district for the instruction of their pupils. Edwards, who introduced this bill, said that it should be passed in connection with the consolidation of school districts. He said that it would move in the right direction, as it would elevate the school system in the country districts and give the boys and girls better facilities.

Child Labor Law.
A child under 14 years of age shall not be employed in any factory, store, mine or in the telegraph, or public messenger service. Each child shall be employed in any work for wages or other remuneration to whomsoever payable during the hours when the public use of the town, district or city in which he or she resides are in session. A child under 16 years of age shall not be employed at any work before 6 in the morning or after 7 at night, nor employed more than 10 hours for any one day, nor more than six days in any week. No person shall employ a child under 16 years of age who cannot read and write.

The bill, said Mr. Eddy, "is known as the child labor bill. There has been some question as to whether it is the work of children on the coast, but it does only during the

hours of the district school. No one who has the interest of humanity at heart will vote against it."

Drain Normal Abandoned.
In accordance with the recommendation made by Governor George E. Chamberlain in his inaugural message, the number of normal schools will be reduced. The joint ways and means committee have had the school appropriations under consideration for some time, and have made noticeable reductions in the amounts previously asked for and the estimates. The normal school to be abandoned by the state is the one situated at Drain. This school has been in commission for many years. The total appropriations for the schools will be about \$35,000 less than those made at the last session of the legislature. The Ashland Normal will receive \$8000 for improvements and \$18,836 for maintenance. The Weston Normal will receive \$6000 for improvements and \$16,000 for maintenance. The Monmouth school receives \$6500 for improvements and \$25,000 for maintenance.

Labor Commission Fails.
Absentees caused the temporary defeat of the bill providing for the appointment of a labor commissioner and the organization of a bureau of labor in the house yesterday afternoon, and it gave the democrats a temporary victory. The bill received 30 votes, and with one more would have passed. Back of the defeat of the bill, back of it all, there is a story of a political scheme skillfully engineered, and which succeeded for a brief time. G. Y. Harry, president of the State Federation of Labor, wanted to be labor commissioner of Oregon, and under his direction a bill was framed, and introduced in the house. This bill provided that the labor commissioner should be G. Y. Harry, who should receive a salary of \$2400 a year and should be allowed not to exceed \$10,000 per annum for expenses of the bureau.

WRECK ON B. & O.
Engineer Killed and Fireman and One Brakeman Fatally Scalded.
Washington, Feb. 13.—The engineer was killed and the fireman and brakeman fatally scalded in a freight wreck this morning on the Baltimore & Ohio near Vienna. The engine was derailed and eight cars piled on top. The track was destroyed for 600 feet.

PIERCE BILL DEFEATED.
Senate Indefinitely Postpones Action on the Associated Press Bill.
Salem, Feb. 13.—The bill declaring the Associated Press a common carrier was indefinitely postponed in the state senate today. This is a practical defeat.

ARNOLD FEARS HIS DUPES

IS HEAD OF THE TURF INVESTMENT COMPANY.

To Avoid Big Crowd Waiting for Him at Union Depot, Got Off in Suburb—Has a Pinkerton Thug Guarding Him.
St. Louis, Feb. 13.—E. J. Arnold, head of the Turf Investment Company, that has made such a sensational failure, arrived from Hot Springs this morning. He got off the train in the city limits thus avoiding the immense crowd gathered at the Union Depot. Efforts of the subpoenae services to find either him or Manager Gill were unsuccessful.

It is reported that Arnold fears for his life and is guarded by a Pinkerton man. Two wagonloads of books have been taken to the grand jury rooms.

Taken to Sing Sing.
New York, Feb. 13.—Hooper Young was handcuffed between two negro burglars and taken to the penitentiary this morning.

Navy Depot Burned.
Buenos Ayres, Feb. 13.—A fire in the navy depot building last night, destroying property and stores valued at \$1,000,000.

Sailors to Be Buried.
New York, Feb. 13.—The bodies of the Massachusetts gun explosion victims arrived this afternoon and will be buried here.

THE CRIMP OUTRAGE

Buren, the Kidnaped Sailor, Recovered in Vancouver and Was Badly Bruised.

LEADER OF THE GANG ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING

Authorities Are Determined to Break Up the Gang—Captain of Riversdale Will Be Held and White Will Be Prosecuted.
Portland, Feb. 13.—The Crimp outrage yesterday has aroused the authorities. White, the leader of the gang, was arrested for kidnapping. In Vancouver, Wash. Buren, the kidnaped sailor, was recovered badly beaten and brought back to Portland. The state, city and United States authorities are determined to break up the gangs which have made this port notorious the world over. United States Judge Bellinger, and the British consul, Laidlaw, are determined to hold the captain of the Riversdale and his sailors here and prosecute the case to the limit of the law.

