DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS. The Michigan plan of choosing presidential electors by congressions districts is considered a step forward and more nearly approaching a direct vote by the people, by a Democratic exchange. It has evidently forgotten the Jeffersonian idea of state's rights, and the doctrine of inherent sovereignty in the commonwealth and not in the electors. In ante-bellum days we constantly heard the doctrine expounded by the disciples of Jefferson that the ideas engrafted in the constitution of the election of president by the states, and the adoption of amend ments to the instrument by the same method, were conclusive evidence that the founders of the government intended these to be the prevalent ones.

The constitution provides that "each state [not congressional district] shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct a number of electors, equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in the congress," etc. From this it is very evident that the organic law of the government contemplated that the state should be the unit in the election of president, and not the municipality; but Democracy saw rogated its principles of state sovereignty and the paramount idea of college as provided in the fundamental would not control the politics of the dition, and the dissenter does not constate; but the contracted vision of sider the mother church as the hand-Democracy only takes in Michigan, maid of the inquisition and thirsting Minnesota and Ohio, where it could, for his blood. It may be that dogmaby this means, break the solid phalanx | tists still hold there is one true church | of the Republican electoral vote. and that there is no salvation outside; Democratic states would be all right but these views are kept inside the to cast their electoral votes as the conthe only available means for them to control the election of the executive and the upper branch of congress. Of course, where the legislature this year is Democratic, it will be attempted to capture electoral votes in Republican states; but this system will never be advocated in the solid south, or where like New York, by so doing it would make the larger portion of the commonwealth irrevocably Republican. And yet reputable journals, simply for party success, will bury all principles of patriotism and call such nefarious schemes, "steps forward." O tempora!

OPPOSED TO THE PORTAGE.

Governor Pennoyer, in his message has frankly declared his opposition to the state portage road, believing that the general government should construct that improvement. He says that the board of engineers recom mended the construction of a portage at the dalles of the Columbia, and the undertaking will be too burdensom on the state of Oregon. This has been one of the "hobbies" of the governor for several years, and it is not to be expected that he will experience any change of heart in the matter. The improvement to navigation in the Columbia river by congress should be of a permanent nature, and a portage that will require the same handling of open river. In view of the fact that The Dalles portage road, and believes ment over the Panama canal has sub-Eastern Oregon receives nothing in the shape of appropriation for public institutions, this portion of the state is entitled to a sufficient sum to construct the portage road as a temporary in times of peace, and calls attention expedient until the wheels of legislation in Washington City evolve something of a lasting nature-either a boat-railway or canal and locks. If the government build the railroad that will end all improvements at this point, and producers will never have an "fopen river" to the sea; but if the state undertake this, then the general government can be importuned to clear the river of the obstructions so that craft can transport produce from the upper navigable waters to the ocean without breaking cargo. The recommendation of Governor Pennoyer literally postpones indefinitely all improvements in the Columbia river above this point, and if the members of the legislature pay any attention to this part of the message they are continuing the control of the trade of the Inland Empire in the hands of the present railroad monopoly.

The death of General B. F. Butler in Washington City early this morning removes from active life a man who has identified himself with the history of the country for the past thirty years. He was born in Deerfield, N. H., November 5, 1818, and was the son of Captain John Butler, who served under General Jackson at has many earnest friends in the Mult- of the Suez canal and one of the most Charleston Democratic convention in probability of its passage, if those in- himself from the least implication of city has paid for 200,000 pounds of 1860 he came into political promi- cerested will go to work in earnest. nence, and when the civil war broke This will furnish relief to a large porout was among the first to offer his services to President Lincoln. His amount expended will be more than amount expended will be more than the grave, he blackened the spotless reputation as a military leader stands made good by the reduction in freight record of over eighty years. high in the records of the nation, and rates. Of course, opposition may be his administration of affairs was expected; but friends of the measure marked by integrity of character and must stand together in a solid phalaax. Paris some time ago, has made a terunbending determination to succeed in and the object will be accomplished.

whatever he undertook, As a civilian he has always been considered one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the United States, and would defend a poor man who was not able to pay a fee as quickly as a wealthy client. Being possessed of positive traits of character he made many bitter enenies, and also had a host of warm peronal friends who will always treasure his memory with respect. His virtues outweighed his vices, and the name of General B. F. Butjer will always be favorably mentioned in American his-

THE PROGRESS OF THE AGE.

