NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important bu Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The British cabinet stands firm fo

The church crisis in the French cabinet has been staved off.

The trouble which caused a suspen sion of all Butte papers is far from a Hermann has lost another point in

his trial for destroying letter press

Four separate investigations are being made of the Brewster, New York, railroad wreck. The death list has now

An explosion in a coal mine near Monterey, Mexico, caused 30 deaths. Register Nolan, of The Dalles land office, has been removed. A forest fire is raging in the 800,000

acre forest reserve in the Wichita-mountains, Oklahoma. The entire tract is threatened with devastation. Street railway employes of Helena went on strike for an increase of 50

cents a day. Four hours later they were at work with the advance granted. An ice gorge in the Missouri river, near Vermillion, S. D., has caused the river to leave its banks. One hundred families are homeless and farmers are

greatly alarmed. There has been an anti-British out

A French cabinet crisis is threatened on the church question.

A Chicago grand jury may indict Mayor Dunne for not enforcing the law. Brownsville citizens testified at the senate investigation that many families left the city because they feared negro

The investigation of Senator Bailey, of Texas, has proven that the senator received money from the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

In a head-on collision between two Northern Pacific trains near Helena, two firemen were killed and nine passengers injured.

The Western Retail Lumbermen's As ociation, in convention at Salt Lake, dopted resolutions against prevailing

high lumber prices, The Japanese - Corean Exlusion League, of San Francisco, says Mayor Schmitz and the school board surren-dered to President Roosevelt.

Hayti and Germany are quarreling. The floods in Nebraska are receding. A bill for woman surffage has been

introduced in the house of commons. The house land committee has yielded to Roosevelt's plen for the leasing of coal land.

Discharged negro soldiers declare there was a plot to kill them at

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the school question. Senator Hopkins of Illinois, threat-ens to talk the river and harbor bill to

death. He would have a three weeks' task. The Postal Telegraph company has announced an increase in pay for its employes following the action of the Western Union in advancing wages.

Railroads of the United States need \$500,000,000 for improvements, but since the Interstate Commerce com-mission inquiries they cannot obtain the money on watered stock and the

Floods in Nebraska have blocked

Castro has caused the wholesale ar-

Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, de-fends Smoot's right to a seat in the

The British cabinet has announced the first step towards Irish home rule.

The Massachusetts legislature has petitioned congress to revise the pres-

The Thaw trial has been postponed on account of the death of the wife of

Hermann's original letters have been admitted as evidence in his letter book trial. Postponement has also been granted to give further time for the deense to prepare for the admission of

Trouble with employes has caused all apers in Butte and Anaconda to sus-end and in a statement the publishers eclare they will not issue another paper until the men give in. Kuropatkin says he met defeat at the

hands of the Japanese because his gen-erals disobeyed orders. He makes a ghastly contrast between Japanese valor and efficiency and Russian indifference

Ex-Governor Higgins, of New York,

en sent to the senate. Roosevelt has a way to settle the Japanese trouble and will call on con-gress for help.

The British parliament is open. The king's speech foreshadows war between the two houses.

Jerome will attempt to send Thaw to an insane asylum if he escapes convic-tion for killing White.

Fourteen persons were injured by a eight train on the Northern Pacific ashing into a passenger train near

FRISCO BUILDING UP.

Music of Saw and Hammer Conti Night and Day.

San Francisco, Feb. 19 .- San Fran sco, after all, is not going to allow the pportunities for civic betterment ought about by the earthquake and fire to go entirely neglected. A beginning, feeble enough though it be, has been made. Several of the downtown streets are to be widened. The heavy teaming and the congestion brought about where building is progressing have moved the board of supervisors to decree that portions of the sidewalks must be sucrificed to the thoroughfares. While this in itself is of importance for the future San Francisco, its greatest significance lies in the fact that it has met with general approval and represents the first signs of a willingness to

make sacrifices for the city that is to be. The magnificent programme of widened streets, parks and squares outlined for the city while the embers still glowed is a gradually passing vision, but those who unselfishly love San Franisco still have hope that part of the great plan at least will be realized. The

street widening is the first ray of hope. A walk about the burned section shows that a wonderful amount of rebuilding has been accomplished. Since the first of May new buildings to the value of \$45,000,000 have been begun. Plans are being drawn for a like amount. In every case the structures are erected under rush orders. In several instances work has continued night and day. The streets resound with the sound of the piledriver, the saw and the hammer by night as well as by day. The last traces of gloom have given way

an abiding faith, The promotion committee has issued a bulletin bearing on the population of San Francisco at the present time. The San Francisco at the present time. The committee, after figuring by various methods, comes to the conclusion that the city now contains 428,000 persons. Before the fire the committee figured that the population of the city was 500,000. The figures of the Southern Pacific agree almost exactly with those of the promotion committee. Due allowance, however, must be made for the zeal of both bodies, and a fair and conzeal of both bodies, and a fair and con-servative estimate of the city's popu-lation would place it at about 400,000.

STATEHOOD STRIKES SNAG.

Farmers Are Wearying of Oklahoma Constitutional Convention.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 19 .- Anxious to get busy with their plowing and fearing they will not receive pay for a long time, if ever, for their attendance on the constitutional convention, many of the farmer delegates have scattered to their homes, intimating that they will not return unless it is to vote for the locument as a whole when it is comonvention.

The expense of the convention to date above the \$100,000 appropriation made by congress is nearly \$150,000 Pay of the delegates has stopped, and if congress does no come to the rescuwith an additional appropriation, some of the delegates will be in a bad way, their own expense. Advices are coming in from the state that citizens here and there are subscribing to funds to The house pension committee has anhands of the lawyers, the politicians ters written by Hermann and now in companies which acted in unison in setthe possession of the government which thing their San Francisco losses by fire work to take care of the farm work of the in any way implicates him in the land rural statesmen. The daily attendance at the session is now less than 75 per The president has reached a final cent of the 122 delegates, and many of those still here sit sullenly in their seats and let the leaders run things to suit themselves.

Prominent delegates from Indian Ter-ritory and some from Oklahoma are openly charged with a plot to defeat statehood entirely by drawing up a con-stitution that will be rejected by the people at the election next August. Those involved in the alleged plot have been against making one state out of the two territories for political reasons. Dis-affection has now begun to pervade the democratic members as well as those on the republican side, and charges of other Western states secured by the bossism have become so persistent that prosecution might be placed in evidence. there is apprehension the convention may break up.

Snow Assures Heavy Crops.

eavy snow goes off gradually crops not only embodies the provision this year will be the largest in the hisnow selling at \$22 a ton. Loose hay alfalfa, is worth from \$12 to \$16 a tor n the field. Potatoes are worth \$30 on. The Northern Pacific, owing to shortage of cars and equipment, is un able to handle freight inward or out-ward bound, causing thousands of dollars loss to the railroad company and to the people.

Smoot's Victory Assured.

Washington, Feb. 19 .- There appears to be not the slightest doubt that the enate will vote to permit Reed Smoot to retain his seat when this famous case closed on Wednesday next. Smoot's friends claim to have 43 sure republican rriends claim to have 43 sure republican votes and anywhere from six to ten democrats. The probabilities are the senate will hold that it will take a two-thirds vote to oust Smoot, in which event 31 votes would save him; but if it is decided that a majority vote would vacate his seat, he will still have the

Give Up Leasing of Churches.

a cessation of the negotiations begun by Minister of Education Briand, with M. Selves, prefect of the Seine, for the leasing of churches. The vatican was not surprised to hear of such action, as it expected what it calls a 'second coup de main' after the first, namely, the expulsion of the secretary of the papal nunciato at Paris,

Kansas May Give \$75,000

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—A bill appropriating \$75,000 for the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition was introduced in the senate this morning by the commit-tee on ways and means. The exposition is to be held in Seattle in 1909, and the appropriation is to cover the cost of a building and making an exhibit for

AGREEMENT REACH

Japanese Coolies to be Excluded From America.

San Francisco School Board Will Admit All Alien Children to Her White Schools Now.

Washington, Feb. 19. - Japanese children are to be admitted to the white chools of San Francisco under certain estrictions; skilled and unskilled latary Root on the one hand and Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco school board on the other, as an adjustment of the anti-Japanese agitation brought about by the segregation of Japanese children in the San Francisco schools The agreement means that the schools of San Francisco will be conducted in the same manner as they were before the boar! of education adopted the reso lution last October, providing for the segregation of the Japanese, except that adult Japanese who are in primary grades must continue to attend the Oriental schools, and that Japanese child ren under 16 will be admitted to classes with white children of their own ages

The State department since the pas sage of the immigration bill, is prepared to take up again the negotiatio that were already in progress with the Japanese government looking to the regulation of Japanese immigration into the United States. It is expected the negotiations will result in agreement between Japan and the United State for the withholding by the former of passports to Japanese of the laboring lasses seeking to enter the United States. For several years past the Japanese government has declined to issue any such passports, but the intention is to make this matter of formal agree-

nent, if possible.

In the short time remaining of the present session of congress it is not possible, it is said, to frame anything in the nature of a treaty, which would require the action of the senate.

In fact it is by no means certain that formal convention is necessary to insure the continuance of the present Japanese policy of refusing passports in he United States to coolies, so it may pleted by the few men in control of the be decided to give this agreement an other form than a treaty.

HERMANN TRIAL.

Letters Do Not Show He Was Con

nected With Land Fraud. Washington, Feb. 19.-Two facts be destroyed by a state law. were brought out in the Criminal court as they cannot afford to stay longer at yesterday while arguments were being presented in the case of Hermann on the motion of the district attorney that he be allowed to amend his bill of parand there are subscribing to their jobs. Send the delegates back to their jobs. The most important account of the lawyers who do not wish to see the convention entirely in the to see the convention entirely in the left to see the lawyers, the politicians ters written by Hermann and now in the lawyers. frauds. The second disclosure was the Hermann's indictment and subsequenty, while the case was being prepared, otwithstanding which fact, the prose ution in its original bill of particulars declared that the contents of Hermann's o-called private letterbooks were "un-

The progress of the case was delayed by unavailing efforts of the defense to prevent the amending of the bill of particulars so that the letters of Hermann to various parties in Oregon and other Western states secured by the

nate yesterday Senator Caminetti in Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 19.—If the troduced an anti-Japanese bill, which school authorities the power to se gate children, but goes further and delares that where separate schools have or will be established hereafte they shall not be discontinued until the matter of such discontinuance has first een submitted to the vote of the quali

Turpentine Trust is Fined.

affected by the change.

ed States court today, the S. P. Sholter ompany, the Patterson-Downing com pany, the Standard Naval Stores com pany and the Belgian company, corpo stions, and S. P. Sholter and J. F. Meyers, individuals, known as the turpentine trust, entered pleas of guilty to violation of the anti-Sherman trust act and were fined \$5,000. Judge Emory Speer fined each individual and corporation \$5,000, making an aggregate of \$30,000. The other indictments

were nolle prossed.

Japan is Caimly Resigned. Tokio, Feb. 19.—The passage of Pres-dent Roosevelt's passport bill by the enate of the United States was semiefficially announced this morning. leading newspapers today explained that this is perfectly legitimate and in pers thus far have refrained from making comment on this latest news.

Panama, Feb. 19 .- A filtration plant to be installed in connection he water supply of Panama and Colon. An American expert, who examined the water system, said the water sup-ply would be better than that enjoyed by most of the cities of the United

TWENTY KILLED.

Heavily Loaded Electric Train Leaves

New York, Feb. 18 .- Sixteen passen gers were killed outright, four others have died of their injuries, and at least GIVEN EQUAL SCHOOL PRIVILEGE division of the New York Central & their deposits and 10 per cent of their printing of 5,000 copies of the railroad commission bill for distribution to ever before, but the appropriations road in the Bronx borough of Greater New York Saturday evening.

The train left the Grand Central sta ion at 6:13 o'clock, drawn by two heavy electric motors, and loaded with their way home from business in the to the extent of \$50,000. city. It consisted of a combination baggage and smoking car, and five coaches. After stopping at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, the train was scheduled to run express to White orers coming from Japan are barred Plains. At Woodlawn road the four from the mainland of the United States, and American laborers, skilled and unand take a sharp curve. When the to be placed on a flat salary of \$4,000 a the recall of public officials. The idea for in every instance where the house skilled, are to be excluded from Japan. train reached the curve it was running This is the basis of the agreement at a speed estimated at 60 miles an between President Roosevelt and Secrebrought over the sides with a terrific crash, tearing up the tracks for a hundred senate appropriated \$45,000 for Monyards before they collapsed.

The cause of the wreck has not been officially determined. At Grand Central station there was inclination to blame the accident to spreading rails, but later it was said that it was believed that the axle of the first passenge coach broke.

AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN NEXT

Follow Passage of Immigration Bill California's Case Weak.

California's Case Weak.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The state department is awaiting the disposition by congress of the pending immigration bill to the time the other was committed to before proceeding further with the consideration of the Japanese exclusion question. If the bill is enacted, an im nediate effort will be made to come to a formal agreement with the Japanes government that will insure the co tinuance of the present policy of that government withholding passports to bill regulating practice of osteopath america to Japanese laborers.

So far as the pending legislation oncerned, it is stated that there is every reason to believe that it will be acceptable to the Japanese government; at any rate, there has not yet been the slightest sign of disapproval in that quarter.

An interesting fact that has devel oped in the discussion of the respective rights of state and nation where treaties are involved is that, in at least one case, the California courts have taken the most advanced grounds in favor o the supremacy of the treaties, in on instance holding that the treaty rights of aliens to possess real estate could not

LOSSES MADE KNOWN.

Fire Insurance Companies Suffered t

Extent of \$180,000,000. New York, Feb 18 ._ The committee of the five of the thirty-five insurance fact that the government had many of this city the list of their net losses by these letters in its possession prior to the disaster. The estimated round value of the destroyed or damaged property insured by the 233 companies in San Francisco was \$315,000,000, and there was a net insurance loss of \$180,000,000 covered by 102,000 policies. The gros loss of all kinds by the disaster is estimated by the committee at \$1,000,000, 000. The 35 companies, in their settle

ments, handled 42,077 claims The eight largest settlements on indi vidual buildings were: San Francisco Hotel, \$992,200; Fairmount Hotel, \$200 000; Merchants' Exchange, \$582,000 Shreve building, \$384,497; Spreckels (Call) building, \$515,000; Chronicle building, \$480,000; Palace Hotel, \$1,265,

Milk Poisoned With Formaldehydo. Chicago, Feb. 18 .- That thousands of infants in Illinois as well as many larger children, are being sent to pre-mature graves, is indicated by the spe-cial report by State Pure Food Com-missioner H. A. Jaynes. Commissioner Schuknucht points out that of 35 cities visited not one escaped having sold within its limits milk from unclean and fied electors of any district or city properly strained, showing a deposit of ing means of forcing the house to act \$22.50 per ton.

filth, and in 32 of the cities skimmed upon senate bills.

Hay—Valley

milk was sold as standard, and was

The house passed the bill appropri
15 per ton: Ea authorities pronounce a poison.

ourt Justice Fitts has handed dow torney General William S. Jackson in the matter of the proceedings in the in terest of William R. Hearst to oust George B. McClellan from the office of mayor of New York City. Justice Fitts decided that the attorney general had authority to hear the application of Mr. Hearst for leave to begin quo warranto proceedings against Mr. McClellan, which was denied by Mr. Jackson's

Platte River Blocks Five Roads

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 18 .- Five transis also pointed out that the promise of are today using the line of the Burling spring, as only a small amout success of the judicial procedure in the school question is lessening. The pa-stool question is lessening. The pa-stool question is lessening. Rock Island, Northwestern, Union Pacific, and Burlington are using the Burlington tracks between Omaha and Lincoln. No freight trains are moving.

Signal Honor for Mulkey. Washington, Feb. 18.—For half an gon, presided over the senate, while

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE River and Harbor Bill Gives Almost

Monday, February 18 ecessarily to be cash.

The house this afternoon passel the those who desire copies. bill repealing the 3 per cent rebate for payment of taxes prior to March 15 each year.

unanimous vote the house passed heavy electric motors, and loaded with By unanimous vote the house passed a matinee crowd and commuters on a bill to reimburse Indiau war veterans A bill appropriating \$40,000 to the various charitable institutions of the

state was passed by the house. similar to the Federal statute was pass ed by the house. Beginning with the second Monday

year if a bill passed by the house today hour. Both motors and the smoking bill cutting out two normal schools. school, and \$35,000 for Weston. The

> killed 17. The senate passed 16 bills.
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> Both houses have adopted a resolution to adjourn at noon Saturday, February 23. The senate has its business well in hand, but the house has an imnense amount to dispose of.

