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THE CELILO PORTAGE.

In another column is published synopsis of a bill introduced by Senator Mitchell, appropriating \$195,000 for the construction of a portage road around the obstructions to navigation of the Columbia between The Dalles and Celllo. This appears to be and is a large amount of state funds to be appropriated for a single purpose when people are already overburdened with taxation, still in view of the fact that the improvement authorized to be constructed would be of great and lasting benefit to a large section of country and perhaps one-sixth the population

of the state, it appears to be justifiable. The savings in freights that resulted through the building of the portage road at Cascades during the few years it was operated, furnishes abundant proof of what benefit would be derived from the building of the Celilo portage, for a much larger area of country would be tributary to this road than that affected by the Cascade portage. tills counties, that now have an outlet rates. This is an unanswerable argutime to make such an extensive appro-

If proper economy is observed by the legislature, and the different appropria tions that have ordinarily been made for the different agricultural societies, the railroad commissions and other boards and commissions, the numerous education are cut off, as they should be, attendance and no provision whereby the state can afford this seeming extravagance.

The construction of this road would the state and increase its wealth than do all the beneficiaries above enumerated, and since it will benefit a vastly greater number than do any of money for a purpose that would benefit a greater number of those who help ance, either house could be organized pay the taxes.

nother commeddable feature of the resorted to by the minority. that it provides the repayment to the state of the cost of construction of the time the road will pay for itself, hence eventually the state will be repaid for the outlay in case the road is con-

If only nominal freight rates are exacted for handling the freight that would be offered for transmission over such a portage, the volume of traffic years, the nearest possible date at tainly will furnish some object lessons which the government can be expected to overcome the obstructious to navigation, the state would be fully repaid for constructing the portage, and would in time get back the amount advanced. If the legislature practices the economy that was promised prior to last election and cuts off all needless expenses, those expenses from which the taxpayers as a class derive no benefit, it can well afford to make the appropriation called for in Senator Michell's bill.

AFTER THE SPOILS.

The state capital is thronged with representatives from almost every institution in Oregon that has in the past received state aid, all clamoring for increased appropriations. Each of the state normal schools, the state university and agricultural college, the "homes" and other cnaritable inboards that have lived fat as beneficiaries of the state are all represented that they are not cut off from the pubtime render the least possible service.

That many of these hangers-on will be rewarded, when the legislature worked. gets down to business, is almost certain, though that all of them should be cut off is the sentiment of the pub lic generally. The normal school and other institutions of higher education have no excuse for demanding state sid. They have been fostered and pampered at the expense of the people to support institutions that can benefit faw. The state university, capital. Both the Mitchell ele

s reess (it can harlly result otherwise) the five years treaty will be followed by one for ten or twenty years, and will then become for all practical purposes a permanent institution to maintain peace among the English speakng people of the whole world.

Success in this plan can have but one result; its gradual adoption by all other nations, the disbanding of standing armies, the actual establishment of the "universal brotherhood" for which philanthropists and philosophers have prophesied through all the centuries. Should this be the result the signing of this treaty may be fairly regarded not only as the greatest event in the record of this administration, but the greatest since the signing of the immortal declaration that "all men are created equal" six score years ago. -Spokane Chronicle.

SOME OBJECT LESSONS.

The difficulty that has been ex perienced in the attempt to organize the Oregon legislature supplies some object lessons of defects in both the federal and state constitutions that should be remedied. It cannot be denied that the senatorial contest is one of the causes which prevents the organization of the house. If the senatorial question had been out of the way, the speakership could have been determined during the first week of the session, for neither the emoluments nor the honor of the position are so great as to cause a strife that would continue many days. If there were not an office of greater importance dependent upon the organization, legislators elect would not absent them-The vast wheat growing country of selves from day to day simply because Sherman, Giliam, Morrow and Uma- their choice for speaker had not a majority of votes, but when a United only by railroads, would have the ad- States senatorship is at stake they will vantage of river transportation, which resort to desperate means to either elect to them would mean lower freight their choice or defeat one whom they oppose. Hence we are given a forcible ment in favor of the bill, hence the object lesson of the need of an amendonly feature to be considered in oppo- ment to the federal constitution pro sition is, can the state afford at this viding that senators be elected by direct vote of the people.

in that it makes no provision for compelling the attendance of legislators elect. It provides that two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of organizing, but if charitable institutions and the normal more than one-third shall absent themschools and institutions of higher selves, there is no law to compel their they can be forced to come before the bar, take the oath of office or answer to roll call. As the constitution now do more to build up the industries of stands the organization of the house is virtually in the hands of the minority. But if a certificate of election were made evidence that a person who had been elected to either house of the legislathe institutions referred to, it would ture was a member thereof, and all be a commendable act on the part of courts of record were given jurisdicthe legislature to abolish all need- tion to issue warrants for the arrest of less offices and appropriate the state's persons to whom such certificates had been issued and compel their attend-

Another lesson that is learned

fluences that are now and may at any future time obstruct organization. portage road. The profits accruing Chief among them is the referring to from operating the road are to revert the legislature purely local affairs, to the state treasury, and in course of such as the granting of city charters It is a potent fact that the Portland charter is a factor in preventing the organizing of the house at this time. The factions in Portland are divided on the question of adopting a new charter. and the element that opposes it sees the certainty of winning if the house is not organized. If nothing more is would be so great that within four gained in this session, the hold-up certhat will be profitable for future use.

regardless of the obstructive measures

WHY THOSE CLERK? Many an old farmer throughout the

state who works from dewy morn till

starry night in order that the wolf may be kept from the door and at the same time sufficient cash can be gathered together to meet the demands of the tax collector, and many a merchant who is straining every nerve to make ends meet, who has discharged all superfluous assistants or reduced their salaries, and who, in order to economize in these times of depression, attends personally to his correspondence that he may save the hire of a stenographer, wonder why it is that the thirty state senators who have assembled at Salem to frame laws for the entire people, find it necessary to employ an army of fifty-seven clerks to attend to their correspondence, lick their postage stamps and perform such other light duties as the lawmakers may demand. They wonder by the lobbyists whose purpose is to see | why it is that those fifty-seven clerks should be retained at salaries of from lic crib. Their desire is to live at the | \$3 to \$5 a day, to be paid by the taxexpense of the people and at the same payers, especially while that branch of the legislature can accomplish little, and none of the senators are over-

Some explanation to the taxpayers is due. It is not that the clerks have anything to do to earn salaries, not for work they are doing for the state at present or that they will do during the session; but in many instances the clerkships are rewards for partisan services rendered in the past, and for long enough, and justice demands that labor as lobbylists that the clerks are such aid be withdrawn. It is contrary expected to perform during the sesto the principles of just government sion. The senatorial contest is resthat the whole people should be taxed ponsible for a large number of the clerks that are on salaries at the state ville to the asylum, in alle

The populist members of the legisla of Oregon. The manifesto is signed by two senators and twelve representa-

tives, and reads as follows: "The undersigned, your member elect to the legislative assembly, ask your loyal support and that of all good citizens in our contest for such an organization of the house as we believe will result in economical and remedial legislation that will make an honest vote and a fair count possible in Oregon. We are contesting for a fair organization of the house, in order to make possible the passage of the Bingham registration bill, the Holt judgesof-election bill, and an amendment to the constitution providing for direct aw-making by the people by means of the initiative and referendum in its optional form.

"We are assured by eminent lawyers that the Bingham registration bill is constitutional, and likely to be effective. The Holt bill allows county central committees of each of the three principal political parties to designate one judge of election in each precinct, and committees of the two principal parties to each name one clerk of lection in each precinct. The initiative and referendum need no explanation to Oregon populists. These measwe believe to be all-important in cbtaining honest elections and control by the people of lawmaking in Oregon, and thereby preserving our liberties. The situation is this: "Last June the republican party

elected 38 members of the house of representatives. Only 28 of this number have agreed to act together in organizing the house. Part of the remaining 10 republican members support Mr. Bourne and part do not support any candidate The populist and democratic members are staying out until uch time as a republican majority may agree upon a candidate of its own for speaker, or until a sufficient number of them unite with us to assure Bourne's election which we believe that our state constitution is defective will enable us to obtain the measures herein named. As long as republicans are thus divided, and it is possible that we may, by preventing organization, finally elect Mr. Bourne, and probably obtain the legislation before nentioned, we feel it to be our duty to the people of Oregon to stay outwages or no wages. With this knowledge of the facts, we feel that we are entitled to your support for ourselves and our allies."