Mail Pouch Stolen.
Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—A mail pouch containing \$25,000 has been lost between here and Louisville. It is supposed to have been stolen at a transfer station.

SENATORS OPPOSE WISH OF THE PEOPLE

Twenty-nine States Have Declared for Election of Senators by Direct Vote.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Twenty-nine of the 45 states have declared through their legislatures for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. Some of these states have gone far enough to ask for a constitutional convention in that particular. Should 30 states apply under the constitution—that is, two-thirds of the states—congress would have to provide a constitutional convention. But the applications would have all to be made at once, according to the present understanding.

Those states which have asked that a constitutional amendment be submitted for the election of senators by popular vote are: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It is almost impossible to say what senators have failed to carry out the wishes of their states in this regard, because there has never been a vote direct or indirect upon this subject. Many efforts have been made to obtain a vote, but all have proved futile. The proposition has been made to discharge the committee on privileges and elections and refer the consideration of the subject, but some way it has been passed over without a vote. The committee on privileges and elections has once or twice reported the resolution adversely, because a majority of the committee was against it, and it has been called up for discussion in the senate, but never has there been a vote upon the proposition to show how the senators stand.

They Dodge a Vote.
As with all other matters upon which a majority of the senate does not wish a record vote, the majority has been busy to prevent such a vote being taken, knowing that it could not pass. It was easy to displace this subject before the senate legislation, if it once got before the senate as the unfinished business, but the resolution has never got to that point yet, and it is doubtful whether it will ever be voted upon directly.

Many senators are perfectly willing to express their opinion on the subject, but there are quite a number who are very pronounced in their views, such as Hoar, Depew, Pettus and others, who are strongly opposed to the resolution, while Burrows, Beveridge, Blackburn and some others are in favor of it. These men are mem-

THE HOUSE SESSION

Dalzell, Pennsylvania, Springs a Surprise Immediately After the Opening.

ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF ELKINS' BILL.

Resolution Adopted by a Strict Party Vote—Littlefield Endeavored to Lead a Revolt—Vote Was Taken and Bill Passed—241 to 6.
Washington, Feb. 13.—A surprise was sprung in the house today immediately after the opening. Dalzell offered a resolution from the committee on rules providing for the immediate consideration of the Elkins anti-rebate bill. Richardson wanted the debate lengthened beyond the time the house provided for the purpose of offering amendments. The resolution was adopted by a party vote. The democrats contested strongly. Littlefield and Bowers, of Massachusetts, endeavored to lead a revolt in the hope of substituting the Littlefield bill. At 2:30 the vote was taken and the bill passed—241 to 6.

Grave Robber's Case.
Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—The case of Dr. Alexander for grave robbing was submitted to the jury this afternoon. A disagreement is expected.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo Commission Company—D. C. Sullivan, Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—May wheat has been on the verge of a drop today. Demands light. Market feverish and buyers slow to close.

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| Wheat— | Opened. | Closed. |
| May | 78 1/4 | 77 1/4 |
| July | 74 1/4 | 77 |
| Corn— | | |
| May | 45 1/2 | 56 1/2 |
| July | 43 1/2 | 43 1/2 |

Minneapolis, Feb. 13.—

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| Wheat— | Opened. | Closed. |
| May | 76 1/2 | 75 1/2 |
| July | 76 1/2 | 76 1/2 |

Wheat in Chicago.
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Wheat—78@77 1/2 cents per bushel.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Senate Committee on Cuban Relations Accede to Rathbone's Request.
Washington, Feb. 13.—The senate committee on Cuban relations today appointed Teiler and Platt of Connecticut, to consider the demand of Rathbone for an investigation of his record as director-general in the posts of Cuba. A belief is gradually growing that he is innocent.

The postoffice committee this morning decided to accept the omnibus statehood bill as an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill.

GENERAL BOOTH.

Opens the Senate With Prayer Today—The Largest Attendance Ever Known.
Washington Feb. 13.—General Booth opened with prayer one of the largest assemblages in the senate chamber ever known. The venerable leader of the Salvation Army invoked the blessing on the president and the government. Among other things he asked that the senate remember those who are so humble that they have no representatives to voice their sorrows, tolls and also the poor lost members of the community.

ODD FELLOWS ASSIGN.