Whatever may be the outcome he quarrel between Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Corrigan, if such it may be termed, the visit of Monsignore Satolli to the United States has and locks to completion at the earliest dispelled many illusions regarding the possible date. In a conversation with attitude of the Roman pontiff towards American institutions. That the holy see is not unfriendly towards this republic, and will not interfere with the portage road, and he helieves the bill maintenance of the public school sys- will pass this session. These are the tem by Catholic citizens in this coun- reasons that impel us to write hopethe history of the race which is very tory. encouraging to all liberal-minded perwhen creeds are considered subjects is about to be realized. Our wool, above criticism. In this age the bit- grain, fish and fruits will reacn a marter denominational feeling which ar- ket by means of the Columbia river, in the process of gerrymander- rays one Christian organization against which will be the cheapest method of ing a scheme by which it could another is rapidly passing away, and transportation. In this regard, our ernment; but, with the legions of now Catholic and protestant, Methodpublican state, and the party ab- ist and Baptist can meet harmoni- There are thousands of acres yet to be ously and be actuated by the one desire of the betterment of the condition states casting the vote in the electoral of the people. This is more fully demonstrated in the United States, per- center of trade and distributing point ing sufficient pluck and foresight to law of the nation. If the doctrine haps, than in any other country, and for the northwest, and this emphawere applied to all states indiscrimithe Catholic is as good an American sizes the fact that, with branch roads nately it might work no hardship on as the Congregationalist, and the Jew to the interior, this point would still power. any political organization, and then as the Methodist. There has been a control the bulk of the trade of the In-Virginia, Louisiana or South Carolina wonderful growth and expansion in land Empire. The golden age of proswould not be any longer solidly Dem- our preconceived notions regarding perity is dawning for this city, and if ocratic in presidential elections. It sects, and every thinking man has felt in the next few years this is not the no one will question; but, in mangmight be advisable to gerrymander the effect of the change. The Catholic great commercial and manufacturing urating needed reforms in these mat-

New York in this manner, and then no longer looks upon his protestant center of the northwest, we shall be the vote of the city and Queens county neighbor as one doomed to eternal per- very much mistaken. The citizens of The Dalles are interested in several bills now before the legislature, and they should exercise the necessary diligence in ascertaining whether the provisions meet our necessities. There are amendments cloisters of monks, and require constant offered to our city charter, and these stitution provided, and in harmony fanning to keep the flame of life in should be fully understood by tax with the Jeffersonian idea of state sov- them in existence. They will never payers before being put to a vote. ereignty. This is a very transparent reach a stage of white heat again, and trick of our friends, the enemy, and is will eventually pass away almost unnoticed. The world moves and the the government of the municipality, Salem, after which Carl Gray, of Portchurch moves, and the forward move- and whether this increases or de. land, was appointed mailing clerk, and ment carries all with it, even though unperceived by those upon whom the a right to be heard. We de not know nfluence is exerted. the objects of the bills introduced, but The bill of Senator Willis, introhope that a copy will be received for duced into the legislature Thursday, publication before their final passage.

ure that savore of mediaval barbar-

ism and is a direct insult to every wo-

man in Oregon. We hope that Mr.

