AIR EVERY SCANDAL

Senate Committee to Investigate Affairs of Canal.

MAY ABOLISH CANAL COMMISSION

Latitude Will Be Given in Taking Testimony in Hope of Showing Mismanagement.

Washington, Jan. 13 .- While the senate has labored to mask the truth, the fact is that next Tuesday Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Theodore P. Shonts, John F. Stevens and, incldentally, John F. Wallace, are to be arraigned and tried before the none too impartial judges who constitute the senate committee on interoceanic can-

The trial is to be called an investigation, but it means simply that every supposed scandal, every petty criticism, every report of friction between officials, every story of an uncarned salary, every tale of a discharged employe and every fleeting bit of gossip is to be told in public, and from them all the members of the committee expect to get-possibly some of them hope to get-the basis for a direct charge of incompetence, or it may be of guilt. There is not a soul in Washington who believes that anything will come of the ready held that some of the heads of the The Journal's Madrid correspondent enterprise have had their bickerings and their disagreements.

It may be that in the course of the hearings the public may learn the real reason for the resignation of Mr. Wallace. It may learn whether or not there was any truth in the reports of friction between Mr. Taft and Mr. Shonts. It may learn whether or not Poultney Bigelow drew the long bow, but that anything substantial can come and says if the sultan's delegates try to from the investigation no one in his prevent an agreement being reached by heart believes.

itude will be given in the matter of selves in a most serious situation. But asking questions, and, if curiosity about the ambassador is of the opinion that personal differences between officials the Morocran delegates fully appreciate is to be considered one of the chief this and will give no trouble. things which it is necessary satisfy, the senate and the people may have their fill of satisfaction.

The senate declares that President Roosevelt practically challenged the investigation and that it has been decided not to deny him. There was ently, in the present condition of af- and members of congress and the Inter- seem advisable. fairs, except to "challenge" an inves- state Commerce commission, will retigation. There is a feeling in Wash- ceive this week copies of a bill adington that he took the course that he vocated by the Western Fruit Jobbers' did to win eventually the right to con- association, of which E. M. Ferguson, duct the canal construction unhamper- of Duluth, is president, and which has ed by a commission of seven men.

canal body, it may be that trouble and that the work will go forward, showing in commodities handled by them. that a strong hand is behind it.

RANGE WAR IN WYOMING.

Raiders Murder Herders, Slaughter Sheep and Burn Camp.

Denver, Jan. 12. - An Evanston, Wyo., special to the Tribune says: Masked and mounted raiders, pre-

sumed to be cattlemen, last night attacked the camps of two Utah flockmasters near Burnt Fork, close to the Utah-Wyoming line, shot down A. N. Garsite and Robert Allen, herders, slaughtered the sheep, and barned the camp wagons and outfits.

A camp mover who escaped the bullets of the raiders witnessed the battle from the brush. The raiders numbered about 20, and approached the camps at a gallop, firing a fusillade of shots into the wagons. The herders were killed at the first fire. It required less than half an hour to club the sheep to death and burn the outfits, when the raiders departed. Notices of warning to other flockmasters were left with the bodies of the dead herders.

Sheepmen are indignant, threaten to get even, and more trouble is anticipated. The range on which the outrage was committed has long been in dispute, and the sheepmen have been frequently ordered away.

BLAMES ALL ON MOROCCO.

German Delegate Says Minister Misunderstood French Minister.

Paris, Jan. 12 .- With the approach of the Algeciras convention on Moroccan reforms, the newspapers devote greater space to discussion of the question. Public opinion everywhere is that the issue of the conference will be amicable has been practically decided. baseador at Madrid, Herr von Radowitz, who is also the principal German delegate to the convention. The ambassador, the correspondent says, has no doubt of the favorable issue of the conference. He believes the whole disagreement is due to the Moroccan minister's not understanding or misinterpreting the words of the French minister to Moreceo, willfully or otherwise, the powers, as it has been suggested It is understood that the greatest lat- they would do, they will find them-

FORBIDS PRIVATE CARS.

Bill Offered Congress by Fruit Jobbers' Association.

Daluth, Minn, Jan. 12. - President for its primary purpose the elimination leads to the statutory abolition of the refrigerating rates and bringing express companies under the interstate comrumors of trouble will disappear and merce acts and prohibiting the dealing

The bill will be introduced in con-

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONTAINS MANY DIFFICULTIES.

Candidates to Follow.

Salem-Another very serious problem has arisen in connection with the

that candidates for state offices shall irrigation laws in several particulars. file petitions from not less than seven counties, and that at least 10 per cent of the precincts shall be represented in each of the seven counties. Two per cent of the votes cast at the last state election for supreme judge by each party must be represented on the petition. It has been the supposition until recently that so long as the required number of counties and precincts were represented by the signatures of one or so long as the required number of names It is now discovered that there must be represented in each county and precinct

state. to the number of signatures required 80 cents an acre. The same theory of from the counties and precincts. To ownership prevails in all government secure 2 per cent of the voters in seven work.

counties, and 10 per cent of the precincts in each of the seven counties, and in addition have 2 per cent of the party vote in the entire state, will add panies the right to collect \$1 an acre to the difficulties of securing a petition.

FORM NEW ORGANIZATION.

Independent Telephone Companies of Oregon Unite.

Portland-In order to fortify themselves and protect their interests, representatives of the independent telephone lines in Oregon met here last week and formed a permanent orgnization. It will be known as the Oregon Independent Telephone association, at d is formed after similar orgnizations in other states of the Union and affiliated with the national association of independent telephone lines.

The objects of the association are to encourage development; foster and stimulate the growth; protect the mutual interests; promote and systematize uniformity of accounting, operation, maintenance and construction of independent (non-Bell) telephone inter ests, and to defend the same from unfair encoraciments of competition by co-operation and by such other availnothing for the president to do, appar- Roosevelt, Attorney General Moody able means as may, from time to time,

Favor Woolen Mills.

Albany - The business men of the ity met and discussed the proposition of securing the new woolen mill for this city. Judge Stewart, of the stock If the result of the investigation of private freight cars, the correction of committee, withdrew from the active work of soliciting subscriptions, and state for the Oregon Northern Railway Frank J. Miller was selected to fill the vacancy and the committee will push William J. Mariner, R. W. Robinson the work. The purpose of the com- and C. E. Jones. The road runs from tary proclamation to his call for the ex-It stock aggregating \$15,000

AMEND IRRIGATION LAWS. Oregon State Primary Law Hard for Irrigationists Say Conditions in Idaho

Are Better Than in Oregon. Salem-Prominent irrigators of Oregon are considering the advisability of direct primary law. The law requires asking the next legislaure to amend the

> At the present time all the contracts with the state for the reclamation of desert lands under the Carey act are based upon the theory that the owners of the canals and ditches are entitled to collect a perpetual annual rental from the landholders. In Idaho the landholders will eventually own and control

the canals, ditches, headgates, etc. In the contract with the state of Idaho for the construction of the Twin more voters that the bulk of the signa- Falls canal it is provided that a com tures on a petition to make up the 2 pany shall be formed among the landper cent might come from one county, owners on the basis of one share of stock for one share of water right, and was filed with the secretary of state. that within seven years the control of

> All the contracts for the reclamation of arid lands under the Carey act in this state allow the construction comperpetually, the company agreeing to keep the canals and ditches in repair.

Fruit Inspector in Linn.

Albany-The Linn county court has appointed E. C. Armstrong, residing the transport Mongolia from Vladivo- been retarded. at Marion station, Marion county, to act as fruit inspector for Linn county. temporarily, on the recommendation of Horticultural Commissioner C. A. Park, of Salem. Mr. Park wished to them from stories told of stations agriculture and forestry rather than the secure here a man who would be ready blocked by mutineers, who looted and committee on public lands. to begin war on pests at once. The court will at once select a man for pernanent appointment who will be asked to take a short course in training under Professor A. B. Cordley, at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Allen Wants Oregon Boys.

