

Many a merchant has made a business failure because he failed to get the people know he was

NORMAL SCHOOL STAYS

Majority for it in the House and Slight Majority in the Senate.

RECEIVE ITS SHARE OF THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Pierce Goes on Record as Opposed to All County District Schemes This Session—By Majority the House Votes to Prohibit All Forms of Stock Gambling in the State — Senator

Feb. 11.—By a vote of 36 to 12 in the house and of 14 to 12 in the senate, the Drain Normal school is retained on the list of state normal schools.

A lively tilt with the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening. Senator Cullom defied the machine to force him to vote for the bill of Cascade county.

Over County Division. Feb. 11.—The bitterest feeling among the Union county legislators and the Union lobbyists, at the onset of the bill creating

Senator Pierce in the evening Frank Wilcox of Union county, declared: "You are an infernal liar," retorted. He endeavored to strike

State Fair May Be Held. Feb. 11.—After having received the approval of the committee, which it was referred, the bill to hold the state fair at Salem for the year 1905, was withdrawn yesterday

Representative Settlemier does not assure Salem the state fair at a similar bill to the one withdrawn by Mr. Settlemier was introduced at the afternoon session by Representative Newell. This in no way means that the supporters of the bill of the state fair have given up the fight, as it is simply the question of the responsibility from one party to another.

LISTS ARE LEAVING TOWN. The Housing Committee is Making it Hot for Boodlers.

Kan., Feb. 11.—A majority of legislators have gone home to their constituents about oil legislation. The boodling committee has announced it will extend its inquiries to all counties having a lobby here, as in the Standard Oil. Several have left town tonight.

Permanent Mineral Exhibit. The big permanent mineral exhibit at the Hampton is preparing, is being met with considerable enthusiasm. The securing of a big vault for the exhibit is being handled by the city council of \$250,000. Harry T. Henning is expected to do equally as well as the London Clearing house.

Medieval Delaware. Wilmington, Del., Feb. 11.—The Meserve, of the New Castle county work house, flogged several prisoners today.

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STRONG EVIDENCE FOR STATE.

Weber Identified as Purchaser of the Pistol.

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 11.—The star witness at last evening's session of the Weber murder trial, in fact probably the most important witness of the whole trial, was Henry Carr of San Francisco, owner of a second-hand store.

The witness was shown a pistol, which he positively identified as the one he sold Weber in July or August of last year. He said he loaded the weapon for the defendant, placing five cartridges in the weapon, and doing up five others in manila paper, which he handed the defendant. Upon being asked whether he recognized the man to whom he sold the pistol and cartridges, Carr pointed to the defendant, who was sitting just back of his counsel, having crouched almost out of sight.

Henry Carr, the San Francisco second-hand dealer who sold a pistol to Adolph Weber, was cross-examined. He demonstrated by the weapon itself his means of identification. The barrel was shaky, and portions of the nickel plate were worn off.

Adrian Willis, a schoolmate of Weber's, was on the stand. Willis took the defendant to his home the night of the fire. His shoes and stockings were wet and were changed at Willis' home. During the evening the defendant repeatedly suggested they go up to the barn, where the pistol was found.

Willis also stated that at the defendant's suggestion they and Lincoln Merrow had ice cream, and that the defendant wanted to go and call on some young ladies. All this happened within a few hours after the murders.

Rich Hand of Jewelry. Montreal, Feb. 11.—Burglars early this morning blew the safes in the office of Ives & Lavale, jewelers, and secured \$15,000 worth of diamonds.

FIRE STARTS IN ELECTRIC PLANT

LOSS TO THAT COMPANY WAS 250,000 DOLLARS.

Gas Tank Exploded Spreading the Conflagration and Some Extensive Manufacturers and Mercantile Firms Were Burned Out With an Aggregate Loss Estimated at \$600,000—Intense Cold Made Trouble.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Fire this morning destroyed the six-story building of the Central Electric company, on Fifth avenue. Loss, \$250,000.

The losses will aggregate \$600,000. By the explosion of a gas tank, after the firemen had obtained control, the flames spread to adjoining property, and the following firms suffered losses:

Singer Sewing Machine company; A. Stein, manufacturer of garters; Gage-Dowry Co., corsets; John Ollar, engraver; Opher Co., tailors; Coyne Overall company.

The intense cold greatly hindered the fight with the conflagration, which was more extensive because of it, the distribution of water being incomplete and defective.

The firemen suffered greatly with the cold.

ITALIAN WOMAN SHOT.

Fruit Vendor of Portland Killed by a Jealous Suitor Last Night.

Portland, Feb. 11.—Amelia Sirtini, a young Italian fruit vendor of Front street, was shot and instantly killed last night by Joseph Fiorebello, an Italian, who had been paying attention to Mrs. Sirtini, who was a widow.

He called at her fruit stand about 10 o'clock, and after a short conversation, drew a pistol and shot her twice in the head, death being instantaneous. Fiorebello fled and so far has not been captured.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations From All Points Handling Umatilla Products.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—May wheat opened today at \$1.16 1/2 and closed at \$1.16 1/2. Barley, 42 to 46. Flax, \$1.16. July wheat opened at \$1.00 1/2 and closed at \$1.01 1/2. Corn, 46 1/2. Oats, 30 1/2.

San Francisco—\$1.56. Portland—Walla Walla, 56, valley \$7.

Liverpool—May wheat, 6s 11 1/2d.

Daughter in Dance Hall.

Dalles people will deeply regret the circumstances which saddened the heart of Rev. Struble and called him from this city to his home in Chicago to look after a wayward daughter. Left to the care of her mother, she became stage struck and left home, became found in a dance hall. Her father was summoned and left Thursday night.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The prize duelist of Paris, M. Rouzier-Dorcleres, has fought in 17 combats and arranged 118 for others.

JUDGE TANNER HAS CONFESSED

Portland, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Judge Alfred H. Tanner, one of the most prominent attorneys of Portland, law partner of United States Senator John H. Mitchell, recently indicted by the federal grand jury for perjury, in connection with the land fraud cases, made a full confession in Federal Judge Bellinger's court this afternoon.

Tanner admitted that the partnership agreement which he furnished the grand jury when testifying for Mitchell was made up within the past three months to prevent Mitchell from being caught on an indictment, later presented. He admits that he swore to a falsehood and that Mitchell received money for illegal fees, in fact, that all the firm's fees received from government department work went to Mitchell.

CHINESE NEUTRALITY MUST BE OBSERVED BY RUSSIANS

Kuropatkin Issues an Order to That Effect—Chances of Continuation of the War Advance Fifty Per Cent.

More Battling Between Laborers and Soldiers at Lodz, With the Usual Result—Situation Remains Unchanged in Manchuria — Some Concessions Made at Warsaw to the Strikers, Who Will Get a Shorter Day and Better Wages—More Laborers Go Out at St. Petersburg, Where Official Inquiry Is to Be Made Into the Slaughter of January 22.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The Manchurian Official Gazette today publishes an order issued by Kuropatkin to the army instructing the soldiers to strictly observe Chinese neutrality. The general defines the frontier line as Mongolian from the border of the river Lothen, thence to Simonton, thence to Gavarantz, thence to Yngow. On no account must the Chinese railroad be crossed.

Will Investigate Slaughter. It is reported that Count Papiena, a member of the council of the empire, has been ordered to conduct the investigation into the slaughter in the streets of St. Petersburg, January 22.

Officially Denied. The report that M. Bouligan, the new Russian minister of the interior, has ordered the house of M. Witte, president of the council of ministers, searched and all documents taken, is denied in an official circular today.

Peace by April 30. London, Feb. 11.—Lloyd's today issued policies against a declaration of peace in the Far East before April 30, charging 50 guineas per cent premium. This is 50 per cent increase, which is due to a belief in well informed circles that the war is nearing its last stages.

More Laborers Killed. London, Feb. 11.—A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph reports that in a collision between strikers and soldiers at Lodz today, 11 were killed and 100 wounded.

Concessions to Laborers. Warsaw, Feb. 11.—The managers of the leather factories today granted their employes a nine-hour day and increase of 15 per cent in wages. Work will be resumed in these factories Monday. It is thought probable that many other factories will make concessions and a general resumption of work follow in a short time. Butchers are threatening a strike, and the bakers are considering a like move.

Killing Off Ironworkers. Lodz, Feb. 11.—According to the governor's report the casualties as a result of the fighting of troops and strikers at the Kathrine Iron Works Thursday were 23 killed, and 35 wounded.

THE TRIBUNE DIPS INTO GOLCONDA DEAL

Since the Morning Tribune is taking so much interest in accusing the East Oregonian of dishonest motives in publishing the story of the discovery, organization and decline of the Golconda mine, it might not be out of place to publish a Golconda transaction conducted from the Tribune office, recently, in which it is alleged the editor of that paper was the chief actor, although he hid behind an employe of the office.

The following letter, written on the letter head of the Morning Tribune, and signed by the telegraph editor of the Tribune, may give some insight into the "business character" of that paper:

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 5. Mr. C. S. Jackson, Portland, Ore. Dear Sir:—There is rather a pretty circulation here on which I feel I need advice. I have long held the opinion that your knowledge of such things was various and reliable, hence I write. You will doubtless oblige me by considering the question and a prompt reply for the sake of old times, etc.

The case is this: I have the best story that has broken out in Eastern Oregon for some time, about a mine and three warring factions, each of which is animated by a profound hate of the other, a secret ambassador whose identity is known to but two here besides himself, a \$45,000 deal at least and a lean, angular person called "Doc," who smells something wrong and is willing to pay to have his sense of scent satisfied.

Now, as a conscientious newspaper man, can I keep the story or shall I use it, shall I do neither but satisfy

PRESIDENT AT LINCOLN CLUB.

Will Attend and Speak at an Annual Event.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The president cleared the decks of official business today in anticipation of a day's absence from his office next Monday, when he is to go to New York to speak at the annual Lincoln dinner of the Republican club.

Although the president has been connected with the republican club for 29 years, he has not visited it in a number of years. Since his last visit the club has moved into a magnificent new home and it is reported that great preparations are making by the organization for the reception of its most distinguished member. The president plans to be absent from the White House but one day.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE EXCITED.

Sending Troops to French East India as Precautionary Measure.

Marseilles, Feb. 11.—The government has ordered the rushing of 6000 troops with supplies to Tonkin, French Cochinchina. The cruiser Latocchet Reville will sail tomorrow with the first detachment of 500 artillerymen, and the remainder will follow on chartered steamers. Sending of troops is due to the disturbed condition in the Far East.

Situation Unchanged.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The Russians bombarded the Japanese center and extreme left Wednesday and extreme right Thursday. Several Russian infantry attacks Wednesday night were repulsed. The general situation is unchanged.

Buried 2000 Russians.

London, Feb. 11.—Baron Hayashi issues a report from Oyama, stating that up to February 10 the Japanese buried 2000 Russian corpses in the direction of Heikoutai.

OPPOSITION TO PIERCE'S BILL

LITTLE WALLA WALA PEOPLE WILL FIGHT IT.

Remonstrance Has Been Drawn Up and Will Be Immediately Circulated for Names of Protestants Against Reorganization of Irrigation District—Bill Would Presumably Extend Privileges of Directors.

Considerable opposition has been aroused in the Little Walla Walla irrigation district to the bill which Senator Pierce has introduced to incorporate the company. It seems that nothing was known of the proposed step by many of the people of that district until the announcement was made that the bill had been introduced.

Immediately upon learning of the matter steps were taken to prepare a remonstrance against the passage of the bill, and the telephone line between the Little Walla Walla district and this place was kept busy this forenoon. The remonstrance is being drawn up at Prewater, will be forwarded to the Umatilla county delegation at once.

The Little Walla Walla district is already incorporated under the state laws governing such projects, and the effort to have it reincorporated by an act of the legislature is evidently for the purpose of giving the directors of the district some privileges that they do not now enjoy. According to T. G. Halley the main point of objection to the proposed bill is that it will allow the board of directors too much latitude in the matter of levying assessments.

