SPEAKER PENDLETON'S DIGNITY GETS A BAD SHOCK

MILLS ON THE PARIS INQUIRY

Says He Is Not Back of the Proposed Investigation.

Does Not Believe the Scandal Is Worth Probing.

Special Dispatch to The Call

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—W. H. Mills came up from San Francisco on the 4 o'clock train this afternoon. He denies that his presence in Sacramento is due in any degree to the proposed investigation of the conduct of California's Paris Exposition Commission, and asserts that he has no interest whatever in the investigation. He said to-night:

"The value to be derived from an inquiry into this matter by the Assembly committee will consist wholly in teaching the State how to make exhibits of its products and resources. What concerns the State is not the personal conduct of the Commissioners during their stay in Paris. How the money appropriated from the State treasury was spent and what results were accomplished are the proper subjects of investigation. So far as the scandals that have been floating about relative to the conduct of the Commissioners are concerned, they are not worth bothering about, and if the investigation is to become a flea-hunt, it is not worth undertaking, and it will come to nothing.

"Personally, I know nothing of this scandal, but I have my ideas of the proper way to exhibit a State's products, and any legislative conclusion that may be reached will not change those ideas. I am neither prosecutor nor defendant in this investigation, and am utterly indifferent as to whether it is made or not."

Mr. Mills was accompanied from San Francisco by General N. P. Chipman. Both are members of the State Board of Trade, and, with J. A. Filcher, will represent that organization in a conference to-morrow with the San Joaquin Valley Commercial Association and the Sacramento Valley Development Association. These two bodies will hold separate meetings in the morning, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon they will meet in conference at Granger's Hall. The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will give the visitors representing the three bodies a reception at the Sutter Club to-morrow night.

The conference to-morrow will be partly devoted to the consideration of proposed legislation, notably the measures proposed by the California Water and Forestry Association, but more particularly two propositions made to these interior associations by the State Board of Trade. One is that agents from the two organizations be kept at the State Board of Trade rooms in San Francisco, and the other is that they exert themselves not only to send adequate exhibits to the Buffalo Exposition but also to send representatives there to give intelligent explanation of our resources to all inquirers.

"As to the first proposition," Mr. Mills said to-night, "with the completion of the Coast line Eastern tourists who enter the State by the Southern lines will come to San Francisco by that route without passing through the great interior valleys. The best place to reach them will be in San Francisco, and we have invited these two important associations to keep agents at the State Board of Trade rooms for that purpose. Our exhibit there displays quite fully the products of both valleys, and we can turn over to them all inquiries from tourists and prospective settlers which have relation to their localities."

The other proposition, concerning the Buffalo Exposition, was made by General Chipman. He said of it:

"We have found that an exhibit does not talk for itself. There must be present intelligent men who know the State's resources and are able to talk about them. They must be at hand to talk to inquiring visitors about conditions and life in California, else the exhibits fail in their purpose.

"Besides these two valley associations, we have asked the Cured Fruit Association, the Raisin Growers and the Canners' Association to send representatives with their exhibits, to help delineate them and extend our markets."

The Sacramento Valley Development Association comprises eight counties. Will S. Green is president and W. E. Wright is secretary, and its headquarters is at Colusa. Among its prominent members who will be in attendance at the conference to-morrow are the president and secretary, E. E. Leake of Woodland, Mr. Thomas, the Woodland banker, and Raleigh Barcar of Vacaville.

The San Joaquin Valley Commercial Association comprises all the counties of the San Joaquin Valley. Its president is Arthur B. Briggs and its headquarters is at Fresno. Both it and the Sacramento Valley organization will be represented in to-morrow's conference by large delegations.

The water and forestry measures to be considered are the bills introduced at the instance of the California Water and Forestry Association by Johnson in the Assembly and Wolfe in the Senate. They provide for an appropriation of $150,000 for a joint investigation with the Federal Government of the water resources of the State and the related question of forest preservation.

The executive committee of the California Press Association was to have met here to-morrow, but W. H. Mills and other members will be occupied with the conference at Grangers' Hall, and in consequence the meeting has been postponed until Wednesday night, when it will be held at the Occidental Hotel, in San Francisco. The purpose is to arrange for the Mardi Gras excursion to New Orleans.

SUNDAY DIVERSIONS OF THE STATESMEN AT SACRAMENTO.

GAVEL-WIELDER OF THE ASSEMBLY OBJECTS TO CONSTRUCTION OF ANDERSON'S RESIGNATION

Declines to Regard It as an Official Communication Because It Is Couched in Terms Which He Believes Are Not Sufficiently Humble.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—The evening trains brought back the legislators who spent the recess out of town, and with them came a host of others, bound Sacramentoward to attend the Valley Conventions to-morrow morning or the ceremonies of the electoral college to-morrow afternoon.

Alden Anderson came in on the 8:05 train and went to his home at once. Pendleton arrived on the 9:45 train. They were the most important arrivals to-night, for every one was eager for information about the Committee on Commissions. Anderson declares he will stand by his resignation. He says he does not believe in legislative investigations, and he does not wish to be connected with any of them, and, therefore, he will not remain on the committee. He gives that as his reason for resigning. Pendleton's view of the case brings complications.

"I have received no communication from Mr. Anderson which informs me that he has resigned," said Mr. Pendleton this evening.

The Speaker says he cannot appoint any one to the committee until there is a vacancy, and, until he receives knowledge of Anderson's resignation he can and will do nothing. Pendleton, it seems, is standing on his dignity. The story goes that Anderson, in his letter declining to serve on the Committee on Commissions and Public Expenditures, neglected to address the communication "To his Excellency the most exalted and honorable Speaker of the Assembly, Cornelius W. Pendleton." Therefore Pendleton takes the position that he is not officially informed of Anderson's resignation.

"In the matter of these committees," said Pendleton to-night, "I have tried to distribute them with fairness to everybody. I have done as well by the friends of Mr. Anderson as I could, and much better, I believe from threats that were made, than my friends would have been dealt with were our positions reversed. I am sincere in the wish and hope that Mr. Anderson will not resign, and I am sure some way can be arranged whereby he can remain with his committee. He is chairman of it, and he need not investigate anything he does not wish to investigate. The resolution that was introduced in the Assembly last week was a general one, and was to allow the investigation of all State commissions with a view to abolishing those that could be spared. So far as the Paris Commission is concerned, it was not mentioned, and if it should come to an investigation it can be assigned to a special committee."

In his interview Pendleton declared that his attitude toward Anderson was one of friendliness, and he expressed the wish that anything he said should be quoted in that spirit.

"I wish to have no controversies," he said. "Mr. Anderson is a man whose experience is valuable and whose assistance I desire."

There probably will be some attempt to have a meeting arranged between Pendleton and Anderson to-morrow.

All the Electors are here and with them members of the party committees and state affairs and prominent men galore. S. M. Shortridge of San Francisco, William J. Barrett of Los Angeles, Electors at Large; J. W. Ryan of Humboldt, Harold Power of Oakland, W. R. Davis of Oakland, Frank McGowan of San Francisco and James McFadden of Santa Ana, are at the Golden Eagle. C. B. Rode of San Francisco is at the Western, and Warren R. Porter of Santa Cruz is at the Capital. These are the nine Electors.

Then there is Colonel George Stone, chairman of the State Central Committee; William J. Dutton and William Wood of San Francisco, members of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee; E. B. Edson, the Railroad Commissioner, and a large delegation from up and down the State, here to attend the convention to be held to-morrow by representatives of the valley counties to consider proposed legislation.

The Electors met in the Golden Eagle Hotel after the last train came in to-night and talked over the situation. It was expected that some plan of organization would be decided upon, but the talk was only informal. To-morrow morning they will meet in the office of the Secretary of State and discuss matters further. At half past 1 they will make a formal call upon the Governor and at a quarter to 2 they will proceed in a body to the Assembly Chamber, where the ceremonies of casting the vote will be held.

