

## LARGEST BATTLESHIP IN WORLD

### THE DELAWARE, THE FIRST OF FOUR SISTER SHIPS AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS

The great battleship Delaware, which was successfully launched from the yards of her builders at Newport News on Saturday, as compared with the battleships, completed or under construction, of the navy of any foreign country, surpasses all. She is one of the four sister ships authorized by Congress which will form an indomitable squadron. The other vessels are the North Dakota, being built at Quincy, Mass.; the Florida, which will be built at the New York Navy Yard, and the Utah, to be built at Camden, N. J.

Superior to All Warships. The Delaware is to carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class. Will have a speed of twenty-one knots and will have the highest practicable radius of action. The arrangement of her main battery guns will permit a broadside fire 25 per cent greater than that of the broadside line of any battleship now built, or so far as is known, under construction.

Her defensive qualities are such as to give the maximum degree of protection to all the vital portions by means of unusually effective compartmental subdivisions, so that in conjunction with her armor protection, the defensive qualities of this vessel are believed to be distinctly superior to those of any battleship hitherto designed.

The hull is protected by a water line belt of armor eight feet in width, whose maximum thickness is eleven inches. This armor belt gives effective protection to the boilers, machinery and magazine spaces. The side above the main armor belt is protected by armor seven feet three inches wide and of a maximum thickness of ten inches. Above the main casemate armor amidships the side is protected by armor of five inches in thickness, which affords protection to the smoke pipes, the major portion of the secondary batteries of five inch guns and the hull structure.

Costs \$13,987,000. The contract for the Delaware was placed August 6, 1907, at a price of \$13,987,000. Her keel was laid November 11, 1907. The Delaware is 510 feet in length on lead water line, 85 feet 2 inches in breadth and her main draft to bottom of keel at trial displacement about 27 feet. The capacity of her coal bunkers is 2500 tons, which is sufficient to send her at a ten-knot speed a distance of 6720 knots or twenty-eight days steaming. Provision is also made for the stowage of a large amount of oil fuel without in any degree reducing the capacity of the coal bunkers.

Takes 900 Men to Man Her. She has triple expansion reciprocating engines and will require over 900 men to man her. Her armament will consist of a main battery of ten

12-inch breech-loading rifles, and her secondary battery will be fourteen 5-inch 50-caliber guns, four 3-pounders, four 1-pounder semi-automatics, two 3-inch field pieces, and two machine guns of 30 calibre. She has two submerged torpedo tubes. The Delaware will have a displacement on trial of 29,999 tons, or 2100 tons greater than the British Dreadnaught and 750 tons greater than Great Britain's latest vessel of that type, the Vanguard.

## HARRIMAN COMING TO CALIFORNIA

### WIZARD A SEA MAN AND WILLING PATIENT, ACCORDING TO EASTERN STORES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch from Chicago conveys the news that J. H. Harriman is in from being a well man, according to rumors which have been persistently repeated in the financial quarters of Chicago and other cities farther east. It is said that for several weeks past he has been a willing patient in the hands of his physicians and that he is now so well that he is determined to make his contemplated trip to California.

## NEW BILLS IN STATE SENATE.

209 (Nottingham)—Making it duty of each sheriff to appear before first Monday in June, 1910, and October 15, 1910.

210 (Gibson)—Defining tenancy, forcible entry and detainer, and prescribing procedure.

211 (Hedges)—Authorizing an appeal from order overruling a demurrer.

212 (Muller)—Declaring crimes such as frauds and cheats as were criminal at common law, and fixing penalties.

312 (District delegation)—Dividing the first judicial district, making Lake and Klamath counties compose a new district.

214 (Olliver)—Establishing Oregon Technological college at Union, \$50,000 for buildings, \$30,000 annually for maintenance.

215 (Kellaher)—Making it a misdemeanor to stand upon or across a public highway.

216 (Kellaher)—Requiring the dairy and food commissioner to furnish copies of certain reports to trade papers and newspapers on application.

217 (Merryman)—Providing for lien by blacksmith, carriage maker or garage for materials or labor expended.

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The teachers' examination will be held commencing tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the public school building instead of in the high school. Prof. W. E. Faught, of the Klamath Falls school, and G. R. Carlock, of Merrill, will assist Superintendent Swan in conducting the examinations.

# BILL TO DIVIDE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## Republicans Would Then Not Have Such a Sure Thing in Election of Judge-Lake and Klamath New District

The delegation from Klamath, Lake, Jackson and Josephine counties has introduced a bill in the Senate to divide the first judicial district, making Jackson and Josephine counties one district, and forming a new district of Klamath and Lake. There is every indication that this bill will pass and become a law.

At the present time the district is divided into the first and second prosecuting districts. Judge Hanna conducts the business of the first district and Judge Noland that of the second, so that as far as the business is concerned there are two districts, as all business in the two courts is conducted entirely separate. This matter was brought up before but there was some legal objection raised in regard to the constitutionality of dividing the district, and the movement was defeated.

The purpose of the division is purely a political one, as the people of Jackson and Josephine counties believe that they should be entitled to the right to choose their own Judge, without the assistance of the voters from the counties east of the mountains. The people of Klamath and Lake feel the same way.

By dividing the districts it is more probable that the best man would be elected, as the voters would be better acquainted with the qualifications of the candidates. Heretofore the majority of the voters voted for the party candidate and not the man, but with a separate district they will be more liable to vote for the man best fitted for the office. This might result occasionally in the election of a Democrat, but it is argued that in Klamath and Lake counties, everything else being equal, a Republican has the advantage, but if the Democrat is so much the better man that he can overcome the Republican majority, he ought to be elected.

## WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS DEFENSES

### ORDERS SIXTEEN COMPANIES OF COAST ARTILLERY ORGANIZED AT ONCE.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 8.—In the light of newer developments in the Governor's office, it appears that Speaker Stanton spoke with authority when he made his impassioned plea to the Assembly Friday to shift away from the volcano that he said he feared might burst at any moment.

Speaker Stanton no doubt knew that a message was in Governor Gilbert's hands from the Secretary of War, requesting that sixteen companies of coast artillery be organized at once to co-operate with coast defense forces of the regular army.

The whole attitude of the Speaker indicated that he was in possession of knowledge of the secret movements of the Federal Government, which in return is, of course, familiar with the secret movements of the Japanese government. When he said that the Legislature was treading on dangerous ground, he said it with such feeling that his colleagues were impressed and at the same time half frightened, and it was fear of ill-considered action that caused the Assemblymen to vote for reconsideration.

There is something significant in the message from the War Department, coming as it does at a time when all California is stirred up over the Japanese question. There always has been a desire on the part of the Washington authorities to increase the Coast artillery forces, which are not now sufficient to man the big guns that guard the entrances to the harbors.

Another dance was given at Mike Galarneau's Friday night. This was also attended by a fair crowd. Some of those present were: Tom Short, John Short, Judge Short, Mrs. E. Durker, Roy Applegate, O. Stewart, the Misses Campbells, Min Lovelady and John Lovelady. The next dance will be given February 12, at Tom Short's.

Representative Brattain has introduced a bill in the House providing for a deputy prosecuting attorney for this district. At the present time the law does not provide for the prosecuting attorney having a deputy, and if one is employed he has to be paid out of the salary of the prosecuting attorney. Under these conditions the compensation could not necessarily be sufficient to induce many attorneys to accept the office. The distance between the two county seats is so great that the people of Lake County are anxious to have a representative of the prosecuting attorney's office on the ground all the time. This is becoming more necessary as the two counties are fast settling up, and the duties of the office are continually increasing.

## FLOOD SWEEPS ALL BEFORE IT

### HEAVY RAINS CAUSE BIG DAMAGE IN SOUTHERN PART OF CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—A storm now prevailing over the entire Pacific Coast has seriously interfered with railroad and telegraphic communication. Heavy rains have fallen in Southern California, causing washouts along the railroad lines and carrying away telegraph poles. There has been much snow in the mountains and should warm weather follow there will be another rise in the rivers, according to the reports received by the Weather Bureau.

Running at flood tide, its angry waves foam-capped and swirling from bank to bank, the Arroyo Seco, fed by heavy rains from mountains and foothill, is grinding its path to the sea, tearing away all obstructions in its course. Four bridges, numberless fences, outhouses and buildings, a dozen bulkheads and heavy mattresses have been taken as toll by the stream that but a day or two ago was a purling brook.

The Southern Pacific lines are now open from Santa Barbara on the south to Ashland, Ore., on the north, but below Santa Barbara floods have seriously crippled traffic. Seven hundred feet of track have been washed away at Oceano and trains are unable to pass that point. In the same county travel is also at a standstill on the Pacific Coast railroad and many of the country roads have been rendered impassable.