Saturday, February 16.

the insane asylum.

The house adopted the senate resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution by which the number of justices of the supreme court shall be increased from three to five. The people will vote on the proposed amend-ment at the 1908 general election.

The house passed the bill creating Nesmith County from that part of sale at \$2.50 an acre of land grawasco County south of the Deschutes the Coos Bay Wagon Road companiver and the north part of Crook cording to the terms of the grant.

The per diem and mileage allowance of the members of the house for this The per diem and mileage allowance of the members of the house for this session has been made up. The total is \$9,705,45. King, of Harney and Malheur, receives the greatest amount, \$120 per diem and \$149,10 mileage. Rogers and Reynolds, of Marion, receive the smallest amounts, each getting \$120 per diem and 30 cents mileage.

Friday, February 15.

Salem, Feb. 15. — The senate, by a vides for appointment by the governor, rote of 18 to 11, passed the reapport. The house tabled this bill. Except for tionment bill of Senator Hart. There will probably be no banking two bills are alike.

certain to be killed and most of the ing armories for the National Guard inothers will die for lack of time.

The senate bill compelling the issu
**A bill appropriating \$26,000 for ance of passes to state officers was support of orphans, foundlings and passed by the house today and sent to wayward girls was passed by the house.

the governor. The irrigation and water code bill was slain in the house this afternoon. The senate voted to buy the half Southern Pacific to complete the An appropriation of capitol grounds.

\$30,000 is made for the purchase. The senate indefinitely Hoden's bill making the Associated Press a common carrier. The house joint resolution favoring

Both houses passed the juvenile court bill over the veto of the governor and

The bill creating the Port of Columbia for control of pilotage and towage at the mouth of the Columbia passed

The house passed the Jones bill for the purchase and maintenance of the Oregon City locks in conjunction with the Federal government.

The senate today passed 32 bills and

Salem, Feb. 14. — The house today adopted a resolution fixing 12:01 a. m., \$1.40@1.50; common, \$1@1.25 February 24, as the time for adjourn- Wheat—Club, 69@70c; blues ment of the legislature. It was also @72c; valley, 70c; red, 67@68c. voted that no more bills should be re-ceived except by the standing commit-\$28.50. tees. There are 440 bills on the calendar and consideration of senate measures has not yet commenced. The senate is becoming anxious and is discuss-

upon senate bills.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$14@
The house passed the bill appropri15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy,
ating \$150,000 to the Agricultural coi\$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain

The house bill creating the office of nspector of mines passed that body

without opposition pound; cous.

Smith's bill to abolish two of the steres, 5½@6½c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8½@9c per tonight by a vote of 38 to 16, six abpound; ordinary, 6@7c.
sent. Only one slight amendment was Pork—Dressed, 6@8% per pound. sent. Only one slight amendment was

For O. A. C. Student Building.

Corvallis-A rally was held at the

made from the way it passed the sen-

livision of the New York Central & their deposits and 10 per cent of their A house resolution provides for the

Wednesday, February 13.

from the table. It is now ready for the governor's signature and it is said Jones was in a position to do things, he will sign it. It was also reported and his accomplishments speak for tonight that he and the secretary of themselves. By unanimous vote a pure food bill state and state treasurer had already been so very liberal that the senate has milar to the Federal statute was pass-

ear if a bill passed by the house today is that where an officer is not serving cut the estimates on Oregon and Washecomes law.

The governor today vetoed the Smith tion containing the names of 25 per and very good reason. hour. Both motors and the smoking car swung safely around the curve, but the other cars left the rails and plunged appropriating \$50,000 for the Ashland this not be forthcoming, a special elector, and the Oregon senator did everytion is called to elect a successor. At thing that a man not a member of the the special election the officer whose committee could do to aid in getting resignation is asked is also a candidate, liberal recognition for Oregon and Co-The house today passed 43 bills and and should he not be re-elected he lumbia river projects. There was ab-

> Among the other bills passed by the end. senate are: Liquor licenses not to be granted persons who violate liquor is found in the figures themselves. The laws; appropriating \$125,000 annually total amount recommended by the en-

The senate passed 35 bills and the upper river, for which a new project house 16. The larger part of these were of a local nature.

