

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.
Thursday, December 21.
The senate was in session but a little more than an hour today. Of this time only about a half hour was legislative in character.

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

Nine Mexican political leaders at Torreon were poisoned with strychnine by opponents.
Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation army, was robbed in a crush at the New York subway.
The Russian minister of finance has authorized the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$800,000,000.

The bill extending for one year the time allowed for building the Council City & Solomon River railroad in Alaska was passed.
Adjournment was taken until January 4.

There was but a ten-minute session of the house today, when the holiday adjournment until January 4 was taken. Two speeches, one attacking and the other defending the cotton crop estimates of the government, were to have been made, but permission was granted to print these speeches in the Record.

Having stopped speculation in football tickets, Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, has called a meeting of theater managers to stop the same practice with theater tickets.

The house continued to "shoot clay pigeons" today, as one member remarked, and debate on several topics continued for five hours. The general debate which has been in progress for several days ended with today's session, and tomorrow the session will be brief.

The number of London people in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every month of the year now ending have been greater than in any of the previous 40 years.
Charles M. Crouse, a multi-millionaire of Syracuse, N. Y., has received a warning from the "Black Hand" that he will be blown up if he does not donate \$2,400 to "the cause."

Just before adjournment a bill was passed extending until 1909 the time in which the 50 miles of railroad from Council City to Solomon, Alaska, may be completed.

France will send a fleet to Morocco.
Hermann is still trying to delay his trial.
A number of Annapolis hazers are to be court martialed.

Payne gave notice that the Philippine tariff bill will be called up for consideration January 4.

There has been a great increase in all lines of export to China and Japan except flour.
President Loubet, of France, refuses to again become a candidate and many are offering their names to be proposed.

Albany—The Commercial club appointed a committee of leading business men to secure \$15,000 in subscriptions toward reorganizing the Bannockburn Manufacturing company, to rebuild the woolen mill recently burned, replacing it with a mill double the capacity.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BUY FORESTRY BUILDING.
Moving It to Salem.

Salem—At the meeting of the state board of agriculture last week John H. Albert, of the Lewis and Clark fair commission, submitted a communication suggesting that the board take steps to secure the forestry building erected at the Lewis and Clark fair and move it to Salem.

Woolen Mill for Albany.
Subsidy of \$15,000 Will Inure Building on Larger Scale.

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Statistics of Feeble-Minded.
Salem—An effort has been made by the commission authorized by the last legislature to inquire into necessity or the advisability of establishing a school in this state for the feeble minded.

Candidates Must File Notice.
Salem—Secretary of State Dunbar calls attention to the fact that it is necessary for candidates for state or district offices to first file a notice of intention to become a candidate with the secretary of state.

Abandon Malheur Project.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hitchcock today called on the Reclamation service to show why the Malheur irrigation project should not be abandoned.

MAKING READY IN KLAMATH.
Government Engineer Lippincott Now On the Ground.

Klamath Falls—Supervising Engineer J. B. Lippincott, of the Reclamation service in California, and having charge of the Klamath project, arrived here Sunday. Mr. Lippincott came to Klamath Falls to clear up all preliminaries and arrange for paying all obligations against the government in connection with the Klamath irrigation project.

Mitchell Estate Small.
Portland—David M. Dunne has been appointed administrator of the estate of Senator John H. Mitchell.

Want Trees Destroyed.
Oregon City—Fruit Inspector James H. Reid will appeal to the courts of Clackamas county to compel E. J. Riley, an attorney of Portland, to submit to the destruction of his fruit trees.

Say Agents are Frauds.
Salem—Agents are traveling over this state soliciting orders for books for traveling libraries.

Portland Markets.
Wheat—Club, 71@72c; Muesent, 73@74c; red, 67@68c; valley, 72c per bushel.

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New York, Dec. 27.—Assemblyman Berg, of New Jersey, has drafted a bill to abolish capital punishment in that state.

BATTLE IN MOSCOW.

Rebels Receive Reinforcements From Neighboring Cities.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The battle in Moscow is still raging, the victory being undecided. Considerable reinforcements for the revolutionists have arrived from the neighboring districts of Yaroslavl, Vladimir and Tambov.

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Smith to be Governor.
Washington, Dec. 27.—Despite denials and assurances recently credited to Governor General Luke E. Wright, there is no longer serious doubt of the administration's purpose to make a change in the head of the Philippine government.

Tobacco Growers Appeal for Aid.
Havana, Dec. 27.—At a meeting today of the senators and representatives in congress from the province of Pinar del Rio it was resolved to request the government to aid the planters whose tobacco crops have been ruined by the recent rain.

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CAMPAIGN OPENED

Senators Plan Attack on Taft to Aid Own Candidates.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Walter Wellman, in a dispatch from Washington to the Record-Herald, says in part:

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FIGHT TO DEATH.
Russian Rebels and Troops Clash in Streets of Moscow.
Odessa, Dec. 26.—Russian soldiery is unable to overthrow the dauntless spirit of the Moscow townspeople, and despite superior arms, enormous advantages in military training and a complete supply of all warlike appliances, the troops are hardly holding their own.

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MACKENZIE PROMISES AID.

Recommends Total Appropriation of \$1,400,000 for Jetty.
Washington, Dec. 26.—Senators Fulton and Gearin today called on General MacKenzie, chief of engineers, in regard to the needs of the Columbia river jetty.

INVESTIGATES INSECT PESTS.
Government Solves Problems of Cotton and Wheatgrowers.
Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the annual report of L. C. Howard, in charge of the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, the main work of the bureau for the past fiscal year, ended June 30, 1905, was in connection with the cotton boll weevil, the cotton boll worm, importation of beneficial insects from abroad, investigations of insects damaging forests and deciduous fruit trees, work on insects injurious to vegetable crops and effecting the great staple field crops, and work in silk and bee culture.

IRRIGATE YAKIMA RESERVE.
Jones' Plan to Secure Water and Admit White Settlers.
Washington, Dec. 26.—As the first step in the direction of adjusting conflicting water rights on the Yakima Indian reservation, Representative Jones will introduce a bill, when congress convenes, authorizing the Yakima Indians to sell 60 acres of their respective allotments, and directing the secretary of the interior to apply a portion of the proceeds to the purchase of water rights for the remaining 20 acres of each allotment.

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