

GERMANY MAY CREATE NATIONAL OIL MONOPOLY

Berlin, March 19.—The imperial government is considering the possibility of a government petroleum monopoly. No decision has been reached, but the experts continue to study the matter. The Standard Oil Company, as well as the Standard's Russian and Romanian holdings, are being considered along with the possibilities of creating a state monopoly in alcohol.

PARDON FOR CHESTER THOMPSON

Walla Walla, Feb. 19.—A move is on foot to secure a pardon for Chester Thompson, acquitted of the murder of Judge Emory, of Seaside, on the ground of insanity, and is confined in the insane ward of the penitentiary. A commission on the young man will be organized under the terms of the law.

BLIZZARD CONDITIONS CONTINUE IN MANY STATES

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The blizzard here of yesterday is still in progress today, though the fury of the storm is passed. Snow was piled in deep drifts by the wind and traffic on all roads is delayed, while there have been many accidents to pedestrians. One man was killed by a freight train and two, exhausted, were rescued from sure death.

From Other Points.
Kansas City, Feb. 19.—A fall of 20 degrees in temperature was registered over Kansas and Western Missouri during the past 24 hours.

Milwaukee, Feb. 19.—The blizzard continues but slightly abated today. There is a foot of snow in Milwaukee and vicinity.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Freezing weather and a snowstorm, driven by a gale, prevails. There are deep drifts of snow.

Detroit, Feb. 19.—The blizzard in the lower portion of Michigan continues. Deep snow greatly interferes with traffic.

L. T. Brown, of Mapleton, is in Eugene on business.

DANGER TO NIAGARA FALLS IS EXPLAINED

Washington, Feb. 19.—At the instance of the American Civic Federation Dr. W. J. Spencer, the British scientist, who was commissioned by the geological survey of Canada to investigate the Niagara Falls problem, appeared before the house committee on rivers and harbors and presented facts to show the effect if the request of the Ontario Power Company for a franchise to use 40,000 cubic feet of water per second would have on the falls. He said such a withdrawal of water and the necessary changes in the river would result in the recession of the Horse Shoe and the lowering of Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan by three feet. The damage resulting to harbors and canals by the lowering of the water one foot would amount to \$12,000,000.

Claud Swan and his Alaskan team of basketball players closed their tour at Chicago, after playing the best basketball teams between the Pacific and Chicago, winning 34 games and losing 8.

STOESSEL WILL HEAR SENTENCE TOMORROW

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The court trying General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur retired for deliberation at noon, ordering Stoessel and the other defendants to appear February 20 at 11 o'clock, when sentence is expected to be pronounced.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON FRENCH TREATY

Washington, Feb. 19.—After hearing Secretary Root in explanation of the new proposed French arbitration deal today the senate committee on foreign relations ordered a favorable report upon the treaty.

Chicago Wheat Market.
Chicago, Feb. 19.—May, 92 3-8; July, 88 1-8; September, 86.

The Salem Statesman says Commercial street is to be paved. How many funerals first? asks the Portland Journal.

JAPANESE AGREE TO AMERICAN DEMANDS IN MOST RESPECTS

Tokio, Feb. 19.—The memorandum of the Japanese government's reply to the United States on the subject of emigration was handed to Ambassador O'Brien today. It is understood that Japan agrees in general terms to a number of the suggestions of the American government and assures further restriction of emigration by practical prohibition of laborers. The reply bears every evidence that the Japanese government will be unflinching in its efforts to avoid further complications on the emigration question, but the government is facing powerful opposition from the emigration companies, which are behind the proposed resolution in the diet to ensure the foreign policy of Viscount Hayashi.

PROTEST AGAINST JAPAN'S MANCHURIAN POLICY

Washington, Feb. 19.—A rumor is current that the state department is about to address a protest to Japan against her attitude in Manchuria. It is admitted that complaints have been made to the department that American trade is suffering in the Orient, but it is believed that other causes than Japan's attitude are principally responsible.

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Mrs. Julia A. Bean, an early Oregon pioneer, died at her home in Eugene this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock after a long illness. She would have been 70 years of age on the 25th of this month had she lived until then.