Willis has neither wife or daughter,

they should be debarred from any po-

would be a disgrace to the middle

fish-wheels, and recommends these to

be abolished; to the system of militia

to a half-century ago when, in those

good old days, military training "fell

both in contempt and desuctude." He

favors many reforms-in assessment

and the payment of officials and other

matters. It was such a document as

might be expected to emanate from

Sylvester Pennoyer, who, if unique in

his ideas, is honest and courageous in

Henry Claws, an authority on eco

omic questions, says the result of the

lection in November will be "lowe

prices and consequently lower wages

and lower valuations for whatever is

produced, bought or sold." This will

naturally be the effect of free trade,

and in consequence we may expect to

see greater destitution among wage-

earners after the doctrine has been in

gugurated than has been experienced

for many years. Experience is a thor-

ough school-master, but its lessons are

earned with pain and suffering. After

four years of free-trade and low wages

the country may be desirous of protec

We have heard, on reliable author-

ity, that The Dalles portage is sup-

ported by nearly every member of the

legislature east of the mountains, and

tion and high wages.

their expression.

any other branch or house, or of any ereign unit. committee appointed by said assembly, EDITORIAL NOTES. or by any officers of either," is a meas-

The senatorial fight in Washington waxing warm, and Hon. John B Allen will not wear the toga without overcoming considerable opposition. The clans are gathering at Salem and therefore may be excused for his misanthropic notions. That young la-dies have proved as efficient clerks as

young men has been often demonto organize. strated, and there is no reason why It is a conundrum whether Pierce will cast his vote for Cleveland or sition. They are as intelligent, more Weaver. He owes his election to parhonest and virtuous than males, and tisans of both candidates, and to be

should have the same opportunities of | fair he should divide honors. earning a livelihood. Such legislation Our dispatches to-day state that the senate has organized with Hon. C. W. ages, and should be frowned down Fulton of Astoria, as president. Mr with contempt by Americans in the Fulton is a thorough parliamentarian. has had considerable experience in last years of the nineteenth century. legislation, and will no doubt give sat-isfaction to the members and to the

will bear reading by every intelligent | people. The French Royalists have recitizen of the state, and if he does not agree with the executive he can give paired to Spanish soil to nurture into grain as is required now cannot fully him credit for possessing the courage life their scheme of conquest; but it satisfy the desires of the people for an of his convictions. He is opposed to is to be hoped that after the excitesided the people will regain their conthat this should be constructed by the fidence in free institutions, and the regeneral government; to fish-traps and public will continue.

There is a necessity for a carefu watch to be kept of the portage bill. not leave anything undone to defeat the measure. The friends of The Dalles portage should watch every move of the opposition, and be prepared to ward off all antagonistic in-

The legislature is now organized, and the governor's message is anxiously expected. That it will be unique in its recommendations goes without saying; but greater interest centers it since Sylvester Pennoyer, the states rights Democrat, has metamorphosed into a Populist and fol

lower of Weaver. Miss Clara King, who accidentally stabbed and killed Albert S. McCoy, a young lawyer, in San Francisco last week, has been dismissed from custody on motion of the district attorney. This is as it should be, for the poor girl has endured a great deal and will suffer through life for the fatal result

of this unfortunate accident. The death of Mr. W. S. Ladd, Portland, the money king of the north west, called out many favorable notices of the gentleman from the local press, He was a generous, public-spirited citizen, and the metropolis was benefitted by his wealth and enterprise. Such men do not live for themselves

ity suffers loss. It is very much desired that Count Ferdinand De Lesseps, the projector nomah delegation. There is great skillful of modern engineers, will clear

> The Marquis de Mores, who killed a young Hebrew officer in a duel near ribly bitter anti-Semitic speech, and

THE DALLES. the meeting "broke up in a row" in consequence. If this marquis is a republican he should learn the first les-The Dalles has bright prospects for its future growth and pros-perity, and the coming season will un-Jew has as much right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as any

the rich natural resources will yield

their wealth to our advancement. We

have positive assurance that Messrs.

Day Brothers will begin work in a few

days, and that they will push the canal

Mr. Chandler he assures us that he

doubtedly witness the inauguration of several factors of development. Work Senator Raley, of Umatilla county at the Locks will be prosecuted to a as introduced The Dalles portage bill speedy completion, and there are indifor an appropriation of \$460,000 to ations that the portage road will meet complete the work. It is time for the with no serious opposition. An open papers of Eastern Oregon to prepare river will make this city an ocean comheir black list, and watch carefully petitive point, and give The Dalles a the vote of every member. A "book of remembrance" should be kept, so prestige not possessed by any city in that producers will know who are their Oregon, except Portland and Asteria. When cheap freights to seaboard are assured capital will center here and all

Some method by which good road ould be made to the interior appears o be a paramount question with the press and the people of the state, and we hope the legislature will take some action by which county commissioners can levy a tax for this purpose. If there is one thing the northwest urgently needs, that is, good roads, and the most available way to procure them will be the one acceptable to th

knows of no great opposition to the The lynchiag of Roberts at Lewiston, Idaho, and the threatened hanging of the boy murderers near Snohotry is a well-assured fact. This is an fully of the future, and incline us to mish, Wash., emphasizes the fact that advancement in church polity that was believe that the present season will be the northwest is still subject to mob not expected, and marks an epoch in the most prosperous of any in our his- violence. This is to be deplored, for in neither case had the culprits been tried by the courts. There may be some The TIMES-MOUNTAINEER has alexcuse for mob rule when tribunals of sons. The time has passed when eccle- ways contended that The Dalles had justice are inadequate to protect life siastical bodies can mark out the path the most advantageous situation of and property; but recourse should be to be pursued in secular matters, or any town in the northwest, and this had, in the first instance, to the established modes of procedure.

The methods of the German emperor may appear strange to people living under a republican form of gov-France in splendid discipline at the are delayed. resources are not nearly developed. very gates of the empire, eager to wipe out the disgrace of Gravelotte and Secultivated, and our fruit-growing ca- dan, a less determined policy would pacity has barely been tested. Long endanger the best interests of united before the era of railroads this was the Germany. Emperor William is showproperly protect the incerests of his country, and the peace of Europe demands that his scepter be handled with

That legislation is necessary in regard to the plan of assessing followed in this state and the mortgage tax law ters, it is not necessary to go to the ex treme and inflict unnecessary burdens upon tax-payers and small propertyholders by repealing the clause allowing exemption for indebtedness. Thus will work a hardship on many farmers who are forced to borrow money to improve their lands, and will retard the development of the unsettled portions of the state.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SALEM, Jan. 10-The house open creases his burden of taxation, or en- Clare Burbank, of Portland, and Clyde larges or restricts his privileges he has Brock, of Salem, pages. Then, on motion of Wilkins, the members were each provided with \$5 worth of postage stamps

and newspaper wrappers. Resolutions were adopted for furnishin the members with the last three volumes that no female shall "hereafter be em- The state is a division of the nation, of the supreme court reports, and for otoyed, hired or paid for services as and the county and city of the state, joint committees of five to examine the clerk of or for the legislature of this or and of each the individual is the sovoffice of state treasurer, public works. including the locks and jetty of the Col ambia; state university, agricultural college at Corvallis and normal school at formouth, and the penitentiary. Senate concurrent resolution for con ittees to investigate the secretary of

> Senate concurrent resolution for the archasing of 90 copies of Hill's code o the first edition and then adopted. Upton introduced a resolution again: the sale of non-union made cigars in the rotunds; referred to special committee-Jpton. Ford and Inman.

Resolution for the election of senator and president by direct vote; made spec-ial order for 2 P. M Monday of next House concurred in senate joint res ution for a committee to investigate the

prepare joint memorial on foreign mmigration; adopted.

Joint memorial for opening of world's air Sundays; adopted.

Joint memorial for extention of time for settlers to prove up on forfeited rail road land grants; adopted.

A recess was then taken for the

When the house reconvened, all ex-nembers and ex-officers were invited to Joint resolutions by Ormeby for committee to draft a memorial for the early completion of the Nicaragua canal Miller moved to reconsiber the vote to w. E. Baxter, of Thiamook county. was elected clerk, he being the caucus A resolution for 1000 copies of governor's message was adopted.