Among the evening's arrivals from San Francisco was A. Aigeltinger, who has been mentioned as a probable appointee to the Board of State Harbor Commissioners to succeed Major P. J. Harney.

HIGH PRICES FOR MEDALS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Secretary Frank Wiggins of the Chamber of Commerce made an explanation to-day in regard to the scandal connected with the awarding of medals at the Paris Exposition and the charges that Varney W. Gaskill, secretary of the California Commission to the World's Fair, had attempted to charge local exhibitors exorbitant prices for medals awarded.

"The letters which were published in the Herald," said Secretary Wiggins, "were written by Gaskill to George Williams and Frank Schumacher, but they were not intended for publication. They were turned over to me and I sent them north, so that a thorough investigation could be made.

"While it would appear that Gaskill desired to charge $20 for medals which the Fair Commissioners offered for less than a fourth of that amount, still appearances may be wrong and Gaskill's quotations correct. It is a hard matter to follow up, as quotations are still coming from Paris. The only thing we can do now is to wait.

"The reason the Chamber of Commerce is taking up the matter is that that body was, in many instances, responsible for the exhibits made, in that it induced the exhibitors to send displays to Paris. When Mr. Williams received the letter from Gaskill it made him angry and he came to me. I told him and the other exhibitors who had won prizes to wait, as quotations were still being received and that medals would be cheap in Paris before long. Then I sent the letters to Sacramento in order that a thorough investigation might be made."

Frank Schumacher, when seen to-night, was not inclined to be very communicative about the affair. He was searching zealously among his papers for the letter when called upon, but failed to find it. He said he received such a letter from Gaskill about three months ago, in which he was informed that his exhibit had been awarded a silver medal, and that a certificate would be issued to him. If he desired the medal, however, he must forward $20, which, as he thought that the certificate would answer all purposes, he did not send. He showed the letter to Secretary Wiggins of the Chamber of Commerce, but denied last night having left it in that gentleman's hands.

"I didn't answer the letter and haven't heard from Gaskill since," said Mr. Schumacher to-night. "I don't like to say anything about it, because I dislike becoming deeper involved in the matter and its attendant publicity. I haven't received the certificate yet, nor have I had my pictures, which I value at about $300, returned. But I suppose it is too soon to expect them."

COURSE OF MINORITIES

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—Contrary to report, there has not been much objection to the committee appointments in either Senate or Assembly. Senator Wolfe wanted to be one of the Finance Committee, and he is wondering why he was not placed there. Senator Welch asked to be put upon the Education Committee, but his wish was disregarded. There were a few other such lost hopes in both upper and lower house, but that was all. There were many who would, if they could find listeners, show how the assignments could have been made in much better manner, but there has been no general complaint.

The minorities in both houses are small, but solid. Each has been assigned a stenographer of Democratic principles, as a matter of courtesy, and in other ways they are being given the treatment of a younger brother, but they have determined to hold together and vote as a unit, even though an insignificant one. The Senate minority voted for the Republican officers in the organization of the Senate, because, in the language of one of them, it would have been ridiculous to caucus on the matter. Nevertheless, it was believed that Curtin would get the complimentary vote for president pro tem., but somehow the programme did not go through. It will not happen again.

ABUNDANCE OF ATTACHES

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—It is something unusual in the legislative history of the State to have both houses of the Legislature organized and ready for business, and nearly 400 bills in, before the end of the first week. Whether the record for speed so far made promises well for the session or is only a repetition of the new broom parable remains to be seen, but it is certain that there are several new and ambitious members of both houses who hope to win what fame a session can give, and so have started early.

The lawmakers this year are well looked out for. In the Senate, where forty Senators sit and answer rollcall, there are 150 attaches, and before the session closes there will be four to each member. In the Assembly of eighty members there are 171 attaches so far, and more to come. The legislators this year have been more than generous—they have been lavish in their distribution, and principally because they wanted things to come out even. In the Senate the first proposition was to make $15 a day the patronage allowance, but it was pointed out that $15 was an unhandy sum to handle. With $16 a day it was shown how easy it would be to make four $4-a-day jobs out of it, or two threes and two fives, or other combinations equally interesting and generous, and so another dollar was put on. It would have been the same with any other sum, for the Assembly used the same argument for raising the Assemblymen's allowance from $6 50 to $8, and then every one scrowed over the smallness of the figure when they learned of the generosity of the Senate.

