NEWS OF THE WEEK

Busy Readers.

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

Four mail clerks were injured in

Work is about to begin in New York on a building for the various Irish so-

New York hotel clerks have organ ized a club under the name of the Greeters.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, in an address at Chicago, denounced Germany as enace to the peace of the world.

amusement parks.

Mrs. Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, intends to devote a portion of her \$10,000,000 estate to the erection of a bospital in New York. A man disguised as a girl obtained

proposed to one of the girls. First-class west bound ocean travel is at its lowest ebb at the present time. Four big liners have just arrived with

their cabins practically empty. That there is less graft and business dishonesty in America today than there was in Washington's time, is the opin-ion of Dr. R. H. McArthur, of New

American naval officers were ban

A Frenchman has invented a wireless

electric power system.

Mexico is devising ways for the re form of the public credit system.

The Hearst Independence league has decided to nominate a national ticket. The sale of ex-Minister Conger's Chinese curio collection has realized \$26,

Japan has asked for a larger appro-priation for the Tokio exposition in

Russian authorities have captured

Fire for a time seriously threatened a arge part of the business district of

A mortgage for \$225,000 has been foreclosed on the Yerkes home and art collection in New York.

A Columbia, Mo., man has just died who for the past 20 years has drunk at least a quart of whisky a day.

be taken back as soon as the money ar rived. The children of Eureka, Cal., have

petitioned the forest service for the cre ation of a redwood national forest. An attempt was made to burn th

Soales hotel, at Muskogee, Okla., where about 100 delegates to the Democratic convention were quartered.

for wage reductions

The Northern Pacific has reduced grain rates from Montana points to Chicago.

Senator Ankeny has given a banue

to a number of senators, at which he boomed the Seattle fair. Early fruit and vegetables for ship

ment to the North have been damage in Louisiana by a cold wave. The Illinois Supreme ccurt holds that a labor unionz's unfair list is in effect

a boycott and can be enjoined. The Pullman car company has issued orders to sell no liquors while the cars

are passing through dry districts. The cruisers West Virginia and Maryland are to undergo extensive repairs at the Mare Island navy yard.

Members of the marine hospital service have condemned a large part of San Francisco's packing bouse district. Changes will be made at once.

Consolidation of the large coal min-ing interests of Illinois and Indiana for the purpose of regulating the output and upholding prices is under way.

Russia discourages talk of war with The American fleet has arrived

A number of Stanford students hav been expellede for drinking.

Miss Dorothy Whitney, of New York, is to wed a Hungarian nobleman. General Nelson A. Miles will make his home in Washington, D. C., here

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf will go to San Fanreisco to welcome the flee on its arrival there.

During the next nine years Russis will spend \$1,000,000,000 for the con struction of a new navy. Fire which started in a large depart

ment store at Woburn, Mass., destroy ed \$100,000 worth of property. The Senta Fe railroad has tempora

ily closed its shops at Topeka, throwing 2,000 men out of employment.

A large part of the business section of North Woodstock, N. H., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000. It is said Roosevelt will send John

H. Mithell, retiring president of the Mineworkers, to Panama to investigate Stocasei has been condemned to eath for the surrender of Port Arthur, at the court recommends the sentence

Russia and Japan are still encroach

ing on Chinese territory.

Major General Wood, commanding the Philippines, will start ho ne FebruTRAPS FOR TERRORISTS.

Russia Provides World-Wide System

of Secret Service. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25 .- The skilful performance of the police in the round-up of the great band of plotters has won praise throughout the city, bearing nethods evolved for fighting terrorists. The secret police are spending unlimited sums in bringing the terrorists to In a Condensed Form for Our justice and have drafted agents of international experience who are thor-oughly familiar with the by-ways of Western anarchists and who will in-

troduce an improved technique here. The police department has entered into relations with detective agencies abroad, and has organized an extensive service in all the centers where Russian New York, Paris and Switzerland, and are making a special effort to penetrate within the innermost councils of the Social Democratic and Social Revolu-

tionist organizations. In connection with the latest plot the men of the secret service were absolutely trusted by comrades of the revolationists, who attended the meetings held in Finland, where the final plan for the assassination of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholiavitch and Judge Tche-Sixteen persons were injured, five seriously, by the derailment of a car on the scenic railway at one of Denver's men were called in by heads of the police department and given precise structions as to what action should be taken and apparently they arrested without error the persons involved. Thus far the police have failed to extract a confession from any of those arundoubtedly are members of aristocratce and was only discovered when he ic houses. It is certain that numbers of the conspirators have managed to evade arrest, and a careful watch is be

ing kept for these. BLACK HAND BUSY.

Threaten to Blow Up Governmen

Powder Stores. New York, Feb. 25 .- In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Braunstrueter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island Janu ary 1, 1908, be put back to work at There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives

stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were dis charged from Iona island are not taken back again at once all the magazines plotters against the life of Grand Duke on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death. Black Hand."

On January 1 between 30 and 40 island, were discharged, owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Ital-

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guard ed day and night by marines, it is said and the civilian employes have been the Blue mountains at an altitude of kept under the strictest surveillance. of West Point.

Death at Grade Crossing

Spring Valley, N. Y., Feb. 25 .- A oam specked pair of horses that tore through the streets early today, dragging with them a splinterel wagor brought to the village the first news of a grade crossing accident in be farmed, it is thought. which nine members of its most prom nent families were either killed outright or frightfully injured. Four of the party were instantly killed, two died while being removed to the Hudson county hospital at Hoboken N. J. and the other three lie in a serious condition at that institution tonight.

Will Bare Ruef's Secrets.

San Francisco, Feb. 25 .- Every detail of the negotiations between the the Blue mountains, but the high suc- begin, and it is expected to have a porgraft prosecution and Abe Ruef will be cess of the sales at Pendleton and else- tion of the plant in operation by April bared in the exhaustive affidavits to be filed in Judge Lawlor's court this morn- lated the La Grande commercial club ing by District Attorney Langdon, As- to try the experiment. istant District Attorney Francis J Heney and William J. Burns. Heney and Burns spent vesterday in preparing their affidavits, and while they would not discuss the contents of the docu-ments, both said that the sworn statements would include every important letail of their relations with Ruef.

New York, Feb. 25.-Thomas A Edison, the inventor, is a patient at the Manhattan hospital, where last night he underwent an operation intended to relieve him of trouble in the left ear. the scheme. The operation, which was not considered especially serious, was performed by Dr. Arthur D. Deull, the ear specialist, who opened an abscess in the middle The operation was seemingly wholly successful and a prompt recov-

Repair at Puget Sound.

Seattle, Feb. 25 .- The Colorado and he Pennsylvania, armored cruisers of Colorado will be equipped with a new places. main battery of four eight inch breech loading rifles. The two vessels will be followed by eight other warships which will be repaired by April 26.

Paris, Feb. 25 .- The main water pipe of Paris, under Tuilleries street, burst last evening and converted the street into a torrent. The water flooded cellars in various side streets, extin-guishing fires and stopping the dyna-mos in at least one large hotel, putting the building in darkness

Russia Backs Cown

Copenhagen, Feb. 25 .- It is under stood in diplomatic circles that as a re sult of pressure from other powers Rus sia has abandoned her plan of fortify ing the Aland islands and that an en tente will soon be arranged.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LOAN FUND INCREASES.

Students to Be Assisted at University Eastern Oregon wool Industry Looks

of Oregon. University of Oregon, Eugene-Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, has just given ance will be taken out to insure against loss by death. The present loan fund amounts to approximately \$1,000.

