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A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK *******************

CHAPTER XXI. Slowly and painfully dragged away the hours and the days to the poor sick wife In New Orleans. Old Loppa was very kind, and so was the physician. Yet Louise had a very severe sickness, and a part of the time she was out of her head. But gradually the delicium passed away, and she was at length able to sit

Three weeks had she lain thus ere could rise from her bed; but on the fourth week she was able to walk about the room. It was at the close of the fourth week that her husband returned. "Have I been away longer than you

No." was the quiet reply, "for I've expected nothing about it. "Ah!" uttered Simon, with show of

"I have been too sick to expect anything," explained Louise. "O!" uttered the husband, more mild-

"Yes-I have been very sick. I even feared at one time I should never see you again.' There was something so piquant in this

that Simon was sure there was sarcasm in it, but he chose not to expose his "I, too, have been laid up," he said,

after gazing into her face for some mo-"Ah-how? I noticed your hand was rolled in rags. What has happened? Have you been fighting the wicked in-

Again Simon bit his lip, but he kept

"I have had a duel on your account." "Is it possible? How was it?" "I heard you insulted most grossly, an I

I would not bear it." "You should not have borne it, at least, if you loved your wife. But who was

"Goupart St. Denis." Louise started.

"Explain," she said, earnestly and eag-

"Ha! the name moves you, does it?" Why should it not? You know he was once a lover of mine."

This open avowal, so frank and honest, seemed to please Lobois, and he went on to explain:

"No matter what was said, but St. Denis struck me. Of course I chatlenged him. We chose swords. Your father was present. He would have stopped it if he could, for he feared I should get hurt." "As you did."

his open bosom. Finally, when I saw that 'twould be downright murder for me to kill him, I bade him put up his sword. He asked me for what-for he knew not that I only toyed with him. "This is only boy's play,' said I. "Then put up your sword, said he. I did so. and just as my point touched the ground What do you think of that?"

"Perhaps I ought not to speak my

Surely you ought. What do you think

"Well, then, I think you have told me very fine story.'

Eh? Do you doubt my word?" "Doubt you? Doubt the word of Simon Lobois? Believe that my own husband could speak falsehood? Never, Simon-never!

Sharply the scamp looked into Louise' face, but he could detect nothing there, save a calm, cool expression of utter simplicity; yet he knew she was quizzing

"But you did not tell me how this all came out," she said. "What did you do after Goupart had struck you on the

"What could I do? My hand was powerless. I might have knocked him down with my left hand, but I spared him. He was beneath all notice, save that of mere

"Poor Goupart! Did he know how deep was your contempt for him?" "What mean you?"

"Why, simply that you could have inflicted no worse punishment upon him than to have let him know that you held him in contempt. It must have nearly

"Look ye, my fine girl, you are venturing on dangerous ground. You may say

Louise bowed her head a moment, and spoke the truth, for she quickly replied, after she looked up:

"Excuse me-pardon me. I have but just recovered from a severe sickness, and my first feelings were naturally those of joy and gladness, and you know how often you and I have joked and pestered We have often said very hard things in jest, and I have even pulled your hair till you fairly cried pain, and yet you never got provoked be-

This was spoken so earnestly, and with so much apparent feeling, that Simon was moilified in a moment.

"Let it pass," he said; "only in future choose a light occasion for light conversation. And now to something of more importance. When can you be ready

"At any time," answered Louise. "Very well. I will see the physician this evening, and be governed somewhat

Shortly after this Lobols went out, and when he returned he reported that the doctor would come in the morning. So that night Louise was left with Loppa, and on the next morning the doctor came, and with him came the anxious husband. The former examined his patient carefully, and he expressed the opinion that brother and sister were in each other's wife should not undertake the journey under a week at least.

"Then I believe I shall go to Bllox!. There is a ship ready to sail, and I have some business to do there."

