ROBT. LINCOLN TALKS.

Well Informed on the Bound-
ary Question.

ASKED TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY

In a Former Dispute Between
the Same Countries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Robt. T. Lin-
coln, who has been asked to serve on
the Venezuela boundary commission,
had not returned home last night,
although it was reported that he had
left New York 24 hours previously. In
the absence of a definite utterance from
Mr. Lincoln, a recently published in-
terview with him will be found inter-
esting and significant. In this he
said:

"As congress now has the matter in
hand, we may see in the near future
some action toward the settlement of
the boundary question in Venezuela.
I think it was in 1891, while I was
minister to England, that this govern-
ment asked me to act as intermediary
in the boundary line dispute be-
tween England and Venezuela. (Not
the dispute now spoken of.) Dr.
Pulido came from Venezuela as com-
missioner, and I acted as intermediary,
as instructed, holding my audiences
with the Marquis of Salisbury. The
latter offered to arbitrate the question
but at that time the Venezuelan emis-
sary declined to accept any settlement
other than a fixed line marked in his
official charts. This broke off diplo-
matic relations and ended my position
in the matter. Dr. Pulido returned to
Caracas, the Venezuelan minister to
Great Britain was recalled, and
England acted likewise.

"While that ended the negotiations,
England lost no time in reaching for
more extensive boundary lines, the
boundary upon which I was asked to
assist in making a settlement is far to
the east of this present alleged en-
croachment. In this section are said
to be gold mines of great richness so
that an extensive field is offered to
British enterprise.

"I believe in the Monroe doctrine in
connection with the Venezuela
troubles, provided this government is
prepared to enforce it."

AN ENGLISH CARTOON.

LONDON, Dec 28.—The Graphic has
a cartoon in the Christmas number
entitled "A New Copy of an Old Mas-
ter." President Cleveland in the role
of an artist has made a copy of a por-
trait of President Monroe. The origi-
nal portrait is represented as dignified,
serene, and with a pleasing smile,
while the copy is out of drawing, much
distorted and the expression changed.
Miss Columbia, prettily and fashion-
ably dressed, in the stars and stripes,
poses as critic in the following dialogue:
President Cleveland—Well, what's
the matter with it?

Miss Columbia—Not a bit like the
original; I should paint it out and try
again.

The artist who drew the cartoon is
the well known Phil May.

FRIENDLY SPIRIT SHOWN.

LONDON, Dec 28.—The Olympia, the
largest place of public entertainment
in England, opened last night with a
military spectacle which included a
friendly meeting between American
and English officers, and the salute of
the combined flags of the two nations
was among the exhibitions of friendly
international feeling.

ZEITOUN FALLS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—It is
officially announced that the most
obstinate fighting preceded the capture
of Zeitoun by the Turks. Semi-
official advices from Zeitoun say the
Armenians lost 2500 killed during the
engagements and 250 Turks were
killed.

The narrow pass between the hills
leading out of Zeitoun is said to be
crowded with Armenians, men, women
and children, and it is feared they will
be massacred. The ambassadors of
Great Britain, France, Russia, Ger-
many, Italy and Austria sent their
dragomans to the palace today to make
representations with a view of pre-
venting the Armenians being massa-
cred.

The financial situation continues
very bad.

EARTHQUAKE IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—An earthquake
has been experienced in the districts of
Orense, Vienna, Pueblo de Tribes,
Lugudliel, and Valdearenas, in the
province of Galicia. Several houses

Children Cry for
Pitcher's Castoria.

collapsed, but no deaths are reported.

