

COURT CALENDAR  
CROWDED; JUDGE  
DECLINES TO ACT

Holding Up of Nomination  
by Senate Causes Vacancy  
on Federal Bench of  
Washington

TELEPHONE MERGER  
INQUIRY PROCEEDS

Movement of Seals Large—  
Odd Action by Lower  
House

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—United States  
District Judge Clinton W. Howard, ap-  
pointed by President Taft to succeed  
District Judge Hanford, who resigned  
while impeachment charges were pend-  
ing, announced yesterday that he would  
not preside again until March 4. Until  
that time Judge Howard will confine  
his efforts to handling matters already  
commenced. Judge Howard's confirma-  
tion was held up by the filing of  
charges against him by Senator Pol-  
dexter, and it is expected that the sen-  
ator will not vote upon his name.

His retirement creates a great con-  
gestion of business in western Wash-  
ington. Fifty federal prisoners are  
now awaiting trial, and a crowded civil  
docket confronts Judge Cushman, the  
other judge of the district.

The federal grand jury investigating  
the telephone mergers has excused nu-  
merous witnesses and is making such  
rapid progress in examining the re-  
maining witnesses that it is expected  
the session will end this week. Upon  
re-assembling today the jury began the  
examination of witnesses connected  
with Home companies.

SEALS TRAVELING NORTHWARD

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—Great numbers  
of fur seals are making their way up  
the coast of southeastern Alaska to  
the breeding grounds on the Pribiloff  
islands, according to the captain of  
the halibut power schooner Albatross,  
the halibut power schooner Albatross.  
While the Albatross was operating off  
Bonilla and Bank islands a dozen  
schools passed. The movement is ear-  
lier than usual. This is the first sea-  
son in many years that so large a herd  
has been in existence.

Governor Disregards House

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 26.—The house  
today, by a vote of 35 to 49, expunged  
from its journal all record of the ac-  
tion taken yesterday on the state high-  
way fund bill and the Cheney normal  
school appropriation, which were vet-  
oed by Governor Lister. The house  
yesterday voted overwhelmingly to  
overrule the governor on the normal  
school bill, but the governor was sus-  
tained on the highway bill veto. The  
house leaders decided that if the  
Cheney school advocates did not vote  
for reversal of the governor on the  
highway bill they would lose their  
school money. So they vetoed his re-  
turn in the rules committee, to be re-  
turned to the house when a majority  
against Governor Lister is obtained.

Governor Lister, after learning of  
the house vote, issued a statement say-  
ing he would disregard the action of  
the house, as he did not consider it  
binding. It is said that the house vote  
today to expunge all reference to the  
vetoes in yesterday's proceedings is  
without precedent in the history of  
the legislature of any state.

Shocking Tacoma Murder

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 26.—With the  
head nearly severed from the trunk,  
and with the trunk shockingly mutil-  
ated, the body of Marie Lesner, a  
lodging house keeper, was found in her  
room by C. H. Tyrell, a roomer. Tyrell  
gave the alarm and then disappeared.  
It is suspected the crime was com-  
mitted by a man as yet unidentified  
who has been living with the woman  
for the last three months posing as  
her husband. Letters found in the  
room show she came from Warsaw,  
Poland, and that she has a brother,  
who is a petty officer in the Russian  
army. She was known in Warsaw as  
Bessie Rudolph.

Mrs. Mabel Davis said the woman re-  
ceived valuable papers from Poland a  
few days ago. She appeared anxious  
about them, and went to Seattle to have  
them translated.

The atrocious nature of the mutila-  
tions inflicted cause the officers to be-  
lieve that some degenerate motive or  
one of revenge impelled the slayer.

Insane Man Saluted

TACOMA, Feb. 26.—Captain Charles  
Roscoe Howland of the Twenty-first  
infantry, Vancouver barracks, went to  
the Pierce county jail yesterday to ex-  
amine Frank Prinson, held on a charge  
of murder committed at Vancouver bar-  
racks and now under examination for  
insanity.

Approaching Prinson the captain said:  
"You are in the presence of your su-  
perior officer; salute immediately."  
Prinson saluted and the captain put  
him through a regular drill of march-  
ing, etc., which he obeyed with military  
exactness.

Poison in Foodstuff

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Chemical anal-  
ysis of the potatoe distributed over  
the foodstuff in the home of Mrs. Della  
Earl, which caused the serious illness  
of her daughter and a neighbor's child  
Monday, developed that it was a power-  
ful poison, according to medical de-  
partment of the University of Oregon.  
J. V. Beare, a former roomer at the  
Earl home, with whom Mrs. Earl said  
she had disagreed, is still detained.

SALOON QUESTION THE  
PROBLEM IN MODESTO

(Special Dispatch to The Call)  
MODESTO, Feb. 26.—April 8 Modesto  
will again decide the question of  
saloons or no saloons.

A petition was filed today asking  
that an ordinance be submitted under  
the initiative. The ordinance is regu-  
latory and very drastic. It provides  
one saloon to every 1,500 inhabitants,  
but hotels having over 50 rooms will  
also be allowed to secure licenses. The  
fee is fixed at \$1,600 per annum; all  
saloons must have open fronts and but  
one entrance. No boxes, alcoves or  
rooms other than the main barroom  
are to be allowed. Playing cards or  
shaking dice will be prohibited and  
saloons will be closed at midnight and  
all day Sunday.

Should the ordinance be adopted, it  
will allow but five saloons, figuring on  
a population of 7,000, compared to 15  
in former days. Modesto's saloons were  
closed July 19, 1912.

There are two complete tickets in  
the field for the city offices, the social-  
ists having entered candidates in op-  
position to the business men's tickets.

Condemnation Suits—Papers in the  
suits for the condemnation of lands  
along the Sacramento river were served  
on E. D. Robins, Dozier & Presley  
company and others yesterday by Dep-  
uty United States Marshal Paul Arner-  
ick.

Comedy for Stanford 'U'  
'On the Quiet' Offering

Miss Dorothy Cooper of San Francisco, as "Agnes Colt" (standing)  
and Miss Evelyn Trent as "Ethel, the Duchess of Carbondale," in Augustus  
Thomas' comedy "On the Quiet," to be presented by the students at Stanford  
university tomorrow night.



Sophomores Promise to Present Dramatic Treat  
In Farce by Augustus Thomas Friday Night

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 26.—  
Augustus Thomas' comedy, "On the  
Quiet," will be staged in the assembly  
hall under the auspices of the sopho-  
more class of the university Friday  
night, August 28.

The second year actors are being  
trained by Coach Garnet Holme, who  
predicts a successful performance fully  
up to the usual high standard of local  
dramatics.

New scenery is being painted by San  
Francisco artists. One of the features  
will be a yacht scene in the final act.

The leading feminine role will be  
assumed by Miss Dorothy Cooper of  
San Francisco as Agnes Colt. This is  
her first appearance on the local  
boards. Miss Evelyn Trent of Santa  
Monica will interpret the part of Ethel,

duchess of Carbondale. Both have  
rare histrionic ability and will make a  
decided impression in the coming per-  
formance.

M. W. Allen has been assigned the  
male lead of Robert Ridgeway.

Following is the cast:  
Herace Colt..... P. L. Higgins  
Agnes Colt..... Miss Dorothy Cooper  
Phoebe Ridgeway..... Miss Elizabeth Tar  
Judge Ridgeway..... C. Heymann  
Doctor Wolcott..... G. E. Haggart  
Ethel, duchess of Carbondale..... Miss Evelyn Trent  
Duke of Carbondale..... W. E. Forbes  
Robert Ridgeway..... M. W. Allen  
Lettie..... Miss Ruth Shelton  
Lettie, actress..... Miss Elsie Nagel  
Pearl, actress..... Miss Evelyn Taylor  
Hyde Ogden..... W. W. Thoburn  
McGeechey..... W. J. Paul  
Captain Gibson..... J. S. Jeffers  
Stevenson..... D. S. Ross  
Hix, a reporter..... O. E. Wolcott  
Satsuma..... J. A. Gibb

"THE SUNDAY CALL"

I paid five cents for a Sunday Call  
It took me a week to read it all;  
I piled the sections upon the floor,  
Till they reached the top of the kitchen door;  
I hung the chromos upon the wall,  
And there wasn't room to hang them all;  
The yard is covered about ten feet deep,  
With the comic sections of that Sunday sheet;  
There were sections of pink and sheets of green,  
A woman's section and a magazine;  
And sheets of music the same if played,  
Would make an audience quickly fade;  
There were also patterns for women's gowns,  
And lots of gentlemen's hand me downs;  
Patterns of all kinds and rubber dolls;  
Ads for shot guns and parasols,  
Why man, you need a wagon to haul,  
A nickel's worth of that Sunday Call.

I have taken The Call for about twenty years, but the issue  
of Sunday, February 23d, to my mind, was the greatest of all.  
J. K. JEFFRESS, 2426 Folsom Street.

The foregoing refers to the Smokestack Edition of The Call issued last  
Sunday. Every copy is a boost for California. Get a copy and send it  
East. It takes 7 cents postage to carry it.

JOSEPH W. FOLK  
IS SELECTED FOR  
WILSON CABINET

Missourian Is Reported to  
Have Accepted Portfolio  
of Secretary of the  
Interior

NAME OF PHELAN  
AGAIN TO FRONT

Personnel of Advisory Body  
Rapidly Becoming Public  
in National Capital

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Presi-  
dent Wilson has selected his secre-  
tary of the interior, it became known  
today. Joseph W. Folk of Missouri  
is believed to have been offered and  
to have accepted. Senators say that  
the new cabinet officer is a democrat  
of national prominence, identified  
with the most advanced conservation  
ideas and will be satisfactory to demo-  
crats and conservationists alike.

Several democratic senators said  
today that former Governor Folk  
would be the man. Other possibilities  
suggested were James N. Teal of  
Oregon, treasurer of the National Con-  
servation association; former Mayor  
James D. Phelan of San Francisco  
and George Wharton Hooper of Phila-  
delphia.

The personnel of the new cabinet is  
rapidly becoming public in Washington  
through offers and acceptances, news  
of which has been communicated to the  
party leaders in congress. The fol-  
lowing selections are believed to be  
certain:

Secretary of state, W. J. Bryan.  
Secretary of the treasury, William  
G. McAdoo.  
Attorney general, Chancellor Edward  
R. Walker of New Jersey or Louis D.  
Brandeis of Massachusetts.  
Secretary of war, a Pennsylvania  
man.  
Secretary of the navy, Josephus  
Daniels.  
Postmaster general, Congressman A.  
S. Burleson of Texas.  
Secretary of the interior, Joseph W.  
Folk of Missouri.  
Secretary of agriculture, Henry J.  
Walters of the Kansas Agriculture col-  
lege or Professor Charles Dabney of  
the University of Cincinnati.  
Secretary of commerce and labor,  
Louis D. Brandeis or Senator Obadiah  
Gardner of Maine.  
Secretary of labor (to be authorized),  
John Mitchell of Illinois, Brand Whit-  
lock of Ohio, Congressman Henry  
George Jr. of New York, or Louis F.  
Post of Chicago.

Wilson Gets Official Pin

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 26.—As presi-  
dent of the United States Woodrow Wilson  
will still continue to wear an "official  
scarf pin." Former Mayor Bechtel of  
Trenton presented the governor today  
with a miniature of the United States  
seal to take the place of a similar pin  
bearing the seal of the state of New  
Jersey that he has worn since occupy-  
ing the executive chair here.

Previous to his election as governor,  
and while he was president of Princeton  
university he wore a pin bearing  
the seal of the university—the coat of  
arms of the duke of Nassau.  
When asked what he planned to do  
with the state pin, Governor Wilson  
smiled.

"I shall keep it," he said, "and in my  
old age when I am past the age of dis-  
cretion, I may run for governor of New  
Jersey."

Governor Wilson spent the day clean-  
ing up state business preparatory to  
turning over the governor's office to  
his successor Saturday. Tomorrow  
Vice President elect Marshall will be  
his guest at the state house.

Judge Thomas P. Riley, chairman of  
the Massachusetts democratic state  
committee, visited Governor Wilson to-  
day.

"He came to object strenuously  
against a possibility for my cabinet,"  
explained the governor.

When it was suggested that Lewis  
D. Brandeis was the object of the pro-  
test, the governor smiled.

"I don't think I had better mention  
names," he said.

From other sources it was learned  
that Governor Foss of Massachusetts  
Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston and others  
have registered their opposition to Mr.  
Brandeis.

HOLDUPS AND BURGLARIES

Barefooted Thief Driven Away Follow-  
ing Forcing of Window

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Frank Sylves-  
ter, 706 Clay street, was held up and  
robbed of cash and jewelry valued at  
\$20 by two masked men early this  
morning at Sixth and Clay streets.  
G. H. Delarduell, 434 Division street,  
was awakened at 6 o'clock this morn-  
ing by a burglar who had forced a  
window. The thief was barefooted,  
and on seeing Delarduell pretended he  
was delirious. Delarduell ran to his  
bedroom for a revolver and when he  
returned the burglar had fled.

L. N. Cobbledeek, civil service com-  
missioner, asked the police today to  
find a bicycle he left in front of the  
Central bank.

Tool Thief Arrested—John Frost, an  
alleged tool thief, was arrested yester-  
day by Policeman M. Cullinan and  
charged with burglary.

GET YOUR LADY BUGS YET?

(Special Dispatch to The Call)  
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—Superin-  
tendent H. J. Smith of the state in-  
sectary is busy collecting lady bugs  
for distribution to orchardists. Mr.  
Smith has collected 26,000,000 bugs this  
winter.

LEMON RATE CHOP UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The inter-  
state commerce commission's order re-  
ducing rates on lemons from California  
to eastern cities from \$1.15 to \$1 a  
hundred pounds was sustained today  
by the commerce court and the appeal  
of the railroads was dismissed.

CONTRACTORS PLAN TALKS

The installation banquet of the gen-  
eral contractors of this city will be  
held Saturday in the new home of the  
organization in the Sharon building.  
Among the speakers will be:  
Mayor Ralph C. C. Moore, William  
H. Crocker, W. T. Sisson, C. A. Day,  
George P. McDougall and A. H. Berg-  
strom.