Tuesday, February 12.

the law will remain as it is.

The senate also voted down the constitutional amendment to be submitted behind the completed locks. The comto the people granting woman suffrage. mittee felt that this work was not urg-With but one dissenting vote the house passed the bill compelling the sale at \$2.50 an acre of land granted With the Coos Bay Wagon Road company ac-

The senate has cut the allowance for the Agricultural college to \$37,500, a reduction of \$12,500. The habitual criminal bill passed the

house today. It provides that on second conviction of a crime equal to felony the punishment shall be double the sentence provided by statute. The senate passed the Bingham rail-road commission bill and tabled Chapin s measure. The Bingham bill pro-

the method of choosing members the legislation this session. One bill was! The house passed the bill providing reported in the senate today, but it is for the state buying ground and erect-

A bill appropriating \$26,000 for the

per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 23@25c per Poultry-Average old hens, 133 14c per pound; mixed chickens, 11 % lve Supreme court judges was adopted @121/2c; spring,131/2@141/2c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c turkeys, live, 17@17½c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live,

10@12e; ducks, 16@18c. Fruits-Apples, common, 50@75c per box; choice, \$1@2.50. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1 25 per ack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@

Onions-Oregon, \$1@1.35 per hur Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, fancy, Wheat-Club, 69@70c; bluestem, 71

Barley-Feed, \$22.50 per ton: brew ing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Rye-\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Corn - Whole, \$24.50; cracked,

hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14. Veal—Dressed, 51/4@9c per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 21/4@31/4c per

cows, 41/4 @ 51/4c; country

To Fight White Plague

Salem-Establishment of two sanita ollege armory to reorganize the work of riums for consumptives, to be maintaincollege armony to reorganize the work of raising funds for the completion of the Y. M. C. A. building, which was begun a year ago. Speeches by prominent local and state Y. M. C. A. workers were a feature of the program, and aroused considerable enthusiasm, with the result that a number of liberal representations of the program, and aroused considerable enthusiasm, with the result that a number of liberal representations of the program, and aroused considerable enthusiasm, and projected to establish and maintain from the program of the state of the program pledges were received. Work will com-mence on the building early in the institutions for two years. These hos-spring, as only a small amount remains pitals are to give hopeless consumptives

Secretary Loses Perquisites. Grants Pass—Grants Pass has solved the habitual drunkard problem in a novel way that is satisfactory to all concerned. When a man begins to make a nuisance of himself by drink. This measure provides that all fees ismake a nuisance of himself by drinking, the city attorney drafts an ordinance enacting that John Jones is a habitual drunkard, the city council passes it, and John Jones' name is forth with posted in all the salcons, which are forbidden under penalty of losing their license to sell him liquor.

This measure provides that all fees is sued for notary public commissions whether all fees is sued for notary public commissions. Washington, Feb. 15.— The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on a general treaty with the powers looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic in Africa by enforcing a prohibitive tariff.

MOST LIBERAL IN HISTORY.

All Northwest Asked.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- Never before in the history of rivers and harbors leg Salem, Feb. 18.—The Haines state today. It is very lenient, allowing banks to redand Brewster express on the Harlem and Brewster express on the Harlem and Brewster express on the Harlem and Brewster express on the Harlem duce their reserves to 15 per cent of the message in May.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The Haines state ate, changing the time of the meeting islation has any congress dealt so liberate, the same time and the way in passed the sent today. It is very lenient, allowing banks to reduce their reserves to 15 per cent of in May. islation has any congress dealt so liberriver and harbor bill. Not only is the ever before, but the appropriations more nearly appoximate the estimates of the engineers. This is in a very large measure due to the remarkably Salem, Feb. 13. — With only one efficient work of Representative Jones, dissenting vote the senate today took of Washington, who is on the river and the Chapin railroad commission bill harbor committee as repesentative of his own and neighboring states. a few appropriations that fall Representative Newell proposed a the house figures, and it is doubtful if

must vacate the office to the successful solute harmony throughout, and the candidate.

for the State university; authorizing gineers for Oregon and Washington railroad bridge across the Willamette projects was \$5,110,244; the total ap-Salem, Feb. 16.—By a practically unanimous vote the bill requiring old line fife insurance companies to create a reserve fund from a certain percentage of the premiums received for policities. In the house the general appropriation carried by the house bill is \$4,670,244, a difference of \$440,000. The reductions were on the Celifo canal, \$150,000 being taken from the amount recommended and given to the amount recommended and given to the was recommended late in December; on the Willamette and Columbia rivers below Portland, where \$150,000 was Tuesday, February 12.
Salem, Feb. 12. — The senate today

deducted because Portland business men had assured the committee that a indefinitely postponed Bailey's bilis new taxation district was to be formed changing the primary law. The vote was so decisive as to make it clear that Columbia river, where \$105,000 was recommended for grading and filling in ent, as the canal lock is itself com-

> With these exceptions, the house bill provides the amounts recommended by the engineers, and in the case of Co quille river the committee appropriates \$60,000 when only \$40,000 was asked by the War department. The \$60,000 will complete this project, as shown by the figures of the local engineers, so the committee decided to clear up the whole matter at one time.

The following table gives the various projects and the amounts appropriated

y the house bill: Mouth of Columbia river, \$2,450,-244; Dalles-Celilo canal, \$600,000; rivers, Portland to sea, \$300,000; Columbia, between Celilo and mouth of Snake river, \$120,000; Upper Columbia, between Wenatchee and Bridgeport, \$42,000; Upper Columbia and Snake, \$10,000; Coquille river, \$60,-000; Coos river, \$3,000; dredge, Oreand Washington coast harbors, \$100,000; Tillamook bay, \$10,000; improvement of Upper Willamette, \$60,000; Clatskanie, \$500; Cowlitz. and Lewis rivers, \$50,000; Willapa Butter-Fancy creamery, 321/635c harbor, \$25,000; Gray's harbor, \$600, Gray's inner harbor, \$177,000; Butter Fat-First grade cream, 36c Gray's river, \$2,500; Puget sound and tributaries (dredging) \$75,000; Lake Washington canal, \$10,000; Swinomish slough, \$75,000; Okanogan and

Pend d'Oreille, \$20,000. Two Dead, 1,000 Homeless. Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Feb. 15.—Not-withstanding the rumors in regard to the loss of life as a result of a fire which last night destroyed 90 cottages and residences, three hotels, the Carr memorial church and fully 200 barns and outhouses, entailing a loss of \$200. 000, so far as can be learned only two persons lost their lives. They were John Springer, a foreman in the Cotton \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@ Sc per pound; sweet potatoes 334@ Sc per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per dozen; celery, \$3@3.25 per crate; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; sprouts, 9c per pound. Belt railroad yard, and a man named burning building while intoxicated.

Finds Huge Spot on Sun.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.-Professor John M. Brashear, of the Alleghany observatory, announces the discovery of one of the attention of astronomers. He says as a resut electrical disturbances will be experienced throughout the country tomorrow night. The spot can be seen through smoked glass, but the sci-entist adds that it is one of the most active of solar spots. Its approximate length is said to be 150,000 miles and 30,000 miles wide, covering an area of about 3,500,000 square miles.

Conference on Canal Contract.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- Another con rence on awarding the Panama canal ontract was held at the White House today. J. B. McDonald and John Pierce, both of New York, associated with W. J. Olliver in his bid for the work, were present and were consulted by President Roosevelt regarding their experiences in handling large contracts. No conclusion was announced. Further conferences are expected, in which the president and his advisers will consult with others associated with Mr. Olliver and his contract.

Great Flood in Nebraska,

South Omaha, Feb. 15.—The bodies of Dan McCrone, a veterinary surgeon, his wife and daughter, and Miss ring, as only a small amount remains pitals are to give hopeless consumptives be raised to complete the sum of a place to die. There is no such aclumbus yesterday, have been recovered. Today all the livestock in the Union Pacific stock yards at Columbus was destroyed. All trains are held up, tel-ephone and telegraph wires down. Dynamite is being used in the Loup-river by the Union Pacific, which is doing its utmost to relieve the situation.