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TELEGRAPHIC.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The United States supreme court has affirmed its judgment in the case of Oregis, the Cuban embezzler, now held in New York. Effort will be allowed to this extradition by Spain.
Ex-Senator McDonald made a motion for charging the jury with a verdict to vacate the verdict in the case. The court refused the hearing but decided to allow the latter part of the motion. The court satisfied the conclusions reached were correct, but out with the form of the decree entered and would take the matter under advisement until the next term. It is understood that the object is to ascertain if there be some method by which the money accumulated by the defendant might be returned to some source that will not use the funds for the propagation of political parties, there being a reluctance to confiscate the property of the ministers.
The court today finally adjourned until the next term beginning, the second Monday in October.

JUMPED INTO THE RIVER.

SALEM, May 29.—F. H. W. Schmidt cabinet maker, formerly of Los Angeles, Cal., and late of Seattle, Wash, committed suicide this evening by jumping in the Willamette river at this place about 7 o'clock. He leaves two sons at Oakland, Cal., and a divorced wife at San Francisco. Schmidt had been having ill health some time past and became despondent over a cancer in the stomach. He had procured a revolver, it is supposed for the purpose of committing suicide. Dolph supported Schmidt's proposition and Senator Mitchell maintained that the dock should be located at some point on the Willamette river.
The committee was in favor of Mitchell's proposition but believed that any committee report would be considered by the senate and approved by the house. Senator Mitchell's amendment was agreed to. Senator Hale and other members of the committee do not like the proposition but it is expected that it will be passed by a vote of 40 to 30. The committee will report on the proposition at an early day.

A PRIEST SHOT DOWN.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Rev. Dr. S. M. Barrett, of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church, was shot and fatally wounded tonight at the residence of his wife. He was shot by a young man who professed to be in a dying condition from heart trouble. The priest gave the man directions to help him physically and was assisting the man in the bath when the latter drew a revolver and shot him in the heart. He gives the name of G. J. Barrett. His father-in-law was a St. Stephen's priest for twenty years.

KILLED WHILE UNCONSCIOUS.

SPokane Falls, May 29.—Tonight a switch engine in the yards here backed over the man who was lying on the floor of the back part of his head, and killing him instantly. Letters on the body showed his name to be A. G. Palmer, and that he has a wife at Allegheny, Pa. It is supposed that he was drunk at the time.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

SALEM, May 29.—Freddy Kendall, while felling a tree near Woodburn, about ten miles from Salem, today was instantly killed. The tree was felled in a wind and in falling struck him on the head, causing instant death. He was a widower and he was the main support of a widowed mother.

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Oregonian: F. A. McDonald, late registrar of the land office at the Dalles, writes a letter as a partisan to explain why a letter he wrote last November as an official. By this remarkable performance he succeeds admirably in making himself contemptible. He now wishes he hadn't written that letter, since he perceives it is extremely embarrassing to the Oregon Democracy; so he wants to make out there was nothing in it. He really didn't intend to reflect on the Penobscot administration at all. They were out-of-the-way republicans, whom he respected, after it so happens that it was the governor who was charged by law with the duty of selecting the lands, and Mr. McDonald asserted in his letter that the lands were selected in the interests of a ring who had sold lands for \$20 an acre, while paying only \$1.25 an acre for them.

IN HIS OFFICIAL REGISTER.

In his official Register, McDonald said: "The selection was made against the interest of the general government and of this state, and are against sound public policy." Now, who made the "selections," and against what interest? He was the land commissioner of the state, the governor. He is expressly charged by law with the duty of making these selections. No one can share it with him. McDonald, as an official of the United States, insisted that these selections were made wrongfully and fraudulently, and now tries to make out that there was nothing wrong about them—that, in fact, it was done by the officials of the state. True, he said in his official letter: "With telegrams and letters and the selection of the lands, McDonald was reminded of bees about the langhote (a cider barrel); but after all, he was not 'the state,' he was not the state, but certain men, officials, notably Messrs. McCracken and Gilchrist. All the men engaged in this scheme he denounces as republicans. Governor Penobscot, by his own admission, is guilty of no sin of omission or commission in the matter, for the governor has told him so. He takes great pains, likewise, to "ring in" the fact,