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SECRETARY LAMONT

The Head of the War Department Coming.

WILL VISIT MILITARY POSTS

Details of Admiral Da Gama's Suicide—Denver's Aldermen Guarded by Police.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—It is announced at headquarters that Secretary Lamont accompanied by Quarter-master-General Batchelder and Major G. W. Davis, an attaché of Secretary Lamont's office, will reach Portland the last of this week. There the secretary of war will be met by Senator Dolph, who succeeded in securing the passage of a bill in the last session of congress establishing a large army post on Puget sound. The secretary will visit and inspect all proposed sites for the purpose of determining which shall be finally agreed upon by himself and the commission designated by congress.



For a long time the war department has been considering the advisability of abandoning Fort Walla Walla and concentrating the troops at Vancouver barracks, where the unoccupied buildings formerly occupied by the department of the Columbia afford ample accommodation for the troops.

Secretary Lamont will inspect Fort Canby, where important defense works are under construction. No representative of the war department has inspected these works, and the secretary of war desires to familiarize himself with them before the subject of their acceptance comes before him officially.

On completing his inspection at Fort Canby, the secretary will return to Portland, en route to San Francisco. His visit here will, to all intents and purposes, cover the same ground as that recently made by General Schofield.

His Last Battle.

BUENOS AYRES, June 28.—From one of the rebels who escaped capture by government troops after the insurgents' defeat near Santa Ana, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, details of the last battle in which Admiral Da Gama took part and of his suicide, have been secured. The admiral, at the head of a force of 400 sailors, was engaged by a brigade of government soldiers numbering 1200. The battle lasted five hours, and at least 300 men were killed or wounded. Some of the insurgents advised Da Gama to retreat, but he refused and they abandoned them. With a handful of men the admiral repulsed five charges of the government cavalry, but the struggle was useless, and, seeing that all was lost, Da Gama ordered a retreat and cut his own throat. Da Gama's body was taken to Santa Ana by the government troops and there horribly mutilated. The throats of many of captured rebels were cut by the victorious soldiers.

Trouble in Denver.

DENVER, June 28.—Almost the entire police force was employed last night in guarding the houses of eight aldermen, who feared violence from their constituents. An ordinance granting a reduction of 15 per cent on the schedule of water rates now in force passed the alderman by a vote of 8 to 6, and this aroused the anger of the people, who attended the council meeting in force. The measure has a clause which makes the rates fixed a burden on the people for 15 years. Besides, it is claimed, the reduction is not half what the public is entitled to under the company's contract, which calls for a reduction this year to the average rates charged in Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati. Although much harsh talk is heard, no overt acts against the aldermen have yet been committed.

Insurgents Lose Heavily.

HAVANA, June 28.—News received at Puerto Principe from the insurgents camp south of that place shows that the insurgents acknowledge a loss of 19 men killed in the recent attack upon Alta Gracia. Captain Costa, commanding a detachment of about 40 soldiers, surprised an insurgent band, commanded by Basilio Guerra, at Agudita, a province of Santa Clara. At the first volley from the troops the insurgents fled, leaving one dead and four seriously wounded.

Investigating Sims' Conduct.

LONDON, June 28.—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is in-

vestigating the report recently published that Sims, Croker's colored jockey, recently drove a horse to death in an attempt to win a wager. If found true the jockey will be arrested. It is reported Croker was Sims' companion on the drive, and he may also find himself in serious trouble.

A Big Advance in Prices.

CHICAGO, June 27.—It is announced that the American Strawboard company will in August advance its products \$17.50 per ton. Under the old schedule the production netted the company about \$15 a ton, and the advance will net it about \$27.50, it is claimed. After the date named the company's product will be handled by the Standard Company.

Chicago Has Lost Large Sums.

CHICAGO, June 30.—The grand jury today began an investigation of the stuffing of the city pay rolls. Thirteen sub-floors and time keepers in the pipe extension department were indicted. It is charged the city was robbed of large sums.

Corn Helped in Kansas.

WELLINGTON, Kan., June 30.—A steady downpour of rain, measuring nearly four inches, has fallen here in the last two days. It came just in time to do the corn most good.

The Welcome Rain.

HENNESSY, Ia., June 30.—A constant downpour of rain last night flooded the lowlands, and creeks are rising rapidly. Corn will be greatly benefited.

CLARINDA, Ia., June 30.—It has been raining for 48 hours. Over three inches have fallen. This is the largest rain here for years.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30.—The will of the late Secretary of State Walter Q. Gresham was admitted to probate in open court today.

Baseball at the Fair Grounds.

Among the boys of The Dalles interest in the national game is on the increase and there is a great deal of baseball talk going on in the sporting circles. Yesterday afternoon a game was played at the fair grounds, between two nines from town, which showed that baseball is not dead in The Dalles and that in the younger generation there are players of merit, who with training and practice could well represent the city in a contest abroad. Although the wind was blowing quite strong a good many spectators were present to see the game, which was a warmly contested one. The score is rather large, but this is due more to the condition of the ground and the wind than to the players. There will be more games in the future and in the meantime both nines will spend much time in practice so that the next contest will be still a better one. The two clubs have not yet given themselves names, but yesterday went under the designation of Juniors and Seniors. The score, which stood 29 to 17 in favor of the Juniors, was as follows:

JUNIORS.	SENIORS.
Dafur, c.....	W. Vogt, c.....
Loyan, p.....	Maloney, p.....
Alabas, ss.....	Blahy, ss.....
Piper, 1b.....	J. Fisher, 1b.....
Wag. inblast, 2b.....	J. Vogt, 2b.....
R. Fisher, 3b.....	S. Frank, 3b.....
Stubling, rf.....	Hendershott, rf.....
Daffron, cf.....	Atkins, cf.....
Jeffens, lf.....	Stanial, lf.....

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 189 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at the Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

The residents in the neighborhood of the courthouse were considerably disturbed last night by the actions of the occupants in a house not far distant. They had a midnight revelry, which however pleasant it may have been to them was certainly very disagreeable to people who were trying to sleep. The festivities of the occasion were undoubtedly due to a large flow of spirits.

Headache and Neuralgia cured by Dr. MILES' PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose."

THE STANFORD CASE

Demurrer Sustained by Judge Ross.

MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED

This Decision Leaves the Great University Unhindered—Sparks From the Wires.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—United States Circuit Judge Ross today rendered his decision on the demurrer of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford against the suit of the government to recover \$15,000,000 from the estate of her late husband, Senator Stanford. The demurrer was sustained. Judge Ross allowed the government to amend its former complaint and reargue its case, if it so desired. It was intimated, however, the law, as constructed by Judge Ross, not favoring the case of the United States.

The sustaining of the demurrer was a surprise, attorneys generally expecting a contrary decision. The court began by reading and explaining the acts and statutes, both state and federal, which had any bearing on the construction of the Central Pacific railroad and its branches.

All railroads west of the Missouri river were, he said, constructed under the same acts, so if one road were liable to the government, all them were. In nearly all of the incorporations Leland Stanford was a stockholder. Together with C. P. Huntington and other incorporators, he owned 130,880 shares of the stock. The government, according to its contract, issued bonds to aid in the construction of this road. Though the road was built under that contract, it was incorporated under the laws of the state. Therefore, it became in a way amenable to the laws of California. The laws of California, providing that stockholders of incorporations are individually responsible for debts contracted by their companies, he held did not affect Mr. Stanford, as the government claimed, for the reason that the stockholder liability acts were passed after the government had made its contract with the Central Pacific company. If those laws had been passed before the government bonded the Central Pacific, however, it would have made no difference, for the government had no intention of making the stockholders personally responsible for the debts contracted by the company.

Denver's Aldermen.

DENVER, Colo., June 30.—The voters of the fifth and sixth wards, represented by Aldermen Emery and Pfister, held mass meetings tonight, at which resolutions were adopted asking these representatives to resign from the council. A committee was sent at Emery, asking him to appear before the meeting, and explain his action. He sent word back that he was afraid some hair-brained individual might do personal violence. The meeting then invited him to attend a meeting Monday night, at which all the protection he might demand would be furnished him.

Ex-Health Commissioner Censured.

CHICAGO, June 30.—Major Swift today issued a statement concerning Dr. Arthur Reynolds, ex-city health commissioner, for his management of the smallpox epidemic last winter, which caused 153 deaths. The mayor says the pesthouse was kept in a frightful condition; that the attendants were careless and inefficient, and that no deaths need have occurred had the health department been properly managed. Reynolds is one of the most prominent physicians of the city.

Since the Beecher-Tilton Scandal.

BROOKLYN, June 30.—Plymouth church by a unanimous vote decided to accept the proposition by the Manhattan conference looking toward a reconciliation between the Congregational churches of New York and Brooklyn. The breach between these churches has existed ever since the Beecher-Tilton trail.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for June 29, 1895. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

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| Allen, Wm D | Anderson, Henry |
| Brown, Wm | Cover, Mrs Clara |
| Gulliford, J S | Hamilton, H |
| Hubbard, O L | Lake, G L |
| Meeley, Gus | Morgan, A W |
| Muncy, A | Nann, M |
| Naber, Miss Emma | Riechlien, F A |
| Revers, Harry | Sanders, A J |
| Sodenberg, John | Stout, F H |
| Smith, Willie | Smith, O E |
| The Editor Dalles | Warren, E C |
| Pub Co | Weeks & Baldwin |
| | J. A. CROSSEN, P. M. |

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR.

Appointments by the Mayor—G. W. Phelps for Recorder, F. G. Connelly Nightwatchman.

The city council met last night at the city hall. It was the first meeting for the new fiscal year and the new officers and councilmen, with the exception of Mr. Ross, were on hand to have their first inning. Mayor Menefee presided and the following councilmen responded to their names: Messrs. Thompson, Nolan, Hood, Eshelman, Saltmarsh, Crowe, Johns and Wood. The message of the mayor was read and on motion of Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Hood, was placed on file. The mayor read as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL:—Upon the organization of the new council to take charge of the city government for the coming year, it is proper that an outline of the work we have to do should be made at the commencement. It will be impossible to give a definite outline of the different matters which will come before you for consideration, and each councilman should, as far as possible, familiarize himself with our laws, and also with the details of our government.

One question that no doubt is in the mind of every member of the council, and which is of great moment, is, "How can we make our income meet our expenses." Already the council has begun a retrenchment which reduces the salaries of the officers as low as it seems to me will be consistent with good government, and it will scarcely be possible to further reduce expenses in that line. The council has heretofore adopted a rule, or rather has decided to enforce a law long since on the books, that no purchases shall be made for the city except by the proper committee of the council, and I hope the council will adhere strictly to this rule, for, with all respect to officers who have been in charge in the past, there are many things which seem to be absolute necessities to one who does not need to worry about how it is to be paid for, that would be dispensed with if full consideration should be given as to how the bill was to be paid. Besides this, the council alone are the ones who will be held responsible in such matters, and it is only fair that they should be the ones to say what expenditures should be made, and not be confronted each month with a miscellaneous lot of bills of which they know absolutely nothing.

From as careful estimates as I have been able to make, it will require the most niggardly economy to be able to keep within revenues, and unless some reduction is made, we will have practically speaking, no margin at all for improvements or emergencies. Our income can be figured very closely, and I have estimated it to be as follows:

From liquor licenses.....	\$ 4,400 00
Taxes.....	5,500 00
Licenses, fines and other sources, estimated from like receipts in past years.....	1,000 00
Total income.....	\$10,900 00

It is barely possible a little more than the amount I have named may be realized, but in my opinion we are as liable to fall below as to exceed it. On the other hand let us look at our expenses. Figuring on the basis which the council has been contemplating placing expenses, we will be compelled to pay each year:

Interest on our bonded debt.....	\$ 3,420 00
Salaries of officers.....	2,880 00
Lights for streets and offices.....	2,301 80
Fuel, fire engines and offices.....	100 00
Insurance on buildings.....	190 00
Feeding prisoners, witnesses and jurors in recorder's court, records and stationery, judges and clerks of election, labor, merchandise and incidentals, we cannot hope to get along without expending at least.....	1,200 00
Total expenditures.....	\$10,091 80

In this estimate you will notice that I have only figured on what are fixed charges, except as to the one item of incidentals. This item, in my opinion, is estimated far too low without taking into account any improvements whatever, or any fire, epidemic, or other emergency, and yet there is a margin of only \$800 in round numbers with which to provide for such things.

This, gentlemen, is the situation with which you are confronted, and it seems to me that we shall be either compelled to increase our revenue, or still further reduce expenses. How our revenue can be materially increased is very hard to determine. I am unable at this time to make any particular suggestion, but it may be that upon close investigation some means may be devised to that end, and it would be well for each of you to consider the matter and make such suggestions as may be deemed proper. One matter that has been discussed a great deal is that of electric lights. I am very loathe to bring the question up for the reason that they are one thing of which our city can well feel proud,

and I should very much dislike to see them dispensed with, for I don't at all like the idea of going back to the old days of coal-oil lamps. Still what we cannot pay for we must not have; and I say frankly that if we cannot keep even and pay for the lights, we must let them go as soon as possible, or at least try to reduce them so that the expenses can be borne without leaving a deficit at the end of the year. In other words, we must not put on such airs as we are not able to pay for.

In conclusion I will say that I hope my relations with the council, and the relations of the councilmen each with the other may be mutually pleasant and harmonious; and that we may be able to work together, with but one object in view, the welfare of the city, each taking his share of the responsibility, and none shirking an honest duty.

Very respectfully,

FRANK MENEFEE, Mayor.

The message was very well received by the council and one of them suggested that it ought to be read once each month. Great interest had been taken in the appointments to be made and the candidates and their friends were eager to hear the announcements. The mayor then said that Mr. G. W. Phelps had been appointed recorder and that the place of marshal would be filled at the next meeting. Mr. Phelps was unanimously confirmed and will today assume the duties of his new position. Mr. Frank G. Connelly was elected nightwatchman by acclamation.

The reports of the street commissioner and treasurer were read and placed on file. The claim of Treasurer I. I. Burget, for \$35 extra labor in the matter of bonds, was referred to the finance committee.

The council voted that Douglas Dufur, the outgoing recorder, should be employed to assist the mayor in re-drafting the new ordinances to make them conform with the new charter.

The other business before the meeting was postponed till next Friday night, to which time the council adjourned.

Mosier Breezes.

To THE EDITOR:—Geo. Barnett left here last week for Portland and in a few days he will start back to his old home in Illinois, where he expects to stay.

Mr. Husbands lost some hay last Monday by fire which was started by the train. It is very dry now and people who have hay along the railroad, should burn fire guards.

School closed at Dist. No. 8 last Friday. The patrons of the school came in and at noon spread such a table that it takes to delight the little folks and bachelors and in fact, all who enjoy rich eatables. After eating all they wished there was enough left for as many more. The children had prepared a good entertainment, which was enjoyed by all. The teacher then made a short report, which was about as follows: Total number enrolled, 25; average attendance, 22; total number of tardy, 17; those neither tardy nor absent were, Rozella Root, Nora Root, Edna Root, Bernard Sellinger and Adaline Sellinger. Everybody seemed well pleased and went away with many new things to think about. The school in Dist. No. 52, having an invitation, dismissed and came.

There will be a picnic on the Fourth at the old camping ground by the bridge, on Mosier creek. I understand there will be a dance at Hardwick's at night. Charley Phillips is on the sick list now. He was taken very bad suddenly, but is on the mend now. The boys in here are talking strong of going to the harvest field. Albert Sutton began work in the mines last week.

Of Interest to Our Fruit Men.

The latest report received by the Fruit Union and furnished THE CHRONICLE says that cherries sold yesterday in Spokane at 75 to 90 cents. In Helena and Butte 75 cents to \$1. The shipment of 300 boxes, which were sold in Denver on the 28th, contained thirty-two boxes in which the cherries were considerably bruised. This was caused by slack packing, as the others of the same lot were all right. Shippers must be careful and pack full. Blackberries are in good demand, and as yet there are very few in the market. From \$3 to \$3.50 will be paid for first arrival. California peaches are arriving

in large quantities and selling generally from 80 cents to \$1. There is, therefore, no prospect for shipping the early Oregon peaches, as they are small. Those having any peaches will probably find them unprofitable for other than local markets.

Inquiry is still made about shipments of peach plums, and it may be well to make carload shipments of this fruit; but we must take care in packing. These prove profitable shippers in other states, and it is best to settle this year whether or not our Oregon peach plums are good for anything. We think they are. Black republican cherries are in greater demand than the Royal Anne, and we do not look for a great decline in prices. If there is a decline at all, it will be immediately after July 4th.

Robert Louis Stevenson's last story, "St. Ives," was left at his death practically completed, so it is stated by those who have seen the manuscript. Many chapters had even received the author's final revision. Stevenson had been at work upon this novel for more than a year, and the first half of it had been entirely rewritten several times.

The novel is said to deal with the adventures of a Frenchman captured in the Peninsular war and shut up in Edinburgh Castle. A love affair between him and a Scottish maiden; a duel on the maiden's account between him and a fellow-prisoner; and his escape from the prison, are a few of the episodes that promise a romance of an absorbing interest as any Stevenson has produced.

"St. Ives" will be published serially in McClure's Magazine; the price of which, by the way, is to be immediately reduced to 10 cents a copy.

The ubiquitous Caroline got on a drunk yesterday and proceeded to empty the vials of her wrath on the passerby. Nightwatch Frank Connelly and Constable Urquhart appeared with an express wagon and Caroline was given an inexpensive ride to the city jail. She would be a good subject for a temperance lecture to expatiate upon the evil that too much indulgence in strong drink can do.

Great interest is now taken in reports from the wheat growing regions and everything which tells of the grain prospects is of interest. Mr. Ezra Sexton, of Sherman county, has just come to The Dalles and says that so far the outlook can be called good in Sherman. The fall grain looks well and while some of the spring wheat has been damaged, there is still a great deal uninjured and an average crop may be secured. The volunteer is badly damaged, as in all probability it should be, as no one can call letting grain volunteer a thrifty way of farming. The wheat which was planted and ploughed deep is now looking the best.

Last night as the hose companies were practicing on Third street Don Fisher, who was one of the runners, stumbled and fell. The hose, which was being reeled out, struck him on the head and for a brief moment rendered him unconscious. He was quickly picked up and carried to the sidewalk, where after a short time he recovered his breath and saved for feeling very weak, was quite himself again.

Very bad policy to neglect symptoms of trouble in the kidneys. If allowed to develop they cause much suffering and sorrow. Bright's Disease, Diabetes and Dropsy owe their great prevalence and fatality to neglect of the first warning symptom. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm is a certain cure for any disease or weakness of the kidneys. A trial will convince you of its great potency. Price \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

Mr. LePere, a farmer living seven miles west of town, was severely injured yesterday in a runaway short distance from Chenoweth creek. The horses becoming frightened started to run and overturned the wagon. Mr. LePere was thrown out and his arm dislocated. Two of his ribs were broken. His injuries are quite severe and it is yet impossible to tell whether or not he has not been internally hurt.

The Regulator took down over 170 bales of wool this morning. There were to be 250 bales in the shipment but the remainder could not be hauled to the dock on time. The boat line is showing every day that it is in the field for business and we hope to see it continue getting it.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE