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PRESIDENT SENDS HIS MESSAGE

Treats Largely with Interstate Conditions--Gives Due Credit to Agricultural Conditions

The President's message is a long one, but is one that every American should read, as by so doing he could get more information as to what the government is doing than by the same amount of reading in any other book or document. The affairs of 100,000,000 people cannot be condensed into a short space. There is no question now before the public that the message does not treat of agriculture he says:

The department of agriculture has grown into an educational institution with a faculty of 2,000 specialists making research into all the sciences of production. The congress appropriates, directly and indirectly \$6,000,000 annually to carry on this work. It reaches every state and territory in the union and the islands of the sea lately come under our flag. Co-operation is had with the state experiment stations, and with many other institutions and individuals. The world is carefully searched for new varieties of grains, fruits, grasses, vegetables, trees and shrubs suitable to various localities in our country, and marked benefit to our producers has resulted. The activities of our age in lines of

research have reached the tillers of the soil and inspired them with ambition to know more of the principles that govern the forces of nature with which they have to deal. Nearly half of the people of this country devote their energies to growing things from the soil. Until a recent date little has been done to prepare these millions for their life work. In most lines of human activity college trained men are the leaders. The farmer had no opportunity for special training until the congress made provision for it 40 years ago. During these years progress has been made and teachers have been prepared. Over 5,000 students are in attendance at our state agricultural colleges. The federal government expends ten millions of dollars annually toward this education and for research in Washington and in the several states and territories. The department of agriculture has given facilities for postgraduate work to 500 young men during the last seven years preparing them for advanced lines of work in the department and in the state institutions.

The facts concerning meteorology and its relations to plant and animal life and being systematically inquired into. Temperature and moisture are controlling factors in all agricultural operations. The seasons of the cyclones of the Caribbean sea and their paths are being forecasted with increasing accuracy. The cold winds that come from the north are anticipated and their times and intensity told to farmers, gardeners and fruiters in all southern localities.

We sell \$250,000,000 worth of animals and animal products to foreign countries every year, in addition to supplying our own people more cheaply and abundantly than any other nation is able to provide for its people. Successful manufacturing depends primarily on cheap food, which accounts to a considerable extent for our growth in this direction.

The department of agriculture by careful inspection of meats, guards the health of our people and gives clean bills of health to deserving exports, it is prepared to deal promptly with imported diseases of animals and maintain the excellence of our flocks and herds in this respect. There should be an annual census of the livestock of the nation.

We sell abroad about \$600,000,000 worth of plants and their products every year. Strenuous efforts are being made to import from foreign countries such grains as are suitable to our varying localities.

Seven years ago we bought three-fourths of our rice. By helping the rice growers on the gulf coast to secure seeds from the Orient suited to their conditions and by giving them adequate protection they now supply home demand and export to the islands of the Caribbean sea and to other rice-growing countries.

BATTLE SHIPS IN DANGER

Japanese to Train Guns on Russian Vessels.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—The effective bombardment of the Russian battleships in Port Arthur which began last Saturday was one of the results of the capture of 203 Metre Hill. Up to that time the warships were able to seek shelter from the Japanese fire under Pal Yu mountain but the capture of 203 Metre Hill has enabled the Japanese to train their guns on the Russian vessels with the result that a number have been set on fire and others must either be put to sea or suffer irreparable damage.

The "Little Orca" at the Opera House last night was well attended and gave general satisfaction.

SUPERVISORS FEAR WEBER MAY ESCAPE

Auburn, Cal., Dec. 7.—The board of supervisors this morning passed a strong resolution calling upon the attorney-general of California to come forward and assist the district attorney of Placer county in the conduct of the Weber murder case. The supervisors say they fear the prosecution may fail unless the county is represented by able counsel.

Congress At Work

Both houses of Congress are at work. Monday on motion of Governor of Ohio the house extended until January 5 the time when the Merchant Marine Commission shall submit its report. This commission has been engaged all summer gathering facts about the condition of American shipping and will most probably give its plan for reviving our shipping interest. This being the most important question that will be considered by the Congress its report will be awaited with great interest.

Several tariff bills were introduced the first day. Cochran of New York introduced a bill providing for ascertaining the money expended in the last Presidential election.

A New Industry

Mr Chas Willerott formerly of Joseph, has moved to this city and established his granite and marble works here. He cuts monuments and head stones from native granite and marble, and he is past master at the art. He has placed many monuments in the Enterprise cemetery and they are the most beautiful ones there.—Wallawa Democrat.

Married

On Tuesday evening at 7 p m at the home of Mrs. HUGHAN, corner of O and 7th street, by the Rev. E B Hays, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Cecil C Cates and Pearl A Greiner.

A Batch OF Offices

The President sent to the Senate on Dec. 6 second day of the session the names of 1500 persons whom he had appointed to office during the recess.

JURY BRINGS IN VERDICT OF CUILTY

Land Grabber Muet Answer for Their Crimes All Guilty Except Miss Ware

Portland, Dec. 7.—"We the jury, find the defendant, S A D Pater guilty. We, the jury find the defendant Horace G McKinley, guilty. We the jury find the defendant Daniel J Tarpley, guilty. We the jury find the defendant Mrs Emma Watson, guilty. We the jury find the defendant Miss Marie Ware, not guilty."

This is the result of the jury's deliberation in the land fraud cases announced at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Frank Walgamot, the sixth defendant, having already pleaded guilty, is not included in the verdict.

The trial was for conspiracy to rob the United States government of certain land most of which was located in "7-11." The trial has occupied the attention of the federal court for two weeks and has been followed with keen interest by the public.

The penalty for the crime of which the defendants have been convicted is given in the revised statutes as follows: "If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States or to defraud the United States in any manner, or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, all the parties to such conspiracy, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for not more than two years or to both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court."—Section 5440, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Mr Heney's remarkable address to

the jury was a terrible arraignment of the defendants and a clear presentation of the evidence adduced by the government against them.

PRISONERS TURN PALE
Pater, McKinley, Emma Watson, Trapley and Marie Ware listened with pale faces to the merciless indictment Walgamot was the only one of the defendants who was absent from the room. Pater's expression was that of dogged despair, and fear was plainly stamped upon the white face of Emma Watson.

The hush of expectancy pervaded the densely crowded courtroom when Heney began his address to the jury immediately upon the opening of court.

Subpoenas were issued yesterday for Senator John H Mitchell and Congressman Hermann to appear in Portland by December 15, to testify in the Ware, Pater, and McKinley land fraud cases, which will then be on trial before United States Judge Bellingher.

The subpoenas were sent to the United States marshal for the District of Columbia and he will serve them at Washington.

Co. L Dance

Next Monday night at Armory hall Co L will give one of their popular dances. To those who have been regular attendants nothing further need be said. To those who have not, their attendance is particularly solicited. A good time is assured all.

A Few Holiday Facts

The chances are that if everybody knew the exact facts about our Holiday line, how carefully selected and how fair in price, we would not have half enough to go around.

We have been fortunate in being able to buy our holiday stock close. The selling will be just as close. We want you to see our line before assortments are broken. In the start we will have a variety of goods not sold elsewhere; these are apt to be the goods you want.

Make sure of them by buying early. Fair prices will last to the end. Best assortment will not.

Ready for Inspection WEDNESDAY MORNING

THE NEWLIN DRUG CO
LA GRANDE OREGON

SPECIAL VALUES

Men's Suits and Overcoats

Regular \$8 Kersey Cloth Overcoat, Velvet Collar	\$5.00
Regular \$12.50 Blue Kersey Overcoat, with Silk Velvet collar	\$10.00
New Styles in Men's Hats Just Received. Latest shapes and colors in the famous STAR HAT. \$2.50 and \$3.00	Men's and Boys' Winter Caps in plush, corduroy and fancy cloth caps, in shaps to suit every want 25c to \$1.50
\$3.25, \$3.50, Boys' Reefer Overcoat	\$2.78
Men's Underwear at Underprices \$1.25 Extra heavy natural gray wool underwear \$1.00	Men's Shirts at sharp price Reductions \$1.25 Dress Shirts, in stiff and soft bosoms, special 35c
\$5.00 Boys' Suit Special at	\$3.95

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY