In every nation and in every age the concentration of wealth in a few hands form of oath: has caused the down fall of the nation or the oppression of the masses. For wealth eyer has been and ever will be a power. Wealth will corrupt officials, buy elections and sometimes contaminate courts. When in unscrupulous hands or held by avaricious, grasping people becomes dangerous. That a majority of those who accumulated great wealth are, or become grasping, is not disputed, hence it is to the interest of the masses that we have fewer millionaires and that wealth be more generally distributed among the As a rule our millionaires are not

creators of wealth. They are men who

by some good fortune or by oppressing others have received more than they have given. It cannot be otherwise, for had the exchange been even, had the ones who by their toil, created the wealth of the millionaires, received their share of the dividend they too would have accumulated great wealth, at least the accumulations would ave been divided more nearly equally It is alike true that our wealth creators are not wealth owners, but are more and more becoming the debtor classes, which proves that compensation for labor is not equally distributed. The man who toils a lifetime as a wage earner gets little more than a scant living, while the employer of great numbers becomes a millionaire, yet he has labored no harder, and in most instances not nearly so hard, as the ones whom he has employed. Then the laborers must have been rebbed, and From the point of view of the mere by whom? Certainly the ones who

have received the benefit of their It is by this unjust division of the results of labor that millionaires are being multiplied throughout the land, that the weath of the country is getting into the hands of the few, which some day will threaten the stability of government. For if the wealthy able to control the actions of the s, which none will deny that

r making the laws, fixing the rate of taxation, and curtailing our liberties as they see fit. The signs of the times point to the fact that wealth is drifting in this direction, and that it is only a question of time when this end will have been accomplished. But be checked?

This is a serious question that conuntil either the power of wealth is curtailed or the masses have become serfs. Possibly the speediest way to prevent system. As this system now is it is all on the side of the non-preducer-of wealth, the one who realizes the benefits of the results of labor. By the operations of our present single standard the wealth of this class is continually Increasing in value, and a standard that thus fluctuates is not honest nor is concerned. We do not desire to be producers. Fer instance, a dollar which at one time paid for a given desire to ever again see him re-elected quantity of the products of labor now to the senate, but desire to ascertain pays for double that quantity, cannot where the difference is between him be honest and cannot be beneficial to | and Wolcott, should the latter endorse the one who produces wealth, for it the gold standard. now as formerly. The wealth creator labor has been cut in halves. This coinage and a supporter of bimetalism, has been brought about by class legis- he renounced his former principles lation, and will never be remedied un- when he took the stump for McKinley. til the financial system is changed so and became just as much of an advothat instead of a single we have a cate of the gold standard as the Oredouble standard. Until it is changed gonian. Since the national campaign on January 8th. It is to be hoped that millionaires will multiply, and the no word or deed of Mr. Mitchell's has they will use better judgment than

THE WORST YET. W. F. Rockwell, of Meriden, Conn. has some views on pension business which he has presented to the president, to members of the ways and means committee and pension officials, body. Though if Mr. Wolcott were to done have little knowledge of Lord's all of whom he says, think well of do the same thing Mr. Mitchell has ability as a politician. He does not them, but they have not yet decided how such a scheme would be received by the country. He has also consulted numerous bankers, commercial men and insurance actuaries, who approve the scheme, and pronounce it feasible. The proposition is to estimate from actuarie's tables the averagee life expectancy of the 950,000 pensioneers now on the list, and allow each the amount he would receive during his life at the rate now allowed based on life insurance expectancy. This he would settle in full with each pensioner, and to meet the demand for such payment, he would have congress authorize the issuance of bonds bearing 21 per cent and running an indefinite length of time. This little scheme, should it become a law, would require the issuance of about \$2,750,000,000 of bonds, and would create a bonded debt that would hang as a mill stone around the neck

of the American nation for ages. pension question, this appears the of patronage. Under the old spoils of some have been advanced, while worst. It would create a debt whose system, dearly loved by Commissioner those of others have been reduced. In magaitude would be beyond reason, of Pensions Evans and condemned by the cotton factories the laborers have and besides would not provide for the President McKinley, the bosses farmed had their wages cut, or will have them old soldiers in their declining years as out the federal offices to their own ad- reduced in a short time, while wool will the present system. Many of vantage. They took no thought of the them, under this plan, would receive government's welfare, nor of the weltheir allowance and spend it it riotous fare of those whom they put in office. living or in bad investments, then be longer than such people could serve left penalless, unless the government them. Merit and competency on any should again come to their assistance, other lines than those affecting the which it no doubt would, and saddle bosses' welfare were not considered at another expense upon the people. If all. The great body of the people were this is the best solution of the pension | not consulted, and were not, even inbusiness that can be offered, the present plan had better be left alone. with all it fau'ts, and corruption, and considered them of value in the polgrasping pension attorneys.

A SIMPLE REMEDY.

been alleged time and again that sheriffs put in exerbitant bills for this service and for guards who are unnecessary, and it is charged that a practice has prevailed among sheriffs to hire a hack at Salem to convey prisoners to the penitentiary, paying \$2.50 to \$5 for the same, when the fare on a street car line is only 10 cents for the round trip; yet nobody has seen fit to call any sheriff to account for their

essary expenses for conveying convicts and insane patients commits perjury, and should be held accountable just the same as the witness who goes upon the stand in a court and testifies falsly, for in presenting his bill he must verify the same with the following

"I..... being first duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing secount is correct and just, and that the number of days charged therein have been necessarily consumed in conveying said person to the insane asylum (or penitentlary,) and that the expenses charged have been actually and necessarily incurred by me in conveying said patient (or convict,) and that the guards therein charged for were actually and necessarily employed for the whole of the time as stated and per diem as charged therefor."

After subscribing to this oath if there is a single item in the sheriff's account of expenses that was not necessary or actually incurred, the officer becomes guilty of perjury, and if prosecuted could be convicted. If some of those who are clamoring for reform in this matter, would begin action against a sheriff whom they could prove to have overcharged for services rendered in such cases, it would soon put stop to the practice. If the laws were enforced as strictly in governing officers as they are in dealing with private citizens, abuse of public privileges would soon cease. One sheriff prosecuted and convicted for making false charges in his expense secount would put a stop to this abuse.

A RATHER FINE DISTINCTION

Senator Wolcott, it is reported, will soon sever his relations with the republican party and follow his colleague. Teller, into the ranks of the silverites. politician, Wolcott must do this, or completely abandon his faith in free silver colnage and become a convert to the gold standard. As a fearless statesman, Welcott would stand higher than he ever did before, if he should bandon the cause of free silver at once and place his resignation in the hands of his constituents, as did Senator Lamar, of Mississippi, when he decided to vote against the Bland-Allison act of 1878 .- Oregonian.

In this the Oregonian draws rather fine distinction considering its attiabandon his faith in free silver and behe would in the eyes of the Oregonian, while the evil is apparent, what are high in the estimation of the people. aside his individual beliefs and conwe going to do about it? How is it to Even Wolcott, one of the greatest and victions and permit the editor who sits most pronounced advocates of the sil- in the tall tower to do his thinking. ver cause, and a senator from the

> longer be known as a "silver loon." But with Mr. Mitchell it is dif-

buys just twice as much of his labor When Mr. Mitchell entered the rational campaign of 1896 he endorsed gets just half as many dollars for what the St. Louis piatform from beginning he creates while the money owner gets to end, and so far as the financial twice as much for his dollars. In other | question is concerned, abandoned silver words, the wealth owner's dollars have to its fate and accepted the gold standbeen doubled and the wealth creator's | ard. Though once an advocate of free

danger of concentrated wealth will indicated a change of heart, or that he did Mr. Young and his followers, and

Still the Oregonian insists that he s a "silver idiot;" that the republicans by the administration in case of a vote some who insist that Gov. Lord will on financial legislation being taken convene the legislature early in Febin the senate were he returned to that ruary. Those who think this will be done he would at once become a intend committing suicide just now. thorough "sound money" man. What All of Europe is looking toward a Coloradoan are more binding than those on an Oregonian? Or is it that as they see fit. There can be no justice by a man named Weber and has been come a great statesman and carry the bull destroying the gnat. favor with the powers that be, simply by declaring for the gold standard, why Mr. Mithell has not accomplished this by already accepting the declarations of his party platform. Certainly no silver advocate or bimetalist sees in Mr. Mitchell a friend of silver, and his allegiance to the gold standard is only questioned by the advocates of

All the political posice and managers are opposed to civil service reform be-Of all the propositions to settle the cause it proposes to curtail their power and detrimental to others The wages directly recognized. The appointees held office only so long as the bosses itical game. And that is why the cosses are trying to strangle civil ser-

by officers whose duty it is to perform oil and water won't mix.

this service than any other. It has FARMERS AND THE TARIFF bottom, and attaches these to his feet. for the re-enactment of a high protect pretty good stock of courage, but ere

tive tariff, is wondering now how much he is benefitted by the tariff law that gret that he did not have more judgwas recently passed. And after a careful perusal of each schedule separately, he finds little in the law that has resulted beneticially to him, but much to his detriment, especially if he is a wheat farmer. In casting about and noting the effects of the new law, he fails to find where it has created any new demand for his products, or built up the promised "home market," but he finds on the other hand that his grain sacks have advanced about 10 per cent, that the sugar he buys costs him 25 per cent more than it did a year ago, his woolen clothing has gone up in price, and in fact nearly everything he is compelled to buy is marked up from 10 to 25 per cent. He also finds that charters for vessels to carry his grain to Liverpool are 25 to 50 per cent higher than they were a year ago. If he is a careful observer he readily finds the cause of this to be the new tariff tions of foreign goods.

law that virtually prohibits importa-Vessels chartered in Liverpool at any time during the past four months were compelled to come empty, or rather in ballast, for exportations from Europe have almost ceased since the dingley law went into effect, because American jobbers could not afford to load ships with foreign goods and import them under the new law. As a result when the farmer sold his wheat ballast from Liverpool to the port where the vessel should load his wheat. That is, the price of his wheat was reduced just the amount of the ships charter from Europe to this country; in short, he had to pay freight both ways. Had ships been able to load at Liverpool with merchandise the farfive cents more a oushel. So when the tariff, he finds the profit on the wrong side of the account. Lower prices for his wheat than he would otherwise have received, and higher prices for nearly everything he must buy.

WILL THEY EAT SOUP?

The test of fealty to the republican party in Oregon is becoming severe, f the Oregonian is to be allowed to dictate. According to its code nobody can be a good republican unless he kneels at the back door of the Oregonian office and eats the soup handed out by that journal in the golden dish. In other words, any republican, no matter how loyal he has been in the past, who has ever thought of or advocated silver, must forswear allegiance to that cause and fall down and worship at tude toward Senator Mitchell. If the golden thrown. In short, he must Senator Wolcott would completely discard all his former views on finance, relinquish his belief in bimetalism come a worshipper of the golden calf, either by international agreement or independent action, and accept the become a fearless statesman and stand single gold standard. He must throw

Will the independent republicans, rotten borough" Colorado, as the those who have ideas of their own, Oregonian and the administration. tion? Will they surrender their man-In fact were he to do just the thing hood, discard the right to think for Mr. Mitchell has done, he would be themselves, and eat the soup which transformed into a little god, and no | the Oregonian offers?

Those forty women that sailed last ferent, at least so far as the Oregonian | week in company for "the Klondike" will so cordially hate each other by cause, for we have not the slightest | will abandon the trip, and try to marry Oregonians.