NICARAGUA RAILROAD BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mail advices
to the Associated Press from Managua,
Nicaragua, dated December 8, say that
the London syndicate of holders of the
railroad bonds issued in 1886 by Nicar-
agua and due 1919, have ended their
acceptance to the "ad referendum"
agreement which they wrote out Sep-
tember 2, for Nicaragua to accept. It
gives to the bond holders the addi-
tional securities of an export duty of
at least 1 cent gold per pound on all
coffee exported from Nicaragua in con-
sideration of the reduction of the rate
of interest from 6 to 4 per cent per
annum and the cancellation of one-
half of the unpaid interest to January
1, 1896. This rebate in interest and
cancellation of part of the interest due
are, however, more than compensated
by several charges, expenses, etc.,
claimed by the syndicate which
Nicaragua has to pay annually.

The issue was made in 1886 by
Nicaragua of railroad bonds amount-
ing to £283,000, due in 1919. Interest
on them was paid to January, 1892,
and in addition, one-half the yearly
payment was made in June, 1893. The
bonds were sold in 1886 at about 77½
cents on the dollar, but because of
commission, etc., of the London bank-
ers, Nicaragua received only about 53
cents on the dollar.

Portland Recognized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Portland,
Or., has been raised to a first class free
delivery postoffice. This effects the
raise of from two to three grades of
letter carriers, and consequent increase
of salaries.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The stock
market opened dull and weak. Rail-
way shares were the chief sufferers,
especially grangers.

A Big Loan.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Boersen
Courier says negotiations are proceed-
ing between the United States govern-
ment and the leading banker of Berlin,
with a view of taking over a new
loan of $200,000,000.

Y. M. C. A. Rally.

The rally last night was well at-
tended and was most enthusiastic.
The purpose of the meeting was to
arouse interest in increasing the
membership of the association. The
program opened with a short talk by
H. S. Gile, president, pertaining to the
object of the meeting. C. P. Bishop
then gave a statement of the financial
condition of the organization. Ernest
Wilson then rendered a piano solo,
after which Travelling Secretary Jas.
A. Dummett took charge. He urged
the necessity of working to upbuild the
membership, and suggested that two
teams of thirty members each, with
captains, be selected to push the work.
P. H. Sroat and Joseph Albert were
named as captains, and the two teams
are distinguished as orange and blue,
respectively. Work will be begun im-
mediately, and results must be obtained
by February 1st, when the team gain-
ing the greatest number of recruits will
be treated to a turkey dinner, and the
losers to the next simple fare—mush
and milk. The aim of the association
is to raise the membership from 180 to
300 or more. Coffee and sandwiches
were served, and the affair culminated
in an indoor baseball game between
the married and unmarried members,
the result being a score of 34 to 21 in
favor of the latter.

SHERIFF SALES.—Sheriff John
Knight today conducted four sheriff
sales as follows: In the case of Wm.
C. Myers vs. Mrs. A. Walling property
in three cases sold to plaintiff for $693.65.
Scottish Investment and Trust com-
pany vs. Wm. N. Ladue et al lots in
Cartwright addition to Salem and a
fraction of lot 2, block 49 sold to the
plaintiff for $8 491 67. Emma G. Jory
vs. Nathan Ward et al 40 acres land : 8
sold to bid in by plaintiff for $345.89.
Minnie A. McCauley vs. Nancy
Sharp et al, 50 acres, 19 sold to bid in
by plaintiff for $1356 52.

PARSON'S ORCHESTRA — furnishes
the best music the people of Salem are
favored with. They will furnish the
music for the Foresters ball on New
Year's eve, at the Reed, which will be
a select and exceedingly well arranged
affair. Before the ball a fine concert
program will be rendered. Read the
list of selections elsewhere.

REFORM SCHOOL—Freddy V Arm-
strong, aged 10, was brought to the
reform school from Corvallis today, he
being another incorrigible lad. There
are 219 enrolled with 117 present at
the school.

DELAYED OVERLAND.—The south
bound California overland did not reach
Salem until 2:30 o'clock this morning,
being three and a half hours late. The
delay was occasioned by the Northern
Pacific train being late into Portland.

To THE PEN—John Powers and
Charles Kennedy were brought to the
penitentiary from Hillsboro this morn-
ing to serve a ten year's sentence, the
the former for burglary and the latter
for assault with a dangerous weapon.

The Nicaragua canal should be built,
owned and operated by Uncle Sam.

TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED

Panic in a Theatre Produces a
Great Calamity.

RESULT OF A FOOLISH SHRIEK

By an Excited Man in the Gal-
leries.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28—In a senseless
panic caused by a defective gas burner
and a foolish cry of fire, at the old
Front-street theater last night, 24
people were killed, two fatally injured
and 10 seriously hurt.

Almost all the victims are of Polish
nativity and Hebraic extraction. Many
of the injured were taken to their
homes by friends, rendering it almost
impossible to get a complete list at this
time.

The theater which is the oldest in
the city, was filled from pit to dome.

In an instant after the senseless cry
of fire there was a wild scramble for
the door, in which the whole audience
took part. The vanguard of the terror
stricken multitude reached the
entrance on Front street, pushed on by
the howling, shrieking mob behind
them. Those in the foremost rank
were compelled to turn to the right
and to the left to reach the double
entranceway, built in the form of a
storm door. Passing through these
doors, they reached a flight of steps,
leading from each door downward to a
landing, from which a broad stairway
of moderate height would have carried
them into the street and to safety.

As the crowd reached the landing,
one to the right and one to the left,
they met. There was a brief struggle,
and then some one lost his or her
footing and fell. In a moment the
crowd, pushing with irresistible force
from the rear, crowded upon the pros-
trate form and began to turn to stum-
ble, reel and presently fall prone upon
the floor, under the myriads of feet
coming down like a horde of buffaloes
from behind. In less time than it
takes to tell it the landing was packed
twenty or thirty deep with the panic-
stricken multitude, and the hundreds
behind them were struggling over
them to reach the street.

GROWING WORSE.

BALTIMORE, Dec 28—The horror at
the Front street theatre last night is in-
creased rather than abated by today's
developments. The list of identified
dead has grown to 27, and two or three
more lying in the city hospital are so
severely injured that their names may
swell the roll 'ere another night pass.

NEWS IN CONGRESS.

Work of the Legislators on Tariff
and Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The senate
was enlivened yesterday by a spirited
and somewhat personal debate, in
which Hill and Teller were the princi-
pal figures. The New York senator
precipitated consideration of the bond
question by offering a resolution that
future bond issues to renew the gold
reserve should bear a provision that
they would be payable in gold or silver
at the option of the holder. In sup-
port of this bill Hill read a speech,
setting forth the difficulties of negoti-
ating bonds under the uncertainties of
the present law. Teller's reply to Hill
was cutting, sarcastic and personal.
He repudiated and protested against
the action of the president and his
"tide-waiters" to defame the credit of
the United States. He spoke of the
recent visit to Washington of a great
New York banker as one of those who
had participated in the "dishonorable
and imbecile" bond transaction of last
year.

The galleries were crowded during
the debate, and the senators as well as
spectators, keenly enjoyed their caustic
tilt.

Allen added his protest to that of
Teller against the defamation of the
national credit. No final action on
the resolution was taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—When the
house convened today but three hours
remained for the debate on the bond
bill and a vote by the terms of the rule
under which the house was operating
was to be taken at 3 o'clock. The at-
tendance was large. Brosius, a Re-
publican, of Pennsylvania, opened the
debate in favor of the bill.

Speeches advocating the bill were
made by Cannon, of Illinois, Taney,
of Michigan, Marsh, of Illinois, Bar-
low, of Missouri, and Connolly, of
Illinois, all Republicans. Speeches in

opposition were made by the following
Democrats: McLaurin, of South Car-
olina, Bartlett, of New York and Bai-
ley, of Texas. The last named advo-
cated the coinage of the seigniorage.
The debate was closed for the respective
sides by Crisp and Dalzell, the former
insisting that the bill was a political
measure fully intended to embarrass
the treasury, while the latter said it
was a plain business proposition. At
3 p. m. voting began. Probably 44
Republicans voted against the bill.
The first section being the bond section
of the bill, passed by a vote of 169 to
186. The second section of the bond
bill past without division.

Voorhees, chairman of the senate
committee on finance, will call the
committee together Tuesday next, to
consider the revenue tariff. He says
there will be no disposition on the part
of the Democrats to delay the bill in
committee.

THE BONDS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A Washington
special to the Post says: The presi-
dent is expected to make a bond
announcement the first of next week.
He has not entirely abandoned the
hope that the can float a bond issue by
a popular subscription.

Nine out of ten of the financiers
with whom the president and his ad-
visers have been in communication,
express the opinion that the popular
loan scheme will be a failure. What
figure has been fixed upon has not yet
been disclosed. The time limit for
such subscriptions is also an un-
named quantity.

Another story is that bonds will be
offered at once at about a market value
of four per cent sold in February and
as soon as the failure of the scheme is
fully demonstrated an announcement
of that fact will be made and the pres-
ident will then be free to make the
best appropriate terms he can with a
syndicate.

THE BAYARD IMPEACHMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The house
has adopted the amended resolution of
the foreign affairs committee relative to
Ambassador Bayard. The resolution
calls on the president for information as
to the alleged utterances of Bayard,
and the correspondence on the sub-
ject.

A Wife Murder.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Jack Liverpool,
a fisherman, was arrested this morn-
ing for murdering his Indian wife.
His wife's body was found in the bay
last night at low tide with her head
gashed and twenty-five pounds of lead
in a sack tied about her waist. The
murder was committed on Christmas
day. The police are looking for
another man who helped Liverpool
throw the woman into the water.

THE TAX LEVIES.

Unauthorized Statements About the
State Levy.

There is no authority for saying what
the state tax levy will be. The matter
has not been considered by the board.
Secretary of State Kincaid has been
compiling the appropriations made,
and will soon have totals that will
form a basis for figuring. This will be
reduced to the lowest possible figure,
as was done last year.

Until the state board of equalization
gets through with its work, it will be
impossible to even estimate what the
levy will be. It is a fact, the state
levy of 5 mills last year was very low
for Oregon. It is a question whether
the state school levy last year was
4.7 mills. It will probably stand.
The Salem school district levy will
be 6 mills it is thought. The city levy
will be about 10 mills.

According to a statement of County
Judge Hubbard there is a possibility of
a reduction in the Marion county tax
levy for next year; this year it was 7.5
mills and the judge estimates that the
next levy will be about 5 5.

This makes a total of 26 2 mills, and
the state tax yet to be levied.

State Tax Board.

The large tables of values are now
nearly completed and the state board
of equalization has nearly completed
its work. Town lots, improvements
and real estate and telegraph lines are
still to be dealt with. In this line the
board cannot do much unless it also
raises or lowers railroad lands. In
referring to the class of horses and
mules, the word "raised" was used in
Friday's JOURNAL instead of "lowered."
The reductions were: Baker, Benton,
Gilliam, Harvey Lake and Umatilla,
10 per cent, Clackamas, Douglas,
Klamath, Marion, Wallowa and Wasco,
20; Grant and Josephine, 15; Multno-
mah was rais d 50 per cent, and other
counties remained unchanged.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.—The directors
of Pringle school district have levied a
5 mill tax and expect, in the spring to
put up a fine new school house.

Two TRAMPS—Police Judge Edes
sentenced two hobos five days each
and gave them till noon to get out of
the city.

WHEAT 44 CENTS—Such was the
quotation for wheat at the Salem
Flouring mills this morning, indicat-
ing a raise of one cent.

To WED—On application of W. W.
Murphy, a license was issued today to
C. W. Stege and Mary E. Hayes, both
of Howell Prairie.