The Temple Company, of Cincinnati, Was Ruined by Over Capitalization.
Cincinnati, Feb. 13.—The Odd Fellows' Temple Company, composed of 500 members of that order, assigned today in the insolvency court. Over capitalization was given as the cause, \$400,000 being the amount. Liabilities amounting to \$300,000 was secured by the building only.

SHOOTS HIS BUSINESS PARTNER

SURPRISED HIM IN HIS WIFE'S ROOM.

Hotel Keeper at Eckman, West Virginia, Starts to Shooting on Street—Two Men Killed, Three Wounded.
Welsh Courthouse, W. Va., Feb. 13.—Prith, a hotel keeper at Eckman, a mining town near here, last night shot and instantly killed his business partner, Height. He surprised him in his wife's room. He later met him on the street, where the killing occurred. Williams, an uncle of Height, ran forward and tried to wrest the revolver from Prith to prevent him from killing the three Height children, who accompanied their father. One spectator was shot through the thigh and another through the right side. Prith ran to Height's body, pulled a revolver from the dead man's pocket and killed Williams. Another spectator by the name of Fuller, rushed forward and a bullet tore away his jaw. The murderer escaped to the hills, where he is now being pursued.

LARGEST APPROPRIATION.

Oregon Legislature Has Spent Over \$2,500,000 so Far.
Salem, Feb. 13.—The total appropriations of the legislature reach to \$2,500,000, the largest in the history of the state.

Morgan's Resolution Amended

Washington, Feb. 13.—Morgan's resolution calling for copies of reports bearing on the military occupation of the isthmus, was reported back from the committee with an amendment making it a request to the president that such reports be made by him if not incompatible to public interest.

The new cabinet officer, required by the department of commerce bill will be George B. Cortelyou, now secretary to the president.

COUNSEL DARROW CLOSES THE CASE

Attorney for Mine Workers Makes His Final Plea Before the Commission.

COMPLIMENTS BAER IN SCATHING STYLE.

Will Be Several Days Before a Decision is Reached—Many Questions to Be Considered—A Large Amount of Testimony to Go Over.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—When the anthracite commission adjourns this afternoon the end will be in sight. With the conclusion of Darrow's speech the case rests for decision. An enormous amount of testimony and the many vexing questions will take some time for members to decide.

Darrow continued his argument this morning, dropped any attempt at eloquence or rhetorical display, and regaled the commission and crowd with the heaviest and most forceful logic, quoting largely from facts and figures brought before the commission.

Darrow handled the subjects under consideration as follows: Cause of strike, violence, boycotting, scabs, eight-hour law, weighing coal, soldiers, coal and iron police, Markie and evictions, attacks by Mathey, Farley and O'Hara, incorporation of union and objections against it as made by Torrey, sliding scale of wages, restriction of output, recognition of union, number of homes owned by the miners and instructions to the commission. Before taking them up, he paid his compliments to Baer in scathing style.

SITTING SUSPENDED.

Violent Scene Occurred in the French Chamber of Deputies Over the Humbert Case.

Paris, Feb. 13.—A violent scene occurred in the chamber of deputies because of an interpellation regarding Humbert. Deputy Blader accused the government of corruption. He called Premier Combes a chameleon and referred to the president as "sinuous." The vice-president occupying the chair, ordered Blader to withdraw the terms. He refused, and in a general uproar the ministers all left the hall. The chair ordered the galleries cleared, put on his hat and followed the ministers. The sitting was suspended in wild disorder. Blader was the last one and remained standing on a chair using harsh terms. Later the sitting was resumed, but the interpellation was not admitted.

HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.

Balfour, in Speech, Explains England's Position in the Venezuelan Matter.

London, Feb. 13.—Balfour, speaking at Liverpool today said the government had no other choice in the Venezuelan dispute. It had shown neither undue haste, greed for money nor lack of humanity. America had been taken into complete and full confidence at every stage of the proceedings. He ridiculed the idea that the alliance with Germany had been formed while the Kaiser was at Sandringham.

THE "BOSTON SLUGGER"

Grand Jury Indicts Berry for Murdering Clara Morton and Alice McPhee.
Boston, Feb. 13.—The grand jury has indicted Berry, the negro murderer of Clara Morton and Alice McPhee. He is believed to be the Boston slugger who attacked so many women. Berry is ill with typhoid fever. If he recovers, his trial will probably be the most interesting that has ever taken place in New England. The crimes were first charged to Mason, a prominent society man.

FINAL HEARING.

A Case Against Reading Railroad for Westfield Wreck.
Plainfield, Feb. 13.—The final hearing in the Reading railroad wreck, at Westfield, where 20 were killed, began this afternoon. The verdict won't be ready before tomorrow night.