moter, at least, seems to be the one thing needful.

The senate lost its oldest member in the person of B. P. Shaw, of Vancouver, who bade his colleagues farewell in an address delivered to the senate at the close of the last session, announcing that he would not again be a candidate, and alluding to the fact that when his term of service as a state senator began, some of his present colleagues had not been born.

The oldest members of the Fifth senate, in point of service, are Senators Frink and Easterday, two of the most experienced and conservative members. Senator Miller, of Walla Walla, is serving his second term, having been re-elected in 1896. McReavy, Megler and Houghton have had long experience in legislative work, which the senate will find to be of great value during the present session.

Baum will pay particular attention to mining legislation, realizing that the important developments in this field necessitate a revision of the existing laws, a subject in which his own mining investments have caused him to take a lively interest.

High is the horticulturist of the senate, his beautiful orchard home in the suburbs of Vancouver being ample evidence of his success in this line.

The interests of the schools will be closely looked after by Keith, who is a practical educator, and the chairman of the senate committee on education, and who brings to the work the experience gained by several years' service as principal of the schools at South Prairie, Pierce county. Keith will be seconded in his educational work by Pusey, who has served as superintendent of the King county schools.

Taylor will be kept busy with his revenue measures and labor interests, and will not overlook any points in which his experience as a lawyer can be used to advantage in legislation requiring the attention of the judiciary committee.

Plummer is already giving evidence of ability in debate, and gives close attention to all senate proceedings. He will work for a revision of the present election and ballot laws, his interest in which will doubtless take precedence of his bill to protect the breweries from loss of their bottles, barrels and boxes.

Paul has been known as the "cattle king of Eastern Washington," and will doubtless desire to crystalize into legislative enactments some of his own ideas on live stock, gained by long experience.

Dorr, Lewis and Wilson will devote most of their attention to legal matters, all being successful attorneys, with a record for good work along the same line in the last senate.

Harper, Hall, Lesh, Deckebach and Wooding form a conservative coterie of Republican hold-overs, who will be in evidence in the discussion of any matter affecting the interests and welfare of the state.

Field, Range and Crow saw their first service in 1893, being at this time the only Populist hold-overs, but the political kaleidoscope has given them strong additional support in the election of sixteen fusionists to one Republican, a numerical combination which should be dear to the Populist heart.

Warburton, who will in 1899 be the one lone Republican holdover, has his legislative career all before him. Yeend, Hill, Cole, Davis and Miller, of Thurston, also have their laurels yet to win, and may be expected to stand for straight Populist principles. Van Patten, who is an ordained minister, and Reinhart, who thinks that the senators should do their own praying in private, may agree on all the tenets of the Populistic faith, but will arrive at the parting of the ways when the question before the senate carries with it a theological or religious flavor. Runner, one of the newly elected Populists, has a good record for former service in the lower house.

While the fusion forces are able to muster a majority on strict party issues, the senate contains a sufficient number of earnest, conservative members, irrespective of partisanship, to insure full consideration of all important measures. The senate debates will be close and interesting, and will not fail to call forth the best efforts of the opposing leaders, who have already demonstrated that both sides of the house are well supplied with hard fighters, who do not surrender on third reading and final passage, but hold a motion to reconsider in reserve.

While President Daniels has given evidence of possessing a good share of executive ability, he will find, with President Pro Tem. Plummer, that the duties of presiding officer are arduous and exacting, especially in view of the closely contested passages at arms which are sure to materialize.

Gov. Rogers has appointed John E. Ballaine assistant adjutant-general and military secretary with the rank of major.

The contest of John Hargrave, Populist, vs. L. M. Sims, Republican, in the Twenty-third representative district, was begun by the house election committee tonight. Hargrave alleged misconduct of the election officers in the following precincts: Silver Lake, Monticello, Owl Creek, Oak Point, Martin's Bluff, Kelso and Ostrander. This would give him 20 majority, whereas there is now a tie. Sims, in reply, made the allegation of the tie and of the second election, which elected him. At the close of the testimony on both sides Kittinger made a motion for the submission of the ballots in the case. This was opposed by Hargrave's attorney, but it prevailed. Only the disputed ballots were sent for. The attorneys had some words when the question was reconsidered, and by a vote of 4 to 3 the committee decided to send for all the ballots cast in Cowlitz county. The committee is composed of Cleveland Smith, Phelps, Witt and S. W. Baker, Populists; Koehler, Democrat; Kittinger, Republican, and Mentzer, Silver Republican.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 16.—Special.—Speaker Cline has appointed the standing committees of the house as follows:

Agriculture—C. Smith of Whitman, Windust, Irvin, Couch, Jory, Lindstrom, Phelps, Matholt, G. H. Baker, Clapp, Forbes.

