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HILLSBORO OREGON unquestionably coming when congress

will authorize the leasing of that part NEWS OF THE WEEK of the public domain suitable for grazing, but not at the present session. Questions To Be Submitted to People Government Work and Immigration The tendency of the times is to break

LEASE RANGE LAND.

In a Condensed Form for Our down the large stockmen who have

public expense.

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

Busy Readers.

Zero weather prevails thronghout the had no care for the future; he looked United States east of the Rocky monntains.

Five bodies have been recovered from swing, he has demolished all competithe wreck on the Northern Pacific near tion, he has ruined the public range, Helena.

A false emperor of Russia and his suite, who have been stirring up the people of the Volga region, have been

Fire which was started in the match small stock owners, for these men bedepartment of a Lexingon, Kentucky, come citizens, and good citizens; they wnolesale house, destroyed \$150,000 have an interest in the public welfare; worth of property.

President Roosevelt condemns haz- it is the purpose of the administration ing, but says the law proposed by con- to help them as far as possible. But gress is too severe and would cripple the navy. He asks for a modification. President Recomments has for a modification.

President Roosevelt has formally tecting the small stockowner is to adopt withdrawn the sppointment of W. C. a system of leasing the public grazing Bristol as United States attorney for Oregon and forwarded the charges to trol which will preclude monopoly and Mr. Bristol for an explanation.

General Grodekoff, who became noted for his ruthless measures in restoring order in Amur during the Boxer purpose, which in general meets the trouble, will succeed Linievitch as Rus- approval of the administration, was sian vicercy of the Far East, with command of the land and sea forces

John E. Wilkie, chiefl of the United True, it stands little chance of passing States secret service, says that the cap- the present congress, because there is a tain of every steamer which has been strong sentiment among certain Westthree years has been found to have been the leasing of the public domain. It fraudulently naturalized. Under the is a new departure; it is a radical law no man can become captain of an move, and, while it is bound to come, American ship unless he is an Ameri- the sentiment against it is sufficiently can citizen.

Russian soldiers are killing off rebeis bill. But the bill serves a good purpose by the wholesale

Zero temperature prevails throughout the central states.

Russea is negotiating for a new

treaty with China Georgia traveling men have started a

"clean sheet" crusade.

A worn five-cent piece led to the ar- a notorious fight in congress. rest of a burglar in Seattle.

One of Dowie's leading Elders declares that the prophet is a failure.

Wallace says there is too much red Delegation Comes to Urge that Custape connected with the work on the Panama canal.

Portland is to be invaded by a drug trust, a newly formed concern with a capital of \$10,000,000.

An appropriation of \$4,839,993 for fortifications in 1907 has been agreed three-fouths of the customs duties and been erected at Austin and the place is

Day of Small Cattlemen Is Near at Hand in West. Washington, Feb. 6. - The time is

for Their Decision. Salem-The last day for filing initia-

dominated the public range in times tive measures in the office of the secrepast and to protect and encourase the tary of state has passed and six measthe past, like those of his number who ments to be voted upon are as follows: still survive, had little interest ip the The \$1,000,000 appropriation bill public welfare. His was a war of ex. passed by the last legislature and held termination on the small stockman; he up by referendum petittions.

The local option bill proposed by the Liquordealers' association as an amendonly to the profits of today. The result ment to the present local option law. has been that, when allowed full The bill filed by the owners of the Barlow road, requiring the state to buy the road for the sum of \$24,000. and has grown rich to some extent at

The proposed constitutional amend-But this order of things is coming to extending the elective franchise to an end. The Roosevelt administration women is no lover of the wanton cattle baron.

A bill by the People's Power league It perfers to see the West filled with reduced rate service to public officials. A bill by the State grange, levying a they exert an influence for good, and license tax upon the gross carnings of companies.

A constitutional amendment proposed by the People's Power league to amend give the settler and the small stockpensation.

owner a "square deal" in the parceling An amendment proposed by the Peoout of the public range. A bill for this ple's Power league to amend article 4 um may be demanded upon any item or drawn and introduced by Representasection of a bill and extending the tive Lacey, of Iowa, chairman of the

rights of initiative and referendum to municipalities.

An amendment proposed by the Peowrecked on the Pacific coast in the last ern senators and representatives against and 2 of article 17, so that one legisla- chase of about \$15,000 worth of books strong at this time to defeat the Lacey

-it brings the leasing question before the public; it will lead to general discussion throughout the West; it will

in force until approved by a vote of the the school library. be instrumental in shaping public senpeoply. timent, and in the end it, or some sim-An amendment proposed by the Peoilar bill, will go through, and a materple's Power league to amend section 2 ial check will be placed upon the operations of the cattle baron. The bill is of article 11, giving the legal voters of the basis of what in time will become a municipality power to frame and

corporations

Large Depot at Austin.

foot depot at the terminus of the road Washington, Feb. 6 .- A delegation now known as Austin station. Much of Hawaiian citizens arrived here today to appear before a committee of con-

sitating a larger depot than is generally idle about three years. gress to advocate legislation requiring the road. A few other buildings have found at other stations on the line of

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ROAD TO BE REBUILT.

TEN MEASURES FILED.

Stimulates Klamath Line.

Klamath Falls-Information received at Klamath Falls indicates that the Klamath - Lake railroad, connecting small stockowner. The cattle baron of the nast like those of his need to the bills and proposed amend- extending to Pokegama, recently acextending to Pokegama, recently acquired by the Weyerbaeuser Lumber company, will be practically reconstructed during the present year, track laid better to enable the line to commad traffic of the Klamath Falls region for some time, while also better serving the purposes of its new owners in the development of lumber industries. Four new locomotives have been ordered, a new passenger coach and a num-

ber of cars are to be purchased, which ment filed by the Equal Suffrage league, is understood to be indicative of the intentions with reference to the railroad. No official information is had as to

the intentions in the way of adding the fire department, the flames had making it unlawful for public service mileage, but it is known that investigaspread to the elevator. Assistance was corporations to give passes or free or tions made before the acquisition of the sent from St. Louis, and the efforts of property were with a view to determinthe firemen were principally directed ing the traffic assured by reason of the toward preventing the fire from spreadgovernment work in constructing the ing to adjoining elevators and warerefrigerator and sleeping cars and oil canal for which Mason, Davis & Co., of houses, the Union elevator having been Portland, now have the first contract. converted into a furnace within a few

With absolute knowledge of the tonnage of traffic that was handled during section 1 of article 12 so that the pub- 1905, and its great increase over the lic printing will be entirely within the preceding year, and an additional toncontrol of the legislature, and may be nage for the next year that will surely let by contract, or a printer elected or double the commodity traffic of 1905, appointed, upon a salary or other com- to say nothing of the immigration that will mean a great deal of business, the

railroad officials feel more than justified in large expenditures and will comof the constitution so that the referend- plete their projected work at the earliest possible date.

State to Buy Books.

the State Library commission, an ple's Power league to amend sections 1 nounces that the contract for the purtive assembly may submit constitution- for school libraries will be awarded at Bamfield tonight says the United States courts to pass upon; sleo that no law for each child of school age in the took off Lieutenant Gromville and six which he will bring forward at the sea, badly decomposed.

> made out in Salem for the sale of the Eugene Woolen mill to a Salem organ-Woolen Mill company. The Thomas Kay Woolen Mill company of Salem is

Wilbur and Will Wright, of Union, Sumpter-The Sumpter Valley Rail- Or., more than a year ago purchased road company has just finished an SQ the plant at a receiver's sale. The that those now coming ashore will be threshed over in the house today in the control of rates on an inherent aversion of the railroad rate question were based in opposition to go averse of the second of provide the plant at a receiver's sale. The that those now coming ashore will be company which has just bought it an- in such bad condition that they will be nonnees it will have the mill running unrecognizable. freight is received at that point, neces- within 60 days. The plant has been

Plans Cheese Factory.

upon by the house committee on appro-upon by the house committee on appro-internal revenues collected in the terri-a village. There is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority a village. There is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority a village. There is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority here is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority here is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority here is no authenticated the morning in a dory. The majority here is no authenticated the morning in a dory in a helly decomposed condition which is to furnish pensions to retired internal revenues collected in the terri-tory to be expended on public works there.

TEMPEST OF FLAME.

Great Fire Devours Elevator, Wheat and Horses in St. Louis. St. Louis, Feb. 5 .- Fire, which orig-

insted in the Union Grain elevator in East St. Louis, Ill., last night, after

completely destroying that structure, spread to surrounding buildings and freight cars in the yards of the Terminon the action of the Democratic caucus, al association, and caused damage estimated at \$1,250,000 before its progress which was partially promised, but was checked. At an early hour this gave the entire day to a review of the morning the flames were still casting a prerogatives of the senate in the matter ruddy glare, but it is believed that the of framing treaties. The question was fire is well under control, and there is raised by Bacon in a speech on his little further danger of its spreading. A detailed estimate of the losses folresolution requesting information concerning the Algeciras conference. Lodge gave notice of a speech Mon-

Union elevator, \$300,000; grain day on the railroad rate bill in evator, \$950,000; St. Louis Car

minutes after it caught fire.

PICKING UP THE VICTIMS.

Cruising Off the Straits.

their homes.

Washington, Feb. 6. - Having fixed ompany, barn. \$15,000, horses, \$16,-500, feed, \$3,000; Waters-Pierce Oil the end of the general debate on the company, \$5,000; seven dwellings, \$7,- rate bill at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow, the 000; 20 box cars, \$20,000; total, \$1,- recognition of the chair was passed 316.500. around at a lively rate in the house

The fire originated in a brick engine today. Seventeen speeches were made, house, 30 feet away from the elevator all of them for the measure. The rail proper, and was discovered by the roads came in for an unusual, amount night watchman. Before the arrival of of criticism.

> Monday, February 5. Washington, Feb 5 .- The senate was reated to a sensation today by Patterson, Dem., Colo., who followed up his

of the cancus to have been contrary to The heavens were brightly illumi- the constitution of the United States. nated and it is estimated that 50,000 Gallinger succeeded during the day persons viewed the fire from both banks in securing the fixing of a date for vot of the Mississippi river and the bridge. ing on the shipping bill, the hour Seven dwellings were covered by named being Wednesday at 3 p. m.

burning oil by the explosion of four | Several bills were passed during the tank cars and entirely destroyed. The day and Teller made a speech in oppooccupants, however, were either outside sition to the shipping bill. viewing the conflagration, or were able Foraker announced that he had to escape before the flames consumed intention of attempting to delay action

on the statehood bill, which he opposed.

Washington, Feb. 5. - Considerable fault was found with the railroad rate United States Revenue Cutters Are Littlefield, of Maine, and Grosvenor, port of the measure. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 5. - A special of Ohio, both spoke against the bill. lispatch to the Associated Press from

Saturday, February 3.

Ten other speeches were made, all of them by members who will vote for the

no

cutter Perry landed a party at Darling bill, but some of whom would like an creek today and succeeded in getting opportunity to amend it. Gaines, of nine bodies from the beach, and also men let there the previous night. The proper time. Perry also picked up one male body at At the conclusion of the day Hepburn, in charge of the measure, said it The United States steamer Grant also

found a male body badly decomposed and unrecognizable. This is the 30th body recovered. The 11 bodies have and he thinks it can be concluded, all been landed at Bamfield and will be morrow morning. All the bodies have ment. now been taken from the shore at Darling creek, but the searchers will re-

main in the hope that some others may

The tug Wyadda brought eight bodies, five that were picked up by the Perry on Friday and three taken from both sides of the house desire to record A bill was passed granting a Federal

Plans Cheese Factory. Dallas—R. Robinson, of Tillamook, having been effected from the Wyadda allowed to continue.

business and, as the statehood bill oc Tuesday, February 6. Washington, Feb. 6 -The senate did cupied the first place, the secretary ha begun to read it before any of its oppo not have an opportunity today to hear nents realized the situation. He had the discussion of Patterson's resolution

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

put a stop to the proceedings for the time. The shipping bill was made the basis of a running debate between Patterson in opposition and Gallinger and Perkins in support.

At the conclusion of this debate a bill authorizing the treasury to investigate certain Missopri state war claime was passed.

covered but a few pages when Teller

Thursday, February I.

Washington, Feb. 1 .- The discussion-I the railroad rate bill was taken up and prosecuted with vigor throughout the day. So many speakers have come to the front on this measure that the house agreed to meet at 11 o'clock hereafter until the debate is ended. The feature of the debate was the

lengthy speech of Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who arraigned the legislation with arguments of varied character, all of which tended to give his reasons Democratic caucus by introducing a for being unalterably opposed to the bill.

looking to the preservation of Niagara Falls, was agreed to without discussion. The resolution calls for information from the International commission on that subject.

Washington, Feb. 1 .- The senate today passed 30 or 40 miscellaneous bills and gave several hours to the consideration of the shipping bill. Among the bills passed was one providing for a delegate in congress from Alaska and

a number providing for light houses, revenue cutters and fish culture stations. The greater part of the time bill in the house today, considering the devoted to the shipping bill was confact that it is a measure of both parties. sumed by Penrose in a speech in sup-

Wednesday, January 31.

Washington, Jan. 31 .- Discussion of the railroad rate bill continued in the Tennessee, has an anti-pass amendment house today. Incident to it two which he will bring forward at the speeches, the efforts of Campbell, of Kansas, and Martin, of Scuth Dakota, took a wide range and swept the horizon of "trust evils" generally. Bartlooked now as though debate would lett, of Georgia, a minority member of conclude at 3 o'clock Wednesday. The the committee reporting the bill, made reading of the bill will begin at once, a two hours' speech, in which he discussed the legal and constitutional shipped to Victoria by a tug leaving to- the bill passed that day before adjourn- passage of the bill as a proper remedy proposed amendments disposed of and questions involved and advocated the for an intolerable condition. The first speech in opposition to the bill, which concluded the day's discussion, was Washington, Feb. 3 .- Various phases

> course of nine speeches which occupied to government control of business ensix and a half hours. This concludes terprises. Red tape and fixed condithe fifth day of the discussion, but the tions, he said were an inseparable part

ding the legislature to create municipal

Salem-Miss Marvin, secretary of

al amendments, and that when the vote the next meeting the of commission. upon an amendment has been canvassed The commission called for bids some by the governor and a majority found time ago, and several publishing houses in its favor he shall proclaim it adopt- are figuring on the contract. Under ed, and it shall then be a part of the the law, each county is required to levy constitution, beyond the power of the a tax sufficient to equal 10 cents a head for a constitutional convention shall be county for the purchase of books for

Operate Eugene Mill.

Eugene - Final papers have been adopt their own charters, and forbid- ization, to be known as the Eugene

the principal stockholder. John P.

One regiment of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry are being held in tutes a heavy drain on its resources. readiness at Manila to go to China at the first sign of an outbreak.

W. C. Bristol, United States attorney for Oregen, will have to go. The charge of "unprofessional conduct" is of a case.

Castro vows vengeance on France.

Democratic senators have united to fight the San Domingo treaty.

The will of the late Charles T. Yerkes may be contested by his widow.

The Union Pacific has bought a control of the Illinois Central railroad.

W. C. T. U. workers will ask Miss ding.

Kansas authorities are after a brother of John D. Rockefeller for land frand.

John A. Linn, clerk of the Cook county, Illinois, court, is charged with embezzling \$50,000.

From present indications the dispute between France and Germany in Morocco cannot be settled.

The Washington railroad commission

Germany is exasperated because of her inability to secure a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

The governor of Iowa will call meeting of the various governors early in the summer for the purpose of uniting on a plan to secure election of United States senators by the people. and Labor shows that the commerce

Witte 1# preparing a plan to sell land to peasanst.

Roosevelt denies that he is acting as dictator to congress.

The pope has advised French Catholics to give in to the state.

Colonel Colton reports that perce has been restored in Santo Domingo.

000.

Twenty-seven bodies have been re covered from the wreck of the Valencia.

Seattle people are indignant over the more rigid inquiry.

Great Britain may institute radical reforms in her army to please Japan.

A cold wave has struck the eastern portion of the United States. In places the temperature dropped 40 degrees in 24 hours.

The American Smelting trust is buying control in the large copper companies and it is believed a huge trust is being formed

The United Mineworkers of America affect 600,000 men and cut off the fuel tonnage of her navy to 400,000 tons for 138.76. The money has all Seen turn-

members will be the principal witness \$8 per capita of the population, is son or not. taken out of the territory, which the

PUBLIC WORKS IN HAWAII.

toms Money Be Used There.

and internal revenue collected in the

Italy Has Forest Fire.

covers 12 square miles. Several hun-

dred workmen are endeavoring to save

the signal posts along the track and

Ewen Swap with Italy.

Order for Coal Strike.

Japan to Increase Navy.

in gold to San Francisco.

members of the delegation say consti-New Sawmills for Linn. Albany - Two sawmitls are looking The members of the delegation include for locations in this city, and it is ex-

W. O. Smith, attorney general of the pected both will establish here before island before the annexation; George the end of the coming summer. One W. Smith, president of the board of is the mill at Lyons, east of this city, supervisors of Oahu county, in which in the Cascade mountains. It is the Honolulu is situated; Mark B. Robin- property of N. H. Wheeler. The other placed against him. It is said that he son, J. R. Galt, E. A. McQuerny, D. is a saw and planing mill of large ca-H. Case and A. B. Loebenstein, W. O. pacity now located at another point in Smith, the chairman of the commis- this state. The mill will employ sion, in speaking of the visit of the about 100 hands, and, if it comes here, delegation, tonight, said:

will require at least 15 acres for a site. "We ask nothing for the exclusive The owners are not ready to have their benefit of Hawai'. We are here to ask names made public. that 75 per cent of the customs duties

> Klamath Horses Sell High. Merrill-J. Frank Adams has just

territory for the next twenty years be expended on public works. We do not sold 100 head of horses to Charles ask a dollar for our own current ex- Stewart, of San Francisco, for prices penses. The only benefit the people of ranging from \$100 to \$150 each. Roosevelt to bar wine from her wed- the islands will reap will be that the Stewart purchased the horses to take money spent for wages on the proposed to San Francisco and perhaps a large public works will be kept in circulation portion of them will go to Honolulu or in the islands instead of being shipped be transorted for service in the United

States army. Sixty head of the animals brought \$100 each and 40 head

were sold at \$150 each. They averaged from 1,250 to 1,500 pounds each, and Milan, Feb. 6 .- A forest fire that some of them were only halter broken. started three days ago on the St. Gothard railroad is still burning, and now

This is considered a good price. Road Taps Mining District. Baker City-A special from Sampter peasants are working to preserve their says it is assured that the Sumpter may make a stricter ruling on issuing of factories and a chapel have been of Bourne will be built this spring. homes from destruction. A number Electric railroad to the mining camp destroyed. The big electric station at W. E. Hurd, of Portland, and Anthon

Ancasca, near Dommodisila is sur- Mohr, of Sumpter, are in the East, in rounded by fire, and several towns are the interest of the new road, which is box; choice, \$1.2@1.50; fancy, \$2@3; without light, and many factories have planned to handle ores more cheaply. shut down for want of motive power. They say the road is practically financed. It will be an electric line about

Washington, Feb. 6 .- A statement tst mining camps in the Northwest. repared by the secretary of Commerce

Range Horses Die by Score. between Italy and the United States in Baker City-It is reported here from the fiscal year 1905 aggregated \$77,- the ranges of Baker county that scores 500,000, almost equally divided be- of horses, turned out by their owners tween imports and exports. Exports to feed themselves during the winter from the United States to Itay the last months, have starved to death, while fiscal year were valued at \$38,740,607. many others are in a most pitiable con-Imports from Italy in the same year dition. This is caused by the unusualwere valued at \$38,628,579. In 30 ly deep snows, which prevent the aniyears our trade with Italy has aggregat- male from reaching the dried grasses of

ed considerably more than \$1,000,000,- the ranges, on which they usually depend for their winter substenance.

Buying Heavy Draft Horses.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6. - It was inti-John Day - J. D. Combs. a local mated at the national headquarters of buyer, has been picking up a wood Valencia investigation and demand a the United Mineworkers of America to many horses during the past week for day that before the adjournment of the the Willamette valley trade. He pur- keys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, graph system of Alaska on condition Secretary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson will horses, the fine team owned by Senator | ducks, 16@18c. be instructed to prepare a formal strike Laycock, paying therefor the sum of order, effective April 1, in order to \$350. This team is generally thought avoid the necessity of reassembling the to be the best in Grant county, and 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

board after the adjournment of the will probably be sold in Portland. present session. No meeting of the Prices generally are good. board was held today.

Money from State Land. Salem-The State Land board has re-Tokio, Feb. 6. - At a meeting of the ceived from the sale of public lands and steers, 4@5c.

sectional budget committee today dele- interest, on behalf of the public school, have devided to call a strike in every gates representing the government said the Agricultural college and the uni-

ed into the state treasury.

ice plant, where cold storage will be that may be found floating.

convenient, thereby avoiding the expense and delay of building. Mr. Robinson already owns several plants in Oregon.

Use Sagebrush Fuel.

Salem - W. E. Burke, of Harney county, representing the Portland Land company, was before the State Land board at its last meeting arranging to perfect proof of reclamation for about 9,000 acres, under the Carey act, in a general and heavy snowfall. The Harney county, near Burns. This com- wind has blown a gale all day and pany will obtain water from wells by pumping, using sagebrush for fuel to generate the steam power.

For Experiment Station.

Echo-The United States government has decided to establish an experiment station of 40 acres on the East Umatilla irrigation project. Land will be set apart for this purpose.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat- Club, 693 @7016c; bluestem, 703 @72c; red, 67@68c; valley, 73c.

Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$28; gray, 227

Barley - Feed, \$23@23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24; rolled, \$24@25.

Buckwheat-\$2.25 per cental. Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14; valley timothy. \$9@10; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$7@8; grain hay, \$7@8 per ton. Fruits-App'es, common, 75c@\$1 per

pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13@13.50 per barrel.

Vegetables - Cabbage, 2@21/c per een miles long, serving one of the rich- pound, cauliflower, \$1.85 per crate: celery, \$3.50 per crate; pumpkins, % @1c per pound; spronts, 616@7c per pound; squash, 1% @1%c per pound; parsley, 25c; turnips, 90cd \$1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c @\$1 per sack.

Onions-Oregon, No. 1, \$1.10@1.25 per sack; No. 2, 70:@\$1. Potatoes — Fancy graded Burbanks, 60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal sweet potatoes, 2@214c per pound. Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 % @30c per pound. Eggs - Oregon ranch, 23@24c per

ozen.

Poultry-Average old hens, 11@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 10@101/c; broilers, 15@17c; young roosters, 10c; old roosters, 8@9c: dressed chickens, live, 9@10c; geese, dressed, 12@14c; Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice 10@116

per pound; prime, 85 @9c; medium,

Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c per pound; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef - Dressed bulls, 2@216c per round; cows, 3% @ 43gc; country

Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 8@8%c per

Pork-Dressed, 6@7%c per pound. assigned for establishment.

Both the revenue cutters against the giving or accepting of railmake all arrangements for the plant. Perry and Grant will remain cruising way passes or franks by senators, connear the wreck in search of other bodies

BLIZZARD SWEEPS DAKOTAS.

Mercury Falls 65 Degrees in 24 Hours-Railroads Blockaded.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 5 .--- One of the most severe blizzards of the winter six months nor more than one year, or is raging in this state. While there both.

has been only a slight snowfall here, Friday, February 2. Washington, Feb. 2 .- Oratory on the railroad rate bill held the attention of

night, and no trains have arrived from the house for six hours today. The the west since morning. At midnight speeches of Burton, Ohio, McCall, Mass., and Ressell, Tex., were features.

the storm was unabated, and it promises to tie up railroad traffic badly. while Thomas, N. C., Burke, S. D., and Goulden, N. Y., took up particular and specific topics.

Deadwood, S. D., Feb. 5. - A high Before proceeding to consideration of wind and driving snow all day has the rate bill the house passed a bill exbroken the summer weather here, the tending the public land laws to a tract mercury falling 65 degrees in the last of land ten miles square in Wyoming 24 hours. Tonight the thermometer ceded to the government in 1897 by the registers 10 below zero.

Many Burned in Mine.

Genesee, N. Y., Feb. 5. - Fifty men were burned, many of them seriously, in a fire at the Sterling company's mine, near Schuyler today. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the sandhouse near the surface. The men were coming up the shaft at the close of today's work when the gas was ignited by one of their lamps. A blinding explosion followed, The men were all brought to the sur-

Baltic-Black Sea Canal.

plan is seriously thought of in some liable to be dismissed at any time. Izutlan contention. quarters and a committee was estab-

lished today and authorized to examine and make a report on the matter, though, owing to the financial situation, there is no prospect of immediate

Will Not Sell Telegraph.

Washington, Feb. 5 .- The secretary of war has turned down aproposal made by the local telephone company of Nome that it shall operate the same and transmit government business free of cost for the next 25 years. The department is not ready to dispose of the government telegraph system, but when it decides to take this step, will not sell it for less than its actual value.

Many New Rural Routes.

the report of Fourth Assistant Post- Mr. Jones also secured an order from interior to sell water rights in such master General De Graw, 271 rural de- the Agricultural department for the towns for municipal and domestic purpound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@ livery routes were established during drainage of 30,000 acres of swamp land poses, such water rights to be bought January. Of the 3,468 applications in Stevens county. The land, when and controlled by the towns. The bill for routes now pending, 22 have been drained, will be valuable agricultur- also authorizes the sale of water in

Washington, Jan. 31 .- In the senate gressmen and judges. He proposes a today Patterson strongly endorsed the fine of not less than \$1,000, or impris- position of the president in Santo Doonment for not less than one year, or mingo and in the matter of the Moroeboth, and disqualification from ever can conference. He said that he was again holding public office. The agent sorry to differ from his Democratic color official of the company giving the leagues, but that he felt it Lis duty to pass or frank, upon conviction, is to be do so in these matters. He also exfined not less than \$100, nor more than pressed absolute confidence in the pa-

\$1,000, or imprisoned for not less than triotism of the president and in his good faith in announcing his determination not again to be a candidate for the presidency. The remainder of the session was devoted to a debate on the

shipping bill.

New Naturalization Bill. Washington, Feb. 6. - The house committee on immigration and natural-

ization practically agreed today on the Howeil naturalization bill in a slightly amended form. As the bill stands now, it requires

applicants to file their application for final citizen hip papers 90 days before the hearing; provides that the court order shall not issue until 30 days after the hearing and allows appeals from court orders.

Washington, Feb. 2 .-- There was for moment today a prospect that the statehood bid would receive its first

Washington, Feb. 1 .- The monthly formal reading in that body, always the statement of the public debt issued toinitial step in the consideration of any day shows that the debt less cash in measure reported from a committee. the ireasury amounts to \$991,524,646, The senate took up the calendar imme- which is a decrease for the month of diately after disposing of the routine \$3,345,072.

Wallace Before Committee.

Shoshone and Arapahoe Indians.

Call on Venezuela to Pay. Washington, Feb. 6 .- John F. Wal-Washington, Feb. 5 .- W. J. Calhoun, lace was before the senate inter-oceanic the president's special commissioner in face by rescue parties. The most seri- canal committee today and made a the asphalt controversy with Venezuela, ously injured include Manager John B. statement regarding the severance of has arrived in Washington, and today his relations with the Canal commis- called at the State department to consion. In it he spoke of the violent at- sult with Secretary Root in relation to tack of Secretary Taft and Mr Crom- the presentation of facts in his official St. Petersburg, Feb. 5. - An Ameri- well, the only basis of which was, he report. The decision of the president can named Wendell Jackson has a pro- said, a difference of opinion between again to demand of the Venezuelan ject for linking the Duna and Dnieper himself and Taft and Cromwell as to government a settlement of at least a rivers by a canal near Vitebak and his right to decide when he thought part of the asphalt company's claims, forming an international waterway from the welfare of the enterprise and his it is said, marks the refusal of the the Baltic sea to the Black sea. The own justified his resignation. He was State department to accept the Vene-

Taft's Plea for Philippines.

Would Drain Swamp Land. Washington, Feb. 6 .- Secretary of Washington, Feb. 5 .- The senate ir-War Taft today was heard before the rigation committee today favorably resenate committee on Philippines in further action being taken in the mat- favor of the Philippine tariff bill. The gating \$1,000,000 from the reclamation obligations of the United States to the fund for use in draining swamp lands islands provided the theme for an earn- in North Dakota. The bill is a slap at est appeal made with an emphasis that the national irrigation law, and, if he has not ordinarily exhibited in ad- passed, would go far to hamper the dressing committees of congress. The work of irrigating arid lands. It is islands are being used for the purpose stated that today's action was taken of improving business in the United out of compliment to Mr. Hansbrough, States, he declared, and he asked where it being generally understood that the was the justice a guardian should show, bill will not be passed by either branch

Jones Wants Experimental Farms.

Washington, Feb. 6. - Representative Jones introduced a bill appropri-Washington, Feb. 5. - According to adapted to various parts of the state. tracts and requiring the secretary of the

of congress.

Washington, Feb. 5 .- The senate irrigation committee today ordered a ating \$120,000 to establish and main- favorable report on Senator Heyburn's tain experimental farms in Washington bill providing for the segregation of 160 to determine the kind of crops best acre townsites on government irrigation towns for power pubposes.

Townsites on Irrigated Land.