The announcement that the tariff is not to be tinkered with by this congress, is doubtless a campaign "flyer," issued in the interest of Marcus Hanna's aspiration to renew that lease on

It was not an inappropriate act of the Willamette University to bestow upon Chief Justice Moore of the supreme court the title of doctor of laws. He has been doctoring laws for some time, in fact that is his profession.

The democratic state committee and the executive committee of the bimetallic league will meet in Portland is anything but a pronounced "gold that an effort will be made to consolidate the reform forces instead of attempting to drive them apart

Special session talk has become of Oregon cannot trust him to stand sort of an old chestnut, still there are

is the distinction? The act required China with lustful eyes, and it seems by one is an act performed by the that the pagan nation is destined to other. Is it that the deeds or word of fall into the bands of the different there is a personal feeling against one in the action, and will only be a case that is not harbored against the other? of the big fish eating up the little ones. We fail to see if Mr. Wolcott could be- Europe pouncing upon China is like

Taxes are too high all over Oregon. The trouble is there is too much government, too many officials living off the people, and nine out of ten of them are being paid too high a salary for the service they render. When we get a legislature that will cut off a few offices and at the same time reduce salaries about 25 per cent we may expect lower taxes, but not till then.

The enactment of the new tariff law has been beneficial to some laborers workers have had an increase in their wages. So it begins to dawn upon the laborer that the tariff is not all that is

needed to bring him good wages. Wire pullers and office seekers are already getting out among the people and preparing to fix up primaries so that the conventions of their respective parties will be "just right," that is, so that the professional politicians will be able to name themselves as candidates for office. What a nice thing it would be if office seekers would just let the people alone once and allow them to select their own officers. In other

One of the heavy items of expense connected with conducting the state government is the conveying of convicts and patients to the penitentiary and insane asylum, and there has been more complaint of abuse of privileges by officers whose duty it is to perform oil and water won't mix.

It is stated on pretty good authority good authority that there is a move on foot in Portland to patch up all differences between the different wings of the republican party. The movers in the matter by officers whose duty it is to perform oil and water won't mix.

Wars. Rescea F. Garden, of Gratton, York CO.

A man who seems to have solved the man.

A man who seems to have solved the miracle of walking on the vater proposes to walk across the Atlansic to began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and thank Cod and you, I began to improve. Now I weigh to so do me any good, and I fell away to so pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with adisease which my decide the miracle of walking on the vater proposes to walk across the Atlansic to began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and thank Cod and you, I began to improve. Now I weigh to so do me any good, and I fell away to so pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its miracle of walking on the vater proposes to walk across the Atlansic to began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and thank Cod and you, I began to improve. Now I weigh to so do me any good, and I fell away to so pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my decide its pounds. I was taken sick and reduced feet long provided with fins on the

On this craft or rather crafts, he proposes to cross the ocean. He has a

The prospects of a time when this government will cease to pay pensions is not flattering; the date is far in the distant future. The war of 1812 ended 82 years ago, and there are only three male pensioners of that war living, but there are 3,000 widows drawing pensions as the wives of veterans of the war of '12 If the widows of the veterans of the civil war hold on to life in similar manner there will be some 100,000 widow pensioners of that war

If the Pierpont Morgan railroad me nopolists get McKenna on the bench of the supreme court and Payson on the interstate commerce commission they will not have to buy any other railroads. They will simply wreck those lines that do not act to suit them. and then proceed to gobble up the wreckage at their pleasure. The only power that can now prevent the consummation of this well-laid scheme is the senate.

State Superintendent Irwin waseverely criticised by the teachers in attendance at the State Teachers' As sociation in Portland. They past very uncomplimentary remarks about the wholesale issuance of state diplomas during his incumbency of office, and referred to the superintendent's office he was compelled to pay freight on the as a "diploma grinding machine." Mr. Irwin faced the hot shots fired at him for a time, then excused himself from further attendance. As is usually the case when an officer is guilty of an offense, he does not enjoy being told of it, eipecially if he has no defense.

No man in America today occupies a more enviable position in the eyes of mer would only have been required to consistent people than Senator Wolpay freight one way, and on his wheat | cott, of Colorado. He is a firm adhe would have realized from three to vocate of silver, also a republican of pronounced views, but when he found the administration abandoning silver where he has been benefitted by the be refused to surrender his views, and severed his connection with the party. He is consistent, and is much more worthy of admiration than are such men as the ex-senator of Oregon who sacrificed his own principles for the principles of his party, or rather to boost himself into office.

It may be a sad commentary upon the perverseness of humanity, but it s nevertheless true that the way to make men honest is to make dishopesty odious and grievious, and the only way to put a stop to official delinguency is to make every officer who handles public funds liable individually and through his sureties for the restitution of every penny that belongs to the public. With that principle engrafted in the code and enthrough impartial, fearless courts we shall have no occasion for levying extraordinary taxes to make good the losses sustained through embezzling custodians of public funds.

Government by commissions is beand will continue to confront them Oregonian has so often called it, would those who believe that in bimetalism of the state what it has cost it has not such quantities as would be necessary rant, have brought suit for slander be forgiven all his sins of commission rests the only hope of permanent yet been discovered. The same is true for the feeding of 500 deer in transport against ex-Juror Smyth, and demand and omission, and rise to the high prosperity discard these "nonsens- of the national government. It has tation from Norway to Alaska. The \$50,000 damages from him. The comelevation of a great statesman were he | ical" ideas, acknowledge that they have | its interstate commerce commission, | deer themselves seemed to know how | plaint was sworn to by Mr. Durrant. the accumulation of wealth in a few only to renounce his former prin- known nothing all their lives and that its monetary commission and numer- to gather it better than human beings. General John H. Dickinson and W. W. hands is by a reform of our financial ciples and endorse the sviews of the the gold standard is the pink of perfect ous others, but all the good they have He believed that if 500 reindeer were Foote are the attorneys representing it could well be turned toward clipping | should be reached. these commissions off.

The administration, having receeded from its efforts toward international bimetallism, the republican party is it to the advantage of the wealth judged as pleading Mr. Mitchell's the time they reach Portland that they must now defend the foreign financial system, without subterfuge, that it is grafting upon the American people. When the administration dropped international bimetallism it proved all the charges made against the platform of 1896 by the sllver men and proves that the international bimetallic plank was but a sop to silver republicans. Now that the last vestige of an American financial policy has been dropped from the republican creed and a foreign policy inserted, what will the silver republicans do? Will they follow the gold standard of England or will they stand for union and Ameri-

> can victory? Hawaii Likely to Be Ours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- "Affairs in Senator Cullom, "have put an entirely | reach its destination safely." different complexion upon Hawaii's prospects for annexation. Since congress adjourned for the holidays there has been a marked change of sentiment concerning Hawaii, and it would not surprise me if the pending treaty should be ratified by the necessary two-thirds of the senate."

REDLANDS, Cal., Dec. 28.—United States Deputy Marshal Ponrade left here this morning for Los Angeles with O. S. Dwyer, superinte ndent of the registry division of the Portland, Or., postoffice, and an important witness in the attempted robbery case here several days.



pnce. She is bound to
be young because her heart is young and
there is rich, young blood circulating in her
veins. She doesn't need cosmetics and facepowders and skin-preservers. Pure blood
is the only true skin-preserver.
But when a woman's blood is full of bilious impurities, she can neither look young
nor feel young. Her whole constitution is
poisoned with bad blood. It permeates every part. It paralyzes the nery-centres: ery part. It paralyzes the nerve-centres weakens the stomach; irritates the heart preys upon the lungs and bronchial tubes It reduces a woman to a state of weakness.

nervousness, irritability, dejection and mei-ancholy. Such a woman can't possibly be youthful, no matter what her age may be. She needs the youthfulness of highly vital-ized blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will give it to her. It will hel any woman to get back her youth and freshness again. It gives the digestive and blood-making It gives the digestive and blood-making organs and the liver power to produce good, pure, healthy blood. It gives color to the cheeks, and sparkle to the eyes; drives away pimples and blotches; wipes away wrinkles; rounds out emaciated forms, and creates firm, natural, healthy flesh. Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Grafton, York Co.,

he reaches Paris he will probably re- Reports of Him Leaving the Cabinet Contradicted.

WILL DYE IN TRANSIT

Dr. Nansen Does Not Believe Rein deer Can Be Taken From Norway to Alaska.

Italians Want an Italian Bank Establisher in New York-Another Big Combine-Edgetool Makers to Or-

Washington, Dec. 28.-Assistant today concerning the report that Sec retary Gage had tendered his resignation, and that President McKinley will get through. had refused to accept it, said: "Ther is nothing in it." The report in quet on gave Vanderlip as authority for the assertion. Secretary Gage left for New York this morning.

ity for the assertion he could say there was nothing in it, for he had never so tated to any person. As to whether r not Gage had offered to resign and leKinley had refused to accept his resignation, he (Vanderlip) could say nothing, for he did not know whether It is believed in some equally well informed circles that the report is sub-

formal tender of Gage's resignation It is regarded as probable that in conan informal way said he would resign the left eye. f his financial views were embarraes ing to the administration, and that he president in reply stated very pos itively that he did not want his secretary of the treasury to do any such thing. It is learned furthermore that his men there at work and they allowat the time of this conversation the ed the assassin to escape. president informed Gage their views were in accord, and that he must not certain that Gage will continue in

REINDEER WILL DIE Dr. Nansen's Viows Upon Alger's Klendik Relief Plan.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Dec. 28.-Dr Yansen, the Arctic explorer, was asked what he thought of the plan of bring og reindeer for taking relief to the Klondike miners. He said if the reindeer were taken overland across the country they would probably reach Alaska in time to accomplish the desired object, and if they could reach Alaska, they would be of great assistauce in the relief work. The difficulty would be to get the deer transported Dr. Nansen said the moss on which

the deer fed was about the only food they would eat, and they would starve coming an expensive fad in this before they would eat much of anynation and in every state. In Oregon | thing else. They had sometimes been we have our railroad commission, our trained to eat bread, but not very sucpure food commission, our state board | cessfully. While there was an abundof equalization, etc., and if one of ance of moss in Norway, he thought it them has earned or saved to the people | would be impossible to gather it in accomplished is to furnish positions shipped from Norway it would be im- the Durrants. The suit grows out of for an army of taxeaters. When the possible to keep more than a small remarks made by Smyth about Durpruning knife of economy is applied. percentage of them alive until Alaska rant, whom he accuses of being a moral

Pruzzatti in his report. "I believe banking the government should take this matter in hand and establish a colonial bank in New York, so that the money which our compatriots wish to send to their homes can be given in custody to the government direct to be transmitted to Italy. In doing this, the immigrants would incur no risk and China and the East generally," said | would feel sure that their money would

Old Glery Insulted NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- A special to the Journal and Advertiser, from New

Haven, Conn., says: Captain George L. Kelsey, of the schooner Wallace Ward, which has just arrived here from Barcelona, states that the American consulat that port fears mob violence, and is the erection of a new plant near Char-

Spanish loiterers were attracted by it in operation next week. and gathered by the vessel, threatening violence. The American consul heard of the rumor that the crowd proposed burning the vessel, and he sent word to Captain Kels-y to baul down the flag. Captain Kelsey defied the Spaniards, but the next day the consul repeated his advice, and Captain Kelsey was reluctantly persuaded to store the stars and stripes below decks during the remainder of his stay.

A SPORTY MISSOURI JUDGE.

Vanted Beiligerent Attorneys to Fight but They Didn't. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29 .- If udge Wofford adheres to his inten tion that he has announced from the each, the edifying spectacle of prizefights between belligerent attorneys may be one of the attractions of the criminal court in the future. The opposing attorneys in this court have been using uncomplimentary language t is nature between Prosecuting At- protest is couched in courteous lantorney Lowe and Attorney McCoy, guage.

Judge Wofford said: "Hereafter when lawyers talk about fighting in this court, I shall adjourn court and let them fight it out. If you store last night of goods valued at need a helping hand to lift them eyen fellows want to fight, I'll just adjourn 8500, car ying away silks, satius, kid from the gutter. court and you can come in this room gioves and umbrellas. Only the most and fight it out and I'll see that there is fair play. Now, if you are in earnest, come right along and have it over

They did not accept the judge's offer, however, but apologized instead. MORE NEWS FROM DAWSON

amp Has Twice Recently Narrowly Es SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- Accordding to news received here from Daw-

son City under date of November 25, law office.

been in danger of destruction by fire. On November 22, two Front-street log houses were destroyed by fire. One was used as a ladging house on one floor and a church on the other. The lougings contained the food and outlits of ten men, and nothing was saved Steps have been taken to relieve the destitute. The fire was caused by the

overturning of a lighted candle by a leunken man. Fire from a similar cause broke out n November 25, and the opera house and two saloons were burned to the ground. The snow on the roofs saved the rest of Front street from destruc tion. A large quantity of provisions and liquor valued at \$40,000 in Dawson

ere destroyed. On Navember 10 the Yukon froze for the winter, and since then about 3000 persons have started out over the ico between Dawson and Fort Selkirk. ecretary Vanderlip, when asked Many of them are without dogs and poorly supplied with provisions and clothing, and it is doubtful if they

Peter French Was Murderel in Cold

Blood. BURNS, Or., Dec. 27 .- Peter French.

French and his men were working some caule, when this man Oliver came into the field where they were at work, and Mr. French rode out to where he was, and after talking with him two or three minutes, turned to stantially correct, but there was no ride away, when Oliver drew his pistol which snapped the first time, and the second time he shot French just above versation with the president, Gage in the right ear, the ball coming out in

Burt French, the murdered man's brother, was within 30 feet of him when he fell off his horse, and picked | him up, but he never spoke, and only groaned once. There were eight of

The sheriff has gone from here to the scene of the murder, and will think of resigning. It is regarded as probably get the marderer. His men stretched a tent over him and left him just where he fell until the arrival of the coroner to hold an inquest.

Canada Ready to Co-operate. WASHINGTON, Dec 30.-Arrangenents affected by Mr. Sifton, in be half of Canada, and the war department contemplate that the relief expedition shall be executed jointly by the United States and the forces of mounted police of Canada, which constitutes the military arm of the Dominion.

The United States force will proceed with the relief stores to Skagway, where they will be joined by the Canadian mounted police, about 40 in number, and the two forces will then proceed together to points where relief is to be distributed. No duties will be imposed on the

stores carried by the relief expedition.

A Durrant Juror Sued. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 .- Mrs. Isabell M. Durrant and D. M. Durrant.

Bankers Don't Like It. NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- The postal The Italian Minister Has Little Faith in savings bank plan is not a popular one in New York banking circles. A can-NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Signer Pruz- vass of presidents of prominent instizatti, Italian minister of finance, in a tutions develops that fact clearly. At speech to the Italian chamber has the same time, very few presidents recommended the establishment of a were willing to express opinions for bank in this city to be under the direct | publication. All practically agreed supervision of the Italian government. with President E. S. Mason, of the "Some steps should be taken to Bank of New York, in the statement protect our countrymen in America that there are already so many banks who are constantly being robbed by that rates for money have been cut to absconding bankers," said Signor a point where there is little profit in

DENVER, Dec. 29 .- Trouble is brew ing in the northern coal fields. The operators have received notice from the miners that unless their wages are advanced by January 10 they will close every coal mine in Lafayette, Louisville, Marshall, Erie and the smaller camps. The operators say that the schedule demanded is an advance of from 10 to 40 per cent. The present scale runs from 40 to 50 cents per ton for manufacturing machines and 80 to 90 cents per ton for pick work.

Edge-Tool Makers Comblue. PITTSBURG, Dec. 28 .- Eighty per cent of the edge-tool manufacturers in the United States have consolidated their interests and have arranged for unable to keep the American flag upon | leroi, about 40 miles south of this city. Uncle Sam's vessels. He put into port | The concern will be known as the there September 16, remaining three American Axe & Tool Company, and will have a capital stock of \$2,000,000. At first the stars and stripes floated It will employ over 2000 skilled workproudly from the masthead, but men. The consolidated plant will be

Alger Seriously III. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-The Post's Washington special says:

General Alger, secretary of war, is lying critically ill at his residence, from an acute attack of grippe, with typhoid symptoms. It is only within the last few hours that his condition became such as to warn his family. Up to yesterday afternoon he continued to discharge some of his official duties. This he did while lying in bed. Since then, however, he has become much

The Butcher Protests MADRID, Dec. 30 .- General Weyler, in his memorial to the queen regent on the subject of McKinley's message to congress says he is honored by the artacks made upon him. Nevertheless since the message contained insuiting observations on the Spanish troops towards e. ch other, and after a tilt of to address a protest to the crown. The

> Burglary at Tucoma. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.-Burglars valuable goods were taken. There is no clew to the thieres.

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Autonomy to be Established in Cuba.

The Gazette (official) has printed the | for independence. This Spain seems autonomic legislation for Cuba. Gen- utterly unable to realize. We have eral Blanco in his edict assumes su- been told that the autonomy offored is preme command of all branches of the an act of liberality by the mother government as the delegate of the country to induce the patriots in arms crown ministers of state, war, navy to resume their allegiance to Spain. and foreign affairs, who reside in That is worse than folly. It is an in-Madrid, and who will continue to dic- sult to the men fighting for freedem. tate to General Blanco what he shall There is not in the Cuban army one do in carryiny out his functions. General Blanco, or any other cap- We will not even listen to such over

six secretaries assembled with their eral orders." chairman in a council of government. five secretaries with their chairman, six altogether. The list of five secrecable, with the exception that the debe under Senor Laureno Rodriguez.

The correspondent of the Madrid Imparcial, who has ridden over a greater part of the island, writes to his paper that he saw at San Jose Lajas, this province, 4500 reconcentrados thrown into the streets or dving in wretched huts, mere living skeletons. in Cuba," he believed it to be his duty | He stated that 10,000 have died within a year. Most of the reconcentrados, he says, do not care to work when they leave their homes. They carried with them all their belongings, and have gradually sold them. Their robbed Henry Hohenschild's dry goods | physical strength is wasted, and they

> INDEPENDENCE THEIR GOAL. Gomez Declares the Cubans Will Neve

Accept Autonomy. NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- A Herald corof General Gomez. After a long an

The correspondent put before Gap-

oral Gomez the program of autonemy to secure his opinion. The general smiled contemptuously, after glancing over a copy of a Havana paper containing the terms, and sail:

"There is no use wasting time in

discussing these terms It makes no

difference whether they be regarded as liberal or not, the fact remains that HAVANA, (via Key West), Dec. 30 - | we are not fighting for autonomy, but man so base as to accept such terms tain general who might be appointed tures, and any person entering our in his place, will be simply a vice- camps for such a purpose will be put royal governor, and will be assisted by to death in accordance with my gen-

Continuing, General Gomez said he The government will go into effect on had no faith in the ability of Spain to Saturday next, and will be formed of immediately enact autonomy even in the sections under Spanish control. but whether sha succeeded or not, the taries has already been forcasted by matter was of no mement to the men is the field, who would continue to partment of posts and telegraphs will fight, animated by love of freedom and an absolute confidence in ultimate

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