

race against William Folsom, the present incumbent, who is practically alone on the republican side. George Cowl, of Milton, is also after the office.

**For County Judge.**  
George Hartman, Sr., the present democratic county judge, is the unanimous choice of his party for re-election. Thomas Fitz Gerald, F. W. Vincent and L. S. Wood, of Weston, compose a republican trio who will go up against the convention for permission to make the race, against Judge Hartman.

**For County Treasurer.**  
J. S. Cherry, of Pilot Rock, would like to be a democratic county treasurer, but he will have to beat E. J. Sommerville, the present republican official, if he stays in the race. B. F. Ronn, of Pendleton, would like to wear Mr. Sommerville's shoes if that gentleman should take them off.

**For County Commissioner.**  
Julius Huderman, of Warren Station; O. F. Thomson, of Butter creek; James Laing, of Cold Springs, and Ed Reuser, of Cottonwood, are all after the democratic nomination for county commissioner in the place of Horace Walker, whose term expires. J. H. Koonitz, of Echo; L. E. Roy, of Pilot Rock, and perhaps Horace Walker, the present official are after the place from the republican point of view.

**Other Offices and Candidates.**  
J. C. Cherry, the democratic principal of the Adams school, would like to have the place now occupied by County Superintendent J. F. Nowlin, who is a republican. E. H. Conklin, of the Pendleton schools, would also allow the republicans to present him with the nomination.

J. W. Kimbrell, who is a republican, is the only one after the county surveyor's office, and is almost sure of the place.  
Dr. W. G. Cole, who is now coroner, will ask the republicans of the county for the office again and they will do all in their power to give it to him. On the democratic side, Drs. M. J. Turley, R. E. Ringo and T. M. Henderson will make the race for the nomination.

**THE CREAMERY SURELY COMING**

**PATRONAGE FROM FARMERS ALL THAT IS ASKED.**

Commercial Cream Company That Will Build in Pendleton Has Made Creamery Centers of the State of Several Willamette Valley Counties—Creamery Activity Will Be Great This Year.

George D. Goodhue, of the Commercial Cream Company, of Portland, has just returned from a trip to Lewiston, where his company is making arrangements to erect a first-class creamery, and says the prospects are favorable for great activity in the creamery business in the Inland Empire the coming year.

Mr. Goodhue is watching the Pendleton field and is prepared to begin the erection of a first-class creamery in this city when the patronage from the farmers owning cows will justify the move. His company is one of the very strongest in the state and has made several of the Willamette valley counties creamery centers of the state. He is heartily in favor of starting a business in Pendleton, owing to its central location, in a rich district, and its being a distributing point for supplies to a large scope of interior country not reached from any other point.

A new creamery is being started in La Grande and there is one now in operation in Union, with more market in the mines and lumber camps of Eastern Oregon than can be supplied.

**IOWA DRAINAGE CONVENTION.**  
Problems of Surplus Water and "Land Rot" Are Considered.

AMES, Ia., Jan. 15.—Of the several meetings held recently at the state agricultural college here none is of more importance to the farmers of Iowa and of this section of the country in general than the state drainage convention which assembled today.

Plans for the gathering have been making for several months, and a large attendance and an interesting program are the results. Informal discussions occupied the day. The opening of the regular proceedings was deferred until this evening in order that a full attendance might be assured.

The program will begin with an introductory address by Prof. C. E. Curtiss, which will be followed by a discussion of the drainage laws of Iowa, their defects and remedial measures. Prof. W. H. Stevenson of Iowa state college, will speak on "Data Regarding Drainage Conditions of Iowa," and C. G. Elliott, department of agriculture, will follow with a paper on "Drainage Laws of Other States." A second session of the convention will be held tomorrow morning.