Agricultural college and school of science—Hooper of Whitman, Moore, Hicks, Kittinger, Ames, Matholt, G. H. Baker, Winsor, Ross.

Appropriations—George M. Witt of Lincoln, Merrifield, H. D. Smith, Barlow, Likens, Moore, C. P. Bush, Marshall, Mitchell, Tobiassen, Seymore, Warner, Phelps, Stafford, Richmond.

Claims and auditing—Moore of Skamania, Forbes, F. M. Smith, Barlow, G. H. Baker, Canutt, Carr, Forbes, Hicks.

Commerce and manufactures—Pierson of King, Mentzer, Clapp, Struve, Matholt, A. S. Bush, Nelson, Forbes, Winsor.

Constitutional revision—Phelps of Stevens, J. B. Smith, J. O. Edwards, De Mattos, Hansen, Conine, Sturhman, Geraghty, Lusher, Gilkey, Way, Powell, Hooper, F. M. Smith, Winsor.

Compensation and fees—Mentzer of Pierce, Witt, S. W. Baker, Freeman, Clapp, Hanson, Barlow, Lindstrom, Wolf, Lusher, F. M. Smith, Matholt.

Corporations other than municipal—F. R. Baker of Pierce, Canutt, Merrifield, Warner, Caywood, C. Smith, Kittinger, Marshall, Forbes, J. O. Edwards, Gilkey, Fritz, Guie, Winsor.

Counties and county boundaries—A. S. Bush of Pacific, Koehler, Sims, Phelps, Mentzer, Matholt, Hicks, Hagadon.

Dikes, drains and drainages—Wilkeson of Skagit, Irvin, Thacker, Nelson, Stafford, Libbey, Winsor.

Education—Lusher of Spokane, Sturhman, Scott, Seymore, Parker, Ross, Pierson, Hooper, Gilkey, Caywood, Nelson, A. S. Bush, Hodgdon, Mitchell, Lindstrom.

Engrossed and enrolled bills—Jory of Yakima, Hooper, Kittinger, Tobiassen, Mitchell.

Federal relations—Sturhman of Pierce, Matholt, Struve, Winsor, Forbes, Ross.

Fisheries and game—Hansen of King, A. S. Bush, Day, J. M. Edwards, Koehler, Moore, Nelson, Thacker, Couch, Tobiassen, Fritz, Freeman, De Mattos, Wolf, Conine.

Forestry and horticulture—C. P. Bush of Clarke, C. Smith, Matholt, Kincaid, Windust, S. W. Baker, Scott, J. B. Smith, Canutt.

Harbors and waterways—Nelson of Skagit, Gilkey, Libby, Seymore, Hagadorn, Fritz, Land.

Hospitals for the insane—Caywood of Asotin, Mentzer, Geraghty, Mohundro, Windust, Mitchell, Day, Levin, Kincaid, C. Smith, Libby, S. W. Baker.

Internal improvements and Indian affairs—Couch of Adams, D. H. Smith, Sims, McAtee, Thacker, Hansen, Ross.

Insurance—McAtee of Spokane, Hodgdon, C. P. Bush, Marshall, Couch, Struve, Wilkeson, Nelson, Pierson.

Judiciary—Williams of King, Geraghty, Powell, H. D. Smith, Way, De Mattos, F. R. Baker, Thacker, Warner, Freeman, Guie, Johnston, Roberts.

Labor and labor statistics—Land of King, Lusher, Phelps, Pierson, Tobiassen, Hagadorn, Mentzer, F. N. Baker, Gilkey, C. Smith, J. H. Edwards, J. O. Edwards, Guie.

Medicine and surgery—Freeman of Clarke, Sims, J. B. Smith, Mitchell, Hodgdon, Scott.

Military affairs—J. B. Smith of Douglas, Mentzer, Hodgdon, Koenigsberg, Mohundro, Ames, Richmond, Day, Land, O. Smith, Johnston, C. P. Bush, H. D. Smith.

Morals—Windust of Columbia, H. D. Smith, Hansen, Matholt, Williams, F. R. Baker, Moore.

Mileage and contingent expenses—Fritz of Snohomish, Caywood, Parker, Seymore, Lindstrom.

Mines and mining—Carr of Okanogan, Moore, J. O. Edwards, Kincaid, Guie, Fritz, Stafford, Wolf, S. W. Baker, Phelps, Marshall, Wilkeson.

Municipal corporations—De Mattos, Warner, Barlow.

Printing and supplies—Roberts of Spokane, Phelps, Seymore, Winsor, Powell, Ross, Bush.

Privileges and elections—Day of Pierce, Gerry, Land, Hodgdon, Irvin, Struve, Sims, Parker.

Public morals—Conine of Thurston, Lusher, Hooker, Jory, Hansen.

Revenue and taxation—Way of King, Warner, Kittinger, Mentzer, Caywood, Couch, Hicks, Lindstrom, Tobiassen, Freeman, Roberts, Stuhrman, Day, Scott, Conine.

Railroads—Canutt of Whitman, Witt, Merrifield, Kincaid, J. B. Smith, Mohundro, Tobiassen, Roberts, De Mattos, Hooper, F. R. Baker, Wolf, Marshall, Stafford, Fritz.

Roads and bridges—Phelps of Stevens, J. M. Edwards, Irvin, Mohundro, Hagadorn, Tobiassen, Koehler, Kincaid, Windust, P. M. Smith, A. S. Bush, Carr, Moore, S. W. Baker, Nelson.

Rules of Order—Cline of Whatcom ex-officio, Ross, Williams, Roberts, Warner, Phelps.

State normal schools—Likens of Whatcom, Scott, Wolf, Ames, Hooper, S. W. Baker, Wilkeson, Seymore, Couch.

State buildings, public grounds and libraries—Mitchell of Thurston, Pierson, Lusher, Sturhman, Richmond, J. O. Edwards, Marshall, Canutt, Carr.

State, school and granted lands—Merrifield of King, Johnston, P. M. Smith, Jory, J. M. Edwards, Phelps, Hansen, M. D. Smith, Likens, Land, Levin.

State penitentiary—Warner of Snohomish, Caywood, J. O. Edwards, McAtee, Windust, Richmond, Parker, Roberts, Conine, Freeman, Witt, C. Smith, Merrifield.

School for defective youth—Richmond of Lewis, Sims, S. W. Baker, J. M. Edwards, Ames, McAtee, Parker.

State university—Gilkey of Chehalis, Land, Hooper, Mitchell, Pierson, Powell, Parker.

Tide lands—Kittinger of King, Forbes, F. R. Baker, Koehler, Nelson, A. S. Bush, Johnston.

Water, water rights and irrigation—Gerry of Franklin, Jory, Gilkey, Bush, Canutt, Carr, Johnston, Stafford.

Dentistry and hygiene—Scott of Kittitas, Freeman, Mitchell, Sims, Witt.

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LEADVILLE FACES RUIN.

Immense Pumps Taken Out of the Mines—Calamity Worse Than the Strike.

LEADVILLE, Jan. 16.—The pumps in the Maid of Erin mine were taken out today owing to the refusal of the owners benefited by them to continue to pay for their operation. This will cause the flooding of nearly every silver, lead and iron mine in the camp, and do incalculable damage.

DENVER, Jan. 16.—A special to the Times from Leadville, Col., says: The crisis in the troubles of Leadville has been reached, and a calamity far worse than the strike of the metallic miners has overtaken the camp. For the first time in fifteen years the immense pumps that have drained the big mines on Carbonate hill, the wealthy center of Leadville, have entirely been pulled out, while the pipe lines connecting with the pumps are to be removed at once. The Maid of Erin pumps had a capacity of 1,300 gallons of water per minute, and depending upon them were nearly all the great mines of Carbonate hill. There are miles of workings on Carbonate hill, and these probably will fill up slowly, so that the downtown workings may not be reached by the rush of waters for a month or two. It is, however, only a question of time, and a month will undoubtedly find many mines idle as a result of the flood.

WEBB CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—Another crowd of fifty miners were shipped from here tonight to the Colorado silver mines.

MINERS' UNION SELECTS OFFICERS.

Favors Advance of All Wages in Proportion to Mining Rate.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 16.—The United Mine Workers of America today adopted a resolution that the wages of all day labor should advance in proportion to the mining rate. The following nominations were made: President, M. D. Ratchford, of Ohio; Patrick McBride, Pennsylvania; Alexander Johnson, Ohio. Ballot resulted: Ratchford 129, McBride 47, Johnson 2. John Kane, Indiana, was elected vice president; W. C. Pearce secretary. The executive board chosen is: J. H. Kennedy, Indiana; R. L. Davis, Ohio; Patrick Dolan, Pennsylvania; Fred Dilcher, Ohio; Henry Stephenson, West Virginia; James Carroll, Illinois. McBride, Webb, Cameron and Miller were elected delegates to the next Federation of Labor convention. The next national miners' convention is to be held at Columbus. Forty dollars was voted to aid the defense of J. M. Matheny, charged with having burned a hopper. He claims to be innocent.

AGAINST RELIGIOUS CONTROL.

