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## DECISION FINAL

### Commissioner Slaypen Throws Door Open to Chinese Women

Observer Special  
Portland Ore, Sept. 21—According to the telegram the decision rendered by United States Commissioner Slayden will throw open door of immigration to Chinese women so long as they marry regularly admitted Chinese after their arrival. Eoo Gum Yi married Ti Fook after arrested for deportation. The commissioner held this enables his residence although he is convicted that the marriage was contracted for the purpose of evading the law.

**OFFICIALS SURPRISED**  
Washington, Sept. 21—Immigration officials tonight expressed surprise when told of the reported decision of Commissioner Slayden. This is the first time in the history of the service that the provisions of the exclusion act were thus interpreted. The decision of the commissioner is final.

## Elect Officers

San Francisco, Sept. 21—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows resumed its work today. The main feature of the day was the election of officers in which great interest was manifested.

Robert E. Wright of Alle town, Pa. was elected sovereign grand sire. F. S. Conway of Chicago, was elected deputy grand sire, Frank Grant of Baltimore, grand secretary; M. H. Muckle, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer.

## Issued Challenge

Spokane, Sept. 21—Socialists yesterday issued a challenge for a joint debate between A. E. Mead, republican nominee for governor, and Walter Thomas Mills, the socialist leader who will be here September 28.

## Dishonorable Discharge

Charles F