## NEWS FROM AND AT WASHINGTON

**Secretary National Republican Committee on the Witness Stand and Visibly Nervous.**

**COURSE TOWARD COLUMBIA DENOUNCED BY TILLMAN.**

Charges Filed Against Superintendent of an Indian School—Bids Opened for the Construction of Two Thirteen Thousand Ton Battleships and Contract Will Probably Go to the Cramps—Government Collier at Panama Badly Injured.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Perry Heath, as a witness in the Machen trial this morning was visibly nervous. He said the Groff fasteners were in use when he became assistant postmaster-general, and he never knew or saw Groff's before he entered the room.

Mr. Wynn was also on the stand and denied knowledge of the Groff fasteners being in use in the rural service.

**Order to File Charges.**  
In the senate Mr. Curnack presented a resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for copies of all charges filed against the superintendent of the Shawnee Indian school in the Indian Territory.

**Denounced by Tillman.**  
In a discussion of the Panama canal question in the senate this afternoon Senator Tillman declared the action of the United States toward Columbia was that of a sneak thief, and that its bully-like method of maintaining its policy was an insult to American diplomacy.

**New Warships.**  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Bids were opened today in the navy department for the construction of two 13,000-ton battleships, the Idaho and Mississippi. These with three of the 16,000-ton class were authorized by congress at the last session.

Cramp was the lowest bidder for both and probably will be awarded the contract. He offered to build one in 23 months for \$3,200,000, or both, one in 28 and one in 40 months, for \$2,925,500. No Pacific coast bids were entered.

**Collier Rammged by Cruiser.**  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Admiral Glass reports from Panama that the collier Nero, was injured by the Concor going alongside. The Nero will be grounded at high water for temporary repairs.

**REPUBLICAN GASFEST.**  
Editors and Politicians of Missouri at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 15.—Several active men who work with pen and brain the year round to keep the republican party in a flourishing condition in this state are gathered in St. Joseph for the annual meeting of the Missouri republican editorial association.

Routine business occupied the day and interest among the visitors centers chiefly in the banquet to be given by the association tonight. The prominent men who have accepted invitations to speak include Governor Miley of Nebraska, Cyrus P. Walbridge of St. Louis, John L. Webster of Omaha and Col. D. R. Anthony of Leavenworth, Kas.

**King Has Sore Throat.**  
London, Jan. 15.—The Star today states that the king has had an affection of the throat requiring medical attention. He was treated during a recent visit at Chatsworth by Dr. Weach.

## LIVESTOCK CONVENTION ENDORSES FAIR

Portland, Jan. 15.—Today's session of the National Livestock convention was devoted largely to detail business. A resolution protesting against the operation of the liea land law and recommending an investigation bill on "scrip method" now before congress was adopted, as was another advocating elastic currency.

President Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, delivered an address on the subject, "Is the Production of Livestock Keeping Up With the Demand?" He contended that the price of beef will be increased in the next few years.

**Indorsed the Fair.**  
Portland, Jan. 15.—The National Livestock convention unanimously indorsed the Lewis and Clark fair bill

## JAPAN DEMANDS A CERTAIN PLEDGE

**Unless Russia Gives it There Will Be War to Enforce Compliance.**

**NO DECLARATION OF WAR WILL COME FROM RUSSIA.**

Japan Stubbornly Insists Upon the Open Door and Upon Chinese Sovereignty in Manchuria—Russian War Vessels Being Rushed to the Far East—Great Britain Sends Russia a Significant Warning About the Dardanelles Treaty.

London, Jan. 15.—Japanese Minister Hayashi said this morning he had received no further advices from Japan, and said it is practically certain, however, that any declaration of war will not emanate from Russia. Hayashi still believes the prospects for peace are good, but says Japan is ready to go to war unless Russia will give a definite pledge that she too will adhere to the open door and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria.

**Russian Vessels Going East.**  
Constantinople, Jan. 15.—Two vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet, passed through the Bosphorus today bound for the east.

**Great Britain Warns Russia.**  
London, Jan. 15.—It is rumored that Great Britain has notified Japan that any attempt by the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles would be checked by decisive action by Great Britain.

**Japan's Latest Reply.**  
London, Jan. 15.—A Central News dispatch says Japan's last reply to Russia has been received at St. Petersburg and is now under consideration.

