

SHE IS DECLARED INSANE.
BURLINGTON, Ia., April 17.—The Des Moines county commission of insane today adjudged insane Mrs. Nettie Craven, who once sued the estate of Senator Fair, alleging she had been the common law wife of the senator.

SHE ABANDONS LARGER HOUSE.
From Motives of Economy, Divorced Wife of King of Saxony Gives Up Villa Home.

MILAN, April 17.—The Countess Montignoso, who has succeeded in subletting the Villa Papiniano to an American gentleman, has now settled in a smaller residence, on the road near Poggio Imperiale, in the environs of Florence. The countess, who changed her abode from motives of economy, now keeps only three servants, all Italian, and absolutely trustworthy. She told the owner of the small hotel in Florence where she had been living that the King of Saxony insists on having the little Princess Monica. While acknowledging that the king has the law on his side, the countess maintains that the claims of maternal love are higher than legal rights. The countess now lives very carefully, and never allows the Princess Monica out of her sight on any pretext whatever.

Silks

Another large shipment of the newest SHIRT WAIST SUITING SILKS

just opened. The new patterns are swell. Our prices are extremely low.

MOST COMFORTABLE Shoe They Ever Wore

That's what the ladies say about

"Brown's Process" Turn Sole Shoes

This sole is a novelty in shoe-making which has genuine merit. It looks like a Goodyear welt, but has all the flexibility of a turn sole. We have them at \$2.60 and \$2.95. Have you seen them?

Barnes' Cash Store
E. F. Barnes, Prop.

Reliable goods at cash prices. New Idea Patterns for May now ready in our dress goods department. Price 10c. By mail 12c.

CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

UNMATCHABLE VALUES Offered For THIS WEEK'S SALES

Take a glance at this advertisement. It will tell a story of spirited selling to come. Just the things the EASTER SEASON demands are here in fullest assortment, in reliable quality, in desirable styles and at prices lower than has ever been quoted on like merchandise. We bought heavily, we paid out cash, we took advantage of everything that would tend to lower the prices; that is why we undersell them all; that's what makes Salem's Fastest Growing Store. New goods for Easter in every department.

FINE NEW SILKS.

Just arrived \$1,000 worth of the prettiest silks for suits that were ever shown in Salem in Fancy, Plain and Iridescent; prices small.
30c Wash India Silks in all colors, special, yard 23c
55c Fancy Silks for Suits, yd. 50c
\$1 Fancy Silks for Suits, yd. 60c
\$1.25 Imported French Novelty silks for Suits, price yd. 85c
75c Black Silk Taffeta, yd. 45c
\$1.35 Black silk Peau de Soie 85c
\$1.39 Crepe de Chine Silk in all colors and black, sale price yd. 89c
\$1.85 Black Rustle Taffeta silk, as thick as a board, every yard guaranteed, 36 inches wide, \$1.39

FINE DRESS GOODS.

Our Dress Goods Department has been a wonder this spring. We are showing the latest novelties.
\$1.49 Eoennes 46 in. wide; this is a beautiful silk and wool, light weight material and makes beautiful summer suits, all colors, per yard 98c
75c Black and colored Sicilians, ideal shirtwaist suit materials, per yard 49c
50c fancy Mohair Suitings; will shed list of dust; price yd. 33c
500 yds of Assorted Fancy and plain dress goods worth up to 50c, price yd. 25c

EASTER MILLINERY.

Swell dress and walking hats sold at small prices.
Ladies' and Misses Street Hats 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25
\$2 White PK Hats, the latest 98c
Ladies' Trimmed Hats \$1.95
Imported French Trimmed Hats. 3.95

SILK SUITS.

We have sold more silk suits and fancy wool suits this spring than we expected to sell in one year.
\$15.90 Silk Shirtwaist suits \$9.90
\$18.50 Silk Shirtwaist suits \$12.50
\$29.00 Silk Shirtwaist suits \$17.50

DRESS SKIRTS.

We sell every customer that visits this department; the goods are right and the prices are right.
Dress skirts in all kinds of material Mohair, Panama and voiles, prices \$1.95, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.90

EASTER KID GLOVES.

500 pairs to select from in every shade you can think of.
Washable \$1.39 undressed kid gloves 98c
French kid gloves, white, black and colors 98c
In the following departments we are ready for business. Men's Goods, Shoes, Ribbons, Laces, Hosiery, Muslin Underwear, Wash Goods, Parasols, Silk Waists and Fancy Neckwear.

IT LOSES ONE, WINS ANOTHER

IMPORTANT OPINIONS RENDERED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

O. & C. GRANT LANDS INVOLVED.

Company Must Pay Judgment for \$47,000 for Nonfulfillment of Contract.

Decree of Lower Court Found Faulty by Appellate Court and Other Case Is Remanded for Further Proceedings—Involves Judgment for \$21,619.

Two important opinions were rendered by the supreme court yesterday. They are important on account of the great sums of money involved in each of them. Contracts of sale of lands granted to the Oregon & California Railroad Company by the government, by the act of congress of 1866, are involved in both cases, and, as a result of the opinions rendered by the supreme court, the company is obliged to satisfy a judgment for \$47,000 in one of them and may yet have to pay a judgment of \$21,619 to the plaintiff in the other.

In the first case mentioned, that of Anthony Neppach, respondent, vs. The Oregon & California Railroad Company, appellant, from Multnomah county, the plaintiff sued for damages to the amount of \$100,000 against the defendant for alleged failure to fulfill a contract for the sale of 3,200 acres of its government grant lands. He secured a judgment for \$47,000 and the defendant company appealed. The decision of the lower court, Judge A. L. Fraser, is affirmed by Justice Bean. After the contract was entered into and the first payment made by plaintiff, according to the terms of the contract, a controversy arose as to the ownership of the land in question between the Oregon & California Company and the Northern Pacific as the land had been given to the latter company prior to the act granting it to the O. & C. Co. Pending the settlement of this controversy, the O. & C. Co., by its land agent, Schulze, refused to accept any more payments on the contract, although they had been tendered by plaintiff.

The dispute over the land was finally settled in favor of the O. & C. Co., by the supreme court of the United States. The plaintiff then went to Schulze and offered to make final payment upon the contract of sale, but the latter refused to accept it on the ground that the plaintiff had neglected to pay the installments when due. The contract between Neppach and Schulze, whereby it was mutually agreed to defer payments upon the land until the controversy was settled, was of an oral nature and the defendant company set up the contention that Schulze had no authority to bind the company by such agreement. The plaintiff brought suit for damages for nonfulfillment of contract and secured a verdict as stated above. In affirming the decision of the trial court the appellate court holds that Schulze was the recognized agent of the company and that he had full authority to bind the company by such agreement relative to the disposition of such lands as were placed in his hands for sale.

The second case is similar to the first one and involved a portion of the land purchased by Himpie and Neppach, mentioned. William R. Moffett, Jr., trustee, was the plaintiff and he brought suit against the O. & C. Co. to recover \$21,619 on a contract for the purchase of 5,172 acres of land in the O. & C. railroad grant. The trial court gave Moffett a judgment for the amount demanded, but several questions were raised in the appeal as to the sufficiency of the complaint. In reversing the decree of the lower court in this case, Chief Justice Wagoner finds that the complaint was sufficient in all respects but that it was an error to give judgment on the pleadings and remands the case for such further proceedings as may seem proper and consistent with the opinion. Judge A. L. Fraser also presided in this case in the lower court.

Another opinion was handed down by the supreme court, that of W. M. Roberts vs. appellant and the S. R. Templeton estate is the respondent, in which Justice Moore affirms the decision of Judge J. W. Hamilton of the circuit court for Lane county. This was a suit to compel specific performance of an oral agreement to convey an individual share of real property. The supreme court holds, upon the only important question involved, that the partial performance by a cotenant is not such a possession as will entitle the plaintiff to maintain the suit.

BOTH SEEK DEATH.

Twins Decide to Commit Suicide and Jump Through Car Window—Only One Dies.

SEATTLE, April 17.—Emil and Oscar Trapp, twin brothers on their way to this city, leaped from the window of a day coach of the Great Northern overland train tonight within a few miles of Seattle. Emil's neck was broken and he died instantly. Oscar sustained serious injuries but will live. The man still living stated that he and his brother had decided to kill themselves and the first method that presented itself was jumping through the car window. Both men had considerable money.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON IS DYING.

WEST PALM BEACH, April 17.—Joseph Jefferson is growing weaker and it is feared his end is near. It is reported that the members of the family, not already with him, have been telegraphed to come. Joseph Jefferson was still alive at midnight and seemed to have rallied somewhat. Dr. Potter, his physician, and some members of the family have retired. It is thought he will at least live through the night.

STOLEN LETTERS SURRENDERED.

Taken From the Smiths Upon Their Arrest in Cincinnati, They Are Finally Returned.

NEW YORK, April 17.—There were two developments in the Nan Patterson case today, and another postponement of the trial until tomorrow was made. The surrender by the district attorney of letters and other effects, whose recent seizure from the trunk of Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Nan Patterson's sister, has caused widespread interest. The bundle of letters, after considerable legal sparring, was finally returned to Mrs. Smith's counsel, Mr. Limburger, this afternoon.

DO YOU OWN WOOL?

BUTTE, April 17.—A Miner special from Helena says that Thomas Cruse has sold his wool clip, about 400,000 pounds, at 20 cents a pound to a Boston firm.

NEW ELDORADO

RUSH OF EARLY DAYS WILL BE REPEATED IN THE FRASER RIVER COUNTRY.

Shallowness of Water Holds Out Splendid Opportunity to Placer Miners, Who See in This Their Chance for Splendid Strike in Gold Mining.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 17.—Many old-timers who were in the province prior to the rush of 1858, and are able to compare conditions then with those which now prevail, think the present year will see one of the biggest rushes to the placer mining bars of the Fraser river that has taken place since the great gold stampede of that year. The snows upon the mountains at the headwaters of the Fraser river are this year less than they have been since the memorable year of 1858. The greatest depth during the past winter was fourteen feet, as opposed to an average of thirty-three feet in other years, and a maximum depth of fifty-four feet. There is no record of the depth of the snows on the mountains in the winter of 1857 and 1858, but it is thought that it was about twenty feet, and the waters of the Fraser will probably be even more shallow than they were in that year when the bars of the upper reaches of the river gave up their golden treasure to thousands of placer miners.

Ever since then the high waters of the Fraser have prevented any individual placer mining being done on them, but this year Mill's bar, China bar, Boston bar and all the other sand banks in the Fraser whose names are written with letters of gold on the annals of mining in this province, will be uncovered and opened to give up their stores of gold, which have been accumulated untouched since the rush of 1858. The little snow that there was at the headwaters of the Fraser has nearly all gone, and low as the water of the river now is, the indications are that it will be little higher at any time during the coming spring or summer.

MANY TRAMPLED

FALSE ALARM OF "FIRE" RESULTS IN DEATH AND INJURY OF MANY NEWSBOYS.

Jammed Together in Narrow Hallway, Waiting to Procure Free Tickets, at Cry "Newsies" Stampede and Crowd Piles on Stairs in Frenzied Mass.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—Frenzied by a false alarm of fire, several hundreds of newsboys, who were struggling to obtain a share of free tickets to the circus, were trampled and injured by a crowd of newsboys, who were being distributed by a traveling representative of a patent medicine company, were stamped in a narrow stairway in Masonic temple tonight, crushing the life out of four boys and injuring twenty-six others, seven seriously. Long before the appointed time for the distribution of the tickets the stairway was crowded with a pushing, yelling crowd of newsboys. When the distribution began, the excitement became more intense and the efforts of several policemen were unavailing.

It is alleged that one of the boys, in an endeavor to hasten the exit of those who had received passes, shouted "fire." Immediately those at the top faced about and with almost superhuman strength began to force their way to the bottom of the stairs. Shrieks and physical encounters followed for a few seconds, when, from some cause, those near the top fell headlong on the struggling mass at the bottom. Four boys were dead when extricated from their position at the bottom of the stairs, and were believed to be fatally crushed, were taken out as fast as they could be disentangled from their frenzied companions, who fought and clung to each other in desperation.

After the injured had been taken from the scene of death and the crowd had left the sidewalk the sight presented by the stairway and walk in front of the door and in the upper hallway was gruesome in the extreme. Blood trickled down the steps. Fragments of clothing and flesh were strewn here and there. The accident evidently had little effect on about forty of the boys, who, when the excitement was over, went to the theatre.

SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WARSAW, April 17.—A conference under the presidency of Governor General Maximowitch will be held early in May to discuss and formulate plans for a system of local government in Poland on lines similar to the Zemstvo.

ARE NOW OFF COCHIN, CHINA

RUSSIAN VESSELS SAID TO BE COALING AT KAMRANH BAY.

ALSO REPORTED OFF HONG KONG

The Neutrality Question Will Now Be Put Up to the French Government.

Prince Heinrich Gives Story to Effect That Rojestvensky's Fleet Was Coaling Outside Bay at Singapore on Friday—Other Rumors.

PARIS, April 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Echo de Paris states that Rojestvensky, with a portion of his squadron, was sighted off Hong Kong, sailing northeast. This is not confirmed by any other sources.

London, April 18.—In the absence of further information regarding the position of the Russian and Japanese fleets, the London morning papers are keenly discussing the neutrality question. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore gives a further report from the steamer Heinrich, received on Friday, April 14, that two Russian cruisers were scouting outside the bay, while a tug was bringing coalliers alongside the warships, which were coaling, and that many boats were transferring provisions to Russian vessels.

The Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong reports that the steamer North Anglia on Friday night encountered a strong fleet of cruisers off Bombay reef, steering south and using searchlights. The North Anglia was unable to distinguish the nationality of the cruisers.

WITHOUT HOPE

MAYOR DUNNE WILL MAKE ONE MORE EFFORT TO SETTLE LABOR TROUBLES.

Neither Side to Chicago Strike Shows Inclination to Compromise—Riots Block Street and One Man So Eagerly Beaten He May Die.

CHICAGO, April 17.—After a conference held this afternoon with representatives of the union teamsters, Mayor Dunne announced that he had practically given up all hope of settling the Montgomery Ward & Co. strike.

"I will hold conferences tomorrow," said the mayor, "with representatives of both sides, but I have no idea that anything will result from the meetings."

There were numerous disturbances in the streets during the day and others around the freight houses. Several non-union men were followed by strike sympathizers and badly beaten, one of them so badly that he may die.

The most serious disturbance of the day occurred late in the afternoon at the intersection of State and Madison streets. A mob, numbering 2000 people, gathered about a State street cable car on which were riding two colored men who had driven a wagon to Montgomery Ward & Co.'s. Stones and sticks were hurled at the car, and in the twinkling of an eye the window in the car was smashed. Two policemen, in order to protect the colored men, placed them under arrest. A riot call was sent to the Central station, and it required twenty officers, who responded, thirty minutes of time to drive the crowd away and open up the streets to traffic.

KILLED BY ANGERED SIWASHES.

This Is Supposed to Have Been the Fate of Walter Taylor of Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17.—Murdered by Siwashes in the vicinity of Shoal bay, is believed to be the fate of Walter Taylor, who disappeared five weeks ago. The residents of the up-coast logging country think Taylor was killed by natives in revenge for little mistakes alleged to have been made by him in business dealings with the Indians.

NEW HOME IS DEDICATED.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Memorial Continental Hall, the new and handsome home of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was dedicated today. Although the building is not completed, the annual meeting of the society, which began this afternoon, is being held within its walls.

FILE AFFIDAVITS

HENEY DEFENDS INDICTMENTS AGAINST ATTACK MADE BY THE DEFENDANTS.

Binger Herrmann Follows Suit of Others and Demurs to Charges Against Him in Land Fraud Cases—Counsel Agree on Legality of Answer.

Portland, April 17.—Congressman Binger Herrmann was today arraigned on the indictments charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government of its public land. Herrmann filed demurrers and pleas in abatement.

District Attorney Heney today presented three affidavits defending the legality of the indictments against Mitchell, Williamson and Herrmann. The affidavit of George Guistion, the jurymen alleged to be disqualified, and the other two by Heney himself, declaring that he was a duly appointed deputy district attorney and that he was not prejudiced. The defense objected to Heney's methods, and the point was being urged when the court adjourned.

Ex-District Attorney Hall, Deputy District Attorney Edwin Mays, Earl Benson, W. N. Jones and Thaddeus Potter pleaded not guilty or entered pleas in abatement.

ENTHUSE OVER GRUBBING SIGHT

Women Ask to Examine Skull of Murdered Wife and Are Rebuked by Court.

ROME, April 17.—There was a dramatic episode in the remarkable criminal trial at Perugia this week, in which lieutenant Modugno is charged with having murdered his wife after compelling her to write a letter stating that she was about to commit suicide. The skull of the dead woman was handed round to the jury and to the experts connected with the case. A hole was visible in it through the right temple. The prisoner was horrified at the sight of it and sobbed loudly, covering his eyes. The ladies present in the court were most eager to examine the relic, for which they were rebuked by the president, who threatened to send them out of the court.

KENTUCKY LAW IS INVALID.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Kentucky in the case of the city of Covington vs. the National Bank of Covington, holding as invalid the Kentucky law requiring the national banks of that state to make a return of all their shares for taxation purposes. The opinion was based on the ground of discrimination against national banks.

WORKINGMEN'S EXPOSITION 1909.

PARIS, April 17.—The chamber of deputies today passed a bill providing for a workingmen's exposition in 1909.

SPURIOUS COIN IN MILL RACE

SALEM BOYS MAKE QUEER FIND IN EMPTY WATER DITCH.

COUNTERFEITERS IN SALEM

Several "Phoney" Coins Bear Evidence of Having Been Very Recently Molested.

No Evidence That Effort Has Been Made to Circulate Bad Money But Officers on Alert—Believed to Have Been Cast Away Because Imperfect.

Is there a regular band of counterfeiters operating in this city? That is the question with which the officers of Salem have been confronted and it will be thoroughly investigated. The question is suggested by the revealing of a quantity of counterfeit coins of 5-cent and 50-cent denominations in the mill race on Church street by the two young sons of R. B. Coshaw yesterday morning. It quite frequently occurs that the ditch which conveys the water to the different institutions which derive power from it gets out of repair, and in order to set matters right the water has to be shut off above. It became apparent on Saturday that some repairs were needed for the water way and the water was shut off Saturday night that the work could be attended to on Sunday when the power was not needed.

The water was very shallow in the ditch, and when the two Coshaw boys were in the act of crossing the bridge they noticed something shining in the water. Upon investigation they found it was a coin, and they searched around until they had gathered six pieces, a 50-cent piece and five nickels. It was an easy matter to discover that they were counterfeit and of very recent coinage, as they were still bright and new. It was also quite apparent that the coins were cast from molds and not from dies, as some of the coins bore rather indistinct impressions, while the others were very good, but they were all rather crude, and there was a faint but discernible yet ineradicable impression of the circular metal hole of the mold.

Careful inquiry about town failed to show that any of the spurious coins had been passed upon the business men or merchants as yet, and it is thought by the officers that, if a counterfeiter's den has been established, it is of recent date, and that the parties have not had time or opportunity to begin operations unless they have adopted the policy of manufacturing their goods here and peddling them elsewhere. Experts who have examined the bogus coins found by the boys pronounce them as a species of alloy, and if perfect impressions could be produced they could be passed almost anywhere, with the possible exception of a bank, where coins are frequently tested.

It is the opinion of those who have given the matter thought that the coins were either thrown in the mill race by some party or parties who had been hard pressed and did not want to be caught with them on their persons, or that the manufacturers of them had discarded them on account of their imperfections. The police authorities have been advised of the find and are on the lookout for the perpetrators as well as for their rendezvous.

WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

UTICA, N. Y., April 17.—Hiram Cronk, of the town of Utica, the only survivor of the war of 1812, will celebrate his 105th birthday Wednesday next. The aged veteran lives with his daughter on a farm near Ava. He enjoys splendid health for a man of such years, and his faculties are as keen as those of many persons half his age.



EASTER

To all our friends and patrons we extend an Easter Greeting.

Easter is the time for sunshine and for flowers. It's the time when nature smiles and we all take a fresh grip on life.

It's the natural desire of every Man and Boy to appear in new garments on Easter Sunday.

We're in full bloom of Spring display of Suits, Top Coats, Hats, Neckwear and all sorts of "Springy" things for Easter.

If you're not ready for Easter Sunday we can put you in order in about thirty minutes, and you'll be as well dressed as any man in the Easter parade.

Fair and satisfactory prices, as usual.

Salem Woolen Mill Store

SALEM'S FASTEST GROWING STORE.
McEVROY BROS.
Corner Commercial and Court Streets, Salem