CONFIRMS ORCHARD ARMY IS READY.

Steve Adams Reveals Dark Secrets of Inner Circle.

Oregon Suspect Breaks Down Under Solitary Confinement and Tells of Steunenberg Murder.

Boise, Idaho, March 3 .- The Statesman says this morning:

nounce that Steve Adams, arrested at Haines, Or., on February 20, in connection with the Stennenberg assassination, has made a full and sweeping far more important than that made by Harry Orchard."

This is the statement made for publication last evening by James McPar- alone. land, the detective, in the presence of Governor Gooding and J. H. Hawley, who is in charge of the presocution.

Mr. McParland added that Adams' confession fully and exactly corroborated that made by Orehard at every point touched upon by both. Moreover, Mr. McParland continued, Adams knows far more of the workings of the "Inner Circle" than Orchard did and was able to give a mass of detailed informatin that Orchard's confession did not cover.

The confession of Adams, he said, corroborated that given by Orchard in every substantial point connected with the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. Adams, however, was not at Caldwell at the time of the assassination, nor was Orchard at the time of the unsuccessful effort in November. The man who assisted Orchard on the latter occasion, as set forth in Orchard's confession, was Jack Simpkins.

Still another statement made by the detective was that the Adams confession gave the details of a large number of murders that were not referred to in any manner by Orchard. It was fur-ther stated that the confession had been reduced to writing, signed and acknowledged. It was a voluminous document, covering a greater field and in more detail than that made by Orchard.

RUN OUT AMERICAN SILVER.

Canadian Banks Collect and Deport It at a Good Profit.

New Westminster, B. C., March 3 .the Dominion of Canada has been de- the Postoffice department to cut rates. going to Brazil to commence ber work, turned. and the banks of Canada, on arrangeof congressional consideration of the Tenn., and from there she will go diinto force today. The banks are to pensation. collect all the American silver, in all get three-eighths of one per cent, and the percentage will be the same.

With the silver market in the present should make about \$400,000 on the deal, besides giving the bank a fair profit and also putting into circulation ary 1, but 27 had been discontinued much Canadian silver that has been held in check by the American money. to readjustments in order to complete On several occasions in former years the service in counties." banks have endeavored to terminate the circulation of American silver by placing a discount on it, but it was found that, in spite of this, the coin was in circulation, but never went to the banks.

However, there will now be no dis-Southern British Columbia is of Amerernment claims in putting this scheme reacy into circulation.

Failure Again Threatens. Washington, March 3. - While no immediate break in the conference at tions at Algeciras were the main sub- ditions. ject under discussion

Deep Snow Covers Utah. fest snow storm of the winter prevailed peared today before the house commitlast night and today throughtout the tee on industrial arts and expositions inter-mountain country. The storm to discuss the bill providing appropriacenter is moving east and today is over tions for the Jamestown Tercentennial Colorado. The weather is moderately Exposition. He expressed emphatic cold. In Salt Lake City and at several disapproval of the provision of the bill other Utah points the snowfall was for the coinage of 1,000,000 \$2 silver fully 18 inches. At Fort Douglas, just pieces upon which the exposition debeyond the eastern limit of Salt Lake sires to realize \$600,000 profit on the City, the snow lies three feet deep cost of seniorage.

First Infantry at Malta. Valetta, Island of Malta, March 3 .to Manila.

Men to China.

Washington, March 2 .- It is possible today to give for the first time the details of the preparations which the War department is making for an invasion of China. In case of necessity, which to military minds seems imminent, it is the intention of the government to dispatch 20,000 regulars from COMPLETE TO SMALLEST DETAIL the United States to join a Philippine force of 5,000 men for an expedition to the Chinese empire.

The troops for the Oriental service have been selected, the posts from which they will be taken are named in the plans and the proper allotment has been made among the various branches of the service. Not only has this been done by the officers who have been working out the invasion scheme, but they have perfected a plan for the "The Statesman is authorized to an- distribution of the troops which will remain in the United States, so that they may be available in case of home disturbances.

The scheme of invasion as at present contemplated is with the view princiconfession. This second confession is pally of a combination of the American forces with those of other powers, but a subsidiary arrangement has been but a subsidiary arrangement has been made to meet the possibility that the investing in apple lands, going as far cratic votes. United States will be forced to act

> If the situation in China demands the dispatching of American soldiers for a march to Pekin, within three weeks of the time of the call to arms there will not be a regular infantryman left within the borders of the United States, for it is the intention of the department to send its full force into the field, save only the infantrymen doing duty in the Philippines.

> As stated in previous dispatches, the officers of the War College have estimated that 100,000 men will be necessary to make an invading force strong enough to conduct a successful cam-paign against Pekin. If by an unfortunate trend of events it should become necessary that America act alone, there would be no attempt at the outset to reach the Forbidden City. Tentative plans, in case America goes alone into the fight, contemplate a joint army and navy expedition to seize one of the greater coast towns in China. This might or might not have an effect on the Chinese government, but, because of recent events, it would seem that the Chinese governments is not allpowerful in the control of its affairs, and as a consequence such a seizure might be of little avail, save possibly for indemnity purposes.

RAISE PAY OF RURAL CARRIERS.

Cortelyou Recommends an Increase When Routes are Adjusted.

Washington, March 2 .- This statement has been furnished the Associated Press for transmission:

"In the matter of rural carriers' pay, it can be authoritatively stated that vised by the Dominion government, On the contrary, the department has ment with the government, put the law subject, looking to more adequate com-

"In the recent readjustments to comabout \$600,000, and transmit the same plete county service, the number of to the agency for the Bank of Montreal routes reduced in mileage has exceeded struction J. H. Ackerman, one of the from whom purchases were made are A. at New York, receiving gold in ex- the number increased. These condi- promoters of the Educational congress Knotts, Charles Johnson, Douglas change. This smount will then be re- tions have resulted in lowering the pay at the Lewis and Clark fair, has preplaced in circulation by Canadian coin, of the carriers somewhat. Until the while on the \$800,000 the banks will service is completed throughout the itures of the committee. The money country, the average of carriers' salaries also on all shipments made hereafter based upon present legal allowance will was donated on his solicitation by the naturally fluctuate from time to time as router are increased or decreased in There is a balance of \$269.86, which condition, the Dominion government length. Under the so-called new rural policy of the department, out of a total of 34,938 routes installed up to Febru-These discontinuances were mostly due

Continues Present Rates.

Washington, March 2 .- President Roosevelt today issued a proclamation imposing the rates of duties provided by section 3 of the Dingley act upon imports from Germany in return for count on American silver, but the Germany's concession of minimum banks will not pay it out. Three tariff rates on United States products. quarters of the silver in circulation in The articles and rate of duty named in the president's proclamation are the ican origin. The main point the gov- same as those now in force, which would have been terminated yesterday, into operation is to get Canadian cur- but for the recent action of the German government in giving this country the benefit of its minimum tariff.

Report on Female and Child Labor. Algeriras is expected by the govern-committee on labor decided today to ment, the negotiations there have make a favorable report on a bill apreached the stage which, according to propriating \$300,000 for a compilation the reports received here, threaten the of full statistics by the department of exist, must vote in favor of the consolifailure of the conference unless there Commerce and Labor on the condition is a change in the attitude of Germany. of women and child workers through-A long conference occurred at the State out the United States. This bill grew department today between Secretary out of the movement inaugurated by Root and M. Jusserand, the French Governor Curtis Guild, of Massachuambassador, during which the negotia- setts, for the investigation of labor con-

Shaw Opposes Souvenir Coins.

Washington, March 2. - Secretary Salt Lake City, March 3 .- The heav- Shaw, of the Treasury department, ap

Aid Sent to Famine Sufferers.

Washingotn, March 2 .- The Nationat Red Cross today cabled to the Japan-The United States transport Kilpatrick ese Red Cross \$5 000, making a total and the transport McClellan, having of \$27,000 contributed by the Amerithe First Infantry on board, arrived can people and transmitted to Japan here today from Gibraltar on their way through that organization for relief of the famine sufferers.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOOM IN ORCHARD LANDS.

Homeseekers Looking for Locations Candidate May Run for Office on Two on Hooe River.

Hood River - That Hood River is getting its share of the colonist traffic s indicated by the fact that ten families have arrived here this week look- Crawford in an opinion rendered in reing for land. The newcomers are from sponse to an inquiry from W. J. Moore, Minnesota, North Dakota, Kansas and district attorney at Lakeview. The Missouri. They are anxious to go into hypothetical case submitted was that applegrowing, and real estate men are of a candidate who, in the primaries, busy showing them over the valley Each day records several purchases of Democratic tickets and received a plurland which is now set to apple trees or ality vote for the office in each instance. will be cleared for that purpose, and The ruling of the attorney general is indications are that there will be a that the office seeker thereby becomes still greater demand for fruit land.

say many more will come as soon as bellot at the election in June spring opens in the Middle West, people there being slow to believe that spring is so much earlier here.

to Eastern people, as Portland men are by giving him a plurality of the Demoying on the effect the Mount Hood railroad will have on land in the upper valley. This road is now nearing comburned in clearing fruit lands will soon

mence cultivating.

Room for Settlers in Umatilla.

Pendleton - The rapid manner in ness. which Umatilla county is being settled has drawn attention of late to the fact that there is much good wheat land left on what was once the Umatilla Indian reservation. A tract of this land was sold in parcels at low prices to settlers. an acre, grows wheat of the finest qual- house No. 2 June 1.

Goes to Brazil as Missionary.

Peaific University, Forest Grove she will attend the missionary conven-Tenn., and from there she will go di-

Return Money to Counties. Salem - State Supenitendent of Inpared his report of receipts and expendwhich Mr. Ackerman is accounting for will be returned to the counties in proportion to the amount contributed. In all, \$1,944 86 was received.

Building Boom on at Baker. Baker City-The excavation for a one story stone building at First and Court streets, to cost about \$6,000, marks the beginning of the building boom for which the architects have been preparing all winter. In the next six months more building will be done in Baker City than during any previous year in the history of the place. Plans have been made and contracts let for a large number of big business blocks, and many fine residences and cottages will

School District of "First Class." Salem-State Superintendent Ackerman has gone to Hood River to assist in the campaign for the organization of a school district of the first class by consolidating six country districts. Washington, March 1 .- The house of The object of the consolidation is to establish graded schools, and a district high school. Under the law a majority of voters in each district, as they now dation It is thought all the Wasco districts are favorably inclined except 60@70c per hundred; ordinary, nomone, and public sentiment favorable to consolidation is gaining ground there.

> Logging Road on Rock Creek. La Grande-Work has been resumed on the Grand Ronde Lumber company's railroad up Rock creek. A large amount of the grading and several miles of tracklaying were completed last year, but work was discontinued in old roosters. 10 @ 10 %c; dressed account of the winter weather. It is chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@ the intention now to continue the work | 17c; turkeys, dressed, choice | 18@20c until the road is completed. The road will be used exclusively in bringing 12c; ducks, 16@18c. logs to the river from an extensive tim-

Creamery at Wallowa.

Wallowa - The Wallowa Building ssociation has begun work on the creamery to be installed by the Blue Mountain Creamery company, of La Grande. The ice house is to be finished by April 1. The same company will also have a plant at Enterprise This will secure a profitable industry to the farmers of Wallows valley which is a perfect dairy country.

PRIMARY LAW CONSTRUED.

Different Tickets. Salem-That one man may be the candidate of both political parties has been decided by Attorney General was on both the Republican and the the nominee of both parties, and his The homeseekers who have arrived name must be so printed on the general

The same would be true if a man were an aspirant for a Republican nomination and his name were written into Real estate purchases are not confined the Democratic primary ballots, there-

Catch Salmon in Closed Season. Grants Pass-Fishermen on Rogue river, taking lessons from the cannerypletion, and the first car of freight was men on the Columbia, are doing a big shipped over it last week, consigned 'to business even if the season is closed. Moro. Much of the wood formerly Last year they shipped from Grants Pass and Merlin over 200 tons of fish be marketable at a neminal expense, to Portland. This year the shipments thus reducing the cost of clearing land. will amount to considerable more, as The warm wet weather of the past they are shipping more than a ton a few days has started plant life into ac- day. A set net on the Illinois river, tivity and berry growers will soon com- about 20 miles from where it empties into Rogue river, is daily making big catches of fine salmon. Fishermen on Rogue river are also doing a good busi-

Fruit Cannery at La Grande.

La Grande-An Eastern syndicate, through its special agent, George T. Powers, has purchased from the Oregon bought by the government in 1897 and Produce company the large storage warehouse No. 2. In addition to the In many cases 80 acres out of a quarter plant purchased, Mr. Powers left insection are to be found, on different structions with his agent here to select parts of the reservation, which were sites for a cannery, fruitdryer, a jelly, then thought useless. With proper at- vinegar and cider factory. The Oregon tention this land may yet become as Produce company retains warehouse good as the land that was sold. Some No. 1, and will buy and sell, but will of the land sold then, near Weston, not take fruit on storage or consign-Athena and Adams, at from \$10 to \$20 ment. It will give possession of ware-

Elk for Harney County.

Burns-J. E. Wallace has returned from the southern part of Harney conn-Miss Grace C. Wood, who has been an ty, where he went to get an elk preinstructress in Tualatin academy for sented to the Harney County Fair assothe past three years, having come to ciation by the Pacific Livestock com-Pacific from Drury college, Mo., has pany. It will be mounted and placed left for Brazil to engage in missionary in the taxidermy display at the pavilwork, for which she will be peculiarly ion. The large elk on exhibition at adapted. Her position will be filled the Lewis and Clark exposition was immediately by Mr. Zimmerman, from sold for \$250 before the Harney county A clean sweep of American silver from there is no disposition on the part of Riverside academy, Portland. Before exhibit of birds and animals was re-

> Sheep Bring High Price. Pendleton-About 10,000 head of yearling sheep have been purchased from Umatilla county stockmen within a few days by John Howard, of Dakota, the ruling price being \$3 a head. Those Belts and Charles Matthews, None of the sheep were select stock.

Inspecting the Sugar Plants. La Grande-H. T. Dyer, of Ogden, counties for expenses of the congress. Utab, general manager of the Amalgamated sugar factories, is in the city on a tour of inspection. F. G. Taylor, of Logan, Utah, accompanied Mr. Dyer and will take the place of factory superintendent at Ia Grande, succeeding Charles Woodhouse, who has resigned.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 67@68c; binestem, 68 @70c; red, 65@66c; valley, 71@72c. Oats-No. 1 white, feed, \$28@29; gray, \$27.50@28.50 per ton. Barley-Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton;

brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24@25. Buckwheat-\$2 25 per cental. Hay-Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13 @14 per ton; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$5@7; grain

Fruits-Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries, \$12.50@14.50 per barrel. Vegetables - Cabbage, 156c per pound; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; celery,\$4.75@5 per crate; sprouts, 614@7c per pound; squash, 1% @1% per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 a sack; car-

Onions-Oregon, No. 1, 65@70c s sack; No. 2, nominal. Potatotes-Fancy graded Burbanks,

rote, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1

inal; sweet potatoes, 254@254c per Butter — Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @30c per pound.

Eggs-Oregon rancl, 16@1616c per Poultry-Average old hens, 13@14c per pound; mixed chickens, 125@ 13c broilers, 20@22c; young roosters, 12%c

geese, live, 8@9c; geese, dressed, 10c Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ ber district in the Rock creek territory. 10%c; prime, 8%@9c; medium, 7@8c olds, 5@7c.

Wool-Eastern Oregon average beer 16@21c; valley, 24@26c per pound mohair, choice, 30c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 214@3c pound cows, 3146414c per pound; country

steers, 4005c. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 814 at per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lamba,

Veal-Dressed, 316@8c per pound. Pork-Dressed, 6@9c per pound

SAYS WORK IS BEING DONE.

Harrison, Returns From Panama and Praises Canal Officials.

New York, Fbe. 28 .- Ex-Congress man Francis Burton Harrison returned Repeal of Timber and Stone Act to New York yesterday after a trip of six weeks through Central America. One week of that time he spent in investigating the work of digging the Panama canal. He is convinced, he says, that the administration ought to be upheld in its task. Mr. Harrison found that, although a Democrat, the officials engaged in the canal work were eager to inform him about it. They emed to have nothing to conceal, and they had work there, he said, to show for their efforts. He found esprit de corps among the higher officials, and be continued:

"Mr. Stevens is working to establish it all along the line. With the minor officials, who are appointed by the civil service, there is little of the spirit pecessary for the right kind of work. They seem to fear that Washington will change the plans and change jobs. I think that the canal comm ssioners should be there on the ground, It would help a vast deal. Not all of them would be necessary-two or three might do. More work would be accomplished."

Mr. Harrison was asked if he approved of the plans for the building of

the canal. "I think it would be folly," he replied, "to array any party against such a work. Criticism might be all

right, but not as partisan criticism. "I believe the canal is being dug honestly, efficiently, and with earnestness and intelligence. Any observant traveler could offer minor criticism as to what has been done and what is being left undone, but we are not dealing with trivialities there, nor is the canal commission to be held accountable like the house committee of a social club. We are building a great canal, and it is going to be built."

BURIAL OF JONES' BONES.

Naval Hero Will Be Interred at Annapolis With Ceremony.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, General Horace Porter, Governor Warfield of Maryland and Admiral Sands were in conference yesterday relative to the interment of the remains of Admiral John Paul Jones April 24, the anniversary of his victory over the British frigate Drake. The body of the great sea fighter will on that date be removed from the temporary vault, in which it was placed upon its return to this country, to the handsome memorial hall in the new midshipmen's quarters, and not, as had been expected, to the crypt of the new chapet, as that will not be ready in time for the ceremony.

While all the details have not been arranged, the ceremonies of April 24, which will be held in the armory of the naval academy, will be presided over by Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, and addresses will be made by President Roosevelt, General Porter, Governor Warfield and the French ambaseador, M. Jusserand. It was de cided to make the display a purely naval one except that various patriotic societies throughout the country will be invited to attend and participate.

AROUSED AGAINST FOREIGNERS

Whole Population Hostile, Encouraged by Viceroy of Canton.

Manila, Feb. 28 .- A leading Amerifollowing cable from Canton:

"The boycott has greatly encouraged the anti-foreign feeling. Teachers, reformers, agitators and the native newspapers now have the power of that association behind them, causing a remarkable growth in the reform party and secet societies, while the anti-foreign, anti-dynastic vicercy of Canton, by his autocratic ruling and his antagonistic attitude to the foreign consuls, encourages the masses of the people in their anti foreign feeling.

"In the prefecture of Chang Chew, near Amoy, recent outrages against foreign court procedure, approved by Pekin, has strengthened the revolutionary forces, who are now eager to try conclusions with the government. "In a portion of China between the

Yangtse valley and the Hongkong district, dangerous anti-foreign feeling exists which is likely to break out at any

Refuse to Stand Examination. New York, Feb. 28 .- The Mutual out a statement today relative to the withdrawal of the company from the state of Missouri. The withdrawal followed a discussion as to an examination of the company by Missouri examiners at the expense of the company. The Mutual Reserve objected to the expense in prospect, holding that it was exces sive and illegal. The company's esti mate of the minimum cost of the exam nation is \$8,000, while the superin-

Stop Smuggling of Arms.

tendent's is \$5,000.

Helsingform, Finland, Feb. 28,-In order to check the constant attempts to muggle arms and summunition into inland for the use of the Finnish and tussian revolutionists, the Finnish adninistration has decided to charter two dditional stramers, and to inrease the number of posts and guards strolling the fjords. Four chests of syonets and riff. consigned to the adutant of the Red guards were confisated by the Helsingfors customs.

Kills State Primary Bill.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28,-The state rimary bill met defeat in the state enate today by a vote of 29 to 21 this llegislature.

KILLS TIMBER BILL

Lald on Table.

NO HOPE NOW FOR ITS REVIVAL

Three Northwestern Members of the House Oppose Measure Favored by President and Commission.

Washington, March 1 .- By a vote of to 4 the house public lands committee. today voted to table the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and substitute therefor a law authorizing the sale of mature public timber at its appraised value. The action of the committee is in line with its action taken in the last congress, and effectively kills the pendbill, which was endorsed by the ing president and the public lands com-The committee's action mission. makes it impossible to bring the bill up on the floor of the house, even for discussion.

Mondell, Wyoming, French, Idaho, and Dixon, Montana, are among those against repeal.

The public lands commission, after a careful study of the operation of the timber and stone law, condemned it, and recommended its repeal and the substitution of a law which would permit the government to realize something like the real value of its timber. Such a law as recommended by the commission and favored by the senate committee would yield from \$25 to \$100 an acre for the choice timber lands of the West, where the government now receives a beggarly \$2.50. Moreover, a law such as proposed would tend to put a stop to the rank timber monopoly that has been undertaken in the Pacific Coast states. In that it would require lumbermen to pay a fair price for timber, instead of permitting them to get it for a merely minal sum.

The most vigorous opponent of repeal the house committee is Mr. Mondell, who believes in legislating to meet conditions in his own state, notwithstanding the effect on the rest of the country. Mr. Mondell contends, probably very truly, that the timber and stone act has been beneficial to Wyoming. The timber of that state is perhaps worth no more than \$2.50 an acre, for the Wyoming forests cannot compare with those of the Northwestern states, either in extent or in quality of timber. Mr. Mondell argues that, inasmuch as the act has benefited Wyoming and has led to no fraud, therefore it must have benefited the entire West and should not be repealed.

KAISER GETS READY.

Fortifies Kiaochou and Prepares His. China Squadron for Action.

Berlin, March 1 .- Admiral von Tirpitz stated in the reichstag Wednesday that the government had decided to fortify Kiao Chou in order that it may be made impregnable from both the land and water sides. He expressed the belief that German residents of the port were in danger from a threatened uprising in Chnia.

This is the first admission officially can firm in this city has received the that Germany is anxious as to the outcome of the present anti-foreign agitation throughout China, and is held here to mean that the situation is much more serious than formerly has been

> The German warships on the Chinese station were recently overhauled, and are in readiness for any action that may become necessary to protect German interests at any point on the Chinese coast. Arrangements have been completed by which the admirs! in command is keeping in touch with the German embassy at Pekin, and will act under orders from there. All vessels in the equadron, according to the latest advices, are well provisioned and coaled and ready for action at a moment's notice.

Increased Postal Appropriation.

Washington, March 1. - The subommittee of the committee on postoffices and postroads, which has been considering appropriations for the Postoffice department, practically adopted the bill today, fixing the appropriation Reserve Life Insurance company gave for the department at about \$192,000,-000 or \$10,000,000 more than the last appropriation. The bill provides for some changes in the department's methods and contains a provision to prevent the shipment of anything but actual mail matter through the mails of the government.

Government Has a Surplus.

Washington, March 1 .- For the first time since May 1, 1904, when the government made its payment of \$50,000,-000 for the Panama canal property and \$4,600,000 was loaned to the Louisiana. Purchase Exposition company, the daily statement issued today shows for the fiscal year a surples of receipts over expenditures. The surplus today amounts to \$1,102,003. This is regarded by the treasury officials as a remarkably fing showing.

Castro Not Aggressive. Washington, March 1 .- Senor Gar-

bieras, the newly appointed charge t'affaires of Venezuela, who arrived in this city last night, took charge of the legation today. When saked concerning the condition of affairs between France and Venezuela, he stated that nothing new had developed. He denied that President Castro had any aggressive plans.