TROUBLE AT MANILA GO ON THEIR MERITS.

But Nevertheless the Situation Is Critical.

Good Results Are Expected From the Conference Between Otia' and Aguinaldo's Representatives.

Manila, Jan. 16. - The situation here is undoubtedly critical, but Major-General Otis has it well in hand, and there is no such certainty of trouble as many believe. The rebels are concentrated on the outskirts of the town, and their leaders have issued strict ordars that they shall act only on the defensive. An accident might precipitate trouble, but the idea of a rebel attack upon Manila is ridiculous, as the Americans control the position,

Aguinaldo has republished the secand manifesto in reply to the proclamation of General Otis, which was recalled on its first appearance, but it

has proved ineffectual.

On Wednesday, a false alarm, due to trivial incidents occurring simultaneously in opposite parts of the city, to a general call to the United States forces. In 15 minutes the entire city was covered. The promptitude of the Americans, while it created peare for the moment, effectually retored confidence throughout Manila, nd dispelled the excitement due to a esing fear on the part of the citizens at an outbreak was imminent. It is piomatic conferences that have been id between the representatives of neral Otis and Aguinaldo, have ally come to understand that the tions and conservative policy of the ericans is not due to feur, and they accept the inevitable with good e. It is evident that at present

ning of the independence demandand when they do understand its be acceptable.

DUSE PASSES ONE BILL.

Senze Discusses the Question of Open Executive Session.

ishington, Jan. 16.—The house ay passed the diplomatic and consuappropriation bill without an eniment. During the general dee two set speeches were made ing imperialism by Carmack and Gaines, of Tennessee. The diplomatic censular bill is the sixth of the regular appropriation bills to pass the house. Seven budgets yet remain to boacted upon. The bill as passed car-### \$1,751,538.

Washington, Jan. 16.-Little busiwas transacted by the senate in en session today, Sixteen bills on private pension calendar were al, and a joint resolution extending thanks of congress to Miss Clara ton and other officials of the Red. m Society for their beneficent work in Armenia and Cuba was adopted.

orkiell entered a motion to recall the bill which passed yesterday, authorimpathe president to appoint Brigadier General T. H. Stanton a majorera, and place him on the retired win that rank. At 5 o'clock the conate adjourned.

Debate in Open Sessions.

Washington, Jan. 16 .- The supporters and opponents of the peace treaty the senate had their first contest over that document today in executive

While the debate technically was upon Sciator Berry's motion providing for the consideration in open session, the entre question at issue was gone over to a considerable degree. The discussion continued from a few minutes past 1 until 5, when the senate adbreed for the day without reaching Yote upon the Berry motion.

TO ORGANIZE A CABINET.

spent Brooks Has Decided to Have Four Civil Secretaries.

Hahna, Jan. 16. - Gen. Brooke has refuy considered the formation of cabilt of civil advisers, and has deided thave four secretaries—the first nstruct; and the fourth of agriculworks. 'y prominent residents of the isla vill be invited to join the cabinet

The trnor-general has received acceptantom two, whose names are reserved it all four can be announced. a of the other two may be a Space of the other two may that all for though it is probable that all for il be Cubans,

Washingt an, 16,—Representatary Meikler saw Assistant Secre-recent turn old asked him if the pines would ats in the Philip-unteers would at the Oregon volislands longer retained in those tended. He was originally in-outbreaks wounformed that the ment's plan, amange the depart-gen would be so lie Second Ore-lieved by regular as soon as reGO ON THEIR MERITS.

sider Appropriation Bilts.

Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—The first week of the legislative session closes with 91 bills introduced and read in the senate, and 184 in the boose. The house passed the bill to add two judges to the supreme court, and there is little A REBEL ATTACK RIDICULOUS doubt that the measure will pass the senate in due time. Two notable reforms have been provided for-to fimit the number of committee clerks and to keep appropriations of doubtful merit out of the general appropriation bill. A bill to correct the committee clerkship abuse further for future legislatures is before the senate, and is likely to pass both houses. The ways and means coammittee will report not only general appropriation bill and a special appropriation bill, but will refuse to yoke with appropriations of nndoubted merit those that are questionable, making the latter bills stand individually on their merits before the legislature and the governor.

WASHINGTON LAWMAKERS.

Muntz, Whose Seat Is Contested, Asks to Be Taken Off Committee

Olympia, Jan. 14.-Senator Mantz today asked to be excused from serving on the committee of elections and election contests, Inasmuch as his seat was to be contested, and that, in all probability, the matter would be referred to that committee.

The chair stated that it was expected that the contest in Mantz' district would be referred to a special committee. He did not know but that a special committee would yet be named, Mantz was made chairman of the committee on senate employes other than esible that the Filipinos, after the regular, and Paul, of that committee, was made chairman of the election contest committee. Keith was transferred from the committee on fish to the committee on printing, exchanging places with Senator Biggs.

Eight hundred and forty-two citizens of Walla Walla petitioned for an assembly hall in the Walla Walla state are unable to appreciate the full pententiary. The request was made on the ground of public morals, as it was claimed an assembly hall for the mt, the American proposition will inmates of the penitentiary would tend to improve their morals.

For a State Road.

In the house a bill was introduced by Moore, establishing a state road down the Columbia river from Lyle, Klickitat county, to Washougal, Clark county, and appropriating \$25,000 therefor.

A concurrent resolution relating to the wealth of Washington coal mines, and requesting the secretary of the navy to use Washington coal in preference to British Columbia coal, and calling upon said secretary of the navy to notify the legislature if any reason exists why this cannot be done, was offered by Calvert, and adopted.

House bill No. 78, offered by Belford, who moved its advancement to third reading after the title had been read. It is an appropriation bill, carrying \$1,500 for the transportation of prisoners, \$500 for transporting javenile offenders, and \$200 to pay traveling expenses of superior court judges. On final passage it received by one negative vote and 64 affirmative.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 2, authorizing the purchase of a suitable flag for the capitol, was taken up and passed under suspension of the rules.

The senate concurrent resolution for the printing and publication of 2,500 copies of Governor Roger's message was passed.

RAILROADS TO POOL ISSUES.

Report That Great Northern and North ern Pacific Have Combined.

New York, Jan. 16. - The Times says: The announcement of the settlement of recent disagreements between the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads proved to be one of the most interesting statements Wall street has lately had to consider and enthuse over. In Northern Pacific common stock there is reason to believe that a pool has been formed, including in its membership the strongest financiers of Wall street, among others, friends of J. P. Morgan, Governor Flower and John D. Rockefeller.

This pool, credited with a capacity eyond any such recent combinations, is believed to have as the basis for its organization knowledge of plans which will practically make the Northern Pastatend government; the second of cific and the Baltimore & Ohio one nanceshe third of justice and public property. Some reports, probably distorted, have it even that Northern Pacific property would actually absorb the B. & O. Under any circumstances, it is declared there will be direct management and personal supervision of policy by James J. Hill.

Klondike at Home.

Hillsboro, Jan. 16 .- While ditching on his beaverdam at Farmington, five miles southeast of this city, George Robinson struck a gold-bearing quartz ledge which assays \$42 to the ton. ledge is between two and three feet in width. The lead runs north and south, pitching east. Near it are two other ledges, the rock from which has not yet been assayed.

The ledge was discovered several days ago, but the matter was kept very quiet until today, and the only trouble to be encountered is in getting water. No gold had ever before been found at Farmington, but old miners considered the indications there very good.

VETO MESSAGES RETURNED

Governor Rogers Sends the Wanted Documents to the Scoats.

Olympin, Wash., Jan. 13.-Immediately after the reading of the mintues in the senate, Lieutenant-Governor Daniels announced the standing committees.

Plummer called for a committee or five to group the committees and recommend the number of clerks. Carried.

High presented a memorials from Clark county settlers. He asked that the memorial be referred to the committee on memorials, but that, Inasmuch as a similar document had been introduced in the house, he did not desire the state put to the expense of printing the memorial.

On motion of Yeend, W. C. Gray, of Stevens county, who is contesting the seat of Senator C. A. Mantz, was allowed the privilege of the floor of the

Menate.

The committee on the compensation of senate employes reported as follows: Secretary, \$5; assistant secretary, \$4.50; sergeant-at-arms, \$5; assistant sergeant-at-arms, \$4; minute, journal and enrolling, engrossing and assistant engrossing, bill and docket clerks and stenographer, \$4 each; judiciary clerk, \$4.50; pages, \$2; all other employes, including committee clerks, \$3.50.

The vetoes of Governor Rogers on bills acted upon since the adjournment of the last legislature were presented, together with the names of the appointees of the governor. The confirmation of appointees was made a special order for January 20, at 11 A. M. On motion of Megler, the vetoes were made a special order for January 17. The votes cover, among others, the general appropriation bill. The exceptions are: "The appropriation of \$25,-500 for the Cheney normal school, \$17,500 for tme maintenance of the Whatcom normal school, and \$20,000 for the equipment and improving the grounds of the said Whatcom normal school are hereby objected to and disapproved, the reason for such disapproval being such appropriations are opposed to a just public policy at the present time. With these exceptions the bill is hereby approved."

Senate bill 250 apprepriated \$1,745 for the relief of George W. Babcock, The governor's objections are: "From information and belief, I consider this claim unjust. The claimant has his remedy in the courts."

Senate bill 194, relating to tidelands, the chief executive considers unconstitutional.

The committee on grouping commit-tees was named as follows: Plummer, Wilshire, Paul, Megler and Carper.

Clerk's Salaries Fixed.

The first business of the day in the house after invocation by Rev. Henry Badger, rector of St. John's, was upon the special order involving the adoption of the committee report scheduling salaries of employes,

Mr. Bellows submitted an amendment horizontally reducing the schedule 50 cents on each employe, but allowing the proposed \$3 extra compensation to the speaker to stand. Roll-call on the proposed amendment on salary of chief clerk showed the relative strength to stand about 47 to 23 in favor of sustaining the committee. After one more test of strength, the amendment was withdrawn by Mr. Bellows, and the committee report was adopted.

The speaker was authorized, on motion of Smith of King, to employ a secretary at a salary of \$4 per day.

Beals presented a petition from engineers and steam users of Skagit and Snohomish counties for a law compelling inspection of boilers.

A resolution prevailed, offered by Gunderson, calling upon the state land commissioner's office for information concerning value of the state's granted capitol lands. The speaker ap pointed Gunderson, Minard and Bedford as such committee.

A memorial was offered by Daniels, praying for the pensioning of Indian war veterans.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Governor Geer's University Regents Satisfactory.

Salem, Jan. 13.-Governor Geer sent to the senate this morning the appointment of Dolph, Bean and Senator William Smith, of Baker, as members of the board of regents of the state university, and Holt as trustee of the Soldiers' Home, the same as Governor Lord had named, and which were withdrawn yesterday except Smith in place of Kincaid. The nomination of Smith "took the wind out of the sails" of the opposition to the governor, as Selling expressed it, and instead of a fight all were confirmed immediately.

Two Additional Justices.

Upon the assembling of the house the committee on resolutions reported back a resolution providing for an examination of the books of the state board of school land commissioners, with an amendment that the committee be allowed only one clerk, at a salary of \$3 per day. The resolution was adopted as amended.

After the first reading of the bill by Beach of Multnomah to regulate building and loan associations, Moody asked the consent of the house to take up and place on its third reading the bill providing for relief of the supreme court, and an increase of the number of justices of the supreme court to five. PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market. Wheat--W...lla Walla, 60c; Valley, 62c; Bluestem, 63c per bushel.

Flour-Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 40@41c; choice gray, 30% 40c per bushel.

Barley-Feed barley, \$22@24; brewing, #23.50 per ton.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton. Hay-Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 45@ 50c; dairy, 40@ 45c store, 25 @ 30e,

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 12 1/20; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound.

Paultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2.25@3 per dozen; hens, \$3.50@4.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50 00 5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@ 5.50 per dozen; turkeys. live, 15@ 16c per pound.

Potatoes-70@85c per sack; sweets,

2c per pound.

Vegetables-Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1,25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; paranips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 20c p∈r box; peas, 3@35c per pound.

Onions-Oregon, 75c@#1 per sack. Hops-15@17c; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool-Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 73ge; spring lambs, 716c per lb.

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef-Gross, top steers, 3.50@\$3.75; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@61&c per pound. Veal-Large, 6@614c; small, 7@8c

per pound.

Scattle Markets. Onions, 85@90c per 100 pounds. Potatoes, 20\$@25. Beets, per sack, 75c. Turnips, per sack, 50@75c. Carrots, per sack, 45@60c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1. Cauliflower, 50@90c per doz. Celery, 35@40c.

Cabbage, native and California \$1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds. Apples, 35@50c per box. Pears, 50c@\$1.50 per box.

Prunes, 50c per box. Butter-Creamery, 27c per pound; dairy and ranch, 18@22c per pound. Eggs, 27c. Cheese-Native, 12@1216c.

Poultry-Old hens, 14c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c.

Fresh meats-Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 612 @ 7c; cows, prime, 6 12c; mutton, 7 12c; pork, 6@7c; veal,

Wheat-Feed wheat, \$22. Oats-Choice, per ton, \$24.

Hay-Puget Sound mixed, \$9.00@ 11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15.

Corn-Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23,50. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton,

\$25@26; whole, \$22. Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straights, \$3.25; California brends, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.

per ton, \$14; Millstuffs-Bran. shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed-Chopped feed, \$20@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake

meal, per ton, \$35. San Francisco Market.

Wool-Spring-Nevada, 10@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@11c. Millstuffs-Middlings, \$18@21.00;

bran, \$15.50@16.50 per ton. Onions-Silverskin, 50@75c per sack. Butter - Fancy creamery, 28c;

do seconds, 25@ 26c; fancy dairy, 26c; do seconds, 20@23c per pound.

Eggs - Store, 25@30c; fancy ranch, 34@37c. Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia, \$2 @2.50; Mexican limes, \$6@6.50; Cali-

fornia lemons, \$2.00@.300; do choice, \$3.50@4.50; per box. The Seven Davils.

It is currently believed that the Northern Pacific is making strenuous efforts to establish a line to connect with the Seven Devils railroad, and thus tap a rich copper region. Northwestern Railway Company has also three crews of surveyors in the field, and is preparing the way for graders from Huntington to the Oxbend of Snake river, and from there to the Peacock mine. There are now 28 O. R. & N. surveyors working from Keating, on Lower Powder river, to Eagle valley, arranging for the construction work from Baker City to years, and are to bear interest at the Seven Devils.

A Good Showing.

The Whatcom creamery has turned out 32,340 pounds of butter, or over 16 tons since May 1, 1898. Patrons deliver their cream and receive 24 cents per pound for the butter yielded. The sum of \$6,802 has thus been paid out to Whatcom county residents since May. The creamery will continue in operation all winter.

It is said that the electric cabs in New York city did a record business during the blizzard and proved their The bill passed by a vote of 37 to 17, entire efficiency.

NEWS OF NORTHWEST

Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific STREEN

A Wheat Producer.