**WILL BE A DARK HORSE.**

**St. Louis Edition of Bryan's Commoner During Convention.**  
St. Louis, Jan. 15.—William J. Bryan, in an interview here today, stated his belief that a dark horse will be nominated for the presidency by the democrats and the democratic ticket be victorious at the polls. He is not a candidate himself and refused to commit himself regarding the eligibility of McClellan, of New York.

Referring to the report that he would edit a newspaper in St. Louis, probably for Hearst, he said he had had no communication with Hearst on the subject, but admitted he intended to issue a St. Louis edition of the Commoner during the convention.

**CONFEDERATE REUNION.**  
General Order Will Convene in Short Time at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Prominent confederate veterans from many parts of the state are gathered here to attend tonight's meeting of the chamber of commerce and retail merchants' association, at which a date will be fixed for the coming general reunion of the united confederate veterans in Nashville. The meeting will also appoint the necessary committees to make all arrangements for the gathering.

Much interest has already been aroused in the reunion and elaborate plans will be made for the reception and entertainment of the thousands of visitors who will be here from all parts of the south.

**Nordland Has Arrived.**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—The steamer Nordland, from Liverpool, which was sighted a few days ago in a disabled condition, passed the breakwater at 10 this morning, three days late.

## NEW MILITARY MAP.

**General Rearrangement of District Lines.**  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—A general rearrangement of the military map of the United States is brought about by the order establishing the new military divisions, effective today. Under the new order of things there are four military divisions in the United States and one in the Philippines.

The new Atlantic division constitutes the old department of the East, except the state of Louisiana, with the state of Tennessee added thereto. The northern division is composed of the old department of the lakes, the department of the Missouri and the department of Dakota. The department of Missouri is enlarged by adding thereto the state of Wyoming, which has been detached from the department of Colorado.

The Pacific division is composed of the old departments of California and Columbia, while the southwestern division has been made up of the departments of Colorado and Texas. The department of Texas had been enlarged by the addition of the states of Louisiana and Arkansas and Indian and Oklahoma territories. The Atlantic division will have headquarters at Governor's Island, the northern division at St. Louis, the Pacific division at San Francisco, and the southwestern division at Oklahoma City.

**Alton's Chief Engineer Resigns.**  
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 15.—The resignation of Henry F. Baldwin, chief engineer of the Chicago & Alton road for the past four years, became effective today. Mr. Baldwin resigned to become vice president and general manager of the Du Pont powder company, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

**Trial of Mrs. Bechtel Begun.**  
Allentown, Pa., Jan. 15.—The formal trial of Mrs. Bechtel, charged with the murder of her daughter Mabel, began this morning. She pleaded not guilty.

**DAY OF SLAUGHTER AND SUFFERING IN THE EAST.**

**Men Were Killed in Every Accident, Others Will Die and Scores Are More or Less Severely Injured—Equal Liability on Steam and Electric Lines.**

Norristown, Pa., Jan. 15.—One of the Pennsylvania railway's largest locomotives exploded near Narceus this morning, fatally injuring Engineer Hemphill, Fireman Bowman and brakeman Harpe.

**Head-On Collision.**  
Malone, N. Y., Jan. 15.—A head-on collision of freights at the Rutland railway houses point, took place this morning. James Hogge and Joseph Wright were killed and Fred Mitchell fatally hurt and Fireman Lawrence seriously injured. Several others of the train crew were injured.

**Conflicting Orders.**  
Scottsdale, Pa., Jan. 15.—Conflicting orders caused a collision of Pittsburg & McConnellsville electric cars this morning near the Scottsdale hump curve at full speed. Fifteen were injured, of whom eight sustained broken limbs.

**TO BOOM GOOD ROADS.**  
President of State Association Goes to Washington, D. C.

Salem, Jan. 15.—County Judge John H. Scott, president of the state good roads association, departed on last night's overland train for Washington, D. C., where he goes to attend a meeting of the delegates appointed by the national good roads association to urge the senators and representatives in congress to vote for the Brownlow road bill now before that body.

The committee, which will meet on January 25, is composed of 25 delegates, appointed from the different states, and Judge Scott was chosen to represent Oregon.

**BARK MAY BE LOST.**  
Reported Wrecked on Coast of Vancouver Island.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 15.—It is reported that the four-masted British bark Simia, from San Francisco for Port Townsend, Wash., was wrecked on the coast of Vancouver Island, but it still lacks confirmation. No tidings of the fate of the vessel have been received up to 11 a. m.

**BRYAN IN ST. LOUIS.**  
Reported That He Will Become Editor of a Daily Paper.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 15.—Before leaving here last night, William J. Bryan confided to friends that he expected soon to become editor of a new daily paper in St. Louis. It is believed to be a Hearst production.

## FIRE CHIEF ALSO SHIRKING BLAME

**Miserable State of Affairs Disclosed by the Coroner's Inquest in Chicago.**

**MUSHAM ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE IS INCOMPETENT.**

"Been Too Busy to Pay Much Attention to the Theaters"—Corporation Counsel Declared Before the Fire He Had No Power to Enforce the Ordinance Providing for Firemen in the Theaters—Assistant Fire Marshal Campian Also Says it Was Someone Else's Fault.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Fire Chief Musham was on the stand in the Iroquois investigation this morning and followed the apparent effort of other officials by trying to shift the blame.

He said he had nothing whatever to do with the Iroquois, which would be encroaching on the duties of the building department. He said all he had done was to approve of fire-fighting apparatus in theaters when he had been notified it had been placed.

When asked whether it was the duty of Iroquois firemen to report to him, he said "yes, but the man did not do so." When asked why he did not require him to make a report, he said, "Could not say. Suppose it was overlooked. Been too busy to pay much attention to the theaters."

**No Power to Enforce Ordinances.**  
Under further examination, Musham said he notified the Iroquois managers they would have to employ a fireman on the stage. The managers protested to the corporation counsel and to Mayor Harrison. The chief then went to the corporation counsel's office and understood from the latter that he had no power to enforce the ordinances. The managers pleaded that their employees were able to extinguish possible fires better than could the regular firemen.

**Testimony Against Musham.**  
Assistant Fire Marshal Campian was on the stand this afternoon. He accused Musham of neglecting his duty. He said it was Musham's duty to see the law enforced requiring a complete equipment of the theaters with fire-fighting apparatus. The juryman has demanded that building Commissioner Williams be recalled tomorrow.

**FOREIGN RAILWAY SYSTEMS.**  
American Railway Officials Will Inspect Them.

New York, Jan. 15.—Several officials of the Pennsylvania railroad, comprising a committee appointed for the purpose of making a study of a number of foreign railway systems, will depart tomorrow for a tour of Europe.

The committee consists of R. E. McCarty, superintendent of the eastern division of the Panhandle; C. M. Schaeffer, superintendent of passenger transportation of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Andrew Kaiser, superintendent of telegraph.

**KANSAS FARMERS.**  
Discuss Beet Sugar and Mail Order Houses.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 15.—At the sessions of this, the last day of the annual meeting of the Kansas state board of agriculture Mrs. Henry Block of Syracuse opened the proceedings with an interesting paper on the sugar beet industry in Kansas. Henry Hatch of Barry spoke on "The Mail Order House and the Farmer," and Charles F. Mills, secretary of the department of live stock of the Louisiana purchase exposition, told of the arrangements being made for the great agricultural exhibit at the St. Louis world's fair.

The meeting will close this evening with an illustrated lecture on "Breeding Field Crops," by W. H. Hays, professor of agriculture of the Minnesota experiment station.

**Locomotive Explodes.**  
Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 15.—A New York Central locomotive exploded this morning on the iron pier crossing, killing Engineer Mitchell and probably fatally injuring Fireman Wentzell and seriously injuring brakeman Neary. Damaged suits will be instituted against the company by relatives of the men named while the company threatens suit against the city under its contract, claiming that the accident was caused by foul water.