MESSAGE IN BRIEF

Important Points of President's amunication to Congress

is in recommend a law prohibiting all tions from contributing to the campaign is of any party. Such a hill has alpassed one house of congress. Let in la contribute as they desire; but let us in effective fashion all corporations making contributions for any political, directly or indirectly.

her bill which has just passed one house reas and which it is urgently necessary be enacted into law is that conferring be government the right of appeal in I cases on questions of law. This right in many of the states; it exists in the of Columbia by act of the congress. Course net proposed that in any case it for the defendant on the merits be set aside. A failure to pass it will necessary strength of the congress. Course net proposed that in any case it for the defendant on the merits be set aside. A failure to pass it will neriously hampering the government fort to obtain justice, especially against individuals or corporations who do and may also prevent the government individuals or corporations who do and may also prevent the government individuals or corporations who

Lawlessness grows by what it teeds upon, and when mosb begin to lynch for rape they speedily extend the sphere of their operations, and lynch for many other thichings are not and lynch for many other thichings are not of that two-thirds of a considerable proportion of the individuals lynched are innocent of all crime, in my judgment, the crime of rape sheuld always be punished with death, as in the case with murder; assault with intent to commit rape should be made a capital crime, at least in the discretion of the court; and provision should be made by which the punishment may follow immende the court; and provision should be made by which the punishment may follow immende the punishment may follow immended by which the punishment may follow immended by which the punishment may follow immended by which the punishment may follow immended to the punishment of the capital crime. Analysis are punishment to the least possible publicity shall be given to the details.

I call your attention to the need of passing the bill limiting the number of hours of employment of railroad employes. The measure is a very moderate one and lands. As far as no serious objection to it should be our aim steadily to reduce the number of hours of the punishment of all propers incident to the employers indicated to the propers incident to the employers the public conscience and securing mit of state action in the matter.

Among the axellest laws which the congress passed at the last seasion was an employer. I will be considered to the propers of the propers incident to the matter, amount of the punishment of th

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riage and disorce are dealt with. It is neither safe nor proper to leave the question of polygomy to be dealt with by the several states. Power to deal with it should be conferred on the congress to two subjects concerning which. I have frequently before communicated with them. One is the question of developing them. One is the question of developing them, one is the question of developing in substance the views, or a major part of the view, expressed in the report on this substance the views, or a major part of the view, expressed in the report on the subject laid before the house at its last session will be passed. I am set also also been proposed in reference to the encouragement of American shipping; but it seems to me that the proposed measure is as nearly unobjectionable I expressed by the national bank at has ably served a great purpose in adding the enormous distinct parts there has been an increase in circulation per capita from \$21.41 to \$33.08. For everal years evidence has been accumulating that additional legislation is medel, the defects of the present laws.

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It was part of Secretary Root's mission to dispel this unfounded impression, and there is just cause to believe that he has succeeded. I have just returned from a trip to Panama and shall report to you at length later on the whole subject of the Panama canal.

The destruction of the Pribilof islands fur regulations have proved plainly inadequate to accomplish the object of protection and preservation of the fur seals, and for a long time to secure from Great Britain such revision and modification of the tregulations as were contemplated and provided for by the award of the Tribunal of Paris.

The process of destruction has been accelerated during recent years by the appearance of a number of Japanese vessels engaged in the process of the Tribunal of Paris, they have no the tribunal of Paris, they have no attention either to the close season or to the sixty-mile limit imposed upon the Canama dians, and have prosecuted their work up to the very islands themselves.

John Barrett is almost certain to be

chosen director of the bureau of American republics. Andrew Carnegie has given \$32,000 towards rebuilding the college recently

burned at Kankakee, Ill. Mrs. Storer says she is the one brought Roosevelt to the front and he owes everything he is to her.

Lands around the Salton sink, Cal. will be flooded for a year as the result of the recent break in the dam. Young Teddy Roosevelt is having

hard work these days being initiated into one of Harvard's secret societies. Nearly 5,000 employes of the Washington navy yard will receive an in-

crease in wages of 10 per cent Janu-President Roosevelt has expressed the hope that a treaty can be negotiated which will exclude Japanese coolies

from the United States. There is little hope of ex-Senato Brown, of Utah, surviving the wound inflicted with a revolver in the hands

of a woman he had wronged. School teachers of San Francisco hav

formed a union. New York bank reserves are far below the legal limit.

Chicago's electrical appliances. The St. Paul railroad has made offi

ial announcement of its route to the Bellamy Storer has written an angry letter to President Roosevelt about his dismissal as ambassador to Austria.

Many rich men of San Francisco are coming to the front with money to help Mayor Schmitz out of his trou-bles.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter - Fancy creamery, 271/2@ 21/2c per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 35@371/c pe

Poultry - Average old hens, 133c per pound; mixed chickens, 123c @13c; spring, 13@14c; old roosters, 8@10c; dressed chickens, 14 @ 15c; turkeys, live, 17 @ 171/c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21@221/2c; geese, live, 10e; ducks, 15@16c.

Fruits - Apples, common to choice 50@75c per box; choice to fancy, \$1@ pears, \$1661.50; cranberries \$12@13 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50

Vegetables - Turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carrots, 90c@\$1 per sack; beets. \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 9@ 10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2½@ 2¾c per pound; cabbage, 1½@1½c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozcelery, 75@90c per dozen; head, 30c per dozen; onions, 10@121/c per dozen; bell peppers, 8c; pumpkins, 1½c per pound; spinach, 4@5c per pound; parsley, 10@15c; squash, 1@ Me per pound.

Onions - Oregon, 75c@\$1 per hun-

Potatoes - Oregon Burbanks, fancy, Oc@\$1; common, 75@85c. Wheat — Club, 65@66c; bluestem 67@68c; valley, 66@67c; red, 63c. Oats — No. 1 white, \$25@ 25.50

gray, \$24.50@25.

Barley — Feed, \$21@21.50 per ton
brewing, \$22.50; rolled, \$22.50@24.

Rye—\$1.40@1.45 per cwt. Corn - Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$11@ 12 per ton; Eastern. Oregon timothy, \$14@16; clover, \$7@8; cheat, \$7.50@

\$14@16; clover, \$7.00@ 8.50; grain hay, \$7.50@8.50; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$7@7.50. Veal—Dressed, 514@814c per pound. Beef — Dressed bulls, 1 @ 2c per nd; cows, 4@5c; country steers,

OFFICIALS INDICTED

Harriman and Gould Lines Must Answer In Court.

FORCED SMALL DEALERS TO QUIT

Accused of Stealing Thousands Acres of Coal Land in Utah and Wyoming.

the work of bringing to justice the men follows: who are accused of stealing thousands of acres of coal land in Utah and sessment roll, in separate columns, and according to the best information he Wyoming and using their connection with the railroads to establish a monopoly of coal mining and dealing in the in his county assessable by him.

2. A description of each tract or par

These indictments are only the first for the grand jury is to resume its inquisition soon after Christmas.

The grand jury's partial report was nade to United States District Judge John A. Marshall: The indictment against the Harriman companies embrace the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the Union Pacific Coal company, Everett Buckingham, general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line and a man named Moore. ment charges violation of the interstate ommerce law, alleging discrimination against D. J. Sharp, a coal dealer in

The indictment against the represen-tatives of the Gould interests embraces the Utah Fuel company, H. G. Williams, general manager of this company Robert Forrester, the company's geologist, W. R. Foster, secretary to Robert Forester, Alexander M. Cowie, general manager of the company's Wasatch store at Sunnyside, Utah, Elroy N. Clark, the Utah Fuel company's attor-in any city, village, or town a plat of in any city, village, or town, a plat of ney at Denver, and George A. Moore, the company's agent at Denver. They are charged with defrauding and attempting to defraud the United States government, the charges being based on the methods pursued in acquiring title

COST OF MAINTAINING NAVY. Nearly \$20,000,000 Spent on Ships

Washington, Dec. 8 .- It cost \$19, report of Paymaster General H. T. B.

last fiscal year, \$31,764,566, and repairs to ships \$5,550,309. The sum of \$262,as well as real, property shall be asse
(No change, except to require that pe
asse well as real, property shall be asse 034 was expended on the naval militis

of the states ed with the paymasters \$636,980; they may be

The paymaster general says that, in lector a sum equal to such proportion view of the past unsatisfactory experience with commutations of rations, and particularly as the new navy ration is considered sufficient in all respects to (New: but compare Revenue Laws Washing actually subsist the men, it would seem ton, 1906, section 91.) that the time has surely come when (Real property—How described.) commutation should cease. Section 29. That section 3074

His report expresses gratification over the practical elimination of the for naval supplies

To Float Philippine Bonds.

New York, Dec. 8 .- An underwriting yndicate for \$15,000,000 Philippine railway 4 per cent 30-year bonds, to be guaranteed by the Philippine govern-ment, has been formed with William Salmon & Co. as syndicate managers. The thousand miles of railroad to be built are distributed over the islands of Panay, Negros and Cebu. Work has been under way since June last, when a party of 15 engineers arrived in the Philippines and surveys were begun. Construction was begun in Cebu No-vember 13, and in Panay November 17.

Perkins Stands by State.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Per-kins, who talked with the president today about the Japanese situation, claims that the people of San Francisco have not violated either 'the letter or the spirit of the law regarding the admission of Japanese to schools for white children. He said the president will learn that the people of the Pacific coast are unanimous in sentiment and will bow to those sentiments and shortly enter negotiations with Japan for the exclusion of peons and coolies from this

Battle With Pulajanes Manila, Dec. 8.—A column of con-stabulary and troops encountered a band of Pulajanes between LaPaz and British general. I want your auto-Terragona, on the island of Leyte, De-cember 5. In the battle that followed four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded. Among the wounded was Lieutenant Ralph P. Yates, Jr. His wounds are not serious. Thirty Pulajanes were killed and many wound ed and captured. No details of fight have been received.

Compromise on Ship Subsidy.

Washington, Dec. 8. - Compromise 5@5%c.

Mutton — Dressed, fancy, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8c per pound.

Hope—11@14c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrink-age; valley, 20@21, According to fine-ness; mohair, choice, 26@28c.

Washington, idea, S.—Compromise to be in sight. At the meeting of the house committee Chairman Grosvenor suggested an amendment to the Gallinger bill which will limit subsidies to the South American and Oriental trade. South American and Oriental trade. The amended bill will be in harmony with Secretary Root's policy for trade extension as outlined in recent speeches in the West.

Washington, idea, S.—Compromise to be in "That is preposterous, I am authorized to settle with you, madam, for \$1,000. We will never pay 1 cent more."

"Well, then," she rejoined, with a sigh of resignation, "I suppose I'll have to compromise on \$50,000."—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Gunner—Wise to what?

Mr. Gunner—To the fact that I brought back a collection of hard Egyptian sandals.

Overshadowed It.

Mr. Jagway, who was at the flower on \$50,000."—Chicago Tribune.

The comet of 1843 was the only one during the last century visible in broad give the rose a chance!"

Proposed Oregon Tax Law

(Continued from last week)

(Assessor to give certificate of assessment-Penalty for refusing.)

Section 24. Any person assessed for thereof. ny year may demand of the assessor (No change, except to amplify the perm of official certificate of that fact, and abbreviations to correspond with those narily used.) upon the refusal of the assessor to give same he shall be fined in the sum (Description book—Contents.) of \$100, to be collected by the person demanding the same in an action in the the office of the tax collector a book, to justice of the peace in said county.
(B. & C. Comp., 3156, without change.)

(Assessment roll-What to contain.)

Salt Lake, Dec. 8. - With the in- Section 25. That section 3071 of the dictment of the Harriman and Gould railroad and coal corporations and their and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and officials the Federal grand jury began the same hereby is amended to read as The asse

1. The names of all taxable persons

cel of land to be taxed, specifying under These indictments are only the first separate heads the township, range, in what may prove to be a long series and section in which the land lies, in trates not exceeding a quarter section according to the government survey, or if divided into lots and blocks, then the number of the lot and block.

3 The number of acres and parts of an acre, as near as the same can be ascertained, unless the same be divided into blocks and lots

4. The full cash value of each parcel 5. The taxable personal property

owned by or to be taxed to such person as provided by law, and the full cash taxed, real and personal.

business after he had cut prices below the prices charged by other dealers in ly assessments of real property or lands and lots, and assessments of personal said part bears to the whole tract assessed, on which basis the assessment property.

(Permits the assessment roll to be divided in-to parts for convenience, the form of roll in present common use being a blanket form, in-cluding real and personal property, on one page, and being unnecessarily cumbersome and unwelldy. Assessor may not assess more than 160 acres in a single tract.)

dered by the county court. When any person is assessed as trus-604,749 to keep the ships of Uncle tee, guardian, executor, or administration of a desingation of his representative or a desingation of his representative cribed).

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(Assessment and taxation of undivided erty may do so by paying the tax col-

Section 29. That section 3074 of th

Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled (Form of assessment roll). and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Belmiddleman and speculator in bidding linger and William W. Cotton, be and the same hereby is amended to read as and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and

If the land assessed be less or other than a subdivision according to the United States survey, unless the same

(Permits use of a number, referring to a de-scription book maintained as a permanent rec-ord in the tax collector's office in lieu of a metes and bounds description. This provision is borrowed from Washington.) (What shall be sufficient description in

Section 30. That section 3075 of the and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and the same hereby is amended to read as

It shall be sufficient to describe lands in all proceedings relative to the assessng, collecting, advertising, or selling the same for taxes, by initial letter, ab-breviations, figures, fractions, and ex-

represented that country at the recent French maneuvers, received the following letter after his triumphant re-

graph; but, whatever you do, don't let our secretary write it."

Needless to say, says an exchange,

the boy got the autograph, and a signed photograph of his hero to boot.

"Do you seriously mean, madam," ask-ed the claim agent, "that you are going to sue the company for \$100,000 damages because you were slightly injured in an unavoidable train wreck?" "I certainly do."

ponents to designate the township, range, section, part of section, distance, course, bearing, and direction, and also the number of lots and blocks, or part

name of the party injured before any be known as the description book, which shall be arranged by order of sections or land claims, townships, and ranges. The assessor may enter therein, un the proper numerical heading, any tract of land by a metes and bounds description thereof, situated within such land claim or section, and shall give to each tract of land so described and entered a number, to be designated as Tax No. ----, and the tracts in each such sec-tion and land claim shall be numbered consecutively. Such number shall be placed on the assessment and tax rolls to indicate that certain piece of real estate bearing such number in the description book, and described by metes and bounds under such number in the description book; and in all proceedings for the assessment, levy, or collec-tion of taxes, or sale of property, or other proceedings for collection of de-linquent taxes, said designation shall be a sufficient description, and it shall not be necessary to enter in such proceedings a description of such tract by metes and bounds.

(New; compare Reveuue Laws Washington, 1905, section 47.)

(Division of assessment made upon whole tract-Payment of tax on part of tract.)

Section 32. Any person desiring to value thereof, and exemptions allowed.

6. The total valuation of all property

real estate heretofore or hereafter assessed as one parcel or tract may do so For occurrence the assessment roll may be divided so as to show separate- must carefully investigate and ascermust be divided and the tax collected accordingly: Provided, where the as-sessed valuation of the tract to be divided exceeds \$2,000, a notice stating the division must be sent to the known several owners interested in the tract, by registered mail, unless they all ap-ply to the tax collector to divide the assessment; and if no protest against said in any city, village, or town, a plat of which shall have been recorded, the city, village, or town in which the same are situated shall be specified in the assessment and issue erceipt on the apportment roll.

(No change.)

(Trust property—Representative character of holder designated.)

Section 27. That section 3073 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

(Provides that the roll may be divided for convenience. The form of roll used by nearly within fifteen days from date of notice, the tax collector shall duly accept payment and issue erceipt on the apportionment as by him made. In cases where protest is filed to said division, the matter shall be heard by the county at the tax collector onvenience. The form of roll used by nearly within fifteen days from date of notice, the tax collector shall duly accept payment and issue erceipt on the apportionment as by him made. In cases where protest is filed to said division, the tax collector shall duly accept payment and issue erceipt on the apportionment as by him made. In cases where the tax collector shall duly accept payment and issue erceipt on the apportion to the sate merely because it scaffed for, and is taken merely because it scaffed for and its earlied for merely because it scaffed for m in any city, village, or town, a plat of division be filed with the tax collector

(New; compare a somewhat similar statute in Washington.)

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Any person desiring to pay the tax on an undivided interest in any real prop-property on such assessment roll shall the several county assessors in making

according to location.

Section 34. That section 3077 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled the same hereby is amended to read as

The assessment roll shall be made be divided into lots and blocks so that it can be definitely described, it shall be described by giving the boundaries thereof, or by reference to a description thereof by number as contained in the description book as hereinafter provided or in such other manner as to make the description certain.

(Permits use of a number, referring to a description in sense of a number, referring to a description provided in sense of a number, referring to a description of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of a number, referring to a description of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates, annear in sense of the real and personal estates. appear in separate parts thereof, as nearly as convenient in the following form, varying the same as the circum- Pat Murphy" was.

ances may require:

LOTS

"Back from de east, eh?" greeted the highwayman. "How did you make

pocket. "I got snapped up an' de judge was just about to give me six months when I thought I'd get off by him I was an iceman."

"I should say not! When he heard I was an iceman be gave me a year."

Mrs. Gunner-It is queer how remarkably good the children have been Mr. Gunner-Oh, they are wise. Mrs. Gunner-Wise to what?

Mr. Jagway, who was at the flower show, leaned forward to get a closer view of a beautiful red rose. "Ebenezer," sharply spoke Mrs. Jag-way, "take your nose away from it and give the rose a chance!"

alue of merchandise and stock in Rai Money, notes and accounts. Shares of stock. Value of farm machinery, imple ments, wagons, etc. Total value of taxable property.

(Additional columns in roll-Entries to be made therein.)

as follows:

When the name of the owner of lands or lots liable to taxation is unknown, such lands or lots shall be de
"Amount City Tax," "Amount School scribed as that of unknown owner or District Tax," and if there be a port or the port or other municipal taxing agency, if any, in which each item of prop-

(No change, except to provide that ports and other municipal taxing agencies, if any, shall be given columns in the roll.)

(To be continued next week)

Pat's Age. On a motor car tour of the County Mayo, which the Earl of Altamont made with "Mairrtin," an Irish gossoon, for general assistant, they passed a neat little cottage, with a pretty

"Who lives there?" asked the cart "Is it there?" Mairrtin said, indig nantly. "Sure, doesn't ould Pat Mur-

"Oh, does he?" said the earl, not knowing in the least, as he confes in English Country Life, who "ould

"'Deed he does," said Mairrtin, "and him a hundhred if he's a day-so he "One hundred years old!" the earl said, in astonishment.

"Deed and he is," relterated Mairrtin. "He's been dead these three years, and he was 98 when he dled." Warming Up.

"Running for any office this year?"
saked the man with the bulbous nose.
"Not yet," answered the man with the
cinnamon beard. "But I'm legging for

Francis Scott Key had just written the "Star Spangled Banner." "In days to come," he said, "when peo-ple hear that song they will stand on their feet and listen to it with uncovered heads!"

the day would come when the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by a theater orchestra would make the people within hearing rise to their feet as one man, grab their wraps and make a dive for the

No Other Course The daring explorer had reached the north pole.
"Well, which way now?" asked his as-The explorer looked irresolutely around

the horizon.
"Dashed if I know," he muttered.

"Dashed if I know," he muttered.
Then his brow cleared.
"Can't you see?" he said. "We're found all the north there is. We'll have to go south!"

Merely stopping long enough to eat another dog, the party started in the general direction of the south pole.

The squirrel carries a chisel in his nouth, and the bee the carpenter's plane.