The measures they have adopted, and which they ask the people of Oregon to endorse, are what might be termed heroic; but it is questionable justify the means. Some of the legislation they demand is wholesome, for pointment of election officers, are meritorious messures; but we fail to can they heed it? There is an oppor- One argument that is urged in favor Jonathan Bourne as speaker of the annually, by abolishing all the boards house. When the possibility of the and commissions, reducing the salcerity of those clamoring for its passige is liable to be questioned. It from the agricultural associations, that the enactment of a fair election law or a just tax law depended upon the election of Mr. Simon as president | legislature that ever convened in the of the senate. The manifesto of the nonulists would have been accepted with better grace, had they ommitted to say that "as long as the republicans are divided, by preventing organization may we finally elect Mr. Bourne." But this statement indicates that Mr. Bourne has too great a hold upon them; that his election is of more importance than the legislation they pretend to want. Their heroic measures will hardly meet the approval of the people when based upon such a

PATTERSON'S INSANE BILL Senator Patterson, of Marion county, has introduced two bills that are intended to reform the system of conveying insane patients to the asylum and convicts to the penitentiary. Both bills are similar in effect, and purpose relieving sheriff's of this duty. The one in reference to insane patients provides that whenever a patient shall be committed to the asylum, the officer committing him shall at once notify the superintendent of the asylum by telegraph or otherwise, and he shall dispatch an employ of the asylum to bring the patient to that institution, and that only actual expenses shall be allowed. The only good feature of the measure is that it proposes to cut down expenses, but should it become a law it would work a great inconvenience in outlying counties, those remote from telegraph communications. Take Crook county for instance. It requires three days for a letter to reach the state capitol from the county seat of that county. A . person adjudged insane there after being committed, would be held three days while the superintendent was being notified, another three days awaiting the arrival of the messenger to take him to the asylum, and three days more would be consumed in getting him from Prine-

FAVOR HEROIC MEASURES. expenses they increased them, and as servants of the people, but are inhua result the state taxes were 48 mills man wretches, to whom the sufferings in 1886 and are 4 mills in 1897. Possi- of their fellow men do not appeal for ture have define I their principles in a bly the populist members of the house sympathy. manifesto issued to the people's party have faint recoilections of how the republicans reduced expenses two years ago, and are afraid history may repeat itself. They are afraid the republicans are only "standing ready" to cut down expenses, but when given an opportunity to act will remain standing. We all recognize the republican legislators are all saints, though our confidence in such saints has been shaken by their deeds in the past.

HAVE WE A LEGISLATURE?

Another complication has arisen at the state capital that bids fair to further complicate matters connected with the legislative branch of the state government. The organization of the house by a bare majority of the members elect has caused a tangle from which the legislature may not readily free itself. If the interpretation put on the constitution by Senator Hoar, that a majority of either branch of the legislature can organize, is sustained by the senate and the governor, then the question will be solved, and the legisature may proceed to business. The opinions of Senator Hoar, who is recognized to be high authority on constitutional law, possibly will have conconsiderable weight both with the governor and the senate. But exttorney-General Geo. H. Williams. who is also one of the best constitutional lawyers in the nation, insists that the constitution cannot be so interpreted: that two thirds of the members elected constitute a quorum for the neither house can be legally organized with a less number.

Whether Oregon has or has not a legislature, depends upon which of these high authorities the governor and senate shall accept. However the controversy will not finally ter minate here. Should the house as organized be recognized, and the legisla ture proceed to transact business, the legality of its act will be tested in the courts, and there will be no end to the legislation that will arise therefrom. Nobody will accept the laws that may be passed by this session of the legislature until they have been tested in sacted. the higher courts.

IF THEY ONLY WOULD.

No previous legislature ever had so record is somewhat clouded, the sin- for performing like service as private open for this to be the most popular state, if the members would only get act business so as there could be no question as to the legality of its actions, and then proceed to practice economy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An exchange asks, "what do we elect legislators for?" It seems last Senator John H. Mitchell and Repre-June we elected forty so that they sentative Jonathan Bourne, whose might make fools of themselves.

auguration will cost \$2,500. So it is state. If Senator Mitchell would withprosperity will be restored among the draw from the senatorial contest, there brework-makers for a short time. The Baker City Democrat sends up ganized at once, and on the other hand,

this plaintive wail: "When will the if Mr. Bourne would surrender his heavily ladened taxpayer have his claims for the speakership, organizaburden lightened?" Possibly the tion could be effected immediately question can be answered after the The duty these men owe to the citizens legislature adjourns. But this is only of Oregon demand that they withdraw

A wave of economy has struck the Oregon senate, and only 57 clerks are could preside over the house, and there thus far employed by that body, each on a salary of \$3 a day. This is an improvement over last session, when of U S. senator. The personal amclerks were paid \$5 a day for doing 50 blocked legislation long enough. It cents worth of work. If all the needless commissions were to step aside.

abolished and the fees and salaries of offices were reduced to a reasonable figure, it would be a blessing to the state if the house would fail entirely to organize. Then there would be no Daniels (pop.), 10; Turner (silver rep.), danger of extravagant appropriations. 6; Range (pop.), 2; Rev. Dayle (pop.),

Gratke, democrats, took part in the 6; Turner (silver rep), 11; Winsor organization of the house, while Bilyeu and Lee staid out. Is it possible the 5; Denny (rep.), 12; Mrs. Hobart, 1 democratic forces in the legislature are givided? Or has some "prestochange" process been brought to bear (silver rep.), 1; Range (pop.), 1; upon them? Let them explain. The men who are supposed to com-

prise the lower house of the legislature have heaped sufficient disgrace upon Oregon, and for the sake of

Money is seeking the eastern centers and has become so pleatiful in New York and Boston that holders are seeking loans at 2 per cent. It is cheap because nobody sees profitable investments ahead, hence nobody wants to borrow. This will have good results in the future. Not being able to loan their money, owners will seek investments themselves, that is, rather than let their wealth lay idle they will invest it in business ventures, which will result in a revival of trade.

Senator Mitchell may not succeed himself: in fact it looks very probable now that he will not. If he is defeated he will get his razor out of his boot shortly after the 4th of March and will take delight in chopping off the heads of the friends of those who oppose him when they bow before McKinley's throne and ask for federal appointments. Beyond doubt he is the man of all men who will say who shall and who shall not fill the federal offices in Oregon under the new administration. Our republican friends boast that

Oregon was "saved" from being classed among the "populist states last November, but a whole lot of then would be willing to trade off our republican legislature for the populist lawmakers of Washington. Over on the other side of the Columbia the legislature has been able to organize and get down to business, but here in the great state of Oregon where the republicans have the full sway the legislature-well, the less said about purpose of organization, and that it the better-is disappointing to say the least.

Consistency, thou art indeed a jewel, but are seldom met with these times. For ten days the "faithful" 29 have been clamoring for the organization of the house, announcing from the housetops that they wanted to organize in order that the business of the legislature might proceed. They were anxious to get down to work. But the news flits over the wires today that the house adjourned at noon to Monday next. Does this look like getting to work? Two legislative days are allowed to pass and no business tran-

The dispatch which appeared in the the least, misleading, and does an in- or more he shall forfeit his seat. good an opportunity to meet the pop- justice to Senator Dufur, inasmuch as ular demand for relief from the bur- he was not in The Dalles when the dens of taxation, by cutting down ex- petition in question was circulated, third time was: penses and needless appropriations and | nor does he expect the land office ap reducing the fees and salaries of offi- pointment. In justice to Mr. Dufur it if the ends they propose to accomplish Opportunities for reform in every incoming republican administration. of Washington, Price, Reed-16. and the Holt bill providing for the ap- demands of the entire people for more mentioned in the dispatch, democrats dent-13. economical legislation. But will they, generally have no hand in the fight.

see the connection between this remetunity to save the taxpayers of the of the election of Senator Mitchell is dial legislation and the election of state hundreds of thousands of dollars that he saved the state for McKinley. From a republican standpoint, or per haps from the standpoint of those who passage of any remedial legislation aries and fees of the state and county believe public office is a private snap, hinges upon the election of any in- officers, so that their compensation and should be dished out as a reward dividual, especially one whose political shall be no more than they could earn for party fealty, this argument is powerful. But since the result of the November election was not such an overwhelming endorsement of McKinley, would be about as consistent to insist charitable institutions and so-called his plurality being only 1972, it cannot normal schools. The opportunity is be considered as a command of the entire people that Mr. Mitchell should-be rewarded for the part he took in the campaign. There were 46,739 voters the two houses in a position to trans- in Oregon who opposed the election of McKinley, and the representatives of those voters in the legislature probably do not consider it obligatory upon them to reward Mr. Mitchell for opposing their will.

The key to the hold-up at Salem is evidently in the hands of two men, personal ambitions are allowed to The fireworks at Mr. McKinley's in- jeapordize the interests of the entire is little doubt the house would be orfrom the conjest. There are fifty. nine other legislators, any one of whom re hundreds of able men in Oregon who could acceptably fill the position is time they be invited by their friends

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 19.-The first allot for United States senator re-Senate-Denny (rep.), 13; Contrary to expectation, Misner and 1; Baker (pop.), 1. House-Cline (pop.), (pop), 10; Caton (dem.), 4; Baker (pop.), Daniels (pop.), 4: Foss (pop.), 1; Roder (pop.), 3; McCready (pop.), 3; Squire Andrews (pop.), 1; Witt (pop.), Newell (pop.), I; Van Patton (pop.) 1; Thompson (pop.), 1.

Three Masked Men Assaulted Manager Hove.

IT FAILED TO PASS

The Senate Refuses the Railroad Bi

To punish Absent Members.

Another Monotonous Day in the House Teller Gets an Almost Unanimous Vote -- No Election in Washington-- fur-Leads for Senator.

SADEM, Or. Jan. 19 .- Three masked nen entered the Salem Labor Exchage in north Salem about 10 o'clock tonight, and demanded that Manager Hoye, at the point of a pistol, open the safe. Hoye demurred and was assaulted by the men. He was finally made to open the safe, and then the men renewed their assault.

The manager was cut through the and with a knife, and also received two bad wounds in the back of the head. The men then escaped. The sheriff was notified and went to the scene, but he could find no satisfactory trace of the thugs. They are supposed to have secured only mount of money.

TO MAKE THEM COME IN. Senator Driver Introduced a Bill to Punish

Absent Legislators. SALEM, Or., Jan. 19 .- In the senate today Senator Driver brought up his bill relating to the organization of the legislature and tried to rush it through to a final passage. He got it through the second reading safely, but ran against a snag when it came to the third reading, as his motion to suspend the rules and place the bill on final passage did not receive the necessary

The bill provides that when a member of either house refuses to participate in the organization he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and where Senator Teller resides. There upon conviction shall be fined not less were several seconding speeches, all than \$50 nor more than \$500. It is Sunday Oregonian, under the head of further provided that if the member "A petition for Mr. Jones" is to say persists in his refusal for over two days

The detailed vote on the motion to suspend the rules and read the bill the

Ayes-Calbreath, Carter, Driver, Dufur, Gesner, Gowan, Harmon, Haselcers to reasonable compensation for should be understood that he is a demo-tine, Hobson, Hughes, Johnson, Mcservices rendered, than the present. crat, and has no favors to ask of the Clung, Patterson of Marion, Patterson branch of the state government are But this is a little family quarrel in Noes-Bates, Daly, Dawson, Holt, open, and the members of the 19th bi- the republican household and except King, Mackay, Michell, Mulkey, Sellinstance the Bingham registration bill ennial session have before them the the reflections cast upon the democrats ing, Smith, Taylor, Wade, Mr. Presi-

The bill was disposed of by being laid on the table and sent to the state printer to be printed.

of Comandant Byers to visit the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. A communication was received from the board of trade of Dallas, Tex., asking for the passage of a hankrunt law. Under the head of the second read-

ing of bills, 25 bills were read and referred to appropriate committees. The senate then adjourned till to

SENATORS ELECTED. Result of Joint Boilots in the Vorious States.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. Jan. 20 .- The senate and house met in joint session today and re-elected Senator Vest. The vote stood: Vest 105; R. C. Kerns, 33; Jones. pop., 4; Lewis, rep., 1. Rader, 6; Davis, 8; Winsor, 9; Newell,

ALBANY, N. Y. Jan., 20 .- Thomas . Platt, was today elected United States senator to succeed David B. Hill for the term beginning March next. The houses of the legislature in joint convention voted as follows Platt, 147; D. B. Hill, 42; Henery George, 4.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20 Boies Penrose was today formally elected United States senator to succeed J Donald Cameron at a joint convention of the house and senate at which Lieutenant-Governor Lyon presided. SALT LAKE, Jan. 20-The legisla ture in joint session took two ballots for senator. Both resulted as follows: Thatcher, 21; Rawlins, 16; Henderson, 17; Lawrence, 4; Goodwin, 3; Nebeker, 2. THE WAY IT WAS DONE.

Unusul Proceedings in the House of Rep-

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21-Two o'clock was the hour set by the Benson men to organize the lower house with a majority numbering 31, and the entire program was carried out, with no friction. At I o'clock every seat in the lobby was pre-empted, and before 2 there were hundreds of spectators in the gallery and corridors, preventing the ingress and egress of persons who were entitled to be inside the rail. At 2 o'clock when Speaker Davis mounted the rostrum and called the members to order, an audible rustle of expectancy, passed around the house. The speaker directed Clerk Moody to call the roll, and the following an-

swered to their names: Benson, Bridges, Brown, Chapman, Conn, Crawford, David, Davis of Umatilla, Gratke, Gurdane, Hogue, Hope, Hudson, Huntington, Jennings, Lake, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Misener, Mitchell, Nosler, Palm, Riddle, Righy, Smith of Morion, Somers, Stanley Thomas, Thompson, Vaughan, Veness'

Barkley, Bayer, Bilyeu, Bourne

Wagner-33.

Buckman, Craig, Davis of Multnomah, and situated about 15 miles from its Dustin, Emery, Gill, Guild, Hill, Howentrance. Its population is estimated alleged libel. ser, Jones, Kruse, Lee, Maxwell, Mcat 5,000, mostly Arabs. Allister, Munkers, Ogle, Povey, Schmidtlern, Smith of Linn, Svind-Nothing Done in the House SALEM, Or., Jan. 19 .- The house was th, U'Ren, Whitaker, Yoskum-27, called to order today by Speaker Davis own, of Morrow county, woved Davis be removed from the chair at 10 o'clock. Thirty-four members d Smith made temporary speaker. were present, including Misener and his was seconded by Somers. Riddle Gradke, democrats. Vaughan of Lane ercated considerable merriment by utionary, and read an opinion of Gen- moving that, the absent members not having been heard from for a week. al Williams that the house could not

ranize with less than 40 members.

dentials be read but

not being present

dle retired from the house after decing the action. Brown put the ion, which was carried, and ap-ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 19-The vote ted Stanley, of Lake, to escort today for United States senator in the that Representative Newlands of ith to the speaker's chair. He then op and introduced Smith, who Hill, 11; Henry George, 2; Guy and | treaty with a sufficient number of freea seat to the left of Davis. Smith | Coffee voted for George. The vote in | silver senators from the West to insure red Somers, who offered a reso- the assembly was: Platt, 112; Hill, 31; the passage of a tariff bill at the special Moody be removed and R. Henry George, 2; Cain and Searn, of session which will be called by Major ppointed chief clerk. It Kings, voted for Goorge, that the report of the Ballot Which Elected Vest.

> that Hudson, Kerens. 34; Jones, populist, 4. Senate who is ? feet 5 inches tall, and weight Vest, 19, Kerens 14. ppointed a com-

mittee to invite the governor, secretary of state or supreme judges to TAKEN A

swear the members in. The commit-

tee brought in Chief Justice F. A.

Moore, who proceeded to perform that

duty. A motion to proceed to perma-

pent organization was then carried

Benson was reminated for permanent

speaker and all, including Nosler

voted for him. The rules of the last

session were adopted. Bridges moved

that the speaker appoint three pages

and door-keepers. The motion was

A joint resolution to inform the gov-

ernor that the house and senate was

now ready for business was adopted

and the house adjourned until 10

o'clock tomorrow. No violence was

attempted, but there is no probability

that the governor or senate will recog

rishermen's Union Cannery.

foundations of the buildings, which

the fishing season opens, April 10.

Teller Re-Elected.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 19 .- Henry

States senator today by the al-

eulogizing the senator highly.

Money in the Eaves.

MELVILLE, N. J., Jan. 19.-Summer

box of gold and paper money in the

eaves of the house amounting to \$25,-

000. The money was ancient money

and bank notes, and owing to its age,

Fatal Explosion on a Steamship.

Three Fruitless Rallots.

1; Range, 1; McCrady, 1; Westcott, 1;

changes excepting in the populist vote.

In the third ballot, Turner gained

two votes, making 21, as against 17

These Republicans Against Mitchell.

The House in a Stuper.

SALEM, Jan. 20-The house met a

the house adjourned till 9:30 tomor-

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 - Katie

about the kitchen. Her dress caught

fire from the stove, and in a moment

she was enveloped in a sheet of flame.

Before assistance could be rendered

she received burns which resulted in

Half the Population Perished

LONDON, Jan. 21.-A special from

Tehran, capital of Persia, says 2500

persons perished in the earthquake on

Kisham island, January 11. Kisham

island is the largest in the Persian gulf,

the governor be notified that they are

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 19-Ths

her death some hours later.

solidly for him.

face value.

nize the house as organized.

Opinions That a Majority of the House May Organize.

THE MURDER GOES ON

Spanish Soldiers Revenge a Defeat by Firing Upon and Killing Peaceable Citizens.

The San Francisco Call Sued Far a Large Sum-Vest. Platt and Penrose Duly Elected - Washington and Idaho Legislators Fall to Elect.

ASTORIA, Jan. 18-The site for the SALEM, Or., Jan. 20-There is a posnew cannery of the fishermen's union, sibility that a majority of the members which is to be operated by local fisher men in opposition to the cannerle of the house will undertake to permanently organize the house, regardless owned by members of the Columbia of the provisions of the constitution River Packers' Union, was today lorequiring a two-thirds majority present cated. The fishermen have had flattering offers from a property-owner of to organize either hody of the legisla ture. This action has been determined Flavel, and from other places, quite a upon through an opinion rendered by distance from Astoria, and for a time Senator Geo. F. Hoar, of Massachsetts it looked as if the new cannery would not be built in Astoria. A strip of and telegraphed to Senator Mitchell Senator Hoar's interpretation of the land, 300 by 1000 feet, located between Oregon constitution in reference to the the Washington and Seaside canneries provision of the constitution designat in this city, was selected, and a part ing what shall constitute a quorum is payment of the agreed price-\$4500was made this afternoon, and contracts as follows: "If the Oregon constitution pro were let for the construction of the

shall consist of 60 members, or proare to be rushed to completion before vides for a less number, and that the legislature may increase the number to 60, which has been done and further provides that two-thirds of each house M. Teller was re-elected United shall constitute a quorum to do business, my opinion is that two-thirds of nost unanimous vote of the Colorado the lawfully qualified members of each legislature. All members classed as house may constitute such a quorum, populists, democrats, silver republialthough a less number than 60 have caps and national silverites voted qualified, and a less number than 40 are present and act. Therefore, if 35 PULLMAN Senator Carney, populist, chosen by persons are all qualified members of lot for the honor, made the principal the house, and 25 others lawfully ELEGANT nominating speech in the senate. To elected refuse to qualify, the action of William O. Jenkins, democrat, was acthe majority of 35 in organizing or TOURIST corded the same privilege in the house, electing a senator or other legislative because he represents Gilpin county. business will be constitutionally valid, at least 24 being present. Two-thirds of 35, being all lawfully qualified members will then make a quorum. The doctorine was settled in the national senate and house during the Cole, of Port Elizabeth, while repairrebellion, and has been acted upon in ing the old Hayes homestead, found a

vides that the house of representative

those bodies ever since." Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, has also telegraphed an opining concurring in Senator Hoar's interpretation of the constitution, and urging Senator is worth considerable more than its Mitchell to advise the organization of the house with the members present.

The Hayes homestead was built be fore the Revolutionary war, and the MASSACRE IN HAVANA PROVINCE. money was secreted there by John Defeated Spaniards Retaliate by Murder Hayes, who was one of the pioneer ing Belpless Pacificos.

settlers of New Jersey. The family was always known to be miserly. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 .- One of the accounts of the affair it appears that 500 insurgents under co Saghalien exploded while the vessel Colonel Francisco de Paulo dashed was off the Chinese coast, December 2, into San Miguel, Havana province, bound from Singapore for Hong Kong. Saturday night. The Spanish garrison Eleven of the stokers in the fireroom consisting of 600 men, withdrew with and one engineer were killed by the outfiring a shot. The insurgents held explosion or by the scalding steam, possession of the town for over three The chief stoker was so badly injured | hours, looting the stores, public buildthat he died a few hours afterward and ings and many residences. They capfour other firemen died the next day as tured the mayor and forced him to dea result of their burns. The vessel liver the tax money in his possession, was crowded with passengers and for amounting to \$300. After firing the a time there was the wildest confusion | business part of the town and several private houses, the rebels withdrew, After the insurgents left the inhabit-

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20 .- Both ants busied themselves extinguishing branches of the legislature met in the flames. While thus engaged the joint session at noon and took the first | Spanish forces returned and opened joint ballot for senator without result, fire on them. Many of the inhabitants, as follows: Turner, 19; Squire, 2; Cline, in their terror, rushed into burning 13; Baker, 7; Daniels, 13; Denny, 26; houses and were cremated. The Cuban reports say 40 persons were killed, 18 of whom were women

Andrews, 1; Foss, 1; Witt, 1; Canton, 1. and children, and 60 others were In the second ballot there were no cremated.

> STARVE IN SIGHT OF RELIEF. A Miserable Condition of Affairs Exist a

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 .- Men, women and children are starving in Chicago in Moro, Or., Jan. 19 .- At a special peeting of the Moro McKinley Republished of relief, because the county ican Club the following resolution was commissioners, blind and deaf, do not adopted and the secretary was ordered allow the county agent enough help to to send a copy of it to each of the three distribute supplies. The county treasrepublican representatives from this ury is rich in its surplus, and there are district in the Oregon legislature at an accumulation of appeals from hungry families. Hundreds of these "Resolved. That we, as a body, deem applications are more than two weeks it inadvisable and against the best in- old. The heads of the families were terests of the republican party of the discouraged then, and as a last resort appealed to the county for aid. They state of Oregon to re-elect the Hon J.

have seen their wives and children

grow weaker and colder, and no aid has come, no bread, no coal. These men are desperate now. 6 o'clock, and the rollcall showed 34 The county agent is helpless to save nembers present There was no incithese famine-stricken men, women and dent of any kind whatever during the babies. He has relief on band, but no session, and at 11:30 the house took a way to distribute it, because the comecess until 2 o'clock. The afternoon missioners have tied his hands, and session was no more eventful than are deaf to the cries of the hungry. that this morning. It began at 2 A warning has been given that the o'clock. No motions were made, no deserving poor are becoming dangerspeeches were delivered, and at 3:50 ous and that hunger is likely to drive them to deeds in which their cry will be "hread." Men who gave this warning know whereof they speak. They see gaunt hunger at its worst, the Kearney, the 13-year-old daughter of glassy eye of a strong man who hears John Kearney, a longshoreman, met the cry of his wife and babies for bread with a horrible death while playing

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and warmth and is powerless to give

it to them. The men tell an appalling

story but nobody on earth can tell of

the misery as it exists in Chicago to-

Newspaper FRESNO, Cal., Jan .- 20 .- Suit ha been commenced by Charles A. Schweizer, a harness-maker against the San Francisco Call, to recover damages in the sum of \$100,000 for

The article upon which the suit i based was a sensational story to the effect that Schweizer had hired John Parker, since deceased, to assassinate Solomon Lehman, upon whose life Schweizer held an insurance policy for \$5000 as security for money loaned. The grand jury investigated the charges, and arrived at the conclusion that they were the result of a conspiracy to blackmail Schweizer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 .- The Post's Washington special tays it is understood state senate was as follows: Platt, 35; Nevada, has successfully negotiated a McKinley next March

Silver Men Gave in.

Corbett Has a New Partner. CHICAGO, Jan. 21-Corbett, when he rt was read and formal ballot in the legislature which appears here next week, will have a resulted in the re-election of Senator | new and interesting partner. He is Vest stood as follows: House-Vest, 85: William Ruhlin, a 24-year-old giant, 240 po inds. His home is st Akron, MARTZ & PUNDT, PROPRIETORS

PHASE O. He attracted Corbett's attention when walking the streets of Toledo Rublin is a first-class wrestler and allround athlete, and has been chosen as McVev's assistant in the training of the champion for his fight with Fitzsimmons. He is now with Corbett's company, and only occasionally takes light parts in the play.

All Hands Were Lost. NEW YORK, Jan. 21 .- the schooner Nanum Chapin, of Rockland, Me., went ashore near Quogue, L. L, this morning. All bands are reported lost. The Nanum Chapin, Captain Arel, sailed from Hampton Roads, January 15 for Boston. A dispatch from the Lone Hill lifesaving station says no communication has been effected with the wrecked schooner up to 8 o'clock. The Quoque is situated about 35 miles east of Fire island, and is the first point where the ocean touches the mainland

beyond the great South bay. An Epidemic of Smallpox HAVANA, via Key West, Jan. 21-The epidemic of smallpox here continues, and the daily death rate from all diseases is 35 or more. It is calculated there were 5000 cases of smallpox in Havana. Physicians paint the picture f sanitary conditions in awful colors. The mortality is frightful, and for several days past has increased to 45. Jer-uco also reports an epidemic of smallpox, with many victims.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jun. 20.—Cubans in this city say they have reports of another Spanish butchery. From the accounts of the affair it appears

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