Bill Prepared for Next Session of Canadian Parliament.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A Montreal dispatch to the Evening Post says: It is now said in well-informed circles that constitutional means will be taken to place the popular branch of the legislature beyond any other influence or control than that of a free expression of the popular will at the polls, and to vindicate the supremacy of the civil, or state authorities, against that of the church, in all matters of parliamentary representation. A bill is now being prepared by a private member for presentation to the next session of parliament, which provides for the disfranchisement of voters who promulgate any threat of ecclesiatic censure, carrying with it spiritual pains or punishments. It is held that such threats are akin to threats of personal violence and are of a nature to justify the proposed measure.

Catholic Pilgrims Leave New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—One hundred Roman Catholic pilgrims sailed today on the steamship Werra to visit Palestine and the Holy Land. The party will be landed at Gibraltar. From that place they will go to Pisa, Leghorn, Naples and other places on the way to Alexandria. The pilgrims will be accorded a special interview with the pope. As a votive offering to be deposited in the sepulchre in Jerusalem, the pilgrims take with them a United States flag of silk, with the date "1897" embroidered on it.

The Best News Service.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The Herald, of Huntington, W. Va.; the Sentinel, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and the Blade, of Portsmouth, O., have abandoned the United Press, and will hereafter receive the Associated Press.

TO STOP THE LEAKS.

SPOKANE'S FUNDING ORDINANCE TO BECOME A LAW.

It Provides Means for a New Reservoir and Repairs to the Water System—Another Receiver for Dunston—Thieves at Hillyard Set Fire to a Building—Plans Proposed for a Bridge.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—The refunding ordinance passed by the city council yesterday has gone to Mayor Belt for his signature. The mayor expresses himself as satisfied with the purport of the ordinance and will in all probability make it a law. The ordinance is for the purpose of taking up $309,000 of water works' warrants and the building of a city reservoir to cost in the neighborhood of $41,000, $350,000 being the total amount stipulated.

The building of a reservoir is of great importance to the city, as the water mains have burst at different times, while other accidents at the pumping station have compelled the shutting off of the entire water system. Fortunately, there have been no alarms of fire sent in during the time of these shut-downs.

NEW RECEIVER FOR DUNSTON.

The Merchant's Brother No Longer a Preferred Creditor.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—Judge Prather decided this afternoon to remove N. B. Buckler as receiver of the W. J. Dunston stock of merchandise. This action of the court was in part precipitated by a petition by a majority of the creditors, who have been trying to agree upon terms of settlement which would facilitate the disposal of their claims against Dunston, with little injury to the business as a whole. Dunston and his brother also made a proposition that if the court would appoint a new receiver, they would dismiss their suits for damages. Basil Dunston is likewise to waive all his interests or rights in his brother's property excepting that his claims for $12,500 be put on an equal footing with all the other claims.

Judge Prather will in all probability appoint J. S. Cunningham as Buckler's successor.

NOT ONE SALOON WILL CLOSE.

Spokane Today Will Defy the Reform League.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—The Spokane Reform League with an attorney waited on the prosecuting attorney today and discussed the closing of saloons. The committee stated that the intention of the league was to procure evidence against the saloonkeepers who will keep open tomorrow, and asked the co-operation of the prosecuting attorney's office in securing convictions. All saloons announce their intention of keeping open.

Thieves and Firebugs at Hillyard.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—Hillyard, a suburb of this place, was visited last night by a gang of thieves, who upon being discovered while pillaging one of the stores, made good their escape, only to return and set fire to another. The general impression was that the gang hoped to again rob, while the excitement over the fire was highest. Fortunately, the carshop men and others responded promptly and succeeded in putting the fire out before it had done much damage. A patrol was then organized for the purpose of protecting the rest of the village buildings.

Plans for a New Bridge.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—City Engineer Oskar Huber is preparing plans and specifications for the building of a bridge across the river at the site of the old Dennis and Bradley bridge. The county officials have agreed to furnish $1,000 and the councilmen $3,000. If the engineer finds it can be built for the $4,000, bids will be advertised for.

Electrician Cotheron Dismissed.

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Special.—E. E. Cotheron, city electrician, was removed by the city commissioners this morning. A. F. Thielman was unanimously elected by the board. Charges have been filed against Officer Briggold.

EVERETT CONTEST CASE.

Gillespie Claims to Be Councilman De Facto.

SNOHOMISH, Jan. 16.—Special.—The case of Gillespie vs. Falconer et al. was heard in the superior court here this afternoon. This is the case in which Gillespie, the contesting councilman from the Fourth ward in the city of Everett, asks that the council and mayor be restrained from interfering with him in the exercise of his duties as councilman. The plaintiff's attorneys argued that Gillespie having received a certificate of election from the clerk, was the councilman de facto, and could not be ousted without an action by Fairbanks, his opponent, whom the council had seated. The defendants argued that the case could not be determined without deciding upon the legality of the mayor's vote, and therefore a court of equity did not have jurisdiction.

EVERETT, Jan. 16.—Special.—In the application for an injunction at the instance of W. J. Gillespie against Forrest Fairbanks, Mayor Falconer and other members of the city council argued before Judge Reid at Snohomish today, Cooley & Horan appeared for Gillespie and Black & Edwards for Fairbanks. The injunction was wide in its scope. It ordered Mayor Falconer and Forrest Fairbanks, C. E. Knapp, Edward E. Kellogg and Peter Zimmerman to refrain from interfering with Gillespie in exercising his rights as councilman. It ordered Fairbanks to refrain from any attempt to take possession or hold office as councilman from the Fourth ward. It ordered Falconer, as mayor, to refrain from any attempt to prevent Gillespie from voting upon any question that may properly come before the council and from having his vote counted and recorded. Falconer is also restrained from voting in the council.

The argument on the question of jurisdiction was not concluded when court adjourned to hear the continuance of the argument in the city hall at Everett on Monday.

VICTIM OF THE LANDSLIDE.

McCrea's Remains at Snohomish—He Died to Save His Comrades.

SNOHOMISH, Jan. 16.—Special.—The remains of D. L. McCrea, who was killed at his mine near Index a few days ago, were brought here yesterday. About 300 people have called to view the remains.

The accident occurred while the crew were working at the mine. They were not yet under cover, and when they heard the rear of the rockslide, McCrea called to the others to jump for their lives. They jumped, but he, in waiting to give warning, was caught by a huge bowlder and both legs were crushed. The right leg was mashed at the hip and the other one was cut off lower down and merely hung by a shred. He was so numbed that he suffered no pain and was all the time in possession of his senses. His comrades took him to the cabin, and in an hour and a half he passed away.

McCrea leaves two sisters, one of whom lives at Monte Cristo and the other at Index, and a brother, who also lives at Index. He was a bridge carpenter and was an industrious workman. He had been employed on all the big bridges on the two northern transcontinental lines. While working at Index, four years ago, he took up a claim and has lived on it since.

UNDER A NEW MASTER.

Scottish Isles Sails—No Trace of Capt. Nicoll.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 16.—Special.—The British ship Scottish Isles sailed today for South Africa in charge of Chief Officer Henry McKennell. The old master, D. Nicoll, whose disappearance was noted in Thursday's Post-Intelligencer, is still missing.

There is but one conclusion to be arrived at and that is, that he committed suicide. Near the bed, which was occupied by Capt. Nicoll, two news pistols were found and out of a bottle of laudanum one-quarter of the contents was gone. The missing man was addicted to the use of the drug, the steward said.

The crew, which occasioned so much trouble and who are believed to have been the prime cause of Capt. Nicoll's untimely death, were taken out of the ship and given from $3 to $5 each and were sent to Tacoma.

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Weather is more or less dangerous to health. The increased demand for heat makes it necessary for the blood to circulate more rapidly and to carry greater supplies of nourishment to the vital organs. Therefore the blood must be enriched and vitalized in winter weather. Do not allow it to become

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ALLEN H. CROCKER DEAD.

Auditor of Walla Walla County—Fusionists Fight for His Place.

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 16.—Special.—Allen H. Crocker, county auditor of this county, died at his residence late last night of Bright's disease, aged 47. He leaves a widow and 3 children. He came to Walla Walla four years ago and engaged in farming on Eureka flat in partnership with the late ex-Sheriff A. S. Bowles. Crocker was elected county auditor on the Republican ticket in 1894, and re-elected in 1896. He was a prominent member of the Elks, under whose auspices the funeral will be conducted tomorrow.

Before the general public had been made acquainted with the death of Mr. Crocker several persons were making an effort to secure appointment as his successor. The fight soon developed into a bitter contest. County Commissioner Nalder, a Democrat, was the first to make known his candidacy. He at once began work by conferring with the two other members of the board for indorsement. The friends of R. McCahey, Populist, began urging the latter for the place, while several others, hungry for office, made known their willingness to serve.

Late this evening the Populists claim that McCahay is entitled to the office, as the fusion agreement resulted in his being the nominee of the late election, when he was defeated by Crocker. The fusion central committee is divided equally between Nalder and McCahey, and tonight there is talk of a caucus to agree upon some other candidate that will be acceptable to both factions.

Everett Building Boom.

EVERETT, Jan. 16.—Special.—The building season promises to be a lively one. New houses have recently been completed by J. J. Sullivan, James Lafreniere, Constant Petrata and Mr. Lilgenberg, on Everett avenue, and A. M. Leighton, on Cedar street. During the autumn there was a steadily increasing demand for houses, and since the decision of the supreme court removing the county seat to Everett the building boom has started. A. M. Lord is about to build an $800 residence on Grand avenue, near Twenty-fifth; H. S. Wright a $700 house on Grand near Twenty-sixth; J. R. Van Dyke a $1,000 residence on Rucker, near Twenty-second; J. L. Bower a $1,000 residence on Grand, near Twenty-first; Ole Lindlund a $1,600 residence on Rucker, near Twenty-first; S. R. Bucey a $1,000 residence corner Grand and Twenty-second; James E. Bell three residences on Grand, near Twenty-first; J. W. Durr a $1,000 residence on Colby avenue; E. Bast a $2,000 brick house on the riverside; Robbins brothers a $1,000 residence on Chestnut, near California street. Mr. Babcock has completed a new $800 house on Federal street.

Great Northern Blocked by Snow.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 16.—A severe snowstorm has prevailed here since noon and gives no sign of abatement tonight. The six inches of snow which has already fallen, added to the three inches which had already covered the James river valley, will again blockade the roads. The Chicago & Northwestern is well provided with plows and engines on this division, but the Great Northern has had no trains from Benson, Minn., to Huron for fourteen days. Efforts to open this line have been abandoned, and the entire force is at work opening the Aberdeen branch.

OMAHA, Jan. 16.—Special telegrams to the Bee from Northern Nebraska and South Dakota points report that the heaviest snowstorm of the season is now in progress. The day began with rain, changing to snow about noon. Chadron, Neb., reports more than a foot of snow, with falling temperature.

GUNBOAT ORDERED TO SIAM.

Minister Barrett to Push the Claims for the Cheek Elephants.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—At the instance of the state department, the secretary of the navy has ordered the gunboat Machias to Bangkok, the capital of Siam, and she has sailed from Canton, China, for that place. The mission of the ship, according to the records of the navy department, is to "protect American interests," but the more definite reason for the trip is to afford Mr. Barrett, the United States minister and consul general at Bangkok, moral support in certain representations he has made to the Siamese government in respect to the treatment of Edward V. Kellett, the vice consul general there. Mr. Kellett has become involved in trouble with the Siamese officials. Although the state department affords no information on the subject, it is gathered that he has been subjected to assault by Siamese soldiers.

It is believed the affair grows out of the old Cheek claim, which has been the subject of contention between the state department and the Siamese government for several years. Cheek was an American who left a large estate, including plantations and elephants, in Siam, but the Siamese officials objected to the heirs taking possession, and the property has been in litigation. The Siamese officials learned some time ago that some of the elephants on the property were being sold off, and as Mr. Kellett was connected with the movement he suffered from their resentment. While vice consul general at Bangkok, Mr. Kellett is not a salaried official, and is believed to be engaged in private business, which perhaps has involved him in his present trouble. The distance from Canton to Bangkok is about 1,800 miles, and as the Machias must stop at Hongkong a day or two for coal, she probably will take a week for the trip.

The folly of prejudice is frequently shown by people who prefer to suffer for years rather than try an advertised remedy. The millions who have no such notions take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood diseases, and are cured. So much for common sense.

NEWS FROM TACOMA.

ARGUMENT OF TEST SUIT OF WARRANT HOLDERS AGAINST CITY.

City's Demurrer Taken Under Advisement—Decision Will Be Rendered Monday—Teachers Must Wait for Salaries—Orr Favors Economy—Yacht Club Organized.

Tacoma Bureau of the Post-Intelligencer, 1128 Pacific Avenue.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Special.—The warrant battle began before Judge Williamson this morning, when the argument on the city's demurrer to the complaint of W. C. Bardsley, who sues to test the validity of his holdings, was opened.

In his preliminary statement the city attorney claimed that several causes of action had been improperly commenced, as the suit is based upon several warrants issued to different parties. His chief attack was made against that portion of the complaint alleging that at the time the action was begun the funds in the city treasury amounted to $102,707.86, sufficient to pay the plaintiff's claims and prior obligations. Of this amount, said the attorney, there was only $1,020.26 in the general fund which could be used in the payment of warrants. The plaintiff, Mr. Shackleford held, should have joined the city as a defendant, as the treasurer had no power to transfer money from one fund to another.

Attorney Buell, in his counter-argument, claimed that at the time the warrants under discussion were issued, the money now in the possession of the city treasurer, was in the general fund and wrongfully applied to the payment of current expenses.

The supreme court decision in the case of Montesano, cited by the defendant, was in the nature of insolvency proceedings; the city had reached its legal limit of indebtedness, and could raise no more money; that current expenses would have to be met before old warrants were paid, was tacit admission of the insolvency of the municipal corporation.

The court took the demurrer under advisement and will render a decision Monday morning.

MUST WAIT FOR SALARIES.

Funded Warrants Will Be Paid Before Wages of School Teachers.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Special.—Prosecuting Attorney A. R. Titlow rendered his opinion on the payment of teachers' salaries this morning. He said that the board should continue its process of funding with a reasonable degree of diligence, and if this were done, there could be no injury to any one; that the board should pay the current expenses in cash, when it had the money to do so, and if more than enough money should at any time be on hand, the treasurer should make a call for the oldest outstanding warrants. He warned the treasurer to keep on hand enough money to pay any claims that are likely to mature. Claims are maturing so rapidly that the money in the treasury will not pay them and take up the December teachers' warrants also.

County Treasurer Judson will do nothing in the matter until he gets further advice on the subject and hears from Seymore Bros., who hold a number of funded warrants.

Orr Recommends Retrenchment.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Special.—At the council meeting this afternoon Mayor Orr submitted a communication recommending his ideas of retrenchment, taking the stand that the police force should be reduced six men; the department of public works one man at the office and several at the light plant; the comptroller's office, one man. The mayor recommended that the fire department should continue with the same force as now, but announced that he had several other matters of retrenchment under consideration.

Yacht Club Organized.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Special.—The Model Yacht Club was organized last night with the following officers: Commodore, F. W. Snow; vice president, Charles Anderson; secretary and treasurer, F. S. Bull; measurer, Cornelius Holmes. Yachting and sailing regulations and constitution and by-laws were adopted. The club proposes holding three club regattas during the year.

Tacoma News in Brief.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Special.—Supplementary articles of incorporation of the Al-Ki Gold Mining Company were filed here today, announcing the change of the place of business of the company from Seattle to Tacoma.

Capt. John A. Plum, inspector of customs at Tacoma, was yesterday sworn in as deputy collector. The appointment was made upon recommendation of the collector of the district.

Chief Deputy United States Marshal F. L. Crosby has received notice that he is under the classified civil service. The examiner of the department of justice, in his report to the department at Washington, commends the office of J. C. Drake, marshal of the Washington district, as in the best condition of any in his survey.

Fifty Chinamen are awaiting deportation on the steamship Tacoma.

PERSECUTION OF TOLSTOISTS.

Friends of the Author Disappear—Probably in Siberia.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The Evening Post's copyrighted London cablegram today says: The spread of Tolstoism among the educated and professional classes of Russia, has led to a spirited state of crusade against Tolstoists. In some villages one out of every ten inhabitants is an avowed Tolstoist and there are many more secret advocates. The noble accession to the cause is Prince Dimitri Chilkoff. The houses of suspected persons are being searched. Tolstoi's works are confiscated and the owners are entered in the police black book.

Some active Tolstoists have mysteriously disappeared from Pavloka, and it is feared they have been sent to Siberia. Others have had their children taken from them It is stated that the council of state has considered the question of Tolstoi's expulsion, and only refrains lest an attack on so great an authority and thinker should rally his forces to his side.

NOTABLE DEAD.

Joel Tyler Headley.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Joel T. Headley died here today of paralysis.

Joel Tyler Headley was born at Walton, N. Y., December 13, 1814. He was graduated from Union college in 1839, and then studied theology at the Auburn Theological Seminary. After being licensed to preach in New York city, he removed to Stockbridge, Mass., and for two and a half years officiated as pastor of a church in that place. Compelled by ill health to abandon the ministry, he spent two years in Italy and on the continent. When he returned to the United States he published a series of sketches embodying the results of this sojourn, which was so favorably received by the American public as to make him an author by profession. In 1846 he succeeded Henry J. Raymond as associate editor of the New York Tribune. A year later he visited the Adirondacks for his health, and afterward repeated his visit for several years, and his book, "The Adirondacks, or Life in the Woods," first drew public attention to that region. In May, 1850, he was married to Anna A. Russell and settled at Newburg, N. Y. In 1854 he was elected to the New York legislature, and in 1858 was elected secretary of state for New York. He published many popular biographies and histories and his books of travel have been widely circulated. Notable among his works are: "Napoleon and His Marshals" and "Washington and His Generals." The sale of his books had, in 1853, reached an aggregate of 200,000 volumes. A uniform edition of his works was printed in twelve volumes, previous to the appearance of several of his later productions, his total separate published productions being catalogued in 1892 at twenty-four.

John C. Duval.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 16.—John C. Duval is dead in this city from an attack of the grip. He was the last survivor of the Fannin massacre at Goliad in 1843. He was 81 years old and was one of the most noted soldiers of Texas in her struggle for independence and in the wars with Mexico. He had been a ranger with Capt. Jack Hayes afterward a celebrated Confederate scout. He was a son of the late Gen. Duval of Florida. Duval county was named for him. He was a noted writer in Texas history.

John A. Beadle.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—John A. Beadle died here today. He was at one time a well-known western newspaper writer and was author of "A History of the "Mormons" and "The Western World." Until recently he has been connected with the American Press Association at Washington.

Mrs. Susan D. Skinner.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Susan D. Skinner died at the home of her daughter in Gilroy today, aged 87. She and her husband, the late Judge Henry C. Skinner, came to Salt Lake in 1849 and to San Jose in 1850. In 1868 they went to San Diego, where Judge Skinner died. Since then the pioneer lady has resided with her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Ladd, at Gilroy. She was a lineal descendant of Mary Dyer, who was executed on Boston commons in 1660 for conscience sake.

Accused of Murder.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 16.—Gov. Tanner today issued a requisition upon the governor of Oregon for the extradition of John Bingham, alias Halpin, alias Bell, under arrest at Portland. Bingham is wanted for complicity in the murder of Gustave Collander, at an election in Chicago.

Reduction in Freight Rates.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—St. Louis lines announce a rate on grain from East St. Louis to Newport News of 14½ cents. This is a reduction of 5½ cents.

Do You Want One?

If you would like a copy of the handsomest illustrated folder yet issued, call on or address F. W. Parker, Puget sound agent, "The North-Western Line," 601 First avenue, Seattle, Wash., and he will give or send you one free.

The folder entertainingly describes the two "New North-Western Limited" trains between St. Paul and Chicago—the finest trains in the world—and contains pictures of the two famous trains just as they appear when running, each picture over three feet long and splendidly engraved in colors.

This elegant souvenir will interest the whole family, from the oldest to the youngest, and you'll say so when you see it.

DRESS GOODS DEP'T.

Closing Out Sale of Extraordinary Values THIS WEEK.

HAVING SUPPLIED THE MAJORITY OF FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE WITH TOWELS DURING OUR GREAT TOWEL SALE, WE NOW PROPOSE TO CLOTHE THE LADIES OF THE STATE IN SEASONABLE AND STYLISH DRESS MATERIALS AT

The Lowest Prices Ever Quoted on Equal Values.

WE NEVER QUOTE PRICES ON TRASHY OR INFERIOR GOODS.

Reduced to 25c a Yard.....40-inch two-toned fancy Brocade Suitings, former price 40c.

Reduced to 35c a Yard.....38 and 40-inch Novelty Dress Goods, all wool, in fine checks, mixtures and stripe effects, very pretty, formerly 50c.

Reduced to 50c a Yard.....40 and 42-inch All-Wool Scotch Tweeds and Fancy Mixtures, large variety and latest weaves, formerly 75c and 85c.

Reduced to 75c a Yard.....46 and 48-inch All-Wool Twine Cord and Nattie Suitings, formerly $1.00 and $1.25 a yard.

Reduced to 35c a Yard.....52-inch All-Wool Ladies' Cloth, all colors and black, regular price and value 50c.

Reduced to 35c a Yard.....46-inch All-Wool Heavy Clay Serge, navy blue and black, the kind that holds its color, regular value 50c.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Reduced to 50c a Yard.....54-inch All-Wool Heavy Clay Serge, former price 75c.

Reduced to $1.00 a Yard...54-inch All-Wool Extra Quality Fine Imperial Serge, formerly $1.50.

Reduced to 50c a Yard.....54-inch Heavy All-Wool Cheviot Serge, regular price and value 75c.

Reduced to 50c a Yard.....40-inch Black All-Wool Brocades, rich, beautiful figures, worth 85c.

BLACK DRESS SILKS.

Reduced to 85c a Yard.....24-inch Heavy Black Silk Faille Francaise, former price $1.25.

Reduced to 85c a Yard.....24-inch All-Silk Black Peau de Soie, a beautiful cloth, formerly $1.25.

Reduced to 85c a Yard.....21-inch All-Silk Heavy Black Armure, very durable, formerly $1.25.

HOSIERY SPECIAL.

Other Attractive Values—Best 25c Hose Procurable.

Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Hose, Double Merino Heels and Toes, all sizes, well worth 50c, ... At 25c a Pair.

BLANKET SPECIALS.

At $2.50 a pair, 50 Pairs Pure Wool, White Blankets, every fibre wool, full size,..... At $2.50 a Pair.

At $3.25—75 Pairs All-Wool, Scarlet and Light Gray Blankets, every fibre wool, value for $5.00..... At $3.25 a Pair.

Ladies' Fine Flannel Shirt Waists, All-Wool, all colors, all sizes, reduced to ..... At $2,00 Each.

LACE CURTAINS.

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