Washington Democrats OLYMPIA, Jan. 10-The election Arrasmith, a prominent Republiccan sder of the Farmers Alliance as speaker of the house of Washington, is in the in terest of Senator Allen's candidacy for the United States senate. Allen has a majority of the Republicans in both house and senate, but it is the plan of campaign of the personal enemies op-posing him who control the Republican minority to prevent a caucus and there by deadlock the contest for his seat in the joint assembly Allen at present numbers over 50 faithful followers and needs only a few votes to secure the 57 necessary for election. The Republicans have 74 votes on joint ballot, and of this interest of expeditious legislation to take up Arrasmith, a pronounced Allen man, for speaker and rush him through. He railroad lobby conspirators persist in their tactics, it is tikely that Allen will be given the Democratic support The Democratic minority in the legisla ure is out for a record.

Corruption in New York. NEW YORK. Jan. 10-On reports by fraud in the Panama canal scandal. | meat that never reached the institutions The old gentleman is in the autumn of for which it was intended, Mayor Gilron will order a thorough investigation of the department of charities and correc-

TELEGRAPHIC.

California Senatorial Questian. SACRAMENTO, Jan. 10-There is no change in the senatorial situation in Sac ramento. No doubt is entertained by Democrats or Republicans that White will be the next United States senstor Caton, the Populist candidate, still pro-fesses confidence, but the Republicans cannot get all their men into caucus he is the candidate. A conference Republicans will be held tonight on the senstorial question.

Killed by Robbers

COTTON PLANT, Ark., Jan. 19-Reuben Atkinson, a prosperous farmer living two miles south of this place, sold some cot ton Saturday and returned home last night with some cotton pickers. This morning his house was discovered in ashes, and in them was found the charred remains, and also the bodies of a woman and child who lived with him. Atkinson was murdered and then robbed and the house burned to conceal the crime A negro has made a partial confessionand there is a good deal of talk of lynch

The Quarantine Bi I Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10-In the senate the quarantine bill was considered till 2 o'clock, when the option bill was entitled to precedence, but, by the consent of Washburn, the latter went over for a time. The section of the quarantine bill authorizing the president to sus-pend immigration was amended to read "To prohibit in whole or part the intro duction of persons and property," and

Severe Storm in Iowa. FAYETTE, Ia, Jan. 10-The worst

torm for years has been raging sinc Sunday night. The public roads are

Supposed to be the Cholera. HAMBURG, Jan. 10-Two sick sailors on the steamer Murriana, from New Or leans, are declared to have the cholers The vessel has been disentected.

Routine Report.

SALEM, Jan. 11-After prayer by the Rev. J. Bowerson, of Salem, concurrent resolutions were adopted for the appoint ment of a committee to visit the state the insane asylum by a joint committee. The house joint resolutions for the pur-chase of 90 volumes of Hill's code was not the governor's message were ordered printed, after the senate took up the first reading of bills, as follows: By Denny, to prevent trespassing

Bancroft, to regulate assessment; Loon ey, to regulate hunting; McGinn, amend-ing the code, and for the incorporation of religious and benovient associations; Matlock, creating an Oregon world's fair commissioner; Bancrott, to punish tampering with railroad tracks; Myers, providing for the filing of chaattel mort gages, and regularing the meeting of the suits; Steiwer, incorporating Condon; Cameron, establishing a state mining bureau; Weatherford, exempting home-steads; Alley, incorporating Springfield Vanderburg, smending the charter of Myrtle Point; Crosno, to complete the state agricultural college buildings; Denny, to commit opium-users to the asylum; Willis, for a free bridge rt Port land, establishing the Port of Columbia, providing for additional judges in the ourth district, and regulating jurors; Maxwell, fixing the salaries county treasurers; Bancroft, protecting common cartills, retered to a committee of senators from Umatills; Cameron, regulating the payment of county warrants; McAlister. r the extirpation of the Canadian thistle; Denny, regulating delective acknow edgment, and amending the code; Huston, regulating the use of firearms, and incorporating Sherwood; Bancroft for the collection of taxes.

Tue Capal Scandal. PARIS, Jan. 11 - The trial of Charles de Lessips, Marius Fontaine, Baron Cut-

to and M. E ffle, accused of complicity in the Panama canal trauds, was continued fore the hour set for the opening of court the room was filled to the utmost capacity with a crowd of interested specwere well known. The audience dis cussed the evidence given by M. Charles de Lessups yesterday and the general opinoa seemed to be he had not bettered his case by his statements regarding transactions between himself and the late Baron Reinach. Little confidence is placed in his declaration that he had no knowledge as to the uses to which the large sums of money he had handed the baron were to be expended for the canal company. When M. Perivier, president the courtroom, silence prevailed amid a scene of unusual solemnity. They took heir seats on the bench and court wis declared open. The four prisoners sat n places occupied by them yesterday, directly in front of the magistrates, which was introduced by T. T. Geer, of Pres.dent Perivier at once proceeded to Marion, just as the house was about to examine M Fontaine. In response to adjourn, was designed as a joint expresquestions put to him, M Fontaine said sion from both houses. It was couched that shortly after the formation of the in language having a double purpose Parsana Canal Company he was placed of ridicule and sarcasm. The resolution in charge of the company's business with the press. He detailed at length what his duties were, and gave much valuable luring the campaign, the alleged ill in ct arge of the company's business with the press. He detailed at length what his duties were, and gave much valuable hostile attacks upon the company, and also to prevent the publication of matter that would have shown the true condition of affairs | ical platfom; therefore, Geer would have on the isthmus of Panama. M. Fontaine stated that he had held his position as manager of the company's press affairs bly, to the end that justice may be es untill 1885, when the exactions of the newspapers became so heavy he was com-pelled to abandon it. Since that time he pelled to abandon it. Since that time ne had been merely the secretary of De

Fun in Kausas TOPEKA, Jan. 11-The rival houses in representative ball since vesterday At 1 o'clock this morning the rival speaknumber the opposition claims enough to ers agreed no further move would be prevent Allen's election possible. The made during the night, and a blanker discovery that the scheme is being man-ipulated by ex Congressman Calkins, of ndians, with the aid of the Northern common protection of its folds. The Allen, as he is strong with the people. veniences in lieu of beds. During the The break on the speakership in Allen's night the Republican members prepared veniences in lieu of beds. During the behalf was voluntarily made by the a memorial to the governor signed by of the whole number of membere, ting forth that they had certificates of election from the state canvassing board, sganization, and petioned him to recgnize that body as a legal one. This aroused from sleep for the purpose, but be declined to say what action he would take. James Wilson, Independent, is among the signers Sandwiches and coffee who were celebrating the holidays under were served to the members this morning a big shed in front of the temple. The

Avalanch In a Bluing Camp. the department of charities and correction. Surprising developments are expected.

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Striking Miners go to Werk.

BERLIN, Jan. 10—The striking miners in the Saar district resumed work toda.

Eleven thousand were re-employed, and 000 were rejected.

Showship to the mountain side last Wednesday, near Kaslo, in the Stocan district, killing two men and ruining considerable property. The Freddie Lee mine, owned by James F. Wardner, was almost in its path, and the men killed. Martin Fisherty and James Switzer, were either burned, smothered or trampled under foot. Most of the tatalities resulted from suffocation, as a strong wind drove the smoke into the temple. At the time of writing the missing are numbered at 1960, and it may be more. Some of these are burned beyond recognition. The disaster is the worst that has occurred and the rain began to fall three days be

ore the accident. Experienced miners anticipated a snows ide and preparations had been made at the mine to avoid the danger. Mr. Springer, the foreman, had rdered the biscksmith shop removed to he mouth of the tunnel, and instructe Fisherty and Switzer to sack ore in the unnel The blacksmith was getting his nools together when he heard a mutter ang sound, which instantaneously grew PORTLAND, OREGON. Send for Catalogue (English or German. Special prices to first buyers in new localities

nto a roar. He broke into a run fo the nouth of the tunnel, shouting to the ther men that the avalanche was upon hem. Just as he entered the tuppel the snowslide swept by. The men were trace of them was found except their hammers and a few sacks, which were !ving ou side be tunnel. It is suppose hat F abarty and Switzer ran out of the unnel to see what was the matter, and oefore toey could return, were caught in the avalanche. Their tood es are in the et of snow. It will be impossible to recover their remains before spring. The mess-nouse, drum and bunk-house are blacksmith shop, woodshed and ore house were swept away Near the mouth of the tunnel were 400 or 500

