

MILLS OF CONGRESS GRINDING

House Wants Papers in the Recent Postal Frauds

Resolution Calling For Them Is Introduced--Will Be Thoroughly Investigated

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Perkins, of California, presided over the senate today during Frye's absence.

Dolliver presented a petition referring to the sale of Pines. Upon Lodge's objection that it should be presented in secret session, it was withdrawn. In the house about 50 were present when the session opened. Wagner, of Pennsylvania, offered a privilege resolution calling upon Postmaster-General Payne to transmit to the committee on postal expenditures all the papers and reports in the postoffice investigation. Williams objected, and asked time to debate and offer amendments to the resolution. Wagner refused to commit himself, and said the papers properly belonged to the postal committee, as it was authorized by the rules of the house to pass upon all accounts, and report all abuse of appropriations.

Wagner's resolution was adopted by a vote of 109 to 100. The bulk of the papers are already in the hands of the committee on postoffices.

In the Senate.
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Pennington (Continued on eighth page.)

WOMEN FATALLY INJURED

Panic Stricken at a Fire They Jump From Fifth Story

Elevator Man Loses His Head and Life--None Were in Immediate Danger

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Four women, employed in a dressmaking establishment in the Canby building, were panic-stricken in a fire this morning, and jumped from the fifth story. Minnie Troxell, two Lovison sisters, and Mrs. Frank Hughes are probably fatally hurt.

Elias Reeder, the elevator man, became excited, lost control of his car, and fell five floors. He is fatally hurt.

Elias Saunders fell three stories from a fire escape, and is seriously injured.

All could have escaped easily, as the fire was confined in the stories in the basement. Smoke filling the building caused the panic.

STRIKE OF LIVERY DRIVERS

Stops Funerals in the Windy Street--Cabs Deserted

Undertakers Ask for Police Protection to Protect Drivers of Funeral Cortège

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Fifteen hundred livery drivers struck today. The business is tied up. At noon 400 stable men quit in sympathy. The drivers demand \$14 a week for 12 hours a day. A funeral at St. Procopius church this morning was interrupted, when the members of the Coupe and Cab Drivers' Union, who had been impressed to drive by the liverymen, were called out by their business agent, while the ceremonies in the church were progressing. The pallbearers, who started to place the body in the hearse, were notified that there were no drivers, as all refused to proceed to the cemetery. The body was finally conveyed to the cemetery in a light undertaker's wagon, while Rev.

Neuvil and the mourners proceeded in street cars.

Another funeral, to have taken place this morning, was postponed, and the body will be taken to the cemetery today in an express wagon. This afternoon many liverymen are agreeing to the scale. The union predicts an early victory.

An undertaker this afternoon, who succeeded in getting non-union drivers, called upon the police to protect the funeral. A detail of officers accompanied the carriages and hearse, and stood guard around the church while the services were being held.

SWACKENHAMER, COLORED DIVINE

Has Trouble at a Junction City Church and is Abused by the Pastor.

Eugene, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Rev. Swackenhamer, the colored preacher, is now having some trouble down at Junction, claiming he has been abused. He states that a prominent minister at Junction invited him to hold revival services, and when he came to start the revival the pastor refused Rev. Swackenhamer admission, and called his colored brother a liar, impostor, a robber and everything but a Christian.

An Armenian Revolution.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—Reports received here show that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been successfully smuggled into the Armenian districts in Southeastern Russia by the Armenians, and all is now in readiness for a general insurrection in the Caucasus in the spring.

POPULAR FEELING IN JAPAN

Toward Russia Is at the Boiling Point--War Talk

Declaration Would Come at Once if Left to Popular Vote--Government Steady

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 18.—The popular feeling toward Russia today is at the highest point. It is believed, if put to a popular vote, Japan would almost immediately declare war. The government is showing great steadfastness, although the pressure is enormous. The cabinet hasn't yet sent a reply to Russia's communication.

Without Foundation.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 18.—The report that evidences of a plot against President Roosevelt were found in the possession of Charles Plerson, a local anarchist, who was arrested yesterday for making an intemperate speech, is without foundation.

Judge Tuck will give a public exhibition of dog judging tonight at the show. Everybody come; 8 p. m.

STATE WILL PROCEED WITH PORTAGE

Governor Chamberlain Replies to Dilatory Pleas of the United States Engineers.

Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from Major Langfitt, corps of engineers, regarding the right of way at The Dalles, suggesting that the state should provide the required right of way for the government project. Yesterday afternoon Governor Chamberlain made reply to the letter.

Major Langfitt's letter is as follows: Major Langfitt's Letter.

"Dear Sir: I have to inform you that the board of engineers, authorized by the river and harbor act approved June 13, 1902, and continued by par. 6, S. O. No. 19, 1902, headquarters corps of engineers, submitted its report of modification of project for improving Columbia river between the foot of The Dalles rapids and the head of Cello falls, Oregon and Washington. This board recommended that no work should be begun until the right of way and release from damages had been conveyed to the United States free of cost."

"This recommendation was concurred in by the chief of engineers, and the acting secretary of war, under date of November 6, 1903, approved the report subject to the condition that no work shall be begun until the right of way and release from damages have been conveyed to the United States free of charge."

"Nothing is said as to who should secure and convey this right of way

and release from damages, but it is presumed that, as the work is located in the state of Oregon, this would naturally devolve upon that state, or at least the officials of that state would be the ones to look after the matter.

"Should this view be correct, and any official of the state be properly designated to take the matter in hand, I should be glad to cooperate in any manner possible with them in designating the rights of way needed, and facilitate their work as far as may be possible."

The Governor's Reply.
The governor's reply to this letter, sent out last night, is as follows:

"The legislature at its last session passed an act providing for the creation of a board of portage commissioners, and providing for the acquisition of a right of way and the construction of a portage railway around the point referred to in your letter, and made an appropriation for that specific purpose, and much as I feel interested in seeing the United States take charge of this important work, I have no power to do anything in the premises, nor has the board referred to authority, under the act creating them, to appropriate any money for any other purpose than that specifically mentioned in the act.

"I regret this exceedingly, but until further legislation we are compelled to proceed in the matter of acquiring a right of way and constructing a portage railroad. In the very nature of things that can only be a temporary expedient, whilst a government canal would be permanent, and would do more than it is possible for the state to do to relieve conditions in Eastern Oregon and Washington, and I sincerely hope that the general government may yet, through its proper authorities, see its way to take the initiative, both in the matter of securing the title to a right of way, and in the work of construction of a canal."

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The New York Racket?

They all know where to trade when they have cash to spend. We have a splendid assortment of

Holiday Goods

Every item is marked on a "spot cash" margin of profit. Dolls, Picture Books, Dress Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchiefs, Perfumery, Slippers and all kinds of merchandise suitable for Christmas Presents.

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Grand Prize for Boys
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Valued at
\$10.00

Jos. Meyer & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Grand Prize for Girls
Doll Go. Cart
Valued at
\$15.00

Christmas Is Rejuvenating Time

We all feel as children and enter into the spirit of "Peace, good will" to the bottom of our hearts. The little folks enjoy Christmas shopping as much as you older folks. Bring them to marvel on the many wonderful things here. Christmas buying is the pleasantest buying of the year. There are so many pretty things and so easy to buy. Come to the BIG STORE where you will be able to find everything you will need for this gala season.



Great Sale of Ladies' Suits and Jackets

We have taken all of our Ladies' Suits and Jackets and marked them at a price to close them out speedily. There are all sizes in some styles, and all styles in some sizes—coat, jacket or blue suits with dress or walking skirts. There are all kinds of good cloth—gabelines, chevlets, serges, Scotch mixtures, with all kinds of trimmings. You can't fail to find something to suit you.

- \$18.50 Blue Cheviot Suit best of workmanship, fine quality. **\$8.85**
- \$10.00 Black Cheviot Suit an elegant suit, splendid value **\$5.00**
- \$26.00 Black V-notion, finest trimming made up in elegant style. **\$15.00**

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"See-Saw"

Many an hour can be spent by the youngsters playing on this popular and interesting appliance. No danger of falling from dizzy heights, but can be used by the wee babies as well as the larger children. We have them in two sizes. Made very strong, thoroughly braided, painted and finished in very attractive manner.

Must be seen to be appreciated.
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Velocipedes

For the little boys and girls. Frames made of steel, steel wheels direct spokes, simple in construction, made to stand hard usage usually given to a toy of this kind. Great variety to select from. Some with rubber tires.

\$1.75 to \$3.85



Wagons

What boy does not want a wagon? They are all alike and can use them to great advantage. Think of the numerous errands they can perform with promptness and dispatch.

Our stock of wagons is the most complete you will find in the city, comprising all sizes from the small ones to the largest.

\$1.10 to \$3.50



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Oh! chilly man, be wise! Let not grim rheumatism or wicked congestion claim you. This is overcast weather. Are you overcoated? Are you prepared to grapple with winter's wrathful weather? "Delays have dangerous ends." We invite you to come to this store and investigate the great bargains in Suits and Overcoats that await you. Never before have you had an opportunity to get strictly up-to-date clothing at such low prices. It is to your advantage to make your selections now.

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- \$15.00 Suit or Overcoat **\$9.50**
- \$20.00 Suit or Overcoat **\$14.50**
- \$25.00 Suit or Overcoat **\$16.00**