WASHINGTON COUNTY HATCHET.

TWO DEMOCRATS GO IN. **D BY** THE PRESIDENT

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of Error Minimized by the of Remittances by Mail and More Satisfactory.

cion, Feb. 9.-The president on the recommendation of ry of the interior, an importreducing the number of pen-The object of the oro nine. effect a very large saving to ment without inconvenienc-The secretary ners. tes that by this reduction of gencies, the cost of disbursensions can be reduced by at .000 per annum.

nge was made possible by an the law governing the z of nsions, which amendapproved March 26, 1896. It that all pensioners should,

date, be paid by checks rey mail. Reports from the es in reply to inquiries operation of the new law the feet that under it pensioners much more promptly; that the y of error is minimized, and n the whole, it is much more ory to the pensioners than the The agents also advise aw. ners receive their penen remitted by mail at their being surrounded by s, the pensioner is ore likely to make a business on of his pension money. Unus law, many pensioners quarterly payments in nd under the influence of bad ons were often induced to appayments unwisely and deeir families of the benefits

executive order will go into eptember 1, next, its action een posponed to that date in at no pensioner should suffer in consequence of delay ving his pension, and to give the removal of the rolls m the agencies discononsolidation was made T21. ng existing agencies and the enon thereof in order that ald be incurred by the of ne rolls.

E MEN WERE HURT.

thb nd Oregon Express Ran Into Near Chico.

o, Feb. 9.-A Chronicle rane rom Chico says:

have proved a very dismight but was fortunately un-loss of life, occurred at vreek 1001 ight miles from Chico, rning. The northbound ant Warme expr s, being fifteen minutes , the southbound train was Feb. 8to sidetrack at Nord and wait northbound to pass. As the Lore 10 TOTAL D at, as a box car had been 3Eimi ding, it was necessary for the to a ken speed and push the Just then the northas seen approaching down ith no intention of stopimpossible for the ennorthbound to see the the southbound, as it was ox car. Before all the . 16 could get on the side-

Bilyeu and Lee in the Mitchell Joint The Necessary Forty-Six Votes Could Assembly.

Lark Bilyeu, Democrat, of Lane, oc of Pension Agencies cupied his seat in the house a half hour before the Mitchell joint assembly which met at noon Monday. Bilyeu was writing at his desk. It had ing the morning that it was the purpose of the Democrats to enter the joint assembly, and Bilyeu's presence appeared to confirm the report. As the hand of the clock moved slowly toward 12, the member from Lane continued composedly to dip his pen in the ink and seemed to be oblivious to surroundings and wholly taken up with the work in which he was engaged.

At noon, Chairman Brownell mounted the speaker's rostrum, and, calling to order, directed the clerk to call the roll. The senators, the same as last Friday, answered to their names. As the clerk was concluding the senate call, Vaughan, the aged representative from Lane, who has been quite sick, appeared in the lobby, supported by as present. Haseltine said: his wife. He looked pale and very Just about the same time, Lee, Democrat, of Polk, likewise appeared at his to come in at present." desk

Bilyeu's name is third on the house When it was called, he arose, roll. and, addressing the chairman, said:

'This is the first time I have made my appearance here in the joint assem-I am here for the purpose of asbly. sisting to complete the organization of the legislature. I want it distinctly understood that I am not here in any manner whatever to aid in the recognition of the Benson house. I have many times stated my position on that subject, and I do not believe that its organization is legal.

'I have been accused of aiding and abetting in holding-up the legislature. I am here to disabuse the mind of any one that I occupy that attitude. I inform you that if the legislature is not organized, and at once, I wash my hands of the whole business. I am tired walking the streets of Salem waiting for the majority of this legislature to get together and do its duty.

so; else they would not have sent me here. They want me to help organize the vote on senator. this legislature on a proper basis; and I am here for that purpose.

"I want to say that many questions have been raised in the senate and elsewhere relative to the permanent organization that are not germane to the subject. I take it that the temporary organization of the house is sufficient for the purpose of this convention. I have porary organization is the only constitutional organization, and that is where I stand now. The members of this body, which is made up of members of the leigslature, are not called upon to pass upon that question. The constitution has nothing to do with this joint convention. I believe the decisions of the United States senate are a sufficient guide for the actions of this body. When a majority of members of the legislature declare their choice for

United States senator, no power in the universe can set it aside. 'We have the power here to deterup on the sidetrack, it mine this question of organization. ask the Republicans to come forward hands of the whole proposition. I am present."

The call then proceeded. Lee answered to his name, but when Merrill of Columbia was reached there was no response. Twenty-nine members of the house were found to be present, and counties. ten from the senate-thirty-nine in all, or seven short of a majority. Chairman Brownell then stated that designate a date for the holding of an he had received word that Merrill election to vote thereon, which shall would not be up till the 2:20 train. not be earlier than ten months after He suggested that a recess till 7:30 in the adjournment of the last preceding the evening be taken. This was done, There was no change when the convention met at night. Bilyeu and law, or proposed law, shall be voted Lee, Democrats, were in their places, and Merrill, Republican, arrived in the afternoon and was also present. Chair- least ninety days before the date fixed man Brownell waited till 7:38 before he called to order. When the name of held for such purposes oftener than Vaughan of Lane was reached, Johnson of Linn asked that he be excused on ac- all bills shall be voted upon that have count of illness. Thirty-nine were been petitioned for, and petition filed, present. The concention adjourned within the time required herein. immediately following the roll call.

Not Be Mustered.

The joint assembly of the Oregon legislature for the purpose of electing a Proposed Cuban Reforms United States senator at noon Wednesday came to naught. The Mitchell forces could only get forty members to been rumored around the capitol dur- enter it. Seeing that it would be impossible to secure forty-six, the required number, a recess was taken un til 7:30 in the evening, but the night session developed no change.

Senator Reed tried to get a statement from Chairman Brownell as to which house was participating in the assembly. Brownell would not say and Reed walked out of the room, leaving only thirty-nine present. Of the Benson house Lake was absent.

The sensation of the convention was the action of Senator Hasletine, who was considered one of Mitchell's warmest supporters. Hasletine was present when the roll was called. He did not answer to his name, and the chair asked him if he wished to be recorded

"Mr. President, there is no question ill, but he walked slowly to his seat. in my mind as to the illegality of the vote yesterday, and I therefore decline

Huntington Withdraws "

Representative Huntington, of Wasco, on Thursday, gave notice that he would withdraw from further participation. This is the first defection, and now leaves but thirty-eight members willing to elect a United States senator by means of a joint assembly. After the roll-call Huntington arose and said he desired to explain his position. He thought the Benson house was legally organized, and accordingly he had voted last Tuesday for a United States senator. He considered it his duty to do

so. The joint assembly had now met for the third time, the roll had been called and no annoucement of the result had been made from the chair. He had voted for a senator on Tuesday, but his candidate was not that of the balance of the organization. This convention was being held in the interest of a single candidate.

In view of the situation he felt it his "The people who elected me know I duty to withdraw. He did not approve am not a fool; or at least they believe of the methods used in preventing the organization of the house or delaying

Representative Lake has introduced in the house a bill to provide for the appointment by the governor of a state veterinary board of five, who shall examine applicants for license in much the same manner as the medical board. Members of the board are given per diem, and necessary expenses.

Representative Somers has introall along maintained that the tem- duced a bill in the house amending the present law relative to the fencing of railroads. It is designed to make it more convenient for cattle to pass at

Initiative and Beferendum. The following is the text of Senator

King's proposed amendment to the constitution-the initiative and referendum: "Section 1. The right to approve, reject and repeal state laws, or to reject or approve proposed state laws, shall rest with a majority of the legal voters of the state.

"Sec. 2. The right to propose, reject or approve, as the case may be, laws of and organize. After this I wash my the state, shall, in addition to being exercised by the legislative assembly, rest with a number of the legal voters of the state equal to (and not less than) 7 per cent of the votes cast at the last preceding general election, held for the ornithologist. election of the officers of the state and

"Sec. 3. After the filing of such explorers intend to visit Tiburn island, petition, the secretary of state shall that has frequently been reported to be

JOINT ASSEMBLY FAILED. SIGNED BY THE QUEEN REGENT

pages of the official gazette.

vantage over the general tariff.

uties to the cortes as at present.

ish government will continue to vote

the budgets and treaties for the col-

onies. Spanish products, according to

the reform scheme, will be allowed a

rebate of 40 per cent of the Cuban tariff

ON AN EXPLORING TOUR.

the Gulf of California and its shores,

arrangements were commenced to pur-

chase the vessel for the use of the ex-

plorers. The schooner is now fitting

out for this cruise. Professor An-

thony, of San Diego, will be in charge,

and with him will be Professor Mc-

Gregor, of Stanford university, a bot-

anist, and Henry B. Keading, an

The expedition will be in the gulf

compared with other imports.

education.

Receive Sanction.

on the Pacific Railroads Washington, Feb. 9 .- Thurston, of

Nebraska resumed his speech upon the Pacific railroad debt. In the course of Thurston's remarks, Morgan of Alabama asked whether the roads were TO HAVE LIMITED HOME RULE not paying expenses, to which the Ne-braska senator replied he could not say, not having data before him.

THE ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

An Assembly Will Be Created Having Certain Powers in Adminis. ment of interest on the first mortgage tering the Affairs of the Island, bonds of the Union Pacific. He said the Union Pacific never earned enough Madrid, Feb. 8 .- The queen regent to pay all its interest obligations.

signed a plan for reforms in Cuba. The Following Thurston's speech, the senscheme includes numerous and elab- ate, by unanimous consent, went to the orate decrees and will occupy several calendar and passed the following

The reforms consist chiefly in the For For the relief of the Mobile Marine creation of an assembly to be called Dock Company, for the establishment the council of administration, com-posed of thirty-five members, of whom twenty-one are to be elected by the peo-on the retired list; amending the law ple and six by different corporations. in regard to collisions at sea; a resolu-The remainder will be one magistrate, tion of inquiry relating to the capture one university professor, one archbishop of the Competitor by a Spanish off the Competitor by a Spanish WEF-and five former senators or deputies. The council of administration is em-powered, firstly, to prepare a budget; secondly, to examine into the fitness of officials appointed; third, they make may a tariff subject to the complition officials appointed; third, they make

may a tariff, subject to the condition edging the independence of Cuba was that Spanish imports will have the ad- reached on the calendar, Morgan insisted that it should be taken up, notwith-The governor-general will represent standing objections. He subsequently the home government, and have the withdrew the request, several senators right to nominate officials who shall be protesting. Morgan gave notice, how-Cubans, or Spanish who have resided ever, that when the senate should next two years in Cuba. Nevertheless he come in contact with the resolution, he may freely nominate high function- would insist upon its consideration.

Other decrees concern the organiza-tion of provisional municipalities which are to be liberally successful and Blackburn of Kenterland are to be liberally representative. The municipal councils in general will be empowered to elect their president and have exclusive control of the public education.

Washington, Feb. 9.-The resolution According to another decree the govpassed by the senate today relative to ernment reserves to itself extraordi- the capure of the Competitor by a nary powers in the event of any dis-Spanish warship was introduced turbance of the public order, and Cuba Senator Morgan June 3, 1896, and calls will continue to elect senators and dep- upon the president for information regarding the capture. Since that time Altogether the reforms are much the president has transmitted to conbroader in the direction of decentraliza- gress part of the correspondence relation than those granted to Porto Rico. tive to the Competitor and the prison-The powers of the governor-general are ers.

Consular and Diplomatic Bill.

much extended, while the council of administration is fairly representative of all parties and interests. The Span-Washington, Feb. 9.-The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was reported to the senate by the committeeon appropriations today. The committee restored the American consulates at Horgen, Switzerland, and Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey. It also extended the franking privilege to the bureau of American republics.

Decided Against Watson.

Expedition to Leave or the Gulf of California. Washington, Feb. 9.-It became known today that the house committee San Francisco, Feb. 8 .- The schooner on elections, which had charge of the H. C. Walburg, which, during the reelection contest brought by Thomas F. cent Hawaiian revolution, sailed out of Watson, of Georgia, recently Populistic this port for the Hawaiian islands with candidate for vice-president, against a cargo of arms and ammunition for the Representative Black, decided yesterebels, has been sold recently, and is day to confirm Black's title to the seat. fitting out for a more peaceful cruise. The verdict, it is understood, is unani-When the Smithsonian Institution mous. decided to send an expedition to explore

A Pension for George Hughes.

Washington, Feb. 9.-Representative Ellis says the George Hughes pension bill has passed the senate and has been reported from the house committee at \$50 per month. He expects to have it reached and passed in time to be signed by the president before congress adjourns.

LAST PUBLIC RECEPTION

about six months, and in that time the Mrs. Cleveland's Farewell Drew a Large trowd to the White House.

BEET SUGAR CULTURE.

Bill and Oregon Should Follow.

During the past six or eight years it has been, and is, the desire of cities, towns, villages and the country at large to secure the erection of beet sugar factories. There are, two factories in Nebraska, one in Utah, three in California and an additional one about to be crected. All the above states offered a bonus of one cent per pound on the finished product to encouarge capital to invest the necessary amount required to build and equip a fair-sized factory. A few days ago Senator Houghton had passed a similar bill for the state of Washington.

The farmers throughout Oregon should petition their representatives at Salem at once to pass a similar bill. It will require the cultivation of from 3,000 to 5,000 acres of land to supply an ordinary sized factory, and with beets at \$5 per ton there is a gold mine in it for the farmer. From the proceedings of the third general convention of the Nebraska Beet Sugar Association, the beet farme in that state netted on an average \$50 per acre, which should mean \$75 to \$100 per acre in Oregon and Washington. The price to be paid the farmer in the bill passed by the state of Washington is \$5 per ton, and the same provision should be inserted in the Oregon bill.

There is lots of room for factories in Washington and Oregon. Upwards of \$2,000,000 leaves these states annually for sugar. Just think what this would mean, keeping that vast amount of money at home!

The following is the Washignton law in full:

An act granting a bounty for the encouraging of the production and manufacture of sugar in the state of Washington:

Section 1. There shall be paid out of the state treasury to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the manufacture of sugar in this state from beets, sorghum or other sugar-yielding canes or plants grown in Washington, the sum of 1 cent per pound upon each and every pound of sugar so manufactured under the conditions and restrictions of this act.

Sec. 2. No bounty shall be paid upon sugar not containing at least 90 per cent of crystalized sugar, and only upon sugar produced from beets that for which as much as \$5 per ton has been paid to the producer. The quantity and quality upon which said bounty is claimed shall be determined by the president of the state agricultural college, with whom all claimants shall, from time to time, file verified statements showing the quantity and quality of sugar manufactured by them and the price paid the producer for beets and the amount of sugar manufacturel upon which said bounty is claimed. The president of the agricultural college shall, without unnecessary delay, visit or cause to be visited by such persons as he shall designate in writing as inspectors, the factory where said sugar has been produced and manufactured. and inspect the sugar so manufactured, and take such evidence by sworn testi-mony of the officers or employes of such factory or others as to the amount and quality of sugar so manufactured and the price paid for the beets, as to him or the person designated by him shall appear satisfactory and conclusive.

Sec. 3. When any claim arising under this act is filed, verified and proven to the satisfaction of the president of the agricultural college, as herein provided, he shall certify the same to the auditor of the state, who shall draw a warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount due thereon, payable to the party or parties to whom the said sum or sums are due Sec. 4. Every person, firm or corporation manufacturing sugar pursu ant to the provisions of this act shall keep full and complete books of account, which shall show the quality and kind of sugar-producing plants received by such person, firm or corporation, from any person, firm or corporation, the approximate per cent of sac-charine matter contained in such plants, the name of the grower and the place where the same was grown, also the quantity of sugar manufactured from such plants, and the price per ton paid to the producer of the plants, Sec. 5. The benefits of this act shall accrue to any persons, firm or corporation that shall erect and complete a sugar manufactory or manufactories within the state prior to November 1. 1899, and the bounty herein provided shall be paid said person, firm or corporation for a period of five years from the time such factories shall have been completed and in operation. This act shall be taken and considered to be a contract and irrevocable with all such persons, firms or corporations as shall complete the erection of such manufactory or manufactories prior to November 1, 1899.

Senator Thurston Resumed His Speech Washington Has Passed a Sugar Bounty

both the other train struck then

struck the smoker first. knew. ay along to the next car, ng the the tourist car, turning it - . Furely over, but leaving the trucks In this car the passen-Feb. 2. wn from their seats to the the car, which was lying Age 1 ol of water alongside of the Boens passengers at first thought Th n thrown from a trestle ad \$2 rer.

were seven deserters from 1 11.1 army, handcuffed together d by six soldiers. Fortunnps in the car immediately with nd only a few coals of fire e stove, and those were soon 351 by the water that came through the broken win-

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gers in this car were soon Fel n their perilous position, m broken.

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Machines for Africa.

ash., Feb. 9.-The ship loading lumber and wheat three tons of nickel-in-thees, which arrived today

t in an Avalanche. witzerland, Feb. 9 .- Five is and seven horses have elmed by an avalanche ice of Fluela, on the road n Davostlah to Engadine.

City, Cal., Feb. 9.-T. A. sident of Millbrae, has t in irons to the county jail Booth. He is accused of wife, who was discovered ous condition by neighatteding physician says her ue to an overdose of morall acknowledges admindrug, but says it was at the e physcians. The woman ed to live, and may pass

The Senators.

day, McClung moved to reconsider gency, in which event the facts constivote of last Friday, ordering the the found that only one was bill fixing the legal rate of interest at 6 the act and the bill shall receive a red, one of the deserters per cent to third reading. This was two-thirds vote of the members elected one, and, on motion of McClung, the to both branches of the legislative asto the engine of the train bill was recommitted to the committee piece of scantling having on revision of laws. The following new bills were introduced:

By Dufur, by request, enabling school districts to borrow money for a short time without issuing bonds; King, regulating the employment of ath Africa, will carry to legislative clerical aid; Johnson, fixing a majority of the legal votes be in favor rates of express companies; King, to of such law, the same shall then (and prevent fraud in sales of mines; Daly, not before) become of full force and ncisco. They will be dis- by request, accepting the terms of the m Delagoa bay throughout act of congress providing for the reelamation of arid lands; Johnson, fix- void, provided, that if the petition

The Benson House.

The Benson house met at 2:30 Monday, and after reading two unimportant bills, adjourned.

The Davis House.

The Davis house met Monday and Immediately adjourned.

Firecrackers Caused It.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 11,-A boy named Albert Auld was killed through the constitution provides for the adop- muzzle of the gun to his head and blew the shying of a coal cart horse at fire crackers in Chinatown this evening. The load was overturned, and crushed Auld's skull. Mayor Redfern stopped the firing of crackers in the streets.

session of the legislative assembly, nor later than one year thereafter; and no upon at such election unless the petition therefor shall have been filed at for such election. No election shall be once in every two years, at which time

"Sec. 4. No act passed by the legislative assembly shall become a law until six months after its approval by the When the senate reconevned on Mon- governor, except in a case of emertuting the emergency shall be stated in sembly; and within six months after its approval a petition shall have been filed, as required in sections 2 and 3 herein, an election shall be ordered as required in section 3 for the acceptance, rejection or approval of such law. or proposed law; and if at such election effect, but if less than a majority be in favor thereof, the same shall become ing telegraph rates. A number of bills against any law passed by the legisla-were read the second time and referred. tive assembly shall have been presented before the expiration of the six months after the approval of the act by the governor, in the manner herein required, such act shall not take effect before the date of such election.

> "Sec. 5. The leigslative assembly, or the people of the state of Oregon, in the manner provided, may have the power to provide by law for more effectually carrying out all the provisions and intent of this amendment."

ting a new constitution to the referen- scene, and forther dam

inhabited by cannibals

WILL NOT REACH A VOTE.

Arbitration Treaty to Go Over to Next Session of Congress.

Chicago, Feb. 8.-A Times-Herald special*from Washington says:

The understanding among senators at present is that the general arbitration treaty will come to a vote at this session of congress. No one doubts that it will be debated, but the opposition makes no secret of its intention to consume so much time in discussion that a vote cannot be reached.

It will be an easy matter to do this, as the business of the senate is fast reaching that stage in which there will be a great struggle for precedence. Already the friends of the Nicaragua richly dressed in black corded silk. canal bill, the immigration bill, the bankruptcy bill and other measures are fighting for time. In a short time the regular appropriation bills will have to be taken up and they will dis-place almost all other business. Under such circumstances it will be comparatively easy to crowd the treaty into the background. The sentiment of the senate is generally against an open debate on the treaty.

Three Killed in a Collision.

Desmet. S. D., Feb. 5 .- A mixed train stan...ng on a side track at Arlington last evening was run into by an engine going west. Conductor Adding-ton, Brakeman Hoslah, John Loftus and Mr. Harrison were killed. Three passengers, W. Rice, of Helena; W L. Loftus, of New Haven, Ia., and S. B. Griffing, of Desmet, were injured. The accident was the result of a dense fog.

Tacoma, Feb. 8 .- A. W. Linderstrom, a farmer, living on Anderson's island, came home late tonight and, in a fit of anger took down a shotgun and blew out the brains of his 5-year-old When he saw the terrible deed

Senator King's second amendment to he had accomplished, he placed the tion of amendments by the legislature and their submission to the people. It also provides for the manner of submit-causes. Coroner Hoska has gone to the -s are not obtainable.

Washington, Feb. 9.-Mrs. Cleve

land's farewell public reception this afternoon drew a large crowd, despite a drizzling rain. The White House was artistically decorated with red and white roses and smilax, and groups of ig palms and garlands of vines beautified the pariors. Throughout the reception, which was from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Marine band furnished the music. Mrs. Cleveland was gowned in violet and white striped moire silk, the bodice of deep cream lace. She wore a bunch of violets, but no jewels. Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the vice-president, and the ladies of the cabinet, were the assistants of the mistress of the White House, while sixty-five ladies assisted in the Blue parlor. Mrs. Stevenson, standing next to Mrs. Cleveland, was

Drowned Herself and Children.

Salt Lake, Feb. 9.-A Tribune special from Butte says: At Big Timer, in the eastern part of the state, Mrs. John Cort drowned herself and three children in the Yellowstone river this afternoon. The bodies have not been recovered.

"Black Jack" Captured.

Silver City, N. M., Feb. 9.-United States Marshal Hall received a telegram this morning informing him of the capture at El Paso, Tex., by the police, of John McDonald, alias "Black Jack," the notorious leader of the gang of border bandits, who have been committing robberies in Southwestern New Mexico and Southern Arizona during the past year. Two members of the gang were recently killed in fights with marshals, and it is believed Mc-Donald was seeking new companions on the Texas border.

Hamburg Strike a Failure

Hamburg, Feb. 9.-At a meeting of the striking dock laborers today, it was voted to resume work today after the leaders had declared the battle lost and funds exhausted.

Fishermen Fixed the Price of Fish. Astoria, Or., Feb. 9 .- At the meeting of the fishermen's union tonight, a majority of 200 present voted to make the price of fish this season 41% cents per pound

Makes Flirting a Crime.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 8 .- If a bill which was introduced in the house today becomes a law a married man who is convicted of infidelity towards his wife will be punished by a term of five years' imprisonment. Representative Rood has introduced byrequest a bill which makes flirting with female passengers on trains by conductors and brakemen a misdemeanor and the railroad corporation will have to pay a fine of \$25 for each conviction.

Member of a Suicide Club.

San Francisco, Feb. 8 .- Bill Winkle, once chief of police of Marysville, latterly a water-front employe, joined a local suicide club lately and drew is black ball, which bound him to commit micide within three months. He killed himself last night by asphyxiation.

An Eight-Year-Old Convict. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8 .- James O. Singleton, an 8-year-old colored boy, was received at the penitenilary this. morning, to serve one year's set tenon.