TO PREVENT SCABIES.

Montana Stockmen Struggling With Stock Diseases.

One of the most important bills that has been introduced in the legislature affecting the livestock interests, is that by Representative O'Connor of Broadwater, providing for the prevention of scabies, says the Helena Independent.

Last spring the department of agriculture at Washington issued orders for the dipping of all cattle shipped out of Montana and coming from districts where scabies was known to exist. Later this order was held in abeyance, with the understanding that the stockmen would have enacted such legislation as would insure the eradication and prevention of the disease in the state. In conformity with the agreement the O'Connor bill was introduced. It has passed both the house and senate.

Duty of Stock Commissioners.

The first section of the bill confers upon the board of stock commissioners, in addition to its other duties, that of determining the existence and employing the most efficient and practical means to prevent and suppress scabies, and adopt such preventive regulations as the board may deem wise, all such regulations to conform to those of the department of agriculture at Washington.

ROOSEVELT AND SENATE CLASH

President Protests Against Senate Amendments to Arbitration Treaties.

SENATE SHOWS SIGNS OF BEING CONTRARY.

Issue is Fairly Made and a Finish Fight May Be Seen—The Cabinet Members Will All Resign March 6 and All But Two Be Reappointed—Arbitration Treaty With Japan Was Signed Today—Wynne Will Be a Consul General and Cortelyou Postmaster General.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The president today gave out copies of a letter written yesterday to Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations committee, requesting against proposed amendments to the arbitration treaties now pending in the senate, stating that if amended he will allow the treaties to die. The president holds the amendments necessitate a separate treaty whenever an issue arises, which will be a step backward, not forward.

Senator Cullom called at the White House and informed the president that the senate is unwilling to withdraw the amendments and is opposed to any special agreements with foreign countries by the executive without the advice and consent of the senate. The issue is now fairly joined and the outcome will be watched with interest.

Cabinet Will Resign.

Washington, Feb. 11.—It is announced at the White House today that the members of the cabinet have all tendered their resignations for March 6. All will be reappointed except Wynne, who will be appointed consul general to London, and Cortelyou, who will be nominated for postmaster general.

Arbitration With Japan.

Washington, Feb. 11.—An arbitration treaty with Japan was signed at the state department this morning by Minister Takahira and Secretary Hay.

Swayne Hearing Opened.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Judge Palmer presented the case for the house. He read the declaration of the Florida legislature charging Swayne with being ignorant and corrupt, and declared the collection by Swayne of \$10 per day for expenses ridiculous, and for a judge, contemptible.

THE POSTAL ARMY.

More Employes in Postoffice Department Than in the United States Army and Navy Combined.

The postal service of the United States employs more persons than that of any other government in the world. The chief clerk of the post-office department has prepared a list showing that 267,502 persons are under orders of the postmaster general. The army and navy combined does not aggregate more than half of this number.

The postal employes are divided as follows: Postmasters, 69,488; rural free delivery carriers, 30,001; city letter carriers, 21,554; star routes and railway mail service, 42,731, of which 13,214 are in the railway service; clerks, second-class offices, 24,742; assistant postmasters in first and second-class postoffices, 1534; estimated number of clerks in third and fourth-class offices, 14,000; estimated number of clerks paid by postmasters, 62,000. These clerks are paid from allowances out of the salaries of the postmasters themselves.

In the postoffice department there are 1156 clerks and other employes and 400 inspectors. The figures of Chief Clerk Chance do not include some 20,000 substitute rural free delivery carriers, which would swell the figures to 302,302 employes.

In point of numbers of postal employes, Germany ranks next to the United States, then Great Britain and France. It is estimated that the postal employes draw about \$16,000,000 a year in salaries.

Murdered in Jail.

Portland, Feb. 11.—L. W. Smith, a prisoner in the city jail, was found dead in his cell this morning, having apparently been murdered. Ten other prisoners occupied the cell with him, none of them being able to sit or lie down, on account of the crowded condition. Smith's head was crushed. Coroner Finley is investigating.