MEDFORD OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1914.

W. H. Benton, Rancher, Killed by Rebel Leader When He Goes to Upbraid for Vandalism Upon Ranch -Complications With Britain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20. Serious complications are feared as dent Wilson's plan to repeal the ex- With booty in their possession to the H. Benton, an Englishman, by a fir-tolls act met with the approval here ranch and was seized, tried by a day from New York. ly denied knowing where Benton was, left for Chihuahua City today.

Discussed by Cabinet

Bryan gave out the news of Benton's death on his way to a cabinet meeting. Later he owned that the danger of slides close to the waterpresident and cabinet members had way, though geologists say minor reveal whether an effort would be made to appease English anger at the killing of a British subject by the the project is inadequately protect-Mexican rebels.

The text of the telegram announce eret. One cabinet member intimated eral months, spending most of his train stalled and the engineer and that the message indicated Villa time visiting his son. himself had shot the Englishman.

that Villa had asked Consul Edwards \$23,500,000 to complete the canal It was just before his departure band's death. Edwards himself had tion as fixed at present—though he anything was wrong, turned their atpreviously been ignorant of it. Ques- expects to save about \$5,000,000 by tention at once to the registered tioned by newspaper reporters, he a reduction in the construction mail, brushed Merville's resistance refused to give details of the Englishman's death, saving he had promised Villa not to publish them, although he had telegraphed all he knew to Washington.

Shot by Villa Himself?

The court martial which condemned Benton to death was said to have there, asserting that new equipment been held Tuesday night, with Fred-could be purchased cheaper than the were very reticent. erico Gonzales Garza presiding, and cost of transporting the canal maone account was the execution fol- chinery to Alaska. lowed it immediately Tuesday night instead of Wednesday.

victim's cousin, asserted, however, of New York. that although his relative went to reproach the rebel commander for depredations by rebels on the Benton DENOUNCES VILLA property in Chihuahua, he was un-

Renton was last seen alive in Juarez Tuesday, headed for Villa's headquarters.

FIGHT ODDS FAVOR ANDERSON 10 TO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 20 .-Bud Anderson of Medford and Red that serious complications were pos- Watson of Los Angeles, welter- sible. weights are scheduled to clash here precede the main event.

Anderson ruled a strong 10 to 6 favorite over Watson, despite reports turned. that he is having trouble in making the required 138 pounds. Trainer Moose Taussig asserted that Ander- by anxiety. son took off two pounds yesterday, and will make the weight but adhim to go into the gymnasium to- BOMB WRECKS THREE day. The wet weather has been against Anderson, preventing much roadwork,

Charlie Miller, the giant motorman and Jim Cameron, negro, will meet in a ten round special heavyweight event. If Miller wins deci-

Henry Dickey of Oakland are carded ceived a Black Hand letter demand-Kid Exposite of Portland and to go ten rounds, and two short ing \$2000. Instead of complying, round bouts complete the program.

The University club will hold its the affair, the first of its bind, will THREE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS be one of the society events of the pre-Leuten season. The dining

GOETHALS ASKS TRAIN ROBBERS AN ENGLISHMAN REPEAL OF TOLLS SECURE\$100,000

Vessel, American or Foreign, Pay Canal Tolls at Panama-Open Canal by July 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20,-Presi-

"I always have favored a plan to complicity in a plot to kill General make every vessel, whe her American with resistance from Chief Mail Villa. The latter, who had previous- or foreign, pay canal tolls," Goeth- Clerk A. B. Merville and one of the als said. "I am glad the president feels the same way about it.

No Danger of Slides

slides may be expected when the wa-

ed can be denied." Colonel Goethals said he expected to remain in the United States sev- pulled ahead and left the rest of the

It was understood Colonel Goethals will ask an appropriation of

Is Not in Politics

was trying to work out a problem of disposing of the canal machinery. He is opposed to the plan to transfer it to Alaska for use in the con-

"The equipment used by the Panama railroad," added Goethals, "is If England or the United States much wider than the standard gauge ed Villa would say Benton entered | proposed for the Alaskan railroad." his office and threatened him with not in polities when asked about the a revolver, compelling him to shoot efforts of certain democrats to inin self-defense. William Benton, the duce him to run for the governorship

W. H. Benton, the British mine own- ten hours per day, or as many hours brought into the district in Novemcrossed from El Paso to Juarez to ing to conditions that may arise denounce General Villa to his face, from time to time. We will operate en to the mines i guarded cars and undoubtedly was dead was admitted in the future, as the majority have on the journey none was permitted undoubtedly was dead was admitted in the future, as the majority have on the journey none was permitted to leave the train. He asserted that DOUBLE HANGING OF Whether Villa had him executed or shop policy." not, however, the secretary did not know. If he did, it was confessed

Benton, angered by damage to his tonight in a 20 round bout at Pavi- Mexican properties, made no conlion Rink. Four other bouts will cealment of his intention, when he left El Paso, to tell Villa what he thought of him. He never re-

> El Paso despatches said Mrs. Benton remained there, prostrated

BUILDINGS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Twelve per-ions were injured by flying glass WRESTLER ELOPES CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-Twelve persively he will be sent to Sydney to here today as a result of three buildengage in a series of fights for ings being partly wrecked by a bomb "Mother" Howe, the Australian pro- explosion. The bomb was set off in the doorway of Leonardo Melone, a Melone turned the letter over to the

RENO, Nov., Feb. 20,-Three light room of the Holland has been see earthquake shocks were recorded cured and a force of workers are here early today by the seismograph making the final arrangements this at the University of Kevada. No damage was reported.

Caanl Builder Would Have Every Three Bandits Hold Up Mail Car of Queen & Crescent's Passenger Train at Irondale, Ala., Getting From \$40,000 to \$100,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 20,the result of the shooting of William emption clause of the Panama canal estimated value of \$40,000 to \$100,-000, three bandits who held up the ing squad at Junrez Wednesday night. Benton left El Paso to "give today of Colonel George W. Goeth- New York-New Orleans passenger Villa a piece of his mind" for depredations committed on the Benton Goethals arrived in Washington to- ing hunted today by men and dogs in the country northeast of here. In looting the ear the outlaws me trio struck him down with a knife, counding him painfully, though not dangerously, in the shoulders.

Members of the train crew were of ening the canal July 1. There is no the opinion that the men got aboard at Atalla and made their way forward through the coaches, donning masks when they were ready for tell what was said. Neither did he ter rises to its full level in the cut. business. At all events, they swarm-"The defenses of the canal have ed suddenly over the tender into the been completed, and statements that engine cab as Irondale was reached, forcing the engineer and fireman at their pistols' points to cut the train at the rear of the mail car and then

At a safe distance from the train they forced their way into the mail ear, surprised the clerks who, busy \$7,500,000 more than the appropriate at their work, had not realized that mail, overlooking, however, the most Colonel Goethals admitted that he valuable one in the car, jumped off and disappeared in the darkness.

Railroad officials were of the oninion that the handits knew the night's mail would be especially well struction of the government railroad worth looting. Postoffice officinis, though active in pushing pursuit,

To the robbers' identities there was not the slightest cine.

NO 8 HOUR DAY FOR

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 20.-In an open letter to the public today the mill operators of Willapa Harbor threw down the gauntlet to labor unions and declared their intention of AND DISAPPEARS standing unitedly against the eightletter read:

and ranchman who recently as we consider it advisable, accord. ber.

post from Grangeville, Idaho, little station and put him on a train. He joying a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Vennigerholz, today. but 48 pounds rode in the mail car to twenty days' imprisonment. with 32 cents in parcel post stamps attached to her coat.

WITH 12-YEAR-OLD

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.-Glen Bailey, a professional wrestler, 21 years old and Margaret Chamberlain, aged 12, were taken from a Southern Pacific train here early today by Partland police who had been sumnoned by the train crew.

The couple boarded the train at Corning, Tehama county, Cal. Arraigned in police court of statutory charges, limitey secured # continuance if one day,

MEMBERS INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION



Henry Cay Hall Professor Winthrop M. Daniels

Henry Clay Hall and Professor Winthrop M. Daniels have been nome nated by the president for members of the interstate commerce commission. Both men have high reputations which has led the President to believe they will add to the knowledge and ability of the commission

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 20.-Practical peopage in the Michigan cophour day and the closed shop. The day before the committee of congressmen investigating strike condi-"We will operate our mills and tions by Gabriel Mahtson, leader of WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- That camps in the future as in the past, a gang of Armenian strikebreakers

> He and his men, he said, were takon their arrival they were just as strictly guarded in their bunkhouses and accompanied by armed escorts

on their way to and from work. Finally, he testified, the gang decided to quit December 1, embodied SENT BY PARCEL POST this decision in a formal resolution and delegated him to submit it to he charged that two men threw him four-year-old May Pierstorff is en- jumped off, however, wherenpon, he him, took him before a justice of the peace and accused him of creating When her visit is over she will be re- peace and accused him of creating turned to her parents in the same a disturbance and cursing the Amerimanner. The little girl, who weighs can flag. The justice sentenced him

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

trading in stocks today moved slugtrend to the market. Specialties could prove an alibi, though some of police force. were about the only stocks traded his men may have been guilty. into any extent. American Ice rose close, General Motors advanced half were surre-dered to General Villa,

trading progressed. Rumley drop hearing his defense, and 359

Bonds were easy. The market closed dull.

WILSON FAVORS ASHLAND FAIR

Administration on Record as Approving Conservation-Garrison Reverses Himself in Connection With Roancke River Dam Project

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- The Wilson administration went on record here today in approval of the Gifford Pinchot school of conserva-

This stand was taken when Secretary of War Garrison reversed himself in connection with the Roano'te river dam project. Garrison originally approved the bill, which transferred valuable waterpower rights to private corporations. Today he wrote a letter to congress disapproving the measure.

Secretary Garrison, with Prestdent Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible. To protect the rights of states, revenues accruing will go to states, and not to the federal government. This suggestion is expected to heal the breach existing between advocates of states' rights and national control of the natural resources of the country.

The plan proposes that the secretary of war shall be the court of last resort in granting permission for the utilization of waterpower on navigable streams.

VOLUNTEER FIREBOYS STRIKE FOR PHONES

Eighteen members of the Medford volunteer fire department have gone on a strike in protest against the city conneil's decree to deprive them of telephones at the city's expense. hibit at Ashland during the exposi-They have made out their resigna- tion, tions and will present them March 1. The eighteen members comprise the entire membership.

IN CUPPER WINES The phones cost the city \$13.50 a month, and their abolishment part of the economy policy of the new administration. The council will probably take no steps to induce them to change their minds.

The members who will resign are: H. A. Butler, H. L. Wilson, Jack Fredenburg, Frank Lindley, Alex. Wright, E. E. Eads, P. C. Bigham, Claud Metz, H. D. Haswell, Basil Gregory, Jack Dent, F. H. Hazelton. George Ends, Clarence Boyd and Rankin Estes.

WIFE MURDERERS

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 20,-Two wife murderers were electrocutthe management. When he did so, ed today in the state penitentiary here. They were John Chereka, aged into a buggy, beat and choked him, 40, and Harry Rasico, 35 years old. Following her arrival here by parcel drove with him to the Soo railroad Chereka's three children will be sent to relatives in Austria.

PLEADS INNOCENCE

1. Opening 1% under last night's that all would be over with him if he completed until tomorrow. a point over that price. Canadian but said he did not believe Ameri-Pacific lost nearly a point. Ice and cans would be so unjust as to turn

spending a few days in the city.

PINCHOT'SPLANS EXHIBIT FAVORED

Boosters Return From Development Recommend Multnomah Grand Jury League Meeting at Eugene Enthuslastic Over Progress Made for Proposed Display Building.

Ashland forty strong returned from the Oregon Development League meeting this morning en- nomah county grand jury for indictthusiastic over the success of the gathering and certain that the exhibit will be established in that city in 1915.

When the train stopped at Medford the Ashland boosters fined up at the depot and to the following questions yelled in chorus "absolutely."

Did we put Rogue river on the map at Eugene? Absolutely!

Did we get what we went after? Absolutely! Do you love Eugene?

Absolutely! Are you glad to be back in the Rogue river valley?

Absolutely! Is Medford all right? Absolutely!

The members of the delegation were unanimous in their praise of the hospitality and cordial treatment received at the hands of Eugene and all believed that there is no further question regarding the building of the ehibit building at Ashland and the hearty co-operation by every district in the state. The meeting in Salem in March will probably be the last one before actual construction work is started.

The naming of representatives of Salem meting will be left to the various commercial bodies. E. V. Car-

It was voted to hold a meeting of members of the state commission on the Panama Pacific exposition and a Pany a charge against the Hon. F. committee of men from the several delegations at yesterday's meeting in Portland March 2, to talk over the question of maintaining an ex-

The phones cost the city \$13.50 a CREATE PARK FUND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Senator Chamberlain today reported favorably from the committee on public lands a bil to create the "Crater Lake National Park Revenue Fund." The bill provides that proceeds from all leases franchise, permits and every other source in the park shall be deposited with the treasurer of the United States and all expenditures shall be on requisitions approved by the secretary of the interior. The only two national parks in the country where this system does not already prevail are the Crater Lake, Ore., and Mesa Verda Colo., and Secretary of the Interior Lane, in a letter to Senator Chamberlain, says there is no reason it should not apply there.

ARMSTRONG ON TRIAL

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 20,- call no rainstor mas severe as the County School Superintendent Arm- one that has prevailed here for the strong and his brother, Robert H. last three days. Traffic was entire-EL PASO, Feb. 20.-Maximo Cas- Armstrong, were placed on trial be- ly suspended on the three transtillo, the Mexican bandit accused of fore Circuit Judge Kavanaugh today continental railroads through Poresponsibility for the Cumbre tunnel charged with having furnished secret mona, and the Pseific Electric has tragedy, arrived here this afternoon and special information regarding an no hopes of operating its interurban under a heavy guard of United examination for colice captain while cars for several days. Three South-States soldiers and was locked up in A. P. Armstrong was a member of ern Pacific Overland trains are stall-the guardhouse at F rt Bliss in a the city civil service commission ed at Pomona station with washouts NEW YORK, Feb. 20. - Early cell adjoining General Salazar's. He Robert Armstrong is charged with as- on both sides. continued to protest his innocence of sisting his brother to get the ques- Damage to the orange groves will gishly, and there was no positive the Cumbre tunnel horror, saying he tions to the certain members of the run into thousands of dollars.

He did not try to hide his opinion the morning and will probably not be that his entire force was busy aid-

democrat says of them:

BY GRAND JURY

Indict and Prosecute Road Contractor for Libel of County Judge Tou Velle-Vandals Reproved.

Recommending Beall & Co., road machinery contractors, to the Multment for attempted slander of County Judge F. L. Tou Velle, censuring A. P. A. fanaties for alleged nets of vandalism, commending the orchard clean-up campaign, recommending the abolition of the county pathologist's office and praising the county poor farm and county officials generally, the grand jury finished its labors Thursday evening and was discharged. The report reads as fol-

"We respectfully report that we have investigated all criminal matters brought to our attention and have returned true bills in five cases not true bills in four others. Many other matters have been submitted to this jury which in our opinion were not the subject for the intervention of the criminal courts.

The Beall Scandal

"Some scandal attaching to the letting of the contract for the Pacific highway sometime ago was investigated by this jury and witnesses were brought from Portland. After fully investigating said matter we find that the county court has been outrageously libeled by the firm of Beall & Co. of Portland either for the purpose of blackmailing the county court into buying machinery and material from that concern or the Cemmiarcial clubs to attend the for the reason that being unable to meet the prices demanded by the county court they became disgruntled ter will probably be sent from Ash. and attempted to impute dishonesty to the county judge. The evidence shows that one Beall then the presimembers of the state legislature. dent of this company caused to be inserted in the books of the com-

L. Ton Velle for automobile tires and thereafter caused the said entry which purported to show that they had been furnishing tires to Tou Velle to be exhibited with the intent to libel and blacken the character of Judge Tou Velle. By the the admission of this concern, no order had ever been placed for such tires and said entry was wholly false and made knowingly and for the pur-FOR CRATER LAKE pose of either blackmail or libel. The publication of this libel having occurred in Multnomah county we are without jurisdiction to return an indictment but we respectfully recommend that the portion of this report dealing with this subject no transmitted to the district attorney of that county with the recommendation that the matter be submitted

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TWO DEATHS DUE TO HEAVY STORM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20 .-Two deaths due to the unusual rainstorms sweeping southern California were reported today. Miss Sue Beville, a wealthy orange grower of Covina, and Harold Seitz, 27, her nephew, were drowned at her ranch, FOR ALLEGED GRAFTING The drowning of a newsboy at Santa Barbara earlier in the storm has brought its death total to three lives. Residents who have lived in Pomona valley for twenty-two years re-

At San Dimas the road oversees The selection of the jury occupied stated that every bridge was out and ing distressed families.

A near-cloudburst in the moun-The July Entertainers, who will tains last night shortly after midappear at the Page theater, Satur- night sent a veritable wall of water Motorn increased their gains as the him over to certain death without day and Sunday, Poiruary 21-22, down over the valley, washing badly have made a great hit in Salem, Al- the famous La Verne orange orchbany, Corvallis and other towns in ards, flooding a section of Lords-J. H. Freed and wife of Yreka are the Willamette valley. The Albany burg and pouring like rivers through the streets of Pomona.