Louise expressed her entire willingness, was now expecting soon to be master of to bow in humble resignation to the farm, after all."

an immense fortune, and he was prepar | dreadful blow that has been inflicted uphis main object being to obtain a profitable cargo to return to France, whither meant to take his wife as soon as he ed that very night for Biloxi, and his wife was once more left to the kind care

of her sable attendant. A week passed away, and her husband ame not. She had now so far regained her health that she could walk out in company with Loppa, and the rose was all back to her cheek.

Another week passed, and she was well and just as she began to wonder if any accident had happened to her husband he made his appearance. That very day there was a barge to start up the river. New Orleans was all alarm and excitement. The garrison at Natchez had been surprised by the Indians, and nearly every soul murdered! On y six had escaped, and four of those had this very morning reached the town. Gov. Perier had sent messengers up to the plantations alen; on the river to put the French on their guard; and now tha barge, full of soldiers, was about to start up to see if any assistance was required anywhere on the way, and in the meantime a council of officers was to be held to determine what further should be

Lobols gained passage for himself and wife, but they were forced to put up with such accommodations as the others had, save that a sheltered place was fixed for Louise, near the stern, in consideration of her recent illness.

Of course the passage up, against the current, was slow, the heavy ba making a headway of over three I nour, and stopping sometimes at plantations on the way, so that not until the morning of the fit that they reached the establish Brion St. Julien. But the captai boat concluded not to go up to teau, so Simon and his wife we ed at the mouth of Walnut riv from thence they made their wa

They had gained about half ing a turn upon the river's bank, ing a small canoe ahead with dians in it. "Why!" uttered Lobois, after

upon the strange scene a few n they are Natchez Indians, Do ains mean harm here?" "Rather a small party for tha Louise, upon whose mind the sta

t had upon her companion's.
"But we'll watch them. Here-let us keep further away from the bank, and then we can follow them, and not be They surely mean to approach the

hand in the dreadful massacre." Louise made no objection to this, and ere long they reached the garden. Half "Listen. We fenced awhile, and I were soon within the enclosure. The were soon within the enclosure. The found that the boy was at my mercy. faithful negro could at first hardly believe "Liar!" hissed his eyes. He gazed upon the "appera shun," as he afterwards called it, and finally a big tear rolled down his sable

> ng his broad hands. "Bless heaven!" With glistening eyes she returned the faithful fellow's grasp and salutation, and then bounded away towards the house, for she saw her father upon the piazza; she walfed not for her husband

The frantic parent caught his child to his bosom, and with streaming eyes he murmured his thanks, for in that moment of reunion he forgot the dark cloud that hung over his loved one. Before the old man had found his tongue Simon had reached the piazza.

"My father," he uttered, "forgive me if I am abrupt-but you have heard of the dreadful massacre at Fort Rosalie?"

"Well, there are two Natchez Indians making their way up here in a cance. Perhaps they know not of our habitation. Let men be sent out at once to capture them, and we will interrogate them, at

That was enough for Tony, for he had followed Simon to the house, and heard this remark. Ever since the abduction of his young "mas'r and missus," he had longed to get hold of an Indian, and here

"Only two ob 'um, d'ye say, Mas'r Simon?

"That's all, Tony." "I'll hab 'um!" And with this the stout Afric disappeared, and in a few moments more he had four stout companions at his heels on his way to the river,

In the meantime, Simon followed the marquis and his child into the house, and when they reached the sitting room, they too much!" uttered Lobois, now showing found St. Denis there. He looked up and saw the marquis; then he saw Simon Lobois, and then-his eye rested upon she seemed to think that her companion | that female form. He started to his feet and turned pale as death. That love! face was turned upon him; those soft eyes, now swimming in tears, were bent upon his own, and her name dwelt upon

"My wife, Monsieur St. Denis," said Lobois, in malignant triumph. "O, my soul!" burst from the wretch ed man's lips, and covering his face with his hands, he sank back upon his chair. Louise seemed upon the point of speak ing, but at that moment the tramp of feet and the sound of voices were heard

in the hall, and in a moment more the door was thrown unceremoniously open CHAPTER XXII. "Bless heaven!" cried old Tony, bound ing into the hall at a wild hop and plant-

ing himself directly in the middle of the

"We's cotched 'um, mas'r-we's cotched 'um, an' here dey am! At this White Hand and Coqualla came forward. Simon Lobois was the first to recognize, beneath the Natchez garb and the walnut stain, the youth whom he had hoped to destroy, and stifled cry broke from his lips, while he

turned pale and trembled like an aspen. The next to recognize the living truth was Louise, and with one bound the arms. Their stifled exclamations of joy awoke the parent to his senses, and in a moment more he held them both upon his

"My children," he cried, raising his streaming eyes to heaven, "O, how blest it makes me feel that Chicago people so Simon resolved to go. In truth he is this moment! Almost it makes me feel ain't so much different from us on the

"Louis, my dear boy," at this juncture exclaimed Simon, having now recovered could dispose of the few remaining ob-stacles that stood in his way. He starthis presence of mind sufficiently to hide "Dear Louis, let me welcome you back to our home.'

And as he spoke he advanced and extended his hand. The youth gazed upon him a moment in stern silence, "Simon Lobois," he uttered, drawing proudly up, "I did not think you would

offer me that hand!" "How-a-eh?" gasped the wretch, turning pale again. "You should not thus reject the hand of your brother-in-law."

White Hand started. "Brother-in-law!" he repeated. "Are you mad?

"No-I am a husband." White Hand crossed over to where Louise stood and took her by the hand. They whispered together a moment, and then the youth turned towards Simon. "Villain," he exclaimed, "you forced

her to this! "She consented to the marriage," re turned Simon, triumphantly, St. Denis sprang to his feet. He moved to Louise's side, and grasped her

"Louise." he said, in a broken voice, 'tell me all; tell me if you gave this man your heart; for in the years of darkness that shall follow this blow, it will afford a glimmer of light to know I am not all forgotten by my soul's idol." "Goupart, he forced me to the mar-

"Silence!" thundered Lobois, starting

Ntachez had not that peculiar effect that his poor heart would break; and the vil

lain evidently felt uncomfortable. "I refused him at first," continued the Goupart St. Denis. Then he told me he had seen my father's wealth accumulate house. Come, let's hasten, and we'll have under his care, and had looked on a part them captured. Of course they had a of it as belonging to him, and he would not now see another come in and snatch that wealth away. He determined to accordingly they took the cross path, and have his share. I told him if he forced me to become his wife I would beg of here they came to the closed gate of the swore if such a thing were done, he barricade; but a few loud calls from Si- would make my life such a scene of tormon brought old Tony forth, and they ture I should pray for death to come

"Liar!" hissed Simon, listeners: "But I refused to marry him, will be able to prove his innocence. and on the very next night, after midnight, two stout men came and carried me away. I was weak and faint then, for I had but just recovered from sickness. Yet they carried me away and refused me both food and dripk. There I came nigh famishing with hunger and hirst. At length the villain came to me; and when I begged for a drop of water he swore I should have none till I had promised to be his wife! My mind was fluttering, and thirst made me frantic I promised to be his wife! Then he ought me bread and milk; he took me from the prison, and soon arrangements were made for the wedding. He had ob tained the consent of the colonial governor, and we were married in the church, the governor himself being pres-When the priest put his questions to me, I was burning with fever, and a dreadful sickness was upon me. Yet my mind was not shaken. I promised to the best of my abilities to do all he had asked of me. Then we were pronounced man and wife, and I begged of him to hurry away, for I was faint and sick, I reached our home; the fever seized me and raged for many weeks. Health

came at last, and I reached my father's (To be continued.)

house.

When the Roosters Crow.

The feelings of some honest folk from the country when they visit a large city have been very accurately described by a Chicago paper, and as this old farmer says, there's very little difference be the belfry of which it hung, was burned tween city and country if you only look a short time ago. for the things which they have in com

"I'm all right in Chicago if I can hear the roosters crow once in a while," said John, "but when I don't hear them I get pretty homesick, and want to hurry back to the old farm in Ford County. That's why I always pick out lodgings as close as I can get to South Water

"I come up here once in a while on business of my own, and I feel at home well enough down at the stock-yards in the daytime, where the hogs grunt and the cattle bellow, but I'm lonesome at night when I can't hear the roosters

"I reckon if you was down on my farm a night or two, you'd be mighty glad to hear a street-car gong, or a steamboat whistle, or a wagon clattering over the stones. When a fellow has heard a rooster crow about sunup every morning for forty years, he doesn't feel just right when he gets where there are \$42,000. All but \$11,000 was recov-

no roosters. "You can talk all you please about your clean city and your 'city beautiful,' as the newspapers call it, but I'd their reach. rather smell a clover field in this town when I'm lonesome than the sweetest

flowers you've got on State street. "I recollect Parson Cross saying once, in a sermon, that a touch of nature makes the whole world kin. Somehow when I hear a rooster crow up here, or a sheep bleat, or get the smell of a stable,

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

during the big strike now on.

All warships but those of Austria will be withdrawn from Salonica.

Adirondacks are now out and the remainder under ccontrol. Mrs. C. P. Huntington has purchased

Mrs. J. F. Carroll in New York. A French-Belgian syndicate has been formed in Europe with a capital of \$3,-000,000 to work the Chilean mines.

the new \$500,000 six-story mansion of

Three thousand dollars of the money which was stolen from Express Agent Peterson, of Britt, Ia., last week, has again. been found beneath the company's In a street-car runaway at Rochester,

ad I'll caused the accident. b. en The rivers and harbors committee of

> York to see what improvements are needed in shipping facilities.

failure of the operation for the restoration of his sight. Attempts to wreck two trains at

singer evangelist, now acknowledge the

Robbers wrecked the safe of the Bank of Assaria, Kan., and escaped on a hand car. It is not known how much money they secured.

Indiana has had another severe frost which it is believed will practically other tender early fruits.

"No-no," caimly replied Louise; "I the embezzlement of \$25,000 of the funds river, connecting engineers in this country may nullify

an offer of Andrew Carnegie to give in peace in one room.

Russia expects war with China and is

preparing for it. Nearly 500 tenants were evicted in

the New York tenement district May 1. "search for Jesus," near Sasakatoon,

The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of civil government on the Pacific coast was celebrated at Cham-

poeg, Oregon, May 2. John Firman, 25 years old, living at men of physical manhood and constantly enjoys good health.

A bell cast by Paul Revere, that had is being recast at Troy N. Y. The Leominster Congregational church, in

Turkey has proclaimed martial law

An earthquake in Chile caused heavy

Labor troubles are seriously affecting business in many of the cities throughout the United States.

Six passengers were injured in a collision between an electric car and Lal e Shore train in Chicago.

Fruit and garden truck in the Arkaansas valley, Colorado, have been seriously damaged by frost. The loss is estimated at more than \$500,000. Forty persons have been arrested fol-

lowing the robbery of the Wells, Fargo express company at Silao, Mexico, of

Rebels in Turkey are fighting with bombs, blowing up everything within

Secretary of the Navy Moody will visit the coast with President Roosevelt and inspect naval stations.

Regulations in regard to matches in New York now provide that no one without a license can sell or give them away. Retailers may not seil more than 1,000 in a box. The splints must geological survey, is in Pendleton and be strong, and the heads must not fly will at once begin work in Eastern

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

WILL FIGHT THE RESERVE.

Protesting Petitions.

A zealous protest is being made by

Little Change In Herd Law.

is no obstruction

valuations.

ing, \$23.

ham, \$3.45@3.85.

Insane Asylum Report.

month, \$10.66; per day, 35 cents.

Eastern Oregon Pioneer.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Barley-Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brew

Flour-Best grades, \$3.95@4.25; gra-

Millstuffs-Bran, \$19 per ton; mid-

Oats - No. 1 white, \$1.51@1.20;

Hay-Timothy, \$13@13.50; clover,

Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 50c pe

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12c;

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 161/2@

Butter-Fancy creamery, 22c

Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound.

Beef - Gross, cows, 31/@4c

Woll-Valley 1214@15; Eastern Ore-

Eggs-16@17c per dozen.

ory prices, 1@1%c; less.