Mrs. Bean, whose maiden name was Sharp, was born near Newmarket, Harrison county, Ohio, February 25, 1838. In company with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, she started across the plains for Oregon in 1849, but on reaching Missouri they purchased a farm and resided there three years. In May, 1852, they started for Oregon again, taking the Harlow route. Although they were hampered by sickness on the journey and were snowbound for a time, they arrived safely in Oregon City on November 1, 1852. Spending the winter in the Chehalis valley, they took up a ranch in Washington county in the spring but the land proved worthless and they came to Lane county in the fall of 1853. The subject of this sketch was married to Obadiah R. Bean in Yamhill county, Or., on October 21, 1853, and to them 11 children were born, as follows: Robert S., judge of the supreme court of Oregon; James R., an express messenger running out of Portland; John W., a prominent physician of Tacoma; Mrs. Emma A. Lucas, of Aberdeen, Wash.; Joseph H., died in 1897; Edward A., bookkeeper in the First National bank of Eugene; Louis E., a prominent hardware merchant of Eugene; Mary, died when a year old; Chester O., a contractor at Aberdeen, Wash.; and Miss Estelle A., living at home. Mr. Bean died in the Sluolaw valley in 1890.

Mrs. Bean was a woman of noble character and was beloved by all who knew her. Her family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will be held Friday, but the services will be private.

PRESIDENT GIVES COMMISSION VIEWS ON RAILROADING

EVERY COMMISSION TO MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT
SERIOUS TROUBLE BETWEEN
ROADS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES
—RAILROAD STOCKS DECLINE
TODAY

New York, Feb. 19.—Severe declines and low prices in railroad stocks was a feature today, Gould shares being especially weak. Missouri Pacific, which closed yesterday at 34, dropped to 28 1-4. Western Union broke from 46 to 41 1-4. Several other stocks ran off sharply.

Washington, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt has sent a letter to the interstate commerce commission in which he has indicated the importance of the commission's action in respect to the limitation of the hours of labor of railroad employes, and points out the possibility of serious differences arising between railroad companies and their employes with respect to wages and hours of labor. It is understood the letter of the



JOHN W. GATES.
Multimillionaire who has changed his legal residence from New York to Texas.

President will be made public by the commission.

The president strongly deprecates the making of an issue between the railroad companies and employes in the matter of wages that can be avoided, and instructs the commission to secure all possible information in advance so that the responsibility may be placed, and to hold itself in readiness to mediate on the subject.

Great Strike Probable

Chicago, Feb. 19.—A situation which railroad men say may result in a strike of the employes on the railroads in various parts of the country has developed as a result of the general movement of railroads to reduce wages of all classes of employes. Union officials in all parts of the country have been notified by the railroads that a reduction of wages and revision of the working agreement must be made by March 1. The unions are determined that no reduction shall be made and are preparing to resist all attempts to reduce the purest scale. They will take the matter into the courts under the Erdman act.

TELEPHONE COMPANY LARGELY INCREASES CAPITAL

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The state of Illinois has given to the Chicago Telephone Company permission to increase the company's capital of \$20,000,000 to \$29,000,000. President Arthur Wheeler says the purpose of this move is the building and rebuilding of plants and not for keeping down dividend rates.

MRS. COLEMAN UNDERGOES SERIOUS THROAT OPERATION

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Joseph G. Coleman, whose nervous system collapsed after she had netted \$57,000 for charity, working day and night managing the famous fete of "The Streets of Paris," is reported in "excellent condition" after a dangerous operation consisting of cutting her throat and the removal of part of the thyroid gland, for the cure of Graves' disease, so-called, a medical mystery.

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An Attractive Suit is one of black and white check suiting, with satin lined jacket, collar and cuffs of black broadcloth edged with gilt soutache braid, nine gored skirt with black broadcloth fold in bottom, the suit \$24.00

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Suiting

24-inch checked chiffon Panama suiting, new spring shades; small checks, the yard 25c

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3/4c Gingham, yard 7c
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Girls' 20c fine ribbed lisle effect dressy hose; the pair 15c

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