TO BE WOOL CENTER

Baker City Secures Low Rates Shipments to Boston. Baker City-Baker City will become ne of the greatest wool markets in Oreon. Sheepmen have been in Portland usulting with the O. R. & N. officials and have secured a rate of \$1.75 from Baker to Boston. The Sumpter Valley two roads means that more than 1,000,pounds of wool from Grant and Wheeler counties will be hauled to Austin and then shippd to Baker for baling. Dayville is the present center of the sheep industry in Grant county, and the ranchers would much rather haul their wool to Ausitn because of the good roads. They have been paying \$2 to have their wool hauled to Shaniko because of the lower rate. The shipping of the wool via Baker City will mean that instead of the ranchers buying their supplies at Shaniko they will haul their wool to Austin, leave their teams there and come on to Baker City to secure their warehouse receipts and while here purchase their supplies. men, who had been employed on the By this means the local banks will cities. Although the rate on wool is still higher from Baker than from Shaniko the ranchers can afford to ship via Baker because of the low cost of getting their wool to Austin.

Mountain Farming Experiment. Pendleton-An experiment in moun stead in Fly valley, a secluded vale in ing out a perfect product about 4,200 feet and located 50 miles utheast of this city. He has planted

La Grande Adopts Market Day La Grande-Satisfied with the excel ent results of the market days established by the Pendletor. Commercial association, this city has decided to try the experiment and within two weeks will have formulated a series of market mer months. The La Grande sales will be the first to be adopted east of pulp mill on the site of station A will where in the inland empire has stimu- next.

Clackamas May Get Cannery Oregon City-If the present plans of the members of the Clackamas County Horticultural society are carried out, Clackamas county will have still another enterprise in the shape of a fruit cannery. A meeting of the society was held last week. Mr. Britton, of Eastern Oregon, addressed the meeting on the subject and stated that he had made age of this vicinity and finding it high-

Oil Company for Klamath

Klamata Falls-The incorporators of the Klamath Oil company have elected the following officers: G. Heitkemper, Jr., president; E. B. Hall, vice presi dent and general manager; Evans, secretary, and G. White, treas-urer. It has long been claimed that indications are very strong of vast deposits of coal oil beneath the volcanic the first class, arrived at the navy yard blanket in this region, as proven by today for dry docking and repairs. The the fact that it oozes up at various

Can Fish Up to the Illinois

Gold Beach-The gasoline launch Rogue river to carry fish to the cannet and cold storage plant, is greatly facilithe mouth of the Illinois. This was not tend their nets and bring their fish so far down the river.

Coleman Out of Willamette.

Salem-The resignation of Dr. John H. Coleman as president of the lamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. Coleman & property of the lamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. Coleman & property of the lamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. Coleman & Wool—Eastern Oregon average by the shrift of the lamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. Coleman & Wool—Eastern Oregon average by the lamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. H. Coleman as president of the ago, but the board failed to act on it. 18@20c per pound according to shrink-nothing has thus far been done towards age; valley 18@20c according to fine-newed. The expense to the city was populating his successor.

18@20c per pound according to shrink-newed. The expense to the city was ness; mohair choice 29@30c per pound. about \$25,000. appointing his successor.

LARGE CLIP EXPECTED. Encouraging. Pendleton-The fixing of the sales dates for Eastern Oregon is the

to the student loan fund of the Univer- first step in what promises to be one of sity of Oregon a check tor \$500 to be the best years for sheep and wool in th used as an irreducible eductional loan history of the state. Owing to the mild fund for students. The fund will be winter all over Eastern Oregon the known as the "Booth Loan Fund" and lamb crop promises to be heavy and will be kept separate from the general the wool clip will average higher than loan fund, which at present is distrib-uted in loans ranging in amount from Eastern Oregon herds will average nine emigrants congregate, particularly in \$15 to \$80 among 10 students of the pounds or more this year, owing to the university. Since the establishment of constant improvement of the grade of the general fund five years ago, more sheep. Shearing is now being discussed than 30 students have been enabled to and prices will be fixed soon. It is than 30 students have been enabled to and prices will be nixed soon.

complete their college course who could thought the price for shearing will be and represents, not the people of his about 73/2 cents per head, and there is and represents, not the people of his state, but the law-defying corporations present year a loan fund of at least \$5,- shearing, owing to the fact that the 00. to be loaned under the direction of machines injure the roots of the wool President Campbell, or some one desig by cutting too close to the skin of the nated by him, to boys and girls all over sheep. The skin of the machine shorn Oregon who wish to complete their education, but who cannot do so without assistance. It is believed that a loan of growth of the wool for another year.

approximately \$100 a year, at a low Wool and sheep buyers are already rate of interest, to be repaid in two on the ground, and there promises to years after graduation, is much more be spirited bidding for wool and mut-preferable than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. The fund will which will bear a lamb this spring and e guaranteed by 10 men against loss. haing a heavy fleece of wool upon them Two signatures will be required on each are now worth \$6 per head in Eastern note and a small amount of life insur-

Sues to Carcel Contract.

Portland-The case of the state of ford, attorney general, and the irrigation company by W. T. Muir and Sene-ca Smith. Under the Carey act the irrigation company was to irrigate cer-tain tracts of land in Eastern Oregon aggregating something like 27,000 acres. This was the agreement made between representatives of the state land board and the company several tin to Baker, and the reduction by the the company has not carried out its part of the contract and Mr. Crawford is asking that a receiver be appointed.

Beavers on Increase. Silver Lake-Beavers seem to be on timbered sections especially, are being taken possession of to a greater or less colony has possession of Silver creek.

Cannery Stock Subscribed. Corvallis-Announcement has been made that enough stock had been subscribed to insure the success of the have a capacity of 12,000 cans daily. ain farming of more than usual im- The machinery and appointments are portance is being conducted by W. G. to be of the very latest models, em-Warman, of this city, on his home- bodying everything necessary to turn-

agricultural department for hardy grass churches are interested to promote the ship fleet was made public at the coneed for spring sowing. There are establishment of a reading room in the clusion of the cabinet meeting yesterthe cwork have been appointed.

Begin Work for Pu'p Mill.

Oregon City-Work preliminary he construction of the new mill of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company was bebuild a walk leading from station A to day sales for the coming spring and the mainland. As soon as this work is

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 81c; bluestem, 83c; Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$27; gray, \$27, Corn - Whole, \$32.50; cracked.

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain bay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13;

Fruits-Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cran-

berries, \$8@11 per barrel. Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; cabbage, 1@136 per pound; can-liflower, \$1.75 @1.85; celery, \$3.75@ 4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers. 175c per pound; pumpkins. 1@134c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinsprouts, 8c per 6c per pound; pound; squash, 1@1%c per pound.

Onions-\$2,50 per hundred Potatoes-\$2.50 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.50@ 3.75 per cwt. Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@35c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 13@13 Ve per pound; mixed chickens, 123 @13c; spring chickens, 1216@13c; roosters, tating the work of fishing. Fishermen 10@11c; dressed chickens, 14c; turare now able to p'y their trade up to keys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 15 @17c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14@ impossible before because they could 15c; pigeons, 75c@\$1; squabs, \$1.50@2. Eggs-Fresh ranch candled, 221/4 plague stamped out, the plumbers took 23 4c per dozen. Veal-75@125 pounds, 7c; 150 to

200 pcunds, 5@6 14 Pork-Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 614 @7c; packers, 5@6c. Hops-1907, prime and choice 41/4@ -Eastern Oregon average best CHARGES ARE SLANDEROUS.

Fulton Denies Every Accusation Made

by Heney. Portland, Feb. 24 .- In a long state land for publication, Charles W. Fulon, senior United States senator from Oregon, answers in detail the charges pecial prosecutor for the government in the land fraud cases, in a speech dehurch in this city on the night of Jan-

oary 28 of the present year.

At that time Mr. Heney made the direct charge that Senator Fulton's long participation in crooked political and business deals in Oregon, notably in timber land frauds, had unfitted him to occupy the high office he now holds and announced a determination to oppose to the utmost the senator's candid re-election. Mr. Heney further charged that Senator Fulton is the tool of

in congress. The specific charges made in Heney speech are taken up one by one in Senator's Fulton's answering statement and denied comprehensively and in laying before the people of his state his defense. He strikes squarely from the shoulder and charges in the plainest terms that it accuser deliberately falsified in his Congregational church speech, which Senator Fulton points out to have been the climax of a paign of malicious persecution and vil-lification begun more than two years

Senator Fulton impugns the honesty Oregon against the Columbia Southern of Mr. Heney's motives. Revenge and Irrigation company is being heard in partisan politics, he says, are the basis of the United States District court. The state is represented by A. M. Crawward him, and Mr. Heney's obsession by an irrepressible ambition to stand in the limelight is given as an added incentive for what Senator Fulton calls the lawyer's utter disregard for the

PRIEST IS SLAIN.

Anarchist Shoots Catholic Leader in Denver Church,

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.-Father Le Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city the increase in this part of the state, at 6 a. m. yesterday morning. Kneelunder the protection of the law which | irg at the alter rail between two wo provides a \$500 fine for killing one of these industrious little animals. Creeks and rivers in Northern and priest after receiving from him the con-Central Lake and Klamath counties in secrated wafer and shot the man of God through the heart.

The murderer was hurried to the city extent by the beavers, and in some few jail, and as threats of summary justice instances they are causing trouble to were made by many men in the crowd, irrigationists by building dams that interfere with the flow of water. One church, Chief of Police McHale Delarey called the reserve force of patrol-

"I just went over there because have a grudge against all priests in there. They are all against the workingman. I went to the communion rai because I could get a better shot. movement for a fruit cannery, and a because I could get a better shot. meeting of stockholders has been called did not give a damn whether he was to perfect an organization. The capital German priest or any other kind of a stock is \$11,000, and the plant is to priest. They are all in the same class."

RETURNIBY SUEZ.

Atlantic Fleet May Complete Its Trip Around the World. Milton-An interdenominational so- and important news relative to the fu an orchard and is now sending to the ciety has been formed in which all the ture movements of the American battlethousands of acres of fine mountain city. Meetings of the society will be day by Secretary Metcalf, comprising land in the Blue mountain valleys held every two weeks. The reading an invitation from the Australian gov-which can be brought under cultivation room is intended as a rest room for the and if this experiment is successful country people. A library of 500 volumes has been arraged for. Committees representing different branches of is the first authentic information of the sessels, visit that country, and Secretary Root's reply. This reply tees representing different branches of the movements of the fleet after its journey to San Francisco has been completed. After expressing the apprecia

tion! of the nation, the secretary "The eventual movements of our it is possible the vessels will return by way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this,"

Urge Work on Amur Road. St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.-A secret ession of the doums committee on imperial defense tonight was devoted to affairs in the Far and Near East. It was attended by Premier Stolypin, M. Iswolsky, the minister of foreign affairs, and M. Kokovsheff, the min ister of finance, who outlined the Rus sian policy. The minister urged speedy construction of the Amur railroad, work on which was formally begun last summer and which is designed to give Russia a line to Vladivostok through Russian territory.

Threat to Blow Up Docks. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 24.—19 has just come to light that certain Itallans at Port Arthur and Fort William attempted last week to blow up the docks recently erected at an enorm cost. Following the custom of the ng societies, they first sent a letter to the manager of the dock that they onless he found them work, naively adding that an explosion would create plenty of work for the shovelers.

San Francisco, Feb. 24 .- The Master Plumbers' association of this city at a neeting today decided to instruct employes to inform the health officials in each instance where unsanitary conditions were found or the law requiring he construction of rat proof

s being ignored. Warned of the cel

action toward co-operation Snowstorm Costs \$25,000. Chicago, Feb. 24.-The city has com ection of the snow that fell in the great storm of last week. Four thousand men were kept busy for four days **BUILD TO INTERIOR**

ment given to the newspapers of Port- Central Oregon is Premised Rail Connections.

Line Up Hood River Valley May Be Extended Southeast to Connect With Other Lines.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 22 .- If preliminary plans being promoted by who own the Mount Hood Railway extending up Hood River valley and also the Sumpter Valley, running out of gon may have a railroad in the near future that will open up its many resources. The project provides for an in detail as to every material fact. extension of the Mount Hood line in detail as to every material fact. extension of the Mount Hood line the explosion were pitiful. Families Senator Fulton does not mince matters through the mountains east of Mount of the men who cally risk their lives at Hood, and a party of surveyors is now in the field trying to locate a pass through the mountains. The work is in charge of Joseph A. West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley.

Early last fall a large surveying party neaded by Mr. West was taken into the Central Oregon country from Heppner Junction to determine the feasibility of building a railroad on that side of the nountains and his report is said to have been favorable. The money power behind to proposed railroad is David Eccles, the millionaire sugar manufacturer and lumberman, of Salt Lake office at 525 Chamber of Comperce, City. If the project is completed the Portland, is to be investigated by the two roads will connect at some point in Crook county. By extension of the Sumpter Valley road south it would pass through Canyon City, Grant coun-

ty, and also Prineville. has already been commenced. A big try with circulars, in which his rame gang of men with a steam shovel was i put to work at Dee, the present term-inus of the line, and will build as soon out of \$200" invested with it, to be in as it can be pushed through the six turn invested in timber land in Coos miles of road toward Mount Hood that and Douglas counties as soon as the has been surveyed and staked. This government recovers title to the unwill be done to accommodate the rapidy developing fruit land in the Mount Coos Bay Wagon Road company. Hood settlement. It is admitted, however, by W. H. Eccles and Charles T. Early, president and manager of the engaged in a "scheme of swindling," Mount Hood road, that it may form and said he propo ed "to stop the raspart of the connecting link of the pro-posed new line. Officers of both roads He accordingly laid the circular before recently went over the territory that the Poetoffice department today, and by would be tributary to the project and it his request the concern will be investiis learned that it is considered most gated. If it is found that its circulars favorably. In addition to reaching misrepresent facts, and if, as charged many acres of fertile farm lands, mil-by Mr. Tillman, this company is lions of feet of timber, for which there swindling those who subscribe is now no outlet, it is said, could be utilized.

TUNNEL UNDER RIVER.

Island City. New York, Feb. 22.-The first of the great system of tunnels and subways by was introduced in the house today by which the Pennsylvania railroad will Lilley, of Connecticut, providing for be enabled to run a train from Phila- the appointment by the speaker of a Washington, Feb. 22.-Interesting delphia under the Hudson river across special committee of seven members to river to Long Island City was completed Boat company, of New Jersey, and its today. The two ends of one of the four predecessor, the Holland Boat comtubes connecting Manhattan Island with Long Island city were brought togetl.er under the bed of the middle of past and proposed legislation of con-East river off Thirty-fourth street b. fore noon today and steel rings compy sing the shell of the tube were for the first time bolted in one continuou string from shore to shore. This tube was begun in August, 1905, and is 4 .-Two other tubes will be completed within a few days and the fourth will be finished within three months, according to an an-

nouncement made by the company. So accurate were the measurements of the engineers that the ends came together with a variation of only threeeighths of an inch.

Fight Indian Liquor Sale.

Washingon, Feb. 22.-The senate mmittee on Indian affairs today tinued its consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. Among the amendnts adopted were: Increasing from \$25,000 to \$40,000 the appropriation for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors among the Indians making an appropriation for agricultural experiments; authoizing the secretary of the treasury to expend \$50, 000 for the purchase of agricultural law in any of the courts of the state of lands and irrigation of them for the Nevada. He was given 20 days to ex-

Washington, Feb. 22.—While not yet formally advised by Admiral Thomas that he has assumed command of the Atlantic ficet, the officials of the Navy department are expecting some such announcement, on the basis of preceding reports on the condition of a serious outbreak of the plague. Many Admiral Evans. These reports are not suggestions were made for the exter would blow him and his institution up regarded as indicating that the Admiral mination of rate and the improvement is suffering from any permanent incapacity, but that he is simply again a speakers were Drs. Rupert Blue and victim of rheumatic gout, which is di-

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 22 .- Ex-Gov rnor Pennypacker in his testimony a the state capitol conspiracy trial today denied the statement of S. B. Lewis that the famous Huston letter to ex-Attorney General Carson was prepared tainty of a quarantine, unless the rats at a conference between Pennypacker, were exterminated at once and the Lewis and ex-Auditor General Snyder, one of the defendants. Mr. Penny-packer declared that when Lewis stated that this letter was intended to be a 'whitewash,'' he stated falsely.

eived at Fort Fisher in the Civil war

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22 -The ballot for United States senator in the foint session of the legislature today resulted Necessary to a choice, 65.

DYNAMITE ENDS LIVES.

Twenty-eight Killed by Explosion at

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 21 .- With a force that shook the entire bay region as an earthquake and a detonation heard for miles, the Judson packing house of the Hercules Powder Works at Pinole, 14 miles north of here, blew FROM SUMPTER TO PRINEVILLE up at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and in the explosion four white men and 24 Chinamen were killed. Ten tens of dynamite went up in the terrific blast, shattering the she is to dust and splin-

packinghouse, was blown to atoms at his post of duty. Not a particle of his body was recovered. Manuel Enos, Jose Grace and W. A. Rodregues were liminary plans being promoted by the other white men killed. The 28 wealthy capitalists of Salt Lake City, dead include every man at work in the packinghouse. None escaped.

Flames burst forth in the ruins after

the explosion and threatened the ge'atine house, where two score girls were Baker City, materialize, Central Ore at work. A panic ensued and many were cut by flying glass and crushed and trampled in the mad rush for the

The partie and confusion following the powder plant came running from the little hamlet of Pinole seeking news of loved ones. Panger of additional explosions prevented those who escaped injury from approaching too near the wreck, and it was not until late in the evening that the number of dead and injured was known.

SYNDICATE COMMITS FRAUD

lillman Starts Postal Irquiry Into Coos Bay Land Dealers.

Washington, Feb. 21 .- The St. Paul & Pacific Timber syndicate. having an Postoffice department, to ascertain whether or not it is using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Senator Tillman yesterday charged in the senate An extension of the Mount Hood road that this company is flooding the counused without authority and in which patented portion of the g ant to the

Tillman charged that this company, of which Bryan R. Dorr is president, is scheme, it will be denied further use of the mails.

HINTS AT GRAFT.

Manhattan Island Now Joined to Long House Asked to Investigate Estimates

for Naval Vessels. Washington, Feb. 21 .- A resolution investigate the conduct of the Electric pany, respecting the me hods employed by the said companies in regard to the

The proposal of a congressional investigation is an outgrowth of the failure of the committee on naval affairs to support President Roosevelt's naval construction program. The president personally backed the Navy department in its request for the authorization of the four battleships, ten destroyers, four submarines, etc. The committee cut the battleships to two and raised the submarines to eight, and in connec tion with the latter craft ad pted the Loudenslger amendment providing that they should be of the type of the Octopus, unless a superior type should be offered and demonstrated by October 1,

Contempt Charge Holds.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 21 .- For their riticism of the Supreme court that body today found Peter Breen, judge of the Third district, and J. Mastretti, district attorney of Lander county, guilty of contempt. Judge Breen was ordered to expunge the false and scurrilous remarks he made against the court or be disbarred from practicing ecute this order. Mastretti was disbarred from the practice of law in any state court for the period of 30 days.

San Francisco, Feb. 21 .- A mass neeting of women at the Cal fornia club today was devoted to the discussion of the best methods of preventing of sanitary conditions. Among the rectly the result of the injury he re- Fathers Caraher and McQuade, Rev. Brandford Leavitt and T. Carey Friedlander, secretary of the Merchants Ex-

Salt Lake City, Feb. 21 .- A letter signed by Joe Train and Fred Stack, as alleged leaders of the "Black Hand, was received today by Manager Wade, of the Ogden end of the Utah Light & Power company, in which the threat is made that unless the company reduces the rates for light and power the Black Hand society will blow up the power company's dam in Ogden, the plant and offices in Ogden, and kill every officer or citizen who dares to interfer

Flood Probable in Chio.

Toledo, O., Feb. 21 .- The storm of ast night is continuing today. Unless freezing weather comes quickly, a disas-