Uniontown, Wash., claims for the southeastern corner of the Palouse country the distinction of being the greatest wheat-producing section of the world. Within a radius of six miles of that thriving town there were raised this year upwards of 1,500,000 bushels of wheat, with good crops of barley, oats, hay, vegetables, etc. Fail wheat averaged from 42 to 52 bushels to the acre and spring wheat 23 to 30 bushels. If any other ambitious corner of the world desires to contest honors for supremacy in grain-raising the opportunity is offered,

Telephone Extension.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company will soon connect Harley. Idaho, with all prominent places by long distance telephone. A line will be constructed from Boise to Camas Prairie, thence to Halley by the Gold Belt, and then to Blackfoot. Hailey will be the headquarters of the 300mile line between the Utah & Northern and Boise. Telephone lines are being extended over the principal parts of Burns, Or., and the Prineville Telephone Company is making extensive improvements.

Hops.

A contract to sell 12,000 pounds of the 1899 hops at 10 cents per pound has been made by Daniel Cavanaugh to Faber & Neis, of Albany. Prospects for fair prices for this year's crop are very flattering. Hop men in Oregon who held their crops and thus obtained better prices are now out of debt for the first time in several years, Horst Bros, bought several lots at North Yakima within 10 days at 121/2 and 13 cents.

Advance in Eggs. Eggs are worth 50 cents a dozen at Colfax, Whitman county. It would seem policy for the Whitman farmers to raise a million or two bushels less wheat and put in a few acres of hens. It is much cheaper to raise a dozen eggs than a bushel of wheat, yet Whitman and other Eastern Washington counties, which produced nearly 15,-000,000 bushels of wheat last year, import thousands of dollars' worth of dairy and hog products and eggs every year.

Canyonville Industries.

The growing and shipping of fruit in the vicinity of Canyonville is now so far advanced as to bring in considerable of a revenue. Prunes to the amount of 1,500,000 pounds have been sold at the average rate of over three cents per pound, bringing in over \$48,-000. Shippers are now getting ready large consignments of winter apples, and the prevailing price for turkeys is from 9 to 10 1/2 cents gross. Lime, sulphur and salt for spraying purposes are now in demand.

Bromine-Chlorine Plant.

An innovation in mining that will be of the greatest value to the people of Eastern Oregon is the establishment at Baker City of a bromine chlorine plant, for the working of refactory ores, which have hitherto been considered as worthless, plant, being erected by J. G. English and others, and which is expected to in operation very will increase to a great extent the business of the Baker City merchants.

Lime Shipments.

The Tacoma & Roche Harbor Lime Company, which is the chief lime works in the Northwest, shipped 100 .. 000 barrels last year, against 90,000 in 1897. The increase was both foreign and local, and the president, J. S. Mc-Millin, says he expects an increase this year of at least 50 per cent, basing his estimates on trade conditions and orders now on hand. This business is a fair indicator of the demand for building material.

Big Cargo to the Orient.

The N. Y. K. steamship Riojun Maru sailed from Seattle last week for the Orient, with one of the heaviest cargoes ever taken from that port. The freight included 4,000 bales of cotton, 13 carloads of pig lead, 14 cars of wood pulp, besides a great quantity of flour and miscellaneous goods, cargo soon to be shipped to the same port will contain 700 tons of salted salmon, brought over from the Fraser niver.

Bids for tounty Bonds.

The county commissioners of Gallatin county, Mont., received bids last Monday for the purchase of funding bonds to the amount of \$137,000. These bonds are made payable in 20 rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in the city of Bozeman. The county reserves the right to redeem any of the bonds after 10 years, by giving 60 days' notice,

Flax Industry Growing.

A result of recent agitation throughout Oregon for the cultivation of flax, as a commercial commodity, is the sowing of a considerable acreage this fall to daxseed. The Portland Linseed Oil works is furnishing seed to farmers on application, agreeing to take their pay from proceeds of crops raised, for which erop they will contract at prices that mean Landsome returns