WILLING TO BE GOOD

Railroads Hold Out Olive Branch to Commerce Commission.

ALL BIG ROADS OF ONE MIND

Death Knell to Illegal Practices Will Be Sounded at St Paul Meeting Within Few Days.

Chicago, Dec. 23 -The railroad interests of the entire country have decid ed to hold out the olive branch to the government and join hands with the Interstate Commerce commission to secure a rigid enforcement of law, To this end two moves have been begun, one embracing all the railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis, and the other taking in all railroads west of the same points.

The Eastern movement was begun several weeks ago, and the commission has been asked to meet a committee of railway men in a conference regarding the situation in the East. The Western movement is of more recent date and J. C. Stubbs, traffic mrager of the Harriman lines, is in charge of it. Yesterday Mr. Stubbs wired the Interstate Commerce commission asking for an early conference between that body and a committee representing every Western railroad, to discuss plans for a joins effort to prevent further violations of the laws governing transportation. It is expected a date will be set before the close of the year, and the conference is likely to take place in St. Paul next Friday, when the commission has a hearing in that city.

The railroads insist they are in earnest and toat, if the commission is in sympathy with the move, it means the death knell of the freight rebate, the Witte has been confirmed. A case has secret rate or "midnight tariff" of pref- just happened that proved the troth of erential rates, of arrangements with industrial railroads, of the payment of Meidgard, who organized massacree in the end of everything which comes by Witte for the hand he took in the nomination for state offices by assembly within the purview of the interstate work; he has now been appointed gov-

ALL RAILROAD BIDS REJECTED

Government Will Again Offer Concessions in Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 23 -All the bids for concessionary contracts or grants for the construction of railroads in the Philippine islands, recently submitted to the bureau of insular affairs, were today rejected because of the departures from the terms of the circular calling for proposals. Secretary Taft, after a number of conferences with Governor Wright and Mr Forbes, of the Philippine commission, and Colon a Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, today decided to re advertise the proposals, and January 20, at 10 a. m , has been fixed as the date for the opening of new bids. The terms will be modified in some

terms of the Philippine government railroads acts of 1902 and 1903. But where bidders wish to take advantage o, a guarantee of a certain interest on their investment, they can vary from the original invitation to hid only in point of time or on the cost of coustruction per mile as affected by contractors' profi s.

ALL RUSSIA PARALYZED

Empire Tied Up by General Strike and Food is Scarce.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23 .- With the strike in force throughout the entire empire, conditions are again becoming killed and several employes may have braries. more and more alarming. While it is lost their lives in a fire which decertain that the strike leaders are ab- stroyed the enamel sign factory of the solutely opposed to violence, it begins Charles M. Schonk company, 7 to 15 to look as though they would be unable Park street, tonight. Until the ruins to control the forces. Famine is the of the building have been searched, it one thing to be leared, inasmuch as tie will not be positively known whether supplies of food within the city have any of the employes were killed, either prices are beginning to advance and the loss on the building and contents is common people must certainly suffer.

French Stip on Voyage.

Paris, Dec. 23. - A cruiser detached from the French squadron at Salgon, French Indo-China, is now proceeding to Shanghai. The officials here say some further disturbances there and a this is a measure of precention, as no few casualties. The naval forces which French interests have as yet been dis- were landed from the warships and turbed. The recent disturbances oc- the volunteer guard of various nationcurred in the international concession, alities, however control the situation. which is separated from the French The Chinese authorities are also enconcession. from Pekin today says an imperial and at the hour of report the city was edict just issued, following energetic quiet. protests on the part of foreign ministers, promises to end the trouble.

Not a Wheel Turns in Moscow.

darkness and the theaters and clubs request of the prefect of police, who be-The employes of the municipality have abandoned their Batteries of machine guns are stationed are idle. The troops are confined to the city, and infantry and Cossacks are the barracks and every possible precaution for eventualities has been is stationed in the neighborhood of the The strikers' pickets are all Jewish market. over the city persuading or threatening those who are reluctant to join the strike for freedom.

Troops to Suppress Revolt.

correspondent of the Petit Parisien, in disappearing, the extermination of the government is preparing to sup- new case of yellow fever was reported association will be held in La Grande press the revolt along the Baltic.

GENERAL STRIKE.

Russian Leaders Openly Defy Government by Manifesto.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 -A call for a general political strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway union Explaination of Complicated Primary Southern Pacific Arranges New West and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow. A response received from the railroad men of Moslow is unanimous for a strike.

The leaders have declared their ability to stop every train in Russia. The strike order readers every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Manister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the Railway union and of the workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

The members of the St. Petersburg Council of Workmen had been notified by the General Railway union and the Moscow Council of Workmen that in principle they were ready for a strike, but that they besitated on practical grounds. The St. Petersburg leaders, owever, felt that their prestige would suffer severely unless they could answer the government's determined offensive with a counter stroke, while many who were committed to full revolution sevretly decided that the ground would be swept from under their feet should the government promulgate a law granting universal suffrage.

WITTE ONLY TITULAR RULER.

Governor Whom He Removed Gets Higher Office.

Boston, Dec. 20 .- A communication to Russian revolutionist branches in Boston Las been received by mail from Russia. It is issued by authority of the League of Leagues, and in part reads as follows:

Our suspicion of an inner and secret government superseding that of Count our assertions. The governor of Odessa, unlawful commissions, and, in short, that city and province, was dismissed commerce act or the Elkins amend- ernor of Nijai Novgorod. Count Witte, on being asked how he could give a new and even greater and higher appointment to such a notorious villain, replied that the appointment was made bly of electors, May 4. not only without his consent, but even Last day for filing nominating petinot only without his consent, but even without his knowledge.

The comunication relates that in several of the provinces the czar's manihave been prevented.

WRECKERS DRAW SPIKES.

Smash in Kansas Causes Two Deaths and Two Fatal Injuries.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 20.-Santa Fe train No 17, west bound, was wrecked at Badger creek, five miles west of Reading, at 3 o'clock this morning. One express car turned over and caught the road without guarantee they will fire. Express Messenger E. E. Derd in their bids only by the rick, of Kansas City, was killed outwreck. Two other express messengers were probably fatally injured. Two passengers in the smoker were slightly

It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spikes securing one rail had been removed. Three other passenger trains, including Superintendent Fox's special, had passed over the same tracks a short time before No. 17 was wrecked.

Walls Fall on Them.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- One fireman was last 30 days, and now that all the out- or by the falling of the walls and floors estimated at \$250,000.

More Rioting in Shanghai.

Washington, Dec. 20 .- The State department was informed by cable from Shanghai today that there had been

Only Guns Prevent Bloodshed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 .- A big loyalist demonstration had been planned Mosc w, Dec. 23. - The town is in for today, and was abandoned at the lieved that it might provoke bloodshed. Fifty thousand factory hands at several points of vantage throughout

Cuba Will Kill Off Mosquitoes. Havana, Dec. 20 .- President Palma has authorized an additional expendi- a railroad into the town. ture of \$200,000 for sanitary purposes Paris, Dec. 23. - The St. Petersburg in Havana. Although yellow fever is dispatch dated yesterday, says that mosquitoes will be continued. One ing of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers'

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.

System by Secretary Dunbar.

Salem-The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the occeedings leading up to the general election of state, district and county give that territory a daily freight in fine his service purely to administraofficers. One of the most difficult such direction instead of a trivership the most discussed the things to ascertain and remember is the dates upon which the various steps in the nomination and election of officers must be taken. In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the dates if he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods of computing time must be adopted.

The following list contains all the dates of interest to the voter and the candidate for offices as figured out by Secretary of State Dunbar:

Registration-Registration books opened by county

lerks Tuesday, January 2. Registration books closed for primary

retion April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 25.

Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m. Intative petitions-

Number of signers required to initiate

laws or amendments, 7,489. Last day for filing initiative petitions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures, February 5.

Direct primary election-County clerks give notice of primary slection not later than March 21. Last day for filing petitions for plac-

ing names on ballot for state, congressional and district officers, March 30. Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4.

Date of primary election, April 30. Canvassing votes of primary election for state offices, May 5. General election-

Last day for filing certificates of

Last day for filing nominating petions for state offices, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of

commation for county offices by assemtions for county offices, May 19.

General election, June 4. It should be explained that petitions festo of emancipation was withheld by for nominations for district offices, such order of the secret government. Had as circuit judge, district attorney, joint the manifesto been made public, the senator and joint representative must letter says, wholesale massacres would be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and not with county clerks.

ORGANIZE SCHOOL LIBRARIES

State Library Commission Passes an Important Resolution.

Salem - The State Library commission, composed of Governor Chamberlain, W. B. Ayers, President Campbell, of the State University; Miss Isom, State Superintendent of Schools Acker- tunnel. man, met in bi-monthy session last and Miss Marvin, the secretary, Topeks, was so badly injured that he died soon after being taken out of the with the work of the commission from in Unatilla county, 12 miles east of methods to be employed in the organ Farmers' bank of Weston, the Fletcher igation of local libraries.

> mentary readers and general encyclope- lumber. dias with money belonging to their library funds. Miss Marvin reports that several

cities in the state would soon employ trained librarians to look after their li-

Buys Chittim Trees.

Eugene-Realizing that the supply of chittim bark (Cascara Segrade) will be exhausted in this part of the state within a few years, Dr. L. W. Brown recently contracted for 1,000 spronts been heavily drawn upon during the in the explosion which started the fire of the chittim tree, which he will set \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@ out on his farm southwest of this city. put of the foodstuffs is at an end. w ich followed soon afterward. The The sprouts, when planted, grow very rapidly, and it will not be very many years until they are large enough peel the bark from. The last load of the young trees on the contract has he will plant them.

Weston Property Transfers.

82% acres of alfalfa and wheat land in @75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 per sack. the Walla Walla valley near the state line from R. O. Fitch for \$5,000. The place is located about two miles from An official dispatch from deavoring to suppress the disturbances the ranch recently purchased by Trajan sack: Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; Tucker. Mr. Fitch will go to Alberta. crates, \$2.15. Frank King, a prominent farmer formerly of Helix, has purchased the Weaver property in this city and will soon become a resident of Weston. He has dozen. been making extensive imrovements

Surveying Weed Road.

the arrival of Engineer D. D. Griffiths 21c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 15c. with a crew of a dozen railroad engineverywhebe. A specially heavy guard eers and surveyors and the announce- 11 1/c; prime, 8 1/4 @9 1/4c; medium, 8c; the military outbreak at Moscow is in ment went forth that they were the ad- olds. 5@7c. vance guard of the California Northeastern Railroad company, successor to the Weed Railroad company, which is choice, 30c per pound. to receive a honus of \$100,000 to build

Fruit Men Meet at La Grande. La Grande - The next annual meet-January 3-5.

SERVICE IMPROVED.

Side Time Card. Portland-Requests for better freight service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Corvallis have been fruitsupplementary timecard which will

tion of the new train, the St. Joseph-Lafayette cut-off is opened, and this means the eight and one-half miles of track between Lafayette and Whiteson, cial connection with the Clover Leaf on the Yambill division, will not be railroad, it must be severed immediused to any extent and may be abandoned entirely.

The principal advantage in the new passenger time schedule will be that any of the administration senators have residents of Bayton and Newberg can entered a denial of the declaration. ride into McMinnville, the county seat, and return home the same day, as the Shonts much advice regarding the contrains will be operated via Dayton and duct of affairs on the isthmus. It is

line between Lafayette and Whiteson, once for that place. and but two spurs, so it is figured no particular harm will result if that por- for the canal work, passed by the sention of the road is torn up. The deter- ate on Saturday, provides that mination of the Southern Pacific to within 90 days the secretary of the place a daily freight train on the route treasury must fornish estimates to the pleases shippers, both in Portland and senate and house appropriations comalong the West Side division. For mittees of all salaries paid those emsome time a strong effort has been ployed on canal work, except laborers made by the shippers of McMinnville, and unskilled workmen. This feature Dayton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro to of the bill was discussed with Secutors secure a better service, but this could Allison and Hale. not be satisfactorily arranged until the cut-off was completed, which cost \$43, 647.

Good Library at Asylum.

Salem-The lack of a supply of good books for the prisoners at the state penitentiary formed the subject of comment in the report of Secretary Cornelia Marvin to the Oregon Library commission. What is true of the prison is true also holiday recess for a thorough investigaof other state institutions, and Miss tion of the entire canal situation. He Marvin is leading a movement to pro- will be opposed by the Republicans, vide the state's charges with good read- but supported by the Democrats. Even ing matter. At the insane asylum a some of the Republicans favor an inlarge library was found, but it is used quiry, and Mr. Tillman threatens to by comparatively few patients. Miss cause much trouble unless matters are Marvin remarks upon the fact that the put on such a basis as to prevent just incane asylum has a large library of unusually good books without great use, while across the way, at the prison there is nothing to be used and a great

Weyerhauser Road for Lumber.

Klamath Falls-Following the definite announcement that the Klamath Lake railroad interests have been purchasel by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company it is announced that the Weyerhaeuser people do not contemplate building to this city, but will only aim to use the road as an outlet for the large timber interest they hold in this part of the country. They will remodel the roadbed, cutting out the switch-back in getting from the Klamath river librarian of the Portland library, and bottom to Pokegams, by driving a long

Bank Takes Over Sawmill.

company, which had become involved With regard to school libraries, the with the bank, retiring. W. H all school libraries to be submitted been in the sawmill business for 16 next June. A rule was adopted by the years on Weston mountain. Included commission prohibiting schools from with the property are 1,000 acres of purchasing dictionaries, sets of supple fine timber, which will be cut into and sugar. Hemp imports for the first

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 70@71c; bluestem, 72 @73c; red, 66@67c; valley, 72c per Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray,

\$26.50 per ton Barley-Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton

rewing. \$22.50@23; rolled, \$23@23.50.

Rye-\$1.50 per cental. Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14 50@15 50 per ton; valley timothy,

9 50; grain hay, \$8@9. Fruits-Apples, \$1@1.50 per box

pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box.

Vegetables - Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@114c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 45 been delivered and in the early spring @75c per dozen; encumbers, 50@e0. per dozen; peppere, fic per pound; pumpkins, % @le per pound; sprouts, 7c per pound; suash, 34 @lc per pound; Weston-J. B. Hart has purchased turnips, 90c@\$1 per ack, carrots, 65

Onlons-Oregon, \$1@1.25 per sack. Potatoes-Fancy graded Burbanks. 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c per

Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @ 30c per pound.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 31@33c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 10@11c per pound; young roosters, 9c; springs, 10@11c; broilers, 12@13c; Klamath Falls—Some excitement was chickens, 12@12\subsection turkeys, live, 16 and is convinced of the impossibility caused in Klamath Falls recently by @17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@ of an organized general strike, because

Wool-Eastern Oregon, average best,

16@21c; valley, 24@26c; mahair, deef - Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers,

Veal-Dressed, 3@8c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 6@6%c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambe, 7@

Pork-Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

4@4360.

MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS.

Panama Canal Affairs Discussed at White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19. - President Roosevelt tonight took up the matter of the Isthmian canal scandals as developed by debate in the senate during the past three days. He is determined to prevent further criticism of the character put forward by Senators Tillman, Culberson and others. Senators Allison and Hale, both members of the appropriations committee, were present The president made it plain to Mr. ful, for the company has arranged a Shonts that the literary bureau in charge of Secretary Bishop must be at once discontinued, and Mr. Bishop coneach direction instead of a tri-weekly tive matters. He also discussed the advisability of reducing his salary from Simultaneously with the inaugura- \$10,000 now paid to \$5,000, or some other moderate sum.

It was also made apparent to Chairman Shonts that if he still has an offiately. Senator Tillman declared that Mr. Shonts is still active president of the system, and neither Mr. Shonts nor

The president further gave Mr. prescribed in the president's order that There are no stations on the Yambill the canal commission must leave at

The bill appropriating \$11,000,000

It is believed that many reforms will be instituted in the administration of the canal before another appropriation is requested from congess. This work of reform must begin at once, as Secretary Taft says the \$11,000,000 new being obtained will last no longer than

April I at the outside. In the meantime Senator Tillman will begin a strong agitation after the critcism.

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.

Great Increase Shown Over Last Year by Department of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 19. - Estimates ade by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor, based on the returns for ten months ending with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippines for the cal endar year 1965, will amount to about \$20,000.000, against about \$15,000 in 1896, \$1,000 000 in 1900, \$4,000,000 in 1898 and a little more than \$4,000, 000 in 1897, the year prior to the American occupation.

United States to the Philippines, the humble life. bureau reports show, had never ex-Weston-The largest sawmill plant ceeded \$250,000, while in the present yes; they will aggregate nearly \$6,000, its organization to date, and with the Weston, was recently taken over by the | 900. Imports from the islands, which ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5. 000,000 per asnum prior to 1899, were in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12, commission decided to ask for bids for Fletcher, manager of the company, has 000,000, and in 1905 will be about \$14,000,000, according to the bureau setimates.

> The imports in 1905 are chiefly hemp ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,-376,528, and sugar \$2,212,249.

Connecticut Safe Looted.

Suffield, Conn., Dec. 19. - After binding the railroad watchman, W. Jones, and his 12 year old son to chairs in the railroad station here this morning before daylight, six bank robbers pried their way into the Suffield Savings bank on Main street, blew open the safe after a fourth attempt and escaped with \$50,000 worth of registered bonds and stocks not negotiable, according to President Newton, of the institution. They overlooked \$3,000 in cash and negotiable bonds in a drawer

Conference at White House.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Senators Allison and Hale, who are members of the committee on appropriations, Chairman Shonts and Secretary Bishop, of the Isthmian Canal commission, were in conference with the president at the white house tonight. It is presumed that the case of Secretary Bishop, whose duties as agent for the commission has been the subject of discussion in congress, was among matters talked of, but no statement was made.

General Strike is Improbable.

London, Dec 19 .- The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in commenting on recent events dressed in Russia, says he is still optimistic public opinion and the peasantry are Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ strongly averse to it. He insists that no way an indication of general disaffection in the army.

Furs Go Up in Smoke. New York Dec. 19 .- Two hundred

lishment of Max Paiseeki & Co. wholeing will suffer heavyily from water.

REBELS IN CONTROL

Russian Revolt Has Won in the Baltic Provinces.

CASTLES BECOME FORTS AGAIN

Insurgent Army Numbers 100,000 Well Armed Men-Revolted Region Has Provisional Head.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21 .- The war in the Baltic provinces has spread throughout Lithuania. The insurgent army is believed to number 100,000. and it is constantly increasing. Women and children are participating in the hostile movement against the government forces. Thirty thousand troops are either in retreat or are cooped up in the cities, where they fack provisions and must either enrender or be annihilated by the insurgents. Russian officials and some German barons have been imprisoned. A committee of Livonians and Jews is administering the affilirs of the revolted re-It controls the sullroads and telegraph lines, permitting private messages to pass over the latter, but velusing all government communica-

The mediaeval castles in these provinces have been turned into fortresses, some of which are held by their owners against the insurgents, while others are n the possession of the latter. Guerilla warfare is in progress at many points. Except for a few beleaguered garrisions, the caar's rule is gone.

Agrarian riots in the southern portions of the empire are increasing. The landowners are fleeing to the towns, leaving their property to the mercy of the rioters. Revolutionists are reported to to hold Kharkoff and Sevastopol. In the latter city the woldiers demand the release of the imprisoned sailors who were concerned in the recent mutinies. Finland continues to arm.

HOODOO OF KANSAS SENATORS

Beginning in 1861, the Office Has Been Full of Trouble.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21 .- "The fatal enccession" is the name Kensas has given to the senatorship of which Joseph Raiph Burton, the latest incumbent, is under conviction of grafting. A dark hued hird of evil omen seems to watch over those who take the seat

first occupied by James H. Lane. The boodoo started at the outset. In 1861, when Kanzas was admitted as a state and chose two senators, they tossed a coin to see which should get the short or four-year term. It went

to Lane. He served his term, was re-elected.

and committed saicide. Rose, appointed to succeed him, failed to beed the demand of Kaneas for the impeachment of President Johnson. Ross' vote saved the president, but Ross was defeated for Prior to 1899, the exports from the re-election, cast aside, and now lives a

> Alexander Caldwell took the place held it two years, and resigned, it is said, to avoid fighting charges.

> Robert Grouper was appointed and metal as soon as the legislature met, James M. Harvey was elected and defeated for renomination.

Preston P. Piumb was then chosen, was re-elected twice, and died a tragic death within a year after starting his

B. W. Perkins could held the job after appointment only until the legislature convened. John Matrin, his successor, held the

place two years and dropped out of stight. Lucien Baker served his full term of six years, but was forced to withdraw

from the race for re-election. Joseph Ralph Burton succeeded him, and before half his term was served was under jail sentence.

The line of Kansas senators who sucreeded Pomeroy, chosen simultaneously with Lane, has numbered but five. and included the brilliant Ingalls and the highly esteemed W. A. Harris.

Dynamite Kills Three. New York Dec. 21 -Three men were

blown to pieces seven others were more or less seriously hurt and the occupants of fashionable hotels and residences in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Thirtyfourth street were startled today by an explosion of dynamite in an excavation for the new Altmon building. Fragments of the bodies of the dead were scattered over an area of hundreds of feet. The explosion was caused by a workman striking a heavy charge of dynamite which had defied all efforts to explode it at the proper time.

Germany Apologizes to Brazil. Berlin Dec. 21 .- The German government has directed its minister Petropolis to express to the Brazilian government its regret that the officers and men of the cruiser Panther sent ashore at Itajaby to obtain unobtrusively facts concerning a supposed deserter from the Panther overstepped the proper forms. Germany also affirms that Steinhof, the man who is said to have been maltreated was not taken on board the Panther, nor had he been near the vessel

Killed by Robbers in Mexico. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21 .- Two men

thousand dollars' worth of fors were named Rotherford and McMurray, both destroyed by fire today in the estab- from Philadelphia, were killed last night by highwaymen on a ranch at sale furriers and manufacturers of auto- Diaz, a small settlement in Chihuahua, mobile garments 37-39 East Twenty- Mexico. A man named Finetad, of Los first street. Other tenants in the build- Angeles, and another known as "Shorty" were wounded.