This question of patronage has brought forth one idea on the subject that may take shape in a bill before the end of the session. There is one Senator who is revolving in his mind a scheme to provide each Senator and Assemblyman with a stenographer who would be his bill filer, his secretary, his correspondence clerk and the clerk of his committee.

The outlook for legislation is rather uncertain. Among the shower of bills that have come in are many new measures and a great many old ones. Claim bills well known and respected more because of their age than of any intrinsic worth have already appeared, and the report is already around that the coyote scalp bill is under active preparation and will be among the bills of next week. Just who will present this time honored measure has not been determined, but some one will. There will be something doing in the way of banking bills as well, and the pilots will be given a scare with a few measures they probably will not like.

SCHEMING OVER NEW DISTRICTS

Cutter's Bill Will Result in a Lively Contest.

How the Various Counties Hope to Be Placed.

Special Dispatch to The Call

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—The apportionment bill promises a lively fight. Cutter, who introduced it, has turned the conflict over to the different delegations with full permission to "scrap," and then come into the committee with the results of the battle. These will be the smaller districts. In the Congressional districts the interests of the party and the wishes of the different counties may conflict and result in the creation of a district, the Sixth, almost certainly Democratic. The original plan was to make the Fifth District out of the lower part of San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Cruz, throwing Santa Clara into the Sixth District. This would make the Sixth District composed of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Fresno, San Benito, Monterey, Kings, Tulare and Inyo, which would be Democratic, and Santa Clara, whose certain Republican majority would be sufficient to turn the scale and make the Sixth District Republican. But Santa Clara has signified a desire to remain in the Fifth District, leaving Santa Cruz to the Sixth, and she has votes enough to make her desire a strong one. If Santa Clara insists on remaining in the Fifth District, she probably will be allowed to stay there.

Over in San Joaquin there is another knotty problem. The lumber and mining interests have been put in the First District as far as possible, giving the district Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Mendocino, Tehama, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras and Alpine. This would leave Sam D. Woods of San Joaquin, the present representative of the mining industry, in an agricultural district, and would leave a clear field for J. N. Gillette of Humboldt, reputed to be after a seat in Congress. The mining counties want to keep Woods, and they are clamoring for San Joaquin to be taken into the First District.

Contra Costa wants to drop Alameda and go in with counties across the bay, but the present scheme makes a district the Third, of Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda, and there seems no way out of that arrangement.

The Fourth District is provided for in San Francisco, as before. The Second includes Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Yolo, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, Colusa, Glenn and Butte, which includes the northwestern fruit and grain sections.

The South is satisfied with Los Angeles for the Seventh District and San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern, San Bernardino, San Diego, Riverside and Orange for the Eighth. How this scheme will fare in the Legislature is hard to predict.

Dies in a Saloon.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—George W. Knapp, a waiter by profession, dropped dead in a saloon in this city this afternoon. The cause was apoplexy. He was 40 years of age and leaves a wife.

NOVEL PLAN TO SAVE STRANDED LIGHTSHIP

Vessel to Be Moved Overland Like a House and Launched on the Columbia River.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ASTORIA, Jan. 13.—The floating of the stranded Columbia River lightship is one of the most unique marine undertakings ever attempted on the Pacific Coast. The stranded vessel is to be moved, like a house, over the southwestern extremity of Washington and placed in Baker's Bay in the Columbia opposite this city. The contract for the work will shortly be let.

The lightship broke loose from her moorings off the mouth of the river over thirteen months ago during a heavy gale and went ashore on the beach near the North Head lighthouse. Repeated efforts have been made to float her by the seaward route, but all have failed signally, and the contractors who undertook the work lost considerable money.

When the lightship first went ashore Contractor Lebeck of this city visited the scene of the wreck, and, after thoroughly examining the vessel's position, expressed the belief that she could never be floated to seaward, but that the only practicable plan was to move her over the peninsula and place her in the Columbia. The cost of this work would have been greater than that of the seaward route, and the lighthouse board refused to consider Mr. Lebeck's suggestion. All other attempts having failed, however, the board has decided to adopt the overland plan, and bids will be called for as soon as permission is obtained from the War Department to take the vessel over the military reserve at that point. There is little doubt that the vessel can thus be saved.

Efforts are also being made to float the stranded ship Poltalloch, which went ashore last month on the Washington coast. The ship lies in a better position than most of those which have gone ashore on the Washington coast, but it is feared that she, too, will remain permanently in her sandy bed. Of half a dozen other vessels stranded on that coast in late years, not one has been floated, and bleached timbers are strewn over the "ships' graveyard" for a distance of ten miles.

Rough Voyage of the Milos.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 13.—The tramp steamer Milos, ten days overdue from Hongkong, came into port late last night during a fierce gale. There were only two tons of coal left in her bunkers, not enough to keep steam for more than two or three hours, when she dropped anchor just inside the bar. She had to be towed to the coal dock to-day to obtain coal to enable her to proceed to Portland.

SAILOR RUNS AMUCK.

Attacks Captain and Cook With a Knife and Ends His Life.

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 13.—The schooner Kate and Ann, Captain Walker, arrived from Santa Rosalia. She reports that Mike O'Brien, a sailor, ran amuck aboard the vessel Saturday morning. He made a vicious attempt to kill Captain Walker with a knife and succeeded in cutting the cook badly in the region of the heart, the wound probably being fatal. He then cut his own throat, dying on the deck. He slashed his throat until his head was nearly severed from the body.

The schooner arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening for medical aid for the cook and captain and to deliver the body of O'Brien to the morgue.

RUSSELL SAGE'S MAXIMS.

Wise Old Man of Wall Street Drops Moral Tips.

Out of every dollar earned save 25 cents. Save 75 cents if you can, but never less than 25.

Get up at a regular hour every morning and work until the things that are before you are finished. Don't drop what you have in hand before it is 5 o'clock.

Be honest; always have the courage to tell the truth.

Don't depend on others. Even if you have a rich father, strike out for yourself.

Cultivate independence at the very outset.

Learn the value of money. Realize that it stands, when honestly made, as the monument to your value as a citizen.

Be jealous of your civic rights. Take a wholesome interest in public affairs, but do not let politics or anything else interfere with the rigid administration of your private duties. The State is made up of individuals.

Be clean and decent. Don't do anything that you would be ashamed to discuss with your mother.

Don't gamble.

Be circumspect in your amusements.—Saturday Evening Post.

United States Coal in Brazil.

Minister Bryan sends from Petropolis translation of a letter from Dr. Alcides Medrade, a prominent citizen of Minas-Geraes, in which he refers to a conversation with State officials as to the advisability of importing United States coal for the establishments under the control of the Ministries of Industry and the Navy. The Ministers, says Dr. Alcides, showed themselves interested in the matter, and will make the experiment

TWO MASKED MEN RAID A SALOON

Compel Bartender and Patrons to Give Up Their Coin and Other Valuables and Then Escape.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—News reached Tacoma to-day that two masked men held up the saloon of Joseph Ryes at Wilkeson and robbed the barkeeper and seven men who were drinking there shortly after midnight Saturday night. They secured $120, besides an assortment of gold watches, rings and other small jewelry. The job was executed so quickly and neatly that the participants scarcely realized what had happened until their cash had vanished together with the highwaymen.

It was evident that the robbers were old hands at the business. Though wearing masks and brandishing revolvers they entered the saloon unconcernedly and gave their orders quietly. Two of the men at the bar started to yell when the robbers entered, but quickly desisted when both robbers turned their guns upward and began perforating the ceiling. The bartender and seven customers were then told to line up in a row and hold up their hands They complied without a protest. The robbers consisted of the proverbial long and short man. The long man took his position at one end of the row, keeping his gun leveled at the heads of the victims. The short man proceeded to open the till, from which $120 was taken. He helped himself to a drink of whisky and then went around and searched the bartender and customers.

Watches and rings and about $15 in cash were taken. The safe behind the bar contained several hundred dollars, but it was locked and no attempt was made to open it. By this time ten minutes had been consumed and the robbers looked toward the door as if expecting newcomers. They swiftly took their departure and one of the spectators was still holding up his hands when two men entered a few minutes later.

No trace of the robbers has been found. Several persons on the outside heard the shots but paid on attention to them, as Wilkeson is a local mining town and the firing of revolvers is a frequent occurrence.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

CHOICE OF SENATOR TO SUCCEED McBRIDE

Hot Contest Between Opposing Factions Is Expected at the Coming Session of Oregon Legislature.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—The twenty-first biennial session of the Oregon Legislature will convene to-morrow. So far as can be learned to-night the Republicans will go into caucus early to-morrow to choose party candidates for President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. Fulton of Clatsop and Rowe of Yamhill are the candidates for President of the Senate, with the former presumably in the lead. For the Speakership Smith of Marion and Reeder of Umatilla are the chief contestants, with indications pointing toward Reeder as the successful candidate. It is generally believed that both houses will organize without delay and the Governor's message will be received Tuesday.

While the organization is the paramount issue to-night, the election of a United States Senator to succeed Senator McBride will be the problem of the session. Those opposed to the election of ex-Senator H. W. Corbett are centering their efforts on preventing a caucus, and the fight will probably continue on this line.

Senator McBride arrived in Salem this evening and has opened headquarters. Mr. Corbett is expected here to-morrow.

The Parrot Is Loyal.

The Prince of Wales is very fond of animals. Among the large collection of pets at Sandringham is a little green parrot which talks splendidly; he is located in the hall and to every visitor calls out:

"Now then, hip, hip, hurrah for the Queen."

His Royal Highness became possessed of the bird in a peculiar way, having personally bought it of a small boy in Trafalgar Square while crossing it with his equerry one day.

Prince is the name of a bull whose owner claims for him the distinction of being the smallest for his age in the United States. Twenty-five inches high at the shoulder and weighing one hundred and seventy pounds, he is well developed. He is a perfectly formed bull in miniature.

Raised in Bucks County, Pa., of Jersey stock, he surprised his owner, who tired of waiting to see him grow and gave him to his present owner in West Washington Market. Every day now large crowds at West Washington Market stop to admire this freak of nature.

NORTHERN PACIFIC OVERLAND IS WRECKED

Engineer Feels Bridge Sinking Under Him and Throws Throttle Wide Open, Hoping to Save the Train.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 13.—An Ellensburg special to the Ledger says that the westbound Northern Pacific overland was wrecked at 7:30 this morning one and a half miles west of Selah. The train was proceeding carefully and was on a slough bridge 100 feet long. Engineer Baird felt the bridge sinking and threw the throttle wide open.

The engine passed over, but the tender went down eighteen feet. All the coaches with the exception of the last sleeper were derailed and the bodies detached from the trucks. The dining car was broken into two pieces. A few of the passengers received slight cuts but no one was seriously injured. Fortunately the wreck occurred on a flat piece of country and a straight line of track.

The injured are: Hugh P. Hall, knee bruised and leg sprained; F. D. Burge, San Francisco, leg bruised; Drabilla Endrine, Budapest, arm bruised; P. McElwell, mail clerk, elbow dislocated; G. W. Turner, Seattle, colored porter, knee cap smashed.

The track was torn up for 300 feet and a loosened rail passed through the floor and roof of a chair car, which was full of people, but struck no one. The berths of the immigrant sleeper were all occupied when the shock came. Harry Colder of Tacoma, who occupied one, said:

"When the crash came I jumped out and reached for my clothes, but they were gone and the berth with them."

Every berth was filled with wreckage. Railroad men declare that the escape of the passengers practically uninjured is miraculous.

ENGINEER THE ONLY VICTIM.

Names of the Passengers Injured in the Wreck at Clifton.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 13.—The disaster on the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad last night, when a passenger train ran into a landslide near Clifton, the engine being derailed and rolled into the river, resulted in the death of Engineer William Scott. The engineer remained on the locomotive and was killed. His body has not been recovered and it is supposed to be under the engine in the river. Fireman James Davis was also thrown into the river, but was rescued. He is now in the hospital suffering from a broken hand and several bruises about the body. None of the passengers were injured.

The point where the accident occurred is on a curve along the Columbia River and the heavy rains of yesterday brought down a landslide on the track. The engineer was running at low speed or the entire train might have gone into the river.

RUNS INTO LANDSLIDE.

Northern Pacific Train Is Wrecked and Engineer Injured.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 13.—The Chehalis and South Bend mixed train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked by running into a landslide eight miles from Chehalis last night and the engine and three cars went off the track into the Chehalis River. The passenger coach left the track and one end hung over the river bank.

The engine disappeared in the water, but Engineer W. S. Green and Fireman Robert W. Green climbed out of the cab and held to a freight car until rescued. The engineer's head was bruised, one rib dislocated and he probably suffered internal injuries. No one else on the train was injured. The slide was fifty feet deep at one point.

Candy Rations.

Fifty tons of candy have been sent to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the Commissary Department of the army during the last three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico.

This is done upon advice of the medical officers of the army, because it is a physiological fact that a moderate consumption of confectionery promotes health and satisfies a natural craving of the stomach.

Candy was never furnished to the United States army before, although it has been commonly used as a ration by the French and British troops in the tropics.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Important Changes.

Spain has changed its methods of reckoning time, and beginning with January 1, 1901, the hours of the day will be numbered from one to twenty-four instead of the system now in use. The twenty-four-hour system was adopted several years ago on the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Russia has adopted the Gregorian calendar. This was done by omitting thirteen days, the amount of the error that will have accumulated after the close of February, 1901. The Russians wrote January 1, 1901, instead of December 19, 1900.

Laborers are so scarce in Switzerland that they have to be imported not only from Italy, but from Bohemia and Silesia.

The school board at Trenton, Mo., held ten meetings and took 700 ballots before a superintendent could be elected.

WHITE'S HEIRS WILL NOW SUE THE STATE

Hope to Recover the Property Left by Him and Say the Estate Has Been Looted.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

COVELO, Jan. 13.—Luther White has come all the way from Danbury, Nova Scotia, to discover that the comfortable estate of his uncle, James White, who died intestate at Redwood in August, 1894, has evaporated like a Scottish mist before a June noonday sun. The estate has practically been settled up. Of the original $4975, the value given the estate in the petition for letters of administration in 1894, but $696 remains, and no heirs having been found up to the time of the final accounting, this sum escheats to the State of California to the credit of the school fund. There were, however, at least four legal heirs residing in the East who only recently, through a letter from Attorney Leishman, learned of White's death. The money of an heirless estate is, under the law, paid into the county treasury and the custodian of this strongbox then pays it over to the State Treasurer. This has already been done in the White estate case. A bitter contest will be commenced for the recovery of at least the $696 claimed by the heirs. Luther White through his attorney, will petition for the distribution of this money. The State will doubtless contend that the estate has been fully closed up and since no heirs have laid siege to their claims within the five years limited by the civil code the money has already escheated to the State.

Mr. White will vigorously push his claims and endeavor to recover several hundred acres of valuable timber land. He claims that the estate has been looted.

Germany's Foreign Trade in Needles.

Vice Consul General Hanauer of Frankfort writes to the State Department as follows: Germany has almost ceased to be a customer of foreign countries for needles, having imported only $30,720 worth during the first half of the present year, whereas she exported in the same period to the value of $1,602,960 in sewing, embroidery, darning and knitting needles, or 38 per cent more than she exported in the same time of 1899. The best customers were China, with 56.7 per cent; France, Austria-Hungary and British East India, with about 4½ per cent each, etc.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court has rendered a decision that flowers form a necessary feature of a funeral.