ske, one of the most beautiful sheets if water in the state of Cinalon. This ake was about 30 miles long and 12 niles wide, It was situated at the tool ried down the mountain. of the Sierra Madre mountair s, the surounding country being devoted to agrian Awful Exposion ulture A lew days ago there was a DENVER, Colo., Jan. 11-An explosi n eries of sight carchquakes telt in that coured vesterday atternoon in a coal smie disturb nees that the natives were ome near Como, owned by the Union startled to see the water in the lake Pacific, where 28 miners were at work addenty disappear as though the bot The explosion was, as the miners call it. tem had fallen out. Thousand- of "dust explosion" Ouly one man of pounds of fish were left stranded on the ned of the lake This sudden disappear the 28 escaped alive. The news of the ance of the water was caused by a large accident spread like a flash over the '11 crevice, which is supposed to have been tie town of King, and a rescuing party caused by the earthquake. The water was at once o ganized. A telephone call evidently found an outlet into the ocean through an underground passage. The flow from the springs which fed the lake now passes into this new outlet. Danger was to be feared from the gas yet remaining in the mine, but the adventurous leaders braved the way, and were beroically followed by the miners and citizens Twenty-seven bodies were The Hom stead Poisoning Case. found in the chamber where the prema-ture blast exploded, or in its immediate PITSBURG, Jan 12-The trial of Eugh Dempsey, district master workman of

vicinity. Evidently the victims were the Knights of Labor, J. M Davidson and outright by the explosion of knocked senseless by the shock and as phyxiated by the deadly gases. The Robert Beatty, charged with poisoning steel mills, began here today in a crowded courtroom. Beatty is accused of having odies were found in all sorts of agonizing positions, in many instances crossed or clasped together. The slow work of carrying the dead to the surface then commenced. In the meantime the defence indeavored at the start unsucmen and children, relatives of the miners. ces to ly to secure a postponement. The jury was then impanelled Then the The heartrending scene may be imagined packages containing the result of the an out and Isid by the side of the others, alytical tests on the stomachs of the mer and the work of identification com-I who died were brought in and the attor

menced. There are about 800 people at King, and the heads of all the families ney for the prosecution made the opening were employed in the mines, which gave of cook Gallagher, which led to the arrest work to about 200 men. The room in of the accused. He said Davidson and which the explosion occured has been sealed up, and will not be opened until Gallagher would tell their stories on the stand and be corroborated by other wit the state inspector of mines, who left nesses. The court then took a recess. this morning, arrives at the scene of the

Only Routine Matters at Salem. SALEM Or., Jan. 11 .- The day passed off uneventiully in both houses of the

legislature Bills appropriating \$460.000 for The Dalles portage rail way, and \$60, 000 for the world's fair were the most important measures. President Fulton, of the senate, has his committees about until Monday. The comment is general pay of assessors, and regulating the payment of court clerks; Alley, incorporate to be to get down to work, and move canal may lose a number of its friends ing Florence, referred to the committee briskly on with legislation. Nothing in congress, who are committed to that on incorporation; B ackman, payment of came up in the senate except the introimportance transpired in the house The foregoon was taken up with the firs reading of bills, and in the alternoon the house adjurned at 3 o'clock, all measures presented having passed their first reading. There was scarcely a quorum present when the sternoon sess ion was called to order, when it came time for adjournment an effort was made to adjurn until Monday. The rules of the house, however, would not permit this, so an adjourment was made till the

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-Senator John Kenna, of West Virginia, died at 8 o'clock this morning of hart dis case, from which be has been for some years an acute sufferer. His sufferings during the last few months from heart sonsmi were so poignant that he himself, as well as his family, must have looked on death as almost welcome. Kenna was only 45 years of age, being the youngest man in

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 11-The senate, after a deadlock lasting more than a week, organized today, a combination of Democrats and Independents having been effected last night. The Independents tried to make as a condition of the compact that Coryell, the Republican previously elected president pro tem, should be unseated, but this portion the

Democrats would not agree to

Geer's Res 1 rion SALEM, Or , Jan 12-The long pent up pratory in the house of representatives found an outlet today on Geer's resolution demanding an ex ra session of congress, The house speut an hour dis sing the matter, and several wellknown oratorical stars of the first mag iquitous financial legislation, and reoverwhe mingly indersed the Democrat-"That in the judgment of this assem

ablished, hunger averted, clothing placed within reach of the people, an political promises redeemed, his excel ency, the president elect of the United States, should call an extra session of the congress of the United States to meet so soon after the 4th of March next as it is possible for senators and representa ives to assemble in the national capitol" bmitted to the people on the subject of imiting the elective tranchise. The pro osition is the same as the one recently carried overwhelmingly in California; in made from a copy of the California act obtained by him from the lientenant governor of that state.

San Francisco, Jan. 12-A Canton of nearly 2000 lives. A band of robbers made a raid on a village in the Shin was presented to the governor, who was Hing district. They first levied a tribute shed, and the people, in panic, rushed into the temple for refuge. The main SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 11—A terrific the heat, burning the shed, and over anowalide swept down the mountain side 1400 m-n, women and children were either

TELEGRAPHIO NEWS.

A Lake Suddenly Disappears.

DURANGO, Mex., Jan. 12-The over-

land mailcarrier, who has just arrived

here from Mazarlan brings news of a

most remarkable occurrence, the disap

waran e of Laguna Madre, or Mother

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12-From remarks

that have been heard and the statements

made by verious delegates to the present

sbip-canal convention, it appears that

advocates, will clash with the Nicaragua

canal. The proposition for a United States ship canal, though the land of the

appears that the Nicaragua interests

A Varuable Papeting Ruined.

New York, Jan 12-"The death of

David Rizzio," the first of the best works

of Gustavo Dore, the famous French paint-

er, which has been on exhibition for some

time as a part of the Dore gallery at

Carnegie music hall, was so badly dam-

aged by fire yesterday as to be practically ruined. Henry Hevmen, who has charge

of the collection, said last night that the

painting was ruined, and in this opinion

he was joined by an insurance adjuster

who viewed it after the fire Herman

said he would send it to Europe for ex

amination by experts, with a view to its

mention the value of the painting The

fire he added, was caused without doub

by the electric-light wires The paint

Military Prisoners Revolt

San Francisco, Jan 12-Military pris

ners at Alcatraz island this morning at

tacked and nearly killed Prison Sergeant

Duffy. The convicts claim that Duffy's

been unbearable, and they resolved to

declare they will give Duffy another dose

The Ice King Reigns.

n the upper bay. The pilots are unable

driven ashore along the Jersev coast.

s estima ed that \$50,000,000 worth o

freight, much of it perisbable, is lying

Wind Blew t Gas Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, JAD. 12-Robert C.

Parroit, a steamship purser in the employ

d Goodall, Perk & Co, bad a narro

escape from dea : this morning by gas

a schuir while reading. A gust of

wind extinguished the gass, and when

disc vered this morning Parrot was in a

dving condition. He was taken to the

Ice at Ningara Palis.

ce bridge covers what is known as il

feet below the suspension bridge to with-in 50 feet of the foot of the falls. This

s the first time in 100 years this has

Children Cry

CASTORIA

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OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 12-Ningara falls

resents a beautiful sight. A complete

and is now resting easly.

on the parts upable to be moved on ac

to get their bosts swar from the shore of

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rocks in their cells, and this morning when Duffy marched them out and stood when bury marched them our and stood as the head of the line he was knocked down, stoned and jumped on. The guard charged bayonets and rescued Gener'l Commission and Forwarding Merchant. guard charged bayonets and rescued Duffy The guards profess not to know 391, 393 and 395 SECOND STREET, who made the attack, and the convicts (Adjoining Railroad Depot.)

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