

TO LOOK FOR A NEW ROUTE.

GOVERNMENT EXPEDITION TO GO TO COPPER RIVER.

The War Department anxious to have a practicable land route discovered, available for winter, which will lie wholly in Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The secretary of war telegraphed instructions to Gen. Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, on February 1, to organize and send an exploring expedition over the Copper River route in Alaska for the purpose of ascertaining whether a practicable summer or winter route, wholly within the territory of the United States, for mail and supplies, or for mail alone, could be found to the mining regions of the Yukon between Forty Mile creek and Circle City.

The organization of the party and the selection of officers to command it have been left to the judgment of Gen. Merriam. In case a practicable route can be found, instructions were given to mark the route, to be followed by the expedition. The party is to take, as far as practicable, such supplies as may be found to be practicable to relieve any persons in distress that may be encountered.

The natives of the Copper River valley have been reported as aggressive, and the officers in charge will be expected to use their efforts to conciliate them. The party will be instructed to proceed as far as practicable towards Circle City, and if deemed advisable, to communicate with the relief expedition taking supplies to the Yukon, and the two parties will cooperate in the work of exploration. The expedition probably will make a winter camp near Fort Valdez or Prince William Sound, unless it be found that some other port is more advisable.

Steamboat Inspection for Alaska. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The senate committee on commerce today authorized the reporting of a bill in accordance with the recommendation of the treasury department, establishing a steamboat inspector's district for Alaska.

To License Steamboat Mates. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries favorably reported today the senate bill authorizing the licensing of mates on river and ocean steamers.

WARSHIPS IN READINESS.

All British vessels in Pacific Waters Ordered to Be Prepared to Reinforce the China Fleet.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.—The China Gazette says: The British Indian, Australian and Pacific squadrons have been ordered to be ready to reinforce the fleet in the far East, thus giving the British admiral a fleet capable of coping with any combination of opposing British policy. Meanwhile, adds the Gazette, British claims along the Yangtze-kiang will be supported by a strong squadron at Chusan, to which place two other warships are en route. In event of Russia holding her flag at Port Arthur, the British admiral has been ordered to host the British flag over Chusan, and the Japanese fleet will ascend the Yangtze-kiang as soon as the river rises.

About 7,500 Russian artillerymen and cavalrymen and quantities of stores and munitions have arrived at Kirin.

Vessels Reconnoiter Port Arthur. LONDON, Feb. 3.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, two British warships entered Port Arthur yesterday, and left without anchoring.

Scholar's Slaying Announced. BERLIN, Feb. 3.—It is announced here in a dispatch from Kiaochow that the murderer of Schulz, the student killed while on duty, was executed after trial by a Chinese court.

England Has Not Backed Down. LONDON, Feb. 3.—On incontrovertible authority the Associated Press learns that Great Britain has not backed down on the question of making Tallenwan a free port.

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Reducing the Appropriation. PARIS, Feb. 3.—Continuing the consideration of the naval budget, the chamber of deputies today voted 269 to 261 to a reduction of 1,000,000 francs in the credit of departmental expenses.

Ride a Cleveland. They run easiest. EXPERT WATCH REPAIRING. Does your watch act as if it were tired? Is its lever out of order? If so bring it to us and we will put it in good order and guarantee it to give perfect satisfaction.

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PROMOTER GRABLE ON VERGE OF RUIN.

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organized, and has expressed his complete satisfaction with his investment. "The work I have been doing is that of opening up a new country stretching for 500 miles along the Burlington line, beginning at Alliance, Neb., and ending at Billings, Mont., and including the branch line of 100 miles through the Black Hills to Deadwood. Only those who have had experience in building up towns and villages have any idea of the enormous cost. There are forty-two towns in our territory. I have built about 500 miles of canals and laterals for irrigation and power purposes, and a large number of storage reservoirs tributary to these towns, and have thereby opened up thousands of acres for settlement and established farming communities of many homes.

"Nearly every stockholder in each of the companies has been out to see the properties, either before or after investigation. They have expressed their complete satisfaction, and there has never been a doubt expressed as to the value of the property, but on the contrary in the many personal letters to me, and letters to home newspapers, they have expressed their complete satisfaction.

"In all the foregoing work, I have averaged eighteen hours a day and during all these years I have not had a single vacation. If the years of devotion I have given to this work are not crowned with success, I shall be completely worn out and broken in health, and lose every dollar I have in the world.

"FRANCIS C. GRABLE."

Nothing to Do With the Company. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The gentlemen in this city who are interested in some of the mining enterprises which were promoted by Grable state that they have no particular interest now in Grable or his doings.

Edgemoor and Union Hill Smelting Company, was seen this afternoon, and stated that Grable had not been connected with the Union Hill or Edgemoor companies since September last. These companies, on January 11, consolidated under the name of the Edgemoor & Union Hill Smelting Company. He said Grable's actions could in no way involve the company.

Trying to Trace Quinlan's Paper. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The officers of the Chemical National bank were in communication by telegraph with banks in various parts of the country to trace the course of the certified checks given by Cashier Quinlan to Silver and Grable, and to ascertain whether financial institutions elsewhere had advanced money on drafts such as were accepted as security at the Chemical National. The directors of the bank were in session all today discussing means of recovering as much as may be possible of the money loaned by Mr. Quinlan.

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NO MORE TICKET SCALPING.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORABLY REPORTS THE BILL.

The Tillman Amendment Added, Prohibiting the Issuance of Free Passes—The Penalty Provided in House Bill is Reduced One-Half.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today authorized a favorable report on the anti-scalping bill, with amendments, the most important of which were introduced by Senator Tillman, relating to railroads, as follows:

"The giving of free transportation to persons except as allowed by section 2 of the act to regulate the interstate commerce of February 4, 1887, shall be deemed an unjust discrimination under section 2 of said act, and shall be prohibited as provided in section 3 of said act, and in addition to the penalties upon individuals provided in section 4 of said act, the person to whom such free passes are provided shall be guilty of any such offense shall be punished by fine, as in said section provided. That all free passes issued by or on behalf of any railroad corporation, subject to the provisions of said act, shall be placed in the hands of the person to whom they are issued, and every such railroad corporation shall keep a record showing the date of every free pass, the name of the person to whom it is issued, the points between which it is issued, and whether a single trip or time pass, and if the latter, the time for which it is issued; and the record shall be open to the interstate commerce commissioners or to their representatives, who may be duly authorized in examining the same. The house bill was used as a basis of proceeding, and section 2 of that bill was amended so as to remove all restrictions as to the person to whom a ticket holder may sell his ticket. Originally the person to whom the ticket could be sold must be "one who would in good faith personally use it in the prosecution of a journey."

This clause was eliminated, and the provision was left to read as follows: "That the purchaser of a transferable ticket in good faith for personal use in the prosecution of a journey shall have the right to resell the same." Section 3 in the bill was also amended so as to reduce the penalty for the first offense against the provisions of the bill to \$500, to eliminate all provisions for imprisonment and provide a penalty of \$1,000 for the second offense.

REPORT ON MERITORIOUS CLAIMS.

Senate Committee Completes Its Investigation—Bills Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Teller, chairman of the senate committee on claims, today introduced two bills in the senate embodying the results of the committee's investigation under the provisions of the general deficiency act of the last session, urging that committee to investigate and report on meritorious claims against the government for the services of soldiers and sailors. One of the bills involves numerous claims to the court of claims, and there is an omnibus measure providing appropriations under the general heads as follows:

Total \$1,541,562 Under naval claims 1,043,117 Under army and navy 255,974 Claims of states 4,093,128 Miscellaneous claims 867,101 For adjustment and settlement (in part) 120,339 Total \$9,762,331

The court of claims cases are mostly under the Bowman act. All but \$300,000 of the claims of the states allowed for the refunding of money expended for raising of troops for the war of the rebellion in California, Oregon and Nevada.

Provision is made for the investigation by competent tribunals of the claims of Florida and Tennessee against the United States and the counter-claims of the general government against these states. Both these counter-claims are in connection with the rebellion in Florida, Oregon and Nevada. Provision is also made for the adjustment of claims of fifteen other states, amounting in the aggregate to \$122,390, which are related to the war of the rebellion during the war of the rebellion. In these cases an official investigation is ordered, and no appropriation is made.

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Newhall's Alaska Clothing.

The proper goods at the right prices. Extra heavy Wool Sweaters with hood and capes; extra heavy Wool Blankets, 15 pounds; extra heavy Mackinaws, 64 ounces; Gloves, Hats, Furs, Slicker Clothing, Double Wool Underwear, Rubber Coats, German Socks. Everything marked in plain figures. Public library building. E. W. NEWHALL & CO. Cor. Second Av. & Madison St.

Some statements from Southern papers charging that in the distribution of munitions of war New Orleans and other Southern ports had been neglected. It is pointed out on this point, but he proposed to make inquiry of the proper authorities, and if the allegations should prove true, he warned the house that provision would have to be made for Southern ports.

At 3 o'clock the general debate closed, and the bill was taken up for amendment under the five-minute rule.

McClellan, Democrat, of New York, offered an amendment to increase the appropriation for guns and mortars from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. It was voted down.

During the debate Simpson made some humorous remarks about Dingley's hat, and said it came from London. Repeating, Dingley said that the hat was made in New York, and that the manufacturers put in a London mark to make the dudes purchase them, whereupon Simpson said that Dingley was no dode.

Dingley said that Simpson was given to talking through his hat. The whole episode caused a great deal of amusement. Without completing the bill, the house at 5:30 p. m. adjourned.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

Republican Members of Congress Select the Congressional Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The Republican members of both houses of congress today selected the committee which the Republican congressional committee was practically organized for the campaign.

About seventy senators and representatives attended. The delegates of all but eighteen states announced the selection of their representatives on the committee. The committee, as far as chosen tonight, is as follows:

Colorado, Senator E. O. Wolcott; Connecticut, Senator C. H. Platt; Idaho, Senator J. W. Spencer; Kansas, Representative J. G. Cannon; Indiana, Representative Jesse Overstreet; Iowa, Representative Charles C. Tamm; Kentucky, Representative Charles C. Carter; Massachusetts, Representative J. Simpkins; Michigan, Representative J. C. Brainerd; Minnesota, Representative J. C. Brainerd; Missouri, Representative Charles E. Pearce; Montana, Senator Thomas H. Carter; Nebraska, Representative David B. Mercer; Nevada, Senator Jacob Gallagher; New Jersey, Representative H. C. Loudenslager; New York, Representative James Sherburne; North Carolina, Representative Richmond Pearson; Ohio, Representative H. C. Van Voorhis; Oregon, Senator G. W. Ladd; Pennsylvania, Representative W. C. Arnold; Tennessee, Representative Henry R. Gibson; Texas, Representative J. B. Hawley; Virginia, Representative J. W. Alderson; Washington, Representative J. L. Wilson; West Virginia, Representative Warren Miller; Wisconsin, Representative W. E. Feltz; Wyoming, Senator Francis E. Warren.

As soon as the other delegations select their representatives on the committee, which will be within a few days, another caucus will be called to select the organization by selecting officers and mapping out the campaign work. It seems to be practically settled that Chairman Aldley of Massachusetts, who was not re-elected to the senate, will be the chief manager of the campaign, and will be in charge of the organization, while the present chairman of the caucus, will continue in that office.

Senator Grover presided, and after the call of the roll the adjournment of members the meeting was adjourned.

APPROPRIATION WAS UNLAWFUL.

Congress Has No Power to Aid Secular Institutions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Judge Hagner in the equity court today made a ruling of far-reaching importance, holding in effect that it is unconstitutional for congress to appropriate money for secular institutions.

The case is that of the directors of the Providence hospital any money belonging to the United States or the District of Columbia, in accordance with an agreement with the commissioner of the district and the hospital directors. The agreement in question was that the commissioners should erect on the grounds of Providence hospital a building for the treatment of contagious diseases without expenditure to the hospital, but should be paid out of an appropriation for that purpose contained in the district appropriation bill, approved March 3, 1895, and that when the building should be completed it should be turned over to the officers of Providence hospital.

The application for the injunction was made by Joseph Bradford, who maintained that the question arising in connection with the payment of money involved a principle and a precedent for the appropriation of United States funds for the use and support of religious societies contrary to the constitution. The case will be taken to the court of appeals.

CRACKER TRUST ORGANIZED.

Takes In All the Leading Companies East of Salt Lake.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—All the biscuit and cracker companies between Salt Lake City and the west coast, from the east St. Paul on the north, and New Orleans on the south will tomorrow morning be under one management.

The name of the new corporation, which was incorporated today in the state of New Jersey with a capital of \$2,000,000 and preferred and \$2,000,000 of common stock, is the National Biscuit Company.

The actual transfer of the assets of the various plants controlled by the companies merging into the National company took place today.

The new company has purchased for cash all the assets, plants, receivables and operating plants of all the bakeries which were controlled by the American Biscuit and Manufacturing Company, United States Biscuit Company and New York Biscuit Company.

It also assumes all the indebtedness of these companies.

General Advance in Wages. ISHPEMING, Mich., Feb. 3.—The advance in wages February 1 at the Carnegie mines of Ironwood, averaging 10 per cent, was made general throughout the Iron range, between 3,000 and 4,000 employees being directly affected by the increase.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if fails to cure. Mc. Genulte has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

McConnell Beats Griff.

SAN FRANCISCO BOY SURPRISES ALL BY HIS SHOWING.

Outpointed and Outfought the Celebrated Australian From Start to Finish in a Fifteen-Round Contest, and is Given the Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Frank McConnell, of San Francisco, a practically unknown man in the boxing world, and who recently graduated from the amateur ranks, outpointed and outfought young Griff, the celebrated Australian boxer, before the Olympic club tonight. The contest was a fifteen-round affair, and the big arena was packed with 3,000 spectators. Griff started the first round with a rush and endeavored to rattle McConnell by some queer antics, but the local man soon recovered himself and took a hand at forcing matters. Griff acted entirely on the defensive throughout the remainder of the first, and in the second and third rounds was kept very busy blocking and ducking McConnell's leads. McConnell fought almost entirely on his feet, contentedly placing his right on Griff's ribs and over the kidneys. He varied this, however, with some well-directed rights for the jaw, which usually landed on Griff's ear. Griff swung wildly with his left in the fourth and fifth rounds, but usually fell short of McConnell's face and was countered each time with a right on the body. He puzzled the local man considerably with his feints, and sent in a couple of stiff left facers before McConnell learned to block them.

In the sixth and seventh rounds Griff was satisfied to let McConnell do the leading, and acted on the defensive. McConnell put a couple of hard rights on the body, and a vicious upper-cut on the face in the eighth. Griff came up for the ninth with a rush and sent in a couple of stinging lefts on the face and a right on the body, but his blows had no effect on McConnell. He braved himself and met the Australian's rushes with well directed body blows.

The tenth was fast from start to finish. Griff rushed McConnell for a short while and the referee stopped the local man, who did most of the leading. Griff gave a beautiful exhibition of defensive work in this round. The eleventh was decidedly in McConnell's favor. He landed a hard right cross-counter on Griff's eye, which put Griff in a mourning, and rushed the Australian around the ring, but failed to land effectually. The twelfth and thirteenth were about even, with McConnell doing the most of the leading. Griff started to rush matters in the fourteenth, but a couple of counters gave him a wholesome respect for McConnell's good right hand, and the round finished decidedly in favor of the latter.

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- \$1.00 Kid Gloves, broken sizes..... reduced to 25c a pair.
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50c Ladies' Black Suits (cotton)..... reduced to 15c each.
50c Ladies' Black Cashmere..... 25c a pair.
12 1/2 Black Cotton Hose..... reduced to 30c a pair.
10c Black Cotton Hose..... reduced to 3c a pair.
15c Cube Pins, all sizes..... reduced to 6c a card.
Cube Hairpins..... 3c a box.
Brass Pins..... 1c a paper.
60c Fancy Silks, very latest effects..... at 40c a yard.
\$1.25 Fancy Dress Goods, latest novelties..... at 65c a yard.
\$1.00 Fancy Dress Goods, latest novelties..... at 35c a yard.
20c Dress Linings (we carry the Nubian brand)..... at 10c a yard.
\$10.00 Jackets, ladies' sizes..... reduced to \$3.50 each.
\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shirt Waists..... reduced to 50c each.
\$1.50 a pair Bed Spreads..... reduced to 95c a pair.
\$2.00 a pair Lace Curtains..... reduced to 90c a pair.
10c Outing Flannels..... reduced to 5c a yard.
8c Outing Flannels..... reduced to 3c a yard.
10-4 Bleached Sheetings, the old-time charges 20c..... reduced to 14c a yard.
5c Turkish Towels..... reduced to 11c each.
10c Checked Nainsook..... reduced to 4 1/2c a yard.
60c 27-inch Floucing..... reduced to 25c a yard.
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