Corvallis-Lieutenant Quinlan, commandant of the cadet regiment at the college, has received instructions to ties of maintaining the line in winter recommend six additional graduates from the Oregon Agricultural college for positions as Third lieutenants in told by the refugees confirm in the the Philippine constabulary. Three worst degree the small hits of news similar recommendations were recently that have leaked out from St. Petersmade, and from these one appointment burg of the cutting of the railway and has already been made, that of Lieutenant Floyd Williams, who has gone to Manila.

New Railroad for Gilliam.

Salem - Articles of incorporation Pennypacker Amends Call for Special have been filed with the secretary of company. The incorporators are: toward the man, in Morrow county.

CONVENTION ON RATE ISSUE. Kansas Commercial Bodies to Form

State Association.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 10 .- Many delstates have already arrived in the city Senate Committee Favors Change to attend the State Freight Rate convention, which meets here tomorrow. The convention will be held for the purpose of forming a state organization to influence freight rate legislation, SELL TIMBER INSTEAD OF LAND both in the state legislature and in congress. It is expected that fully 1,000 delegates will attend, represent-

ing commercial and farmers' organisations from all parts of the state. The principal speakers will be ex-Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, and Speaker I. L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin. Governor Hoch and other prominent men of Kansas are also on the program. A preliminary meeting attended by the executive committee and such delegates as have arrived was held this evening. It is probable that J. L. Bristow, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, will be elected permanent chairman. The meeting this afternoon OADE

Besides the accredited delegates there are a large number of prominent business men from various parts of the sale of timber on public land at not state present. A banquet will be tendered the visiting delegates and guests of the convention tomorrow night by organizations.

SIBERIA IN REVOLT.

Mutinous Soldiers of the Czar Control the Whole Railroad.

Nagasaki, Jan. 10. - News that has failed to leak through St. Petersburg because of the cutting of communication came here today on the arrival of stok carrying Russian refugees. The Russians told a story of horror along burned everything in sight.

Many of those who started for Russia have turned back. Trains have been seized and turned on a buckward course and great gaps exist in the line to the Hotel Guests Suffocate or Leap to European Russian frontier. According to the refugees there has been a general uprising in Siberian Russia, which will stop operation of the railway for the winter at least, considering the difficutweather.

The stories of privation and horror the rebellion in the Manchurian army.

MORE REFORMS PROPOSED.

Session in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 10 .- Governor Pennypacker today izened a supplemenmittee is to secure subscriptions to the Blalock, in Gilliam county, to Hard-stock aggregating \$15,000 toward the man, in Morrow county. The capital ture which converse next. Mendar, and the initial sect a ture which convenes next Monday, so injured, and they were kept as to include a uniform primary elec- several hours after the fire had been tion system, a civil service system for checked. state officers and the regulation of election expenses. He also amends his original call so as to enable the legislature to pass a bill for the consolidation of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny,

NEW

TIMBER BILL

in Present Law.

Senator Fulton Opposes Giving the Secretary of Interior Power to Provide for Appraisement.

Washington, Jan. 11. - The senate public lands committee today had up for consideration the bill repeating the timber and stone act, but no conclusion was reached. The committee intends. to give this legislation very careful consideration, and it now seems probable resulted in a decision to present his that some hill will ultimately be reported repealing the present law and substituting a new law authorizing the

less than its appraised vaue, in some manner to be prescribed by the secretary of the interior.

When this feature was touched upon, several Western senators, particularly Fulton and Patterson, took occasion to state their opinion that too much was now left to the discretion of the secretary of the interior, particular reference being made to his power to withdraw land from entry for forestry purposes, It was alleged that this power was many times abused, that vast areas had been withdrawn when there was no fustification for it, and in consequence of such withdrawals development had

This discussion had no bearing on the subject under consideration, and if this particular question is taken up it the Siberia railway, as it had come to will probably be in the committee on

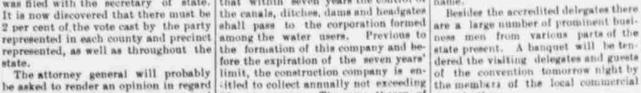
FIRE CAUSES PANIC.

Sure Death at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Jan. 11. - Eight persons are dead from sufficiation or from leaping from windows and a score of people are more or less injured as the result of a fire in the West hotel early this morning.

The fire, which is supposed to have sen caused by crossed electric wires, was in itself insignificant, being confined to the elevator shaft and the top floor in the corner of the building, but the wild scene which followed the first alarm hurried people into the halls and out upon windows in a frantic attempt to save themselves. The financial loss will not exceed \$30,000.

All of the hospitals sent their ambuances to the fire. Physicians hastened to the hotel and offered their services, and undoubtedly many lives were saved by their efforts. The hospitals sent a



SEETHING WITH EXCITEMENT.

Young China Wants Reform Old China Adheres to Graft.

Pekin, Jan. 13. - Reports from the South and from the Yangtse valley region show the anti-foreign sentiment to be very strong. China undoubtedly is in a ferment of politcial excitement, but the movement is directed as much against the government as against the foreigners.

The government is between two fires. The young China party is clamoring tempt of the revolutionists to capture a because reforms are being executed too military train conveying a large sum of officials, the latter having their per- A band of revolutionists having adquisites threatened, are resisting all vance information gathered at Hazenefforts at reform.

China, the foreign ministers have not which were escorting the train, left the changed their minds for the withdrawal cars, and were joined by a detachment of foreign troops from Chile province, of dragoons. This force marched against the only exception being the legation the revolutionists, who from behind grards. the ministers believing that improvised defenses, opened fire on the the Chinese government is both able soldiers. The infantry, after firing two | er for the new road from his plant. and determined to protect foreigners in volleys, when killed 65 and wounded the event of a revolution.

Demand a Lower Rate,

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 13. - At a meeting attended by 35 Douglas City shippers last night a telegram was ordered to be sent that no contract would be signed with the two steamship companies now doing business unless a rate that he sanction the issue of a revocaof 25 per cent less than the present rate ble license to the Union Oil company, be granted. At present only three con- of California, to construct and maintracts have been signed in Juneau with tain a pipe line across the canal zone. the two companies. All other shippers There were six applicants for such a were waiting for some move by Tacoma right, but the company named is the or Portland. There is some agitation only one which specified the price of to get Tacoma to pool the issue with oil if used by the government and Portland.

Castro Will Sell Asphalt Lake.

New York, Jau. 13 .- According to shall not be exclusive. private advices received from Caracas, President Castro will offer for sale to the higheest bidder the concession for the asphalt lake Guanaloco, of which t is New York & Bermudez company Montana Bar association this afternoon ley cities-Salem, Eugene, Albany, In-wis deprived about a year and a half adopted a resolution indorsing United dependence and Corvallis-have spent ducks, 15@16c. t ie New York & Bermudez company in the state of Bermudez, is now being providing an additional Federal judge and Newport is gaining a reputation as per pound; prime, 8%@9%; medium, operated by Ambrose Howard Carner, as a receiver under appointment by the ever, takes the ground that the bill High Federal court.

More Jamaicans for Canal.

Kingston, Jan. 13 .- Four hundred men sailed from Kingston this afternoon on the steamer Tagus for Colon to seek employment in the canal zone. Each man deposited \$6.25 with the ing is now well under way on the sugar a few baby hope still held and a few plantations. The total production is old ones; though not to exceed 500 tion law.

and gives the shipper an open avenue for relief against unreasonable rates.

TRAINWRECKERS WIPED OUT.

Deadly Vengeance on Rebels Who Tore Up Track.

Riga, Livonia, Jan. 12. - News has just reached this city of a daring alpot, burned two bridges and tore up In spite of the protests in Northern the track. Two companiesof infantry, nearly 100 of the revolutionists, charged with the bayonet, and the dragoons completed the rout by sabering all the revolutionists they overtook.

Pipe Line Across Isthmus.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- Secretary Taft has recommended to the president whose offer was otherwise sufficiently definite and reasonable. It is, however, expressly provided that the license

Asks for Second Federal Judge. Butte, Mont., Jan. 12 .- A Miner

special from Helena states that the The asphalt property, which is States Senator Thomas H. Carter's bill a portion of the winter at the seaside, for Montana The association, howshould not provide for the division of the state into two Federal court districts, and recommends that change in the proposed measure.

Grinding Cane in Mexico.

Mexico City, Jan. 12 .- Cane grind- in Josephine county. There are quite estimated at 225,000 tons.

provides that roads must furnish all capital of \$100,000, when the mill will stock is \$25,000, divided into 1,250 rolling stock required to handle inter. be built and fitted up. The business shares of \$20 each. The principal state commerce under penalty of heavy men at the meeting were enthusiastic place of business is Heppner. fines. It outlaws "flexible' charges in support of the project, and the spirit manifested was in favor of co-operation among the business interests of the city for the upbuilding of Albany and its industries.

Plans an Electric Line.

Forest Grove-At the meeting of the Forest Grove city council last week. State Senator E. W. Haines, in behalf of the Forest Grove transportation company, a new organization, applied for a 25-year franchise for an electric railway in Forest Grove, to run from the South slowly, while the conservatives and the money from St. Petersburg to Libau. ern Pacific depot to the business section of the city, about two miles. According to the terms of the ordinance, the new line must be begun in 90 days, and completed in eight months. It is to carry the United States mail, express and passengers. Senator Haines furnishes electric light to Forest Grove from his plant about 12 miles distant, \$90010; clover, \$90010; cheat, \$8.500 and, it is understood, will furnish pow-

Buys Ranch in Gilliam.

Condon-A. S. Hollen has purchased he 860-acre ranch on Trail fork, Gilliam county, belonging to J. W. Booth. The transaction, which involves about \$15,000, is one of the most important crate; pumpkins, 34@lc per pound; real estate transfers for some time here, a routs, 716c per pound; squash, 114 and gives Mr. Hollen a most valuable @1%c per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per farm and stock ranch. In the deal Mr. sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, Booth takes residence property in Con- 85c@\$1 per sack. don valued at about \$5,000, consisting of several fine dwellings. Mr. Hollen | mack; No. 2, 75@90c. is proprietor of the Condon Flouring mill. He will take possession of the

ranch about March 1.

Newport as Winter Resort.

Albany - Many Albany people are spending a portion of the winter at dozen. Newport on Yaquina bay, where the weather as a general thing has been delightful. Only a lew days during the mixed chickens, 12@125c; broilers, holiday season was the sea rough. 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c Some of the leading people of the wal- turkeys, live, 15c; turkeys dressed

a winter resort.

Few Hops Left in Josephine. Grants Pass - Several sales of hops have been made here recently at from 9 to 10 cents. About 500 bales have changed hands, and by February 1 but few hops will be held by the growers bales in all.

Contracts at Interest.

Salem - The State Land board reports interest hearing contracts outstanding December 31, as follows: School land contracts, \$669,516.30; Agricultural college, \$28,993.82; University, \$3,788.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 71@71c; bluestem, 73 274c; red, 68@69c; valley, 73c. Oats-No 1 white feed, \$27; gray,

\$26.50 per ton. Barley-Feed, \$23.00@23.50 per ton; prewing, \$24.00@24.50; rolled, \$23.50

@24.50.

Buckwheat-\$2.50 per cental.

Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy. \$13 50@14.50 per ton; valley timothy. 9.50; grain bay, \$8@9.

Fruits-Apples-75c@\$1.50 per box; persimmons, \$1.25 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13 @13 50 per barrel.

Vegetables - Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1 25 per dozen; celery, \$3@3.50 per

Onions-Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1.25 per

65@75c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c; Merced sweets, 2c per pound.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 2714 @3214c per pound.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, 29@30c per

Poultry-Average old hens, 12%@ 14c per pound; springs, 121/2@13c;

Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c 7@8e; olds, 5@7e.

Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c. Beef - Dressed bulls, 1@2c per

pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 400436c.

Veai-Dressed, 3@8%c per pound. Mutton-Drensed, fancy 6@614c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@

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

it was impossible to pass such a bill under his original proclamation. The governor's supplementary call was a great surprise to his official advisers, not one of whom thought he would make any change in his original call, despite the pressure for a uniform primary election system and a new hallot law. Among the subjects mentioned in the original call are personal registration, state treasury reform and

eminent lawyers having contended that

Collect for Stolen Timber.

ment.

Washington, Jan. 10 .- The Supreme court of the United States today heard argument in the case of the United States against the Bitter Root company, of Montana, and at its conclusion took up the case against Senator William A. Clark. In the Bitter Root case, the prosecution is based on the allegation that the company, as the assignce of Marcus Daiy, received the proceeds of a large quantity of timber cut on public land in Montana, while Clark is 000 acres of timber land fraudulently.

Wants Iowa to Investigate.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 10. - F. M. Molesberry sounded the first note of panies in the Iowa legislature today by the appointment of a joint committee claimed areas. of the house and senate to conduct a

eweeping investigation of the life insurance business; revise the statutes and frame new bills and report to the next winter.

whole of Western Transcaucasia, and ed to assassinate an officer had sought the troops sent against them. The refuge was set on fire and the man was the troops sent against them. rebels took refuge in a bomb factory, burned alive. which was exploded by the troops and great loss of life inflicted.

German Soldiers Called Home.

Copentagen, Jan. 10. - All German many upon three days' notice.

CHINA OPENS NEW TOWN.

Great Ceremony Welcomes Foreign Traders to Tsinan Fu.

Tsinan Fu, Jan. 11 .- The ceremonies of opening Tsinan Fu, capital of the province of Shan Tung, to foreign trade today were attended by many Chinese and foreign officials. The invited American guests present included consalar officials and representatives of prominent mercantile companies. Two hundred and fifty gnosts attended luncheon at noon, and the governor of Shantung will give a banquet to many guests tonight at his palatial home, senatorial and legislative reapportionwhich is built and furnished in foreign style.

The governor's speech today emphasized the fact that the first international commercial settlement opened by China herself was initiated and long awaited by viceroys Yuan Shi Kai and Chou Fu. The area of the settlement of about four miles.

Unite for Irrigation. Omaha, Jan. 11 .- The American Irrigation Federation is the name for an organization formed by representatives of the irrigation states who met in charged with possession of about 11,- Omaha today. Among the objects of the federation set forth in an official

statement are to harmonize conflicting interests, promote beneficial legislation, distribute instructive literature, ald in settlement of reclaimed areas, battle against the life insurance com- criticize officials or others for acts of injustice and to aid in the adjustment introducing a resolution providing for of freight rates to and from the re-

Robel Houses Bombarded.

Tiffis, Jan. 11 .- The plundering of this city continues. Last night bombs general assembly, which meets next were thrown at a military patrol, whereupon the house from which the bombs were hurled, and the adjoining Bomb Factory Blown Up. buildings, were hombarded by artil-St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.-Reports lery, with the result that many persons have been received here of a battle at were killed or wounded. A house in Tiffis between the rebels, who hold the which an Armenian who had attempt-

Plot to Capture Fortress.

London, Jan. 11. - A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a new London paper, the Tribune, reports the arrest of eight subjects in Denmark who are liable for artillery officers of the St. Petersburg military service have received official garrison on the charge of being engaged warning to be ready to return to Ger- in a conspiracy to blow up the Troitaky bridge and to capture the fortress.

Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks,