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Mail Agents Appointed on the Steamers.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—Pursers Curtis and Buckman, connected with the Pacific Coast Steamship company, and running on the steamers Mexico and Topeka respectively, have been created mail agents of the railway service. By thus giving power to the persons in question as mail agents the postal business on the Alaskan route will be greatly facilitated. The order went into effect Saturday. The Topeka left Port Townsend Saturday morning for Alaskan ports. The Mexico will leave here for Alaska about the 10th of next month via Puget Sound ports. On her trip to that place the Mexico, it is reported, will fall to stop at Portland and Astoria. Freight from those ports will be forwarded overland by rail, connecting with the Mexico at Port Townsend.
Shoe Manufacturers Combine.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Representatives of nine of the largest shoe factories in the city met and formed a Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Protective association. The constitution adopted provides in case of a strike or boycott in any factory the committee shall investigate and report in five days. If the committee finds no reasonable cause for a strike or boycott within one week, every member of the association shall discharge all his union workmen. No stamp of any union shall be used by any member of the association. On Monday notices will be posted in all shops notifying the men if the strike now in progress against Kalm, Nickelsberg & Co. is not declared off by Saturday, all the union men in the nine factories will be discharged. A similar organization, it is expected, will soon be formed in other trades.

Strike Riots in Indianapolis.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 28.—Yesterday has seen riotous demonstrations in connection with the street-car strike. The casualties are limited to a number of cracked heads and black eyes. Both sides seem as determined as ever. The advantage of the battle seems to rest with the strikers, for they have succeeded in preventing the running of cars and demonstrated there are no deserters from their ranks. The company announced no effort would be made to run cars before Monday. The strikers are vigilantly watching the stables. Everything is quiet. Late Saturday the board of public safety decided to swear in 250 special officers for service Monday, and Mayor Sullivan has issued a proclamation closing all saloons until the strike is over.
A Politician's Crime.
MARION, Ala., Feb. 29.—At the Perry county Democratic convention J. B. Cooke, candidate for sheriff, was exasperated over the nomination of his opponent, John Hogue, that heent the latter's throat. Cooke was jailed. It is likely he will be lynched.

FINED SIX CENTS.
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 29.—Ex Market Clerk Hastings, of Allegheny convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced Saturday to pay a fine of 6 cents and undergo an imprisonment of eight months in the county jail. His shortage was made good by his friends.
Deserved His Fate.
MARIETTA, Mo., Feb. 28.—Dick Cullen, who murdered his 4-year-old girl a few days ago, was lynched Friday night. One hundred and fifty men overpowered the sheriff. When asked if he was guilty, Cullen said: "Pull your d—d rope."

MARKETS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—Wheat higher season \$1.77.
PORTLAND, Feb. 29.—Wheat valley, \$1.55; \$1.50; Wa. a Walla, \$1.30 @ \$1.45.
CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—At close wheat cash, 87; May, 91.
Frank M. Brooks, M. D., physician and surgeon. Office over Barr & Fox's new store. 2-20-98.

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Question to be Settled by Arbitration.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Negotiations between the United States and Great Britain looking to the submission to arbitration of the controversy between the two countries in regard to the Behring sea fishery reached a favorable conclusion today. Panncoote, the British minister, signed today for arbitration on behalf of Great Britain. Blaine signed the document on behalf of the United States government. The treaty is subject however, to the action of the British parliament and the United States senate. The exact terms of the treaty can not now be stated, but it is known that the board of arbitration consists of seven persons, two representing the United States, two representing Great Britain, one of whom is to be a Canadian, and one each, representing the neutral governments of France, Sweden and Italy.

A MILLER'S SCHEME.
He Wants Farmers to Build Flour Mills.
BLACKLEY, Feb. 29.—J. H. Johnson, the owner of a fifty-barrel flour mill here, and a devotee of Farmers' Alliance doctrines, has created a great deal of comment in this neighborhood by issuing a letter to the farmers urging them to organize a Farmers' Alliance milling association. He has printed and circulated thousands of his three-column document, the burden of which is to show that the farmers of the Dakotas and Minnesota have lost \$28,000,000 on the wheat of the last crop up to December 9, 1897. He then proceeds to show the farmers their folly in not building their own mills and thereby securing \$1 a bushel for their wheat, with a ton of feed per 100 bushels together with some minor advantages. Any community that can deliver 75,000 bushels of wheat, he says, can thereby keep a fifty-barrel mill running for a year, and the mill can be built for \$70,000. That, Mr. Johnson says, will secure \$1 a bushel for every bushel of wheat raised by the shareholders. Mr. Johnson would allow 50 cents a barrel for the handling of the flour, and the agents he would send abroad to dispose of it would be the farmers' sons.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED.
Of Interest to All Shippers to Foreign Countries.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 29.—Judge Allen, of the United States district court, today sustained the demurrer to the indictment against Milton Wright, general freight agent of the Wabash railway, and J. M. B. Keblor of St. Louis for the violation of the interstate commerce act by cutting rates on shipments of flour from East St. Louis and Montreal. The court held that congress had no power to make any law regulating railroad rates between points in the United States and points in foreign countries.

EARTHQUAKE.
Three Shocks Felt in Eastern Oregon.
THE DALES, Feb. 29.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt here at 2:55 o'clock this morning. The vibrations were from north to south, and lasted four seconds. They were sufficiently sharp to wake a number of citizens, and some were so alarmed that they were preparing to rush out into the street, when the disturbance ceased. In some places the houses were cracked and crockery rattled on the shelves. No serious damage is reported.

FATAL FIRE.
Three Children Burned to a Crisp at Seattle.
SEATTLE, Feb. 29.—This morning a fire was discovered in the house of John Simpson by the neighbors. Simpson and his wife, who slept with their two-year-old baby in the lower part of the house, escaped

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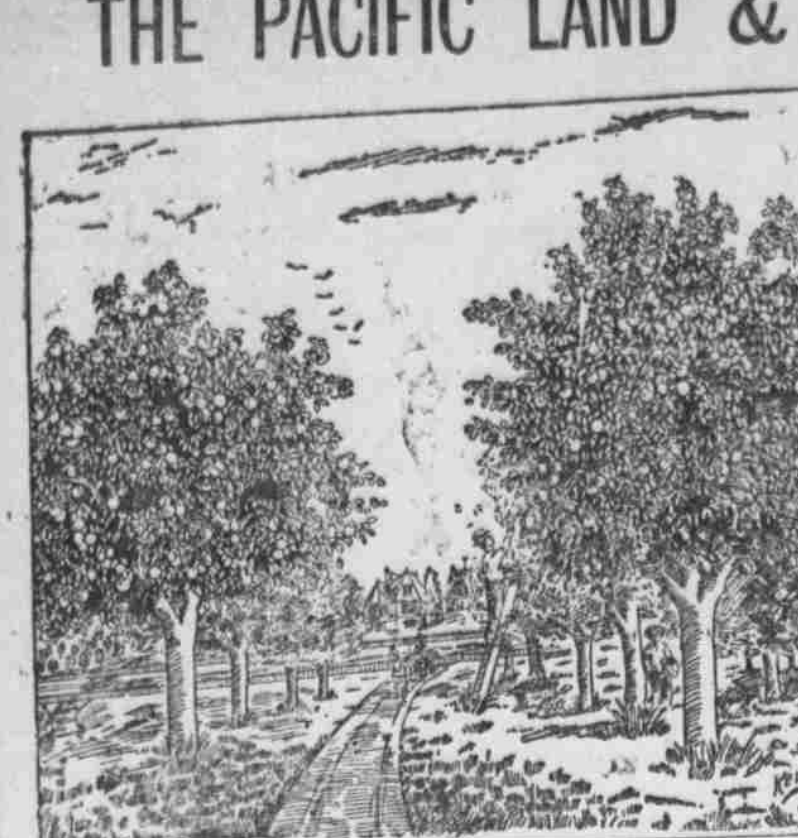
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FROM BERLIN.
A Body of Young Men Fight With the Police.
BERLIN, Feb. 29.—At 5 o'clock Saturday evening a body of young men to the number of 500 formed in line and tried to march past Emperor's William's palace. The police, however, took vigorous measures to disperse the paraders, and with drawn sabres, moved down on their ranks. After a hand-to-hand fight, in which many heads were broken, the officers succeeded in gaining the mastery over the paraders. The various dry goods stores in the city closed their doors early. A band of 600 men, who were marching from Charlottenberg to Moabit were intercepted by a force of police and easily dispersed. A number of fights of small dimensions between police and rioters occurred periodically all through the evening until 9 o'clock. After that hour, however, the police were able to preserve order without much difficulty.

THE SILVER QUESTION.
The Bland Bill to Be Made a Special Order.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—As a result of an informal talk between three Democratic members of the committee on rules, Crisp, Catechings and McMillin, a decision was reached to bring in a special order on the silver question. It was determined to make the Bland bill the special order for March 21 or 22, though this date may be changed. The purpose is to give the bill four days for consideration in the house. Within this time it is to be debated and brought to a vote, if necessary, by filibustering. It is the purpose of the anti-silver men to fight the special order of the rules committee at the very outset and endeavor to defeat it. A large number of members of congress conferred with the speaker during the day, and all gave opinions on the silver question. Senator Gorman had a long interview with the speaker.

Coal Creek Trouble Ended.
CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 28.—The miners at Cow Creek yesterday ratified the plan submitted to them by President C. M. Jenkins, of the Tennessee Mining company, by which the mines would be operated in future on the co-operative plan. The miners will take \$50,000 worth of stock in the venture. This is looked upon as the end of the Coal Creek troubles.

Curtis, the Actor.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—Judge Trout Saturday continued until next Saturday the setting of the date for the retrial of M. B. Curtis, the actor charged with the murder of Police Officer Alexander Grant.

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