Several serious washouts and landslides on the Tehachapi grade between Bakersfield and Los Angeles have occurred, prostrating telegraph and telephone lines and effectually blocking travel on the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific roads. This cuts off the southern part of the state from direct connection with this city.

In the Sacramento Valley trains are not running between Davisville and Sacramento on account of the embankments along the line having been weakened and the consequent danger of washouts. In the Yosemite Valley there is

now three and one-half feet of snow on the level, the heaviest fall for twenty years. There is no indication of an abatement of the storm. Several buildings in the valley are in danger of being washed away by the swollen streams.

The outlook in Central California is for continued showers alternating with sunshine.

The snowfall in the Sierras on the line of the Southern Pacific between this city and Nevada points has been very heavy. There are eighteen feet at Summit, seven feet at Truckee and at Reno the record has been reached. All trains are badly delayed.

## SENATE PASSES MERRYMAN'S BILL

### IS TOLD THAT SHERIFF'S BILL REDUCES THE EXPENSES OF OFFICE.

SALEM, Ore.—Several Senators were almost stunned when Senator Merryman assured them that his bill, No. 152, will actually reduce the compensation of the sheriff's office of Klamath County.

As it was read by the clerk it bore all the marks of a salary increase bill, and the Senate settled back in expectation of speeches from the salary fighting contingent. But Merryman claimed the floor and said the bill would save the county \$300 or \$400 a year. At present, he explained, the county court makes an allowance for the sheriff's office, and this allowance is larger than the total of salaries and expenses allowed in the bill.

Kellaher, Albee and others who have been fighting salary raises voted for the bill on Merryman's statement, but it was long before the Senate recovered from the shock of voting on a salary decrease bill.

## "BECAUSE I LOVE YOU."

At Houton's Opera House tomorrow night, February 10, the Home Dramatic Company will present the four act comedy drama, entitled, "Because I Love You." The play is written by John A. Fraser. The members of the cast have put in much time and study in their respective parts and a very good performance is expected.

The following is the cast: Imogene Courtleigh, Helen Wakefield, Ginger, Lelia Wright, Nancy Tyson, Mrs. F. L. Wright, Prudence Freeheart, Mrs. L. M. Gale, Horace Verner, Carlisle Yaden, Dink Potts, John Oliver, Ira Courtleigh, Oscar Wright, Buck Tyson, Roy Fouch, Elmer Van Setteret, Squire Ripley, Sam Chappel, Major Duffy, C. T. Oliver, Lige, Fred Bamber. The admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

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## COUNTY TO BUY ROAD MACHINERY

### WILL THEN BE EQUIPPED TO SPEND ROAD MONEY JUDICIOUSLY.

The County Commissioners are still investigating rock crushing machinery, with the intention of purchasing a plant to be used in building and improving the county roads.

Mr. Young, of a San Francisco firm, is here and the commissioners have been in consultation with him today. It is their intention to purchase a rock crusher, engine and roller, and they intend to get only first class machinery.

By saving on other expenses, the Commissioners have been able to more than double the road levy for this year. The road fund has also been added to to the extent of over \$4000 from the state as the county's proportion from the sale of public lands. The Commissioners believe that this is a good time to make a start to secure the proper machinery, which will enable the road commissioner to construct good, permanent roads.

## AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The audience at the Opera House last night witnessed some first class vaudeville acts in connection with the moving pictures and illustrated songs. Mr. Hearde, as a darky comedian, pleased all present and Miss Bruce was an able assistant.

Miss Bruce and Mr. Hearde will be seen again tonight in an entire change, consisting of high class singing, dancing and vaudeville acts. The pictures for tonight are: On the Track a bear hunting scene; Watchmaker's Wedding, comic, and Money Mad, a tragedy.

## VIRGINIA APPLIGATE.

Virginia, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Applegate, died at 5 o'clock this morning of inflammation of the bowels. The family moved here about two weeks ago from Portland, Mr. Applegate coming here for the benefit of his health. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow. Services will be conducted in the Methodist church.

The dance at J. A. Hawkins was attended by a large crowd of neighbors. Sam Short and George Tramel furnished the music. A basket supper was enjoyed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lum Short, Mrs. Miller and daughter, Miss Ethel Miller, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Turner, Miss Etta Turner, Walter Turner, Dave Wade, Louis Dixon, Miss Rose Myers, Miss Dora Lowden, Jim Hull, Mr. Pine, Chester Miller, Ernest Durkey, Sam Varner, Willie Langell and Everett Kirkendall.

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