Veal-8@8 1/2 c.

dressed, 8@9c.

dressed, 8@81/4.

7 % c.

grav, \$11.21/2@1.15 per cental.

\$10@11; cheat, \$11@12 per ton.

dlings, \$24; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop,

GOOD WORK OF BUREAU.

Harriman Lines are Turning Thoughts Southern Oregon Citizens Readlly Sign

of Thousands to Oregon. G. M. McKinney, who has charge of the immigration department of the the citizens of Josephine and Curry Harriman lines, met with the real es- counties against the establishment of tate dea ers of Salem to discuss matters the great forest reserve, embracing Omaha has ordered all saloons closed relating to his work. He explained the nearly half of Curry and all of Western plan of his department and talked with and Southern Josephine, as well as part the real estate men concerning the of Douglas. Josephine would be methods of advertising that they must blocked in, so to speak, and Curry rely upon to draw immigration to this would be placed in a position whereby The more serious forest fires in the state. That Oregon is now the most its advancement would be a matter of widely tasked of state in the Union is difficulty. the declaration he made, after telling Just at this time, when prosperity how the resources of this state have seems to be heading this way, capital been advertised through the immigra- is becoming interested, new people tion bure-u. As an indication of what c. ming in, and new industries being has been done for the Willamette val- established, it is a hard blow both to ley, he said to at since his department Josephine and Curry, so the citizens has been working between 4,000 and claim who are opposing the measure. 5,000 one-way railway tickets have to establish a forest reserve of so vast should regard the establishment of a been used by Eastern peop e, who came dimensions. The argum at made that naval base or a fortified port in the removal of trees, seems not well found-

He said that the immigration bureau ed. But few, if any trees, have been fect enterprise of the kind ever org n- any means to affect the flow of water in all the means at our disposal." Pa., the conductor was probably fatally resches in the most effective manner miners, who need the water the most, burt, the motorman badly bruised and those pers ns who are the most desiration oppose the establishment of the reservethose pers ns who are the most desira- oppose the establishment of the reserve. six passengers injured. Wet rails ble immigrants. Within seven months Petitions, begging that the matter of after he began work his department estab ishing the reserve be reconsidfield six lecturers, with stereopticon liber. Hy signed. views showing scenes illustrating the resources and indu tries of Oregon, and The report that General Matos, the the e lecturers are addressing Eastern revolutional, leader, has landed in audiences four evenings a week. Six Oregon state sederation of lator met in Venezuela from Curacao, is confirmed. immigration agents in the different La Grande this week. About 100 dele-An association for the protection of sections of the middle West are giving gates were present. The attendance Germans in the enforcement of the laws their whole time to disseminating in- was neither as large nor as representof Argentina has been formed at Buenos formation regarding this state, super- ative as was hoped. By far the larger vising the distribution of literature to part of those in the convention were those who are most likely to come to from Portland, while Astoria Salem, Physicians of Ita D. Sankey, the this state, and aiding scores of Eastern Albany, Ashland, Baker City and Penreal e tate men who are encouraging dleton have from one to three delegates

Western immigration. By means of this vigorous policy the much in earnest in their desire to take people of the Eastern states have been up in the convention some of the knotty tramps, and the police are now in pur- that there is more talk of this state as a and determine a course of action in redesirable place for home-seekers than gard to them. there is of any other state.

At a mass meeting of Linn county law regarding the running of stock in farmers held in school district No. 114 Multnomah county, no change was recently some resolutions asking the made by the last legislature in the county court to rebuild Sanderson's herd law. Section 61 of the new road way up the wide path they walked, and my father to give me not a sou. Then he kil! the strawberry crop, plums and bridge were adopted and sent to the law prohibits the herding of stock upon This bridge was carried away the highways, thereby obstructing them Edwin C. Kelley, treasurer and gen- by the floods of last January. It was with earth, stones, or other debris, but eral manager of the Enamel Brick com- one of the longest bridges supported by his section does not prohibit herding pany, of Cleveland, O., is charged with Linn county and spanned the Santiam stock on the highways so long as there speak but truth." Then turning to her of the concern. Kelley declares he county with that rich section known as the forks of the Santiam

Clackamas county officers report an unusual scarcity of silver. Treasurer \$1,000,000 or more to establish a Cahill says gold pieces, in denominalocked me in a dark prison house. They National center for engineers in New tions of \$20, were never before as plen-York. A high official in one of the tiful as the are at this time, and he bodies says it is doubtful if all can live finds it troublesome to keep on hand a sufficient amount of silver with which Portland laundrymen have locked out to make change. No reason is assigned for this condition, save that it indicates in a substantial way a greater degree of prosperity among all classes.

Wool in Marion County Pool.

From information produced at the Fifty half-naked Doukhobors are on tion meeting, it seems probable that the quantity of wool controlled by the pool this year will be nearly double The Merchants state bank at Free- that of last year. The soliciting comployes, 160; expenditures for article man, S. D., was raided by robbers. mittee has not yet completed its work, They secured about \$3,000 and escaped. but thus far 50 members have been secured, and it is expected that the total amount of wool represented will be from 75,000 to 100,000 pounds.

Survey of the McKenzie.

Professor McAlister, who is at the died at his home at The Dalles Sunday Paterson, N. J., has two hearts beating head of the University of Oregon meafternoon, after a short illness, from in his own breast. He is a fine speci- chanical department, has completed arangements for a hyd ographical survey years of age. of the McKenz'e river this summer. The survey will be made for the purbeen in constant use since its making pose of determining the water power of the river with a view of locating the points where elect ic plants and the ley, 75@76c. like may be established to the best ad-

Water Seeps from Ditch. The irrigating ditch belonging to Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. T. Henley, of Klamath county, runs through the town of Klamath Falls, \$18. Postmaster General Payne has un- and the village authorities have comearthed a scandal in the Washington menced suit in the circuit court to secure an injunction against the owners, alleging that the property is a nuisance

on account of injury from seepage.

New Road to Crater Lake. sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental, W. S. Arant, superintendent Crater Lake national park, reports that 3.50 per cental. growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@ he will have the new road leading to the lake ready for use by August 1. young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, will be shorter and have fewer bumps live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, and steep grades than the old one \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50. will enable a journey from Fort Klamath to the lake, 25 miles, in 21/2 17c; Young America, 17@171/c; fact-

Rainler Lumber Shipments. Ninety-five car.oads of lumber and shingles were shipped from Rainier in

the cargo of 600,000 feet shipped to San Pedro by sailing vessel. Cattle Coming to Summer Ranges. gon, 8@14; mohair, 35@36c. Cattle are beginning to come into Starkey prairie for summer range. The prair e summers several thousand head, pound; steers, 41/4@5c; dressed, 71/4c. principally from Umatilla and lower

the past month. This does not include

down, in Union county. Eastern Oregon Geological Survey. T. B. White, of the United States

NEW WAR POLIC

GREAT BPITAIN PROCLAIMS MONRIC DOCTRINE OF HER OWN.

Coast of the Persian Gulf the Basis of It-Encroachment by Any Foreign Powe Will Be Resisted - Protection of Se Route to India Necessary to Predor inance of British Interests.

London, May 8 .- Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has proclaimed a British Monroe doctrine in the Persian Gulf, and has practically notified the competing powers that any attempt on their part to establish a navy base or fortified post in those waters means war with Great Britain.

"I say without hesitation," said the foreign secretary, dealing with the subject in the house of lords, "that we to the valley and did not go away streams are drying up by reason of the Persian gulf by any other powers as a very grave menace to British interests. of the Harriman lines is the most per- removed in that section, not enough by and we should certainly resist it with

ized in the United States, and that it the creeks and streams. Even the Lord Lansdowne preceded this explicit enunciation of British policy by a review of the situation there, as it affected British interests, contending had placed the literature advertising ered, or that the tract be not withthe house of representatives made a this state into the hands of 2,000,000 drawn, are being circulated in J sephthe house of representatives made a people. The bureau has placed in the ine and Curry counties, and are being of other powers, both because it was owing to British enterprise and expenditure of life and money that the gulf was now open to the commerce of The first annual convention of the the world, and because the protection of the sea route to India necesseitated

British predominance in the gulf. Lord Lansdowne's attitude in this matter generally meets with approval. although the answers thereto of the other powers interested in the gulf are awaited with some anxiety.

The newspapers here comment on the analogy of the present proceedings, each. Those in attendance are very which Captain Mahan so strongly recommended, to the United States Stamford, Conn., are charged to interested in Oregon, with the result questions confronting organized labor policy of Monroeism. The Westminster Gazette holds that the British motive, namely, the protection of the sea route to India, corresponds exactly with the American motive in excluding European powers from American waters Aside from the amendment of the because their territory is thereby threat-

WILL DELAY CANAL TREATY. President of Colombia Will Not Call Extra Session of Congress.

Washington, May 8 .- The latest advices received indicate that President Marroquin, of Colombia, has almo decided not to ca'l a special session of the Colombian congress to act on the The assessable valuation of all Clack- canal treaty. In the election in proamas county is being doubled by gress the opposition continues to gain Assessor Nelson, who is at work on the and the prospects for a government 1903 roll. Assessor Nelson reports that heretofore in this county property majority are so doubtful that President has been assessed at not to exceed 35

Marroquin seems indisposed to act. per cent of its real value. This year The Colombian congress will, howit is being listed at double the former ever, assemble July 20 in regular sesvaluations. The amount of the tax sion. At that session the canal treaty under this plan will be about the might be taken up, but in view of the same, since it will be cut down in pro sentiment existing, much doubt is portion to the increase in the property felt here as to whether it will be acted

The outlook, however, does not discourage the officials here. The United The report of Superintendent J. F. States government has gone so far in Calbreath, of the state insane asylum, its negotiations with Colombia that for April shows the number of patients confidence is felt here that President March 31 as 1,297; remaining on April Marroquin will feel himself bound to 30, 1,298. Number of officers and emcarry out the engagements into which he has entered. The Colombian connsumed, \$7,749.41; pay roll, \$6.064.stitution contains a provision enlarging 66; Cost of maintenance per capita per the powers of the executive in case of disturbed conditions, and if there is the slightest sign of for ible opposition to the government or of revolutionary up-Julius O. Mack, one of the best rising, such as are hinted at in the known residents of Eastern Oregon, stories from Kingston, Jamaica, and from Isthmian points, indi ative of a purpose to sever the isthmus from Copneumonia. Mr. Mack was about 50 lombian soverignity, the president may arrogate to himself dictatorial power and go to the length of ratifying the canal treaty without the consent of congress. It he does so, the United Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@71c; val-States government will sustain the

title thus acquired. Coal Trust Admits Charges.

Chicago, May 8. - In an answer filed in the United States cirucit court today, the Indiana and Illinois coal operators, who were recently made defendants in a case started by the government, admitted that they had been acting for a time under an agreement, but denied that there was any unlawful combination to fix pri es of their product. They declared that the agreement was abandoned before the court proceedings were begun, and that even while it was in force they sold coal below the prevailing market price.

Tonesta, Pa., May 8 .- Standing in a mill pond with the water up to his neck, where he had gone to escape a forest fire, Walter Boyd, part owner of Hat's shingle mill, near Pigeon, was burned to death. A tank of oil expound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@221/c; ploded and the burning oil covered the man. When the fire swept in from all points the other members of the crew fled in terror, Boyd deciding to remain until the last moment. tank stood on the bank ofthe pond.

Washington, May 8 .- The state cepartment to ay releived a cablegram from United States Consul General Mc-Mutton-Gross, 7@71/2c per pound; Wade, at Canton, saying that bubonic plague is increasing in Canton, Honan, Lambs—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, Shuntak, Yokung and Yuengshan. Famine is raging in Kwang Si, and an Ameri an missionary reports that the body of a victim had been eaten.