# HILLSBORO ..... OREGON **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

to a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

Many Russian reds are being arrested. King Oscar is in a very critical con-

Rockefeller has given \$3,000,000 to

the Chicago university.

The death list in the Terra Cotta wreck is increased to 53. Governor-elect Warner, of Michigan,

is too ill to be inaugurated. Railroads will start a campaign

against reciprocal demurrage

The negro soldier question is likely

Hearst has renewed the constest for the New York mayoraltzy against Mc-Cielian.

The Interstate Commerce commission is preparing a sensational report on rallroad wrocks. Fire among New York tenements

Statistics show that there were the same number of legal hangings in this country during 1906 as in 1905.

a: least three lives were lost.

court in an attempt to obtain cars.

Firemen on the Harriman lines have unless their demands are complied

Great Britain wants Gongo annexed

Business throughout the United States for 1906 broke all former records.

Wholesale fraud has been discovered and members of the house. in the management of an Alabama rail-Dowieites denounce Voliva, the gen-

eral overseer of Zion City, as being the One person was killed and many in-

jured by a runaway electric car at Cin-A San Francisco Japanese paper ad-

vocates the assassination of President Roosevelt and the mikado. Every blue law remaining on the

statute books of Massachusetts is being enforced by the Boston police commis-

Five tramps were killed in a freight wreck on the S. P. near Truckee, Cal.

tyrdom in the cause of the church and

The Russian government has suppressed General Kuropatkin's book on the recent war with Japan.

The governor of Akmolinsk province,

Russin, has been assassinated. Eastern college professors say they find the majority of athletes do not

study enough Another murdre by a negro soldier at El Reno, Okla., has stirred up the citi-

zens of that town. The Iowa State Teachers' convention adopted resolutions favoring simplification of English spelling.

All nations represented at the Algeciras convnetion regarding Morocan re forms have ratified the treaty.

# PORTLAND MARKETS.

Domestic Fruits-Apples, common to choice, 50@75c per box; choice to fancy, \$1@2.50; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$11.50@12 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables — Turnips, 90c@\$1 per snck; carrots, 90c@\$1 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 9@ 10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 216@ 2½ c per pound; cabbage, 1%@2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.75@4.25 per crate; lettuce, head, 30e per dozen; onions, 10@1216c per dozen; bell peppers, 8c; pump kins, 2c per pound; squash, 2c per

pound. Onions-75cm \$1 per hundred. Potatoes - Oregon Burbanks, fancy \$1601.25; common, 75685c. Wheat - Club, 65@66c; bluestem,

68c; valley, 66c; red, 63c. Onts — No. 1 white, \$25@26; gray, \$24.50@25.

Barley - Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$22.50; rolled, \$23@24. Rye-\$1.40@1.45 per cwt.

Corn-Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27 per Hay-Timothy, No. 1, \$13@14 per

ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@16; clover, \$8@8.50; cheat, \$7.50@8.50; grain hay, \$7.50@8.50; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$8668.50. Butter-Fancy creamery, 3216@35c

Butter Fat-First grade cream, 33 14c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound. Eggs - Oregon ranch, 30@32c per dozen.

per pound; mixed chickens, 126613c; lyzed. Many of the lines are entirely spring, 14@15e; old roosters, 9@10e; dressed chickens, 14 @ 15c; turkeys, and Borrisov say these towns are literlive, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 206622c; geese, live, 126613c; ducks, suspended. Seven persons have perish-

Venl-Dressed, 516@816c per pound. fleef - Dressed bulls, 1 66 2c per pound; cows, 4@5c; country steers,

Mutton - Dressed, fancy, 8609c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c.

Pork-Desset, 6608c per pound.

to auality. Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, 130018c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@23c, according to fine-

ness; mohair, choice, 26@28c.

### ARMS SHIPPED TO CUBA.

Secretly Smuggled and Troops Are Now Searching for Them.

Havana, Jan. 2. - A statement i and machine guns represented to have een landed in Pinar del Rio provinc and hidden in the woods near Mariel, ave been as secretly taken away. The recent movement of troops and police which was considered mysterious in the ight of Governor Magoon's statemen that there was no fear of an uprising in Cuba, is explained by this announ ment, as it is known that the movement was in the nature of a search for these arms. The possibility of a clash between Cubans and American troops s considered remote, as their relations are good. The natives, however, are

plotting against one another. Just who is responsible for the shipment of the arms into Cuba is not known. One theory is that the arms were purchased by the former liberal unta in New York and shipped too It is feared that the arms are now in the possession of the negroes in the province. There are indications that it is going to be difficult to repress disorder by the growing bands of negroes, barns, robbing estates and stealing cattle.

#### FAVORS RAISING SALARIES.

#### Senate Committee May Restore the Amendment Rejected by House.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- The sub com mittee of the senate committee on apropriations, which, for the last week has been considering the legislative, caused a great panic and it is believed executive and judicial appropriation creasing the salaries of senators and about 12.3 per cent resigned during repesentatives, and now it seems prob- the year. Of 23,000 letter carries atable that the sub committee will recom An Illinois coal company has carried mend an advance of 50 per cent on con- 2.6 per cent voluntarily left the service. a suit to the United States Federal gressional salaries. The sub-committee is practically unanimous in the opin- ing for both cleks and carries six grades ion that such an increase should be of compensation, the annual salary to made, but there is a general feeling be \$600 for the initial grade, \$800 for Proposals are also asked on the machingiven an ultimatum and all will go out that the house should have inserted the the second grade and for the four sucprovision.

It also looks as if the committee would recommend that the provisions for the advancement of clerks and carfor increasing the salaries of the vice riers in first class offices from \$600 inipresident, speaker and cabinet officers tial grade to \$800 after one year's ser- Panama and a third design of this deshould be eliminated unless a corresponding increase is secured for senators to \$1,000 after three years' service and

Many members of the committee think the senate should be given an opportunity to pass on the subject, and two years' service. will advocate the incorporation of an amendment in the bill by the committee covering the entire subject.

#### RAILROAD IS NOT LIABLE.

#### Employers' Liability Act Declared Con trary to Constitution.

Louisville, Jan. 2. - Judge Walter Evans, in the Federal court today, declared the employers' liability act unconstitutional. The decision was given n the case of the administratrix of N C. Brooks vs. the Southern Pacific railway, and is believed to be the first handed down in connection with this

The alleged cause of action occurred urges French clergy to resist the state.

The Columbia jetty is almost cerand suit was brought under this act for tain to get \$1,000,000 from the present \$25,000 damages and an amount sufficongress and the Celilo canal \$200,000 cient to cover the cost of expenses incicash and authority for as much more. dent to death. The court holds that the act in effect would regulate commerce within the state as well as interstate commerce and is therefore unconstitutional. The demurrer of the Southern Pacific railroad to action for lamages is sustained.

# Livestock Convention Called.

Denver, Jan. 2 .- A call has been is ued to all live stock associations, live stock producers and members to attend the tenth annual convention of the American National Livestock association, to be held at the Broadway theater, Denver, January 22 and 23, 1907. Many important questions are to be considered, among them inferior railroad service, from which shippers have suffered so disastrously and for which the association has already taken vigorous steps to relieve. The subjects of forest reserves and grazing lands are also to be considered.

# Ask Protectorate for Cuba.

Havana, Jan. 2.-It is reported that petition for an American protectorate is ready to be sent to Washington from Remedios, the wealthiest district in Cuba, signed by 200 native Cubans. Another petition from Cienfuegos is soon to follow, signed by several hundred property owners. In other parts of the island, it is stated, similar petitions are in course of preparation. A weekly newspaper advocating a protectorate, as a means of settling the Cuban situation, will probably be is

# Wanted to See Train Wrecked.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 2 .- Roy Swartsager, the young telegraph operator who was arrested yesterday following the wrecking of an Oregon Short Line train at Peterson, Utah, which caused the death of Engineer McFeeley, and serious injury of two other trainmen, has confessed that he alone caused the wreck. The youth, who is a son of the station agent at Peterson, admits that he was prompted to the deed by a desire to see the long freight train plunge into the river below. Five farmers arrested yesterday have been released.

# Great Storm Strikes Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2. - The storm that passed over Great Britain at Christmas time has reached Western Russia, where falls of snow are report-Poultry-Average old hens, 13@14c ed and milrond communication is parainterrupted. Dispatches from Orsha ally buried in drifts, and all business is ed in the snow at Mohiley. The snowstorm continues.

# New Laws Begin With New Year.

Washington, Jan. 2. - Yesterday proved. marked the beginning of the life of several legislative acts of congress. Among them are the free alcohol law; the pure Hops-11@14c per pound, according foot law, the anti pass section for the ed many important donations to help the Chinese famine sufferers may be interstate commerce law, the modifica him in the difficulties with France. sent. These are the Buford and the ple are elated over pres reports that tion of the navigation laws, to simplify They include \$400,000 from Emperor Warren, coth at San Francisco. Secregists in the District of Columbia.

# OFFER HIGHER PAY

ade here that several thousand rifles Secretary Hitchcock Proposes a Plan to Keep Employes.

# GOVERNMENT SALARIES TOO LOW

Scores of Postal Clerks Resign and Efficiency of Service Will Be Jeopardized.

Washington, Dec. 31. - Failure at this time to increase materially the compensation of postoffice employes, thus keeping pace with the advancing wages in other lines of employment, will seriously jeopardize the efficiency late to be used in the last movement. of the service. This statement was taken from the annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, made public today. The need of new legislation to make the postal service under the circumstances more atwho are burning corn fields and tobucco tractive in order to retain present employes and as an incentive for good men to enter the service is treated extensively by Mr. Hitchcock, who present a olan for the consideration of congress. Resignations from the service have ncreased at an alarming rate and the tandard of men going into the service has greatly deteriorated in the last fis-Mr. Hitchcock's report cal year. shows that in the first and second class offices there were approximately 20,000 clerks in the grades ranging from \$600

> Mr. Hitchcock recommends establish ceeding grades \$900, \$1,000, 1,100 and \$1,200 respectively, and providing vice, to \$900 after two years' service, for the advancement of clerks and carriers in second class offices to \$800 after one year's service and to \$900 after about the same. The commission also

#### FOG CAUSES WRECK.

#### Thirty-five Killed and Many Injured in Suburb of Washington.

Washington, Dec. 31.-An appalling disaster resulting in the death of about 35 persons and injuries, as far as car be learned, to about 50 persons, occurred about 6:30 o'clock last night on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Terra Cotta, a suburb of Washington. Frederick City, Md., local No. 66, on the point of pulling out from the station, was run into by a train made up entirely of eight empty coaches bound

from the West for Washington. The engineer could not see the block on account of the heavy fog and plunged ahead on his mission of death dense fog and drizzling rain prevailed during the day and the night and to another was in the block is attributed the accident. The grade at the place where the accident occurred is down-

ward and the tracks were slippery. The wrecked train was composed of an engine, smoking car and two day coaches. The two rear coaches were reduced to kindling wood, and the rear of the smoker was telescoped. So great was the impact that the local train was scattered along the track for a considerable distance. Fortunately the wreck-

age did not take fire. Traffic was delayed by the accident, and it was after midnight before the bodies of the dead could be brought to the city. There was an entire absence of any attempts at theft. As soon as possible the bodies were covered and laid aside to await the coming of the train sent from the city.

From the appearance of the bodies it s believed that nearly all of the victims were killed outright or died within a few minutes - after the accident

# Report Filed on Townsite Fraud.

William Dudley Foulke, sent to the In- ed and 70 wounded. Of the dead, two been received by Secretary Hitchcock ten were whites and 60 negroes. As a cers of the Interior department. Its citizens have been driven away. Conpublication will not be made for some cluding, the report says: "As a numweeks, if at all. It covers but one feat- ber took part in each assault it is clear and until other reports bearing upon would-be murderes are at large." similar matters are received by the ecretary nothing will be given out in relation to the subject.

Russia Delays Fixing Date. London, Dec. 31. - For some time ernorship, and has sent his harem to Great Britain has been trying to induce the mountains under the protection of Russia to fix a date for the next Hague a detachment of Kabyles, and is preparpeace conference, but thus far without ing to meet the forces of War Minister success. It has been urged that May Gabbas at Zinat. The war minister ever, the delegates will not be announced until something is heard from Russia.

Want Japan to Show Spite. from Yokahoma, that considerable opas saying the proposed outlay of \$400,-000 to send the fleet must not be ap-

# Give Pope Money to Fight France.

Rome, Dec. 31-The pope has receive two transports in which supplies for

# EUROP CRIPPLED.

Lives Lorby Storm London, Dec. . It has been many cars since Coun Europe generally has suffered so welly from an Arctic visitation as it has his week. From France, Belgium, Suitzerland, Germany and many and Australiangary the same tale is repeated of myy snow storms viicular, telegraphic interruption of anication, bnorlint ban

life and general dismfort. While Great While as a rule escape winter weather by has suffered this year to an almost specedented degree. According to spits tonight from northern points is storm is growing worse. worse. The heavy newstorms which began several dasago still continue. and by violent gales They are accomnder storms in some and even thu places, and have solted in a serious at sar Arborath, Scotrailroad actide land, in which abox 50 persons were

killed or suffered scons injury. Railroad traffic athe north of England and especially sotland is becomlike Edinburgh, Padee and Perth are almost isolated. The telegraphic serviecs are disorganish and would be completely useless but for the extension in recent years of the underground wires. The snowsterms continue with equal severity in Sathern Wales and in Ireland

### DREDGES TODIG CANAL.

### Commission Calls for Blds for Two With Pipe Lines.

Washington, Dec. 29 .- Revised spe Isthmian Canal commission for two and Cristobal. Fader the original specifications bids were asked for on tached to these offices, 601 or about hese dredges delivered in this country. The new specification ask for proposals delivered ready for work in Panama, one on the Pacific side of the isthmus and the other on the Atlantic side. ery knocked down in Panama.

These dredges are required for harbor work, as well as for dredging at the ends of the canal. The commission now has two dipper designs at work in scription is now building. The cost of \$102,500, and it is believed that the cost of the pipeline dredges will be has two sen-going dredges building near Baltimore. Each of these is 300 feet long and is capable of going to sea under its own steam at a speed of eight or ter knots an hour. One of these will be used on the Pacific side of the zone and the other on the Atlantic.

# HILL WILL RETIRE.

#### His Son to Assume Active Control of Great Northern.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29 .- President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, the empire builder of the Northwest, will retire from the active management of his mammoth enterprises July 1, 1907. The announce ment is credited to Mr. Hill himself in a conference held with Twin City busi-

Mr. Hill's successor will be Louis W. Hill, vice president of the Great Northyears. L. W. Hill possesses to a cor siderable extent the remarkable genius of his father, as has been demonstrated on more than one occasion. He has also been carefully trained iin the ways of his parent, and besides possessing natural ability, is thoroughly posted as

to the Hill methods and policies. Rumors have been current at the be ginning of the past few years that Mr. Hill would retire, but the magnate has kept as hard at work as ever. Despite his 67 years he is as strong intellectually as 20 years ago, but he feels that the is entitled to a rest from his hard labors. In a public speech delivered some time ago he said that he was preparing to lift some of the burdens from his back. He said he hoped that he would devote considerable time to reading, a pleasure which he has not been able to pursue as much as he would

# Severe With Race Rioters.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29 .- The citizens committee appointed after the September riots made its report today. Washington, Dec. 31 .- The report of report shows that 12 persons were kill-

# Raisuli Prepares for War.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 29.-According to the best information obtainable, Railsuli has refused to resign his gov

# Hurrying Settlers to Siberia.

vantage of the increasing famine in for second place. Russia, the government is trying to Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31. - Advices stimulate immigration to Sibera on a were received today by steamer Tencer, scale hitherto never attained. Minister against the proposed visit of a Japanese 200,000 homestead lots ready for setis eager to strengthen its hold.

> Washington, Dec. 29. - Quarter- Shisskoff estimates that abour 30,000,master General Humphrey has notified | 000 peasants will need assistance. Secretary Taft that he has available

# FEAR INSURRECTION

# New Elections in Cubb May Not Settle Troubles.

# WHAT MAY MEAN ANNEXATION

Further Intervention Would Bring On Inevitable-Annexation Wanted by Few People.

Washington, Dec. 29. - Occasional umbling or rumors of little sideshow insurrections popping up in certain provinces of Cuba are tending to keep the United States from forgetting the problem it has to deal with down there. There are some angles in this problem that have received little attention as far as the public is concerned, but which have occupied and are now occupying much attention on the part of high government officials and administration advisers among the members of con-

It is a fact not generally known that our government entertains grave fears regarding what may happen following the Cuban elections in January. A great many have believed that intervention by the United States will have accomplished its purpose as soon as a cifications have been prepared by the withdraw after inaugurating this new government with tranquility estabbill, has considered the question of in- to \$1,000 and of these clerks 2,340 or pipeline dredges to bessed at La Boca lished. That is the rosy view of the situation, and everything would be lovely if our high officials were sure it

would work out just that way. But they are not sure. President Roosevelt, it is understood, has grave doubts about the effect of the coming election on the defeated party.

If we be forced to do any more intervening there will be an effort by a certain element to force annexation, which some of our ablest statesmen insist is something that comparatively few peo ple in this country want. The admin istration recognizes the embarassing situation that may confront it and, after these dredges varies from \$100,000 and President Roosevelt's warning to Cubans to "be good" in the future or take what course shall be pursued if the Cubans don't stay good.

### WILL CONFER ON JAPANESE.

#### Bonaparte to Consult Devlin on San Francisco Case.

Washington, Dec. 29 .- United States San Francisco, who was called to Washfor a conference regarding the exclusion for hauling the same tonnage. schools of San Francisco, arrived last statistics to show that the government,

general. "Two weeks ago I had a conference with the San Francisco board of educa- ernment is an expert traffic manager, ion, at the request of Attorney General said W. D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher. Moody," he said, "when a statement of "It then would get as good rates as the the inability of the engineer of the rear train to see the signal showing that the charge of the road for the past three train to see the signal showing that know officially that I am here to discuss the Japanese question."

# STOCK TOO LONG ON JOURNEY

# Railroads Will Be Prosecuted Under

Thirty-six-Hour Law. Washington, Dec. 29. - Secretary Wilson, of the department of Agriculture, today transmitted to the department of Justice the nine additional cases of alleged violation of what is popularly known as the "36-hour law." which provides that railroad companies shall not detain stock on cars for a longer period than 28 hours without food and water, except with the consent of the owner of the stock, and then no

longer than 36 hours. The cases were one each against the Great Northern, the Oregon Short Line, the Southern Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and three against the Santa Fe.

# Pay Canal Workers on Holidays.

dian Territory by President Roosevelt were whites and ten colored; two were Shonts, of the Isthmian commission, to report on the townsite fraud, has females and ten males. Of the wounded announced today that the commission and by him turned over to the law offi- result of the riots, the report says, good isthmus whose compensation is fixed on an hourly basis, for January 1, February 22, May 30, July 4, Labor Day, ure of affairs in the Indian Territory, that several hundred murderers or The compensation for these employes day. This will grant pay for the holiployed on the canal zone, who number for getting mail to Fairbanks, about 3,000.

Greatest Year Since 1888. Chicago, Dec. 29. - More miles of railroad were constructed in the United would be the most convenient month, entered the city in state today and went according to the Railway Age. Since there was nothing to be given out relabut although this suggestion was made to the grand mosque, where he solmen- January 1 last, 6,067 miles of track tive to the strike on the Southern Paearly in the fall, no reply has been re- ly read a letter from the sultan dis- have been laid on 388 lines in 44 states cific other than Grand Master John J. ceived. The British delegates probably missing Raisuli from his governor- and territories, making the country's Hanrahan would probably leave before cific officials say they are moving all will include a cabinet minister in adship for causing injury to the countotal milway mileage 223,319. The
the latter part of the week to take perthe trains, passenger and freight, they

# World's Charity Dries Up.

London, Dec. 29. - Nicholas Shissof Finance Kokorsoff has decided to koff, who was one of the trustees of the position is being developed as a result place \$3,000,000 at the disposal of the American famine fund of February, pionization office. This office has 1901, has sent to London, accompanied er, we have only \$500,000."

# Eager to See Roosevelt.

# WRECK ON INTER URBAN.

### Tacoma-Seattle Passenger and Work Trains Meet on Curve.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27. - Interurban train No. 3, bound from Seattle to Tacoma, and a work train consisting of a motor and five flatcars, collided headon in a cut about a mile east of Milton Wednesday morning. Two persons were killed, one probably fatally hurt, AMENDMENT WILL BE PROPOSED and 14 more or less badly hurt. The first coach of the interurban passenger

piled on top of it. There were about 20 passengers in the telescoped smoker, some of whom strangely escaped with only slight injuries. The car was entirely demolished, and some of the passengers were hurled 20 feet in the flying wreckage.

Train No. 3 from Scattle was late and had orders to sidetrack at Edge-Seattle, pass. 3 and hold it on the sidetrack until the work train cleared. He either failed peared and cannot be found.

No. 3 pulled out on the main track and light. as soon as No. 6 passed and being late, started down the grade at a good speed. curve that runs through a deep cut, it met the work train. The curve is so short that it was impossible for the lar to that which is in vogue in leading new government has been chosen by the Cuban people; that our forces would crews of either train to see the other European nations, and that the farmers until too late to stop.

over the platform of the first car of the count of the curve. To this fact alone passenger in the car.

### THEY ALL "CINCH" UNCLE SAM. Railroads Gst Three Prices for Car-

rying Mails.

Chicago, Dec. 28. - Statistics com piled by the representatives of the cohol for his own use. United Typothetae of America and the American Weekly Publishers' association, organizations which are vigorthe consequences, the question is just ously fighting the movement to increase the postage for second-class mail matter, show that the government is pay. The amendment is as follows: ing the railways three times as much on the average for the transportation of engaged in the distillation of alcohol pay the sailroads for like service.

On the basis of the postmaster genthat the government during the fiscal approved apparatus with suitable al-District Attorney Robert F. Devlin, of year ended June 30, 1907, will pay the cohol tanks attached, designed to be roads almost \$23,000,000 more than locked and sealed by an authorized ington by Attorney General Bonaparte the express companies would pay them government officer, the commissioner of of Japanese pupils from the public printers and publishers compile the the secretary of the Treasury, shall, night and will be at the department of for the purpose of reducing the annual Justice today. Mr. Devlin refused to postoffice deficit, rather should reduce discuss his mission, declaring that the its outlay for the transportation than ed, such distillation and denaturing to matter is in the hands of the attorney increase the rate for second-class mat- be under all the terms and conditions

"One of the chief needs of the gov President Shows That Frauds Are

# IT DENIES JURISDICTION.

# Against Government Suit.

oil monopoly, today filed a motion in made a year ago by the public land the United States Circuit court attack- commission. ing the jurisdiction of that court to bring in nonresident defendants by process, and petitioning the court to vacate

Sanborn November 15. All of the defendants join in the motion except the Waters-Pierce Oil company, which is a resident of the eastern trict of Missouri. Henry S. Priest filed are as largely due to the impractical the motion as counsel for all the par- timber and stone act. ties. Accompanying it was the affidavit of Charles T. White, assistant secretary of the Standard, who certifies that all the petitioners are non-resi-

# dents of this district.

No News Since September. Washington, Dec. 28. - Complaint has been made to the Postoffice depart- offered to cotton pickers and that even ment that no newspaper or magazine at that price it is difficult to secure all mail has been delivered at Fairbanks, the labor necessary to pick the crops. Alaska, since September. This is due The crops in that district are reported to the fact that the mail contractor is to be good, and unusually heavy, but obliged to carry 800 pounds of mail on the lack of labor prevents the work of each bi-weekly trip from Valdez, and will be on the basis of an eight hour practically this entire amount is now made up of first-class, or letter mail. days to all the skilled mechanics em- The government pays \$1.45 per pound lower classes have to wait until there is a shortage of first-class matter.

# Hanrahan Will Take Charge.

Peoria, Dec. 28. - At the offices of States during the last year than have the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firebeen built during any year since 1888, men this morning, it was stated that stood here tonight that the Brotherlargest amount of railway building dur-ing the year was done in Texas, where rahan has left for Galesburg to be gone 701 miles of track were laid. Louisi- a few days, and it was stated that he St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Taking ad- ana and South Dakota are almost tied had left directions to say that he did not think the situation at this time called for any public statements.

Strike Broken at San Antonio. Southern Pacific officials say that the a new cont supply can be secured. Al-Brotherhood of Firemen's strike on this though the money loss is not great, the by an appeal for funds, an account of division of this system is broken, that present coal shortage over this entire fleet to the Jamestown exhibition and tlers. These lots are situated along the famine in Russia. "Fifteen years all freight and passenger trains are territory makes the loss rather a seri-United States ports. An influential the Amur river, where the government ago," said Mr. Shisskoff, "when the moving along with full crews, and that famine was less serious, we had \$4,- they have more firemen than they have 000,000. But now, when it is great- engines. A striking fireman was arrested here today for entering an engineer's cab at the Southern Pacific statoin. The order issued Monday not to receive freight has been rescinded.

# Pioneer of Alfalfa Growing

# TOO MUCH RED TAPE

# Present Free Alcohol Law Useless to Help Farmers.

#### was telescoped, and two of the flatcars Requirement as to Registration Makes It Impractical for Farmers to Have Stills.

Washington, Dec. 27.-For several years past there has been a very active novement in favor of the passage of a free alcohol law, which resulted last wood to let No. 6, the passenger for session in the enactment of a law re-The work train was moving the internal revenue tax on algiven orders at Milton to follow No. 6 cohol to be used for commercial purto Edgewood. C. R. Foss, a brakeman poscs. The demand for legislation of on the work train, was sent to Edge this charvacter came principally from wood on No. 6 with orders to flag No. farming communities, and was based upon the theory that if the tax were removed farmers would be able to manto place the flag or there was a misua- ufacture from their surplus grain, vegderstanding of orders. Foss disapetables and fruit sufficient alcohol to supply themselves with power, heat

Congress responded readily to the demand, and when the law known as Half a mile this side of Edgewood on a the free alcohol law was approved, the of the country would reap a great ad-The trains came together with a crash vantage. It has transpired, however, that was heard half a mile. The two that these advantages are not so wideforward cars of the work train went spread as was at first supposed. A close examination of the law shows passenger, striking it at an angle on acthat each distillery must be supplied count of the curve. To this fact alone with a distillery warehouse, from is due the escape from death of every which the alcohol may be withdrawn and deposited in a bonded warehouse, where by a rather tedious process it is denaturized and then relieved from tax. This would, of course, exclude what are known in Germany as agricultural and produce stills, where special apparatus is very generally in use which enables the small producer to manufacture al-

> In order to carry out the original intention of the law as understood throughout the country, Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota introduced an amendment to the free alcohol statute.

"That for the convenience of persons

mail matter as the express companies in quantities that would not justify the additional expense of a distillery warehouse or a bonded warehouse for eral's statistics, the publishers assert each establishment, and who employ The internal revenue, with the approval of under rules prescribed by him, arrange for the proper denaturing of any alcohol of the required proof so distillof this act applicable to such cases."

# FORCED ON CONGRESS.

Traceable to Bad Laws. Washington, Dec. 27. - President Roosevelt has made it necessary for congress materially to modify the pub-Standard Raises New Technical Point lie land laws before the close of the present session of congress. His spe-St. Louis, Dec. 28.—The Standard cial message sent in last week indicates Oil company of New Jersey and 60-odd the reforms most needed, and in the other corporations and individuals al. main his recommendations are likely lied with it, as defendants in the gov- to be carried out. They do not differ ernment's suit to break up the alleged materially from the recommendations

The president emphasized the fact that the obsolete or impractical land laws are largely responsible for the the order of service issued by Judge frauds that have been unearthed during the past year or two. The coal land frauds are due almost entirely to the impracticability of the existing law under which public coal land can be division of the Eastern Judicial dis. acquired. The extensive timber frauds

# Labor Scarce in Mexico Also.

Mexico City, Dec. 27 .- The scarcity of labor is bothering the railroads as well as other enterprises just at present. It is reported that in the Laguna district, adjacent to Torreon, labor is so scarce that as high as \$4 a day is securing the cotton in the usual time for that product.

# Imported Men Replace Strikers.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 27.- Many of the men who took the places of the striking firemen on the San Antonio division of the Southern Pacific railway have been induced by the strikers to stop work, and their places are being hood of Firemen is contemplating call-

# Precious Coal Pile Burned.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 27 -The coal house of the Northwestern milroad, with all coal on hand, was totally destroyed by fire started by the pherica Strike Broken at San Antonio.
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 28.—Local cripple operations for a few days until ous one and one that will be hard to replace.

# Too Slow in Unloading Cars.

Tokpeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Referring to the congested condition of the railroads at present, Mr. J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe, says:
"The car shortage is not to be charged enrollments and licenses, and a law Francisco Secretion of the manufacture of the manufac with reference to the licensing of drugwith reference to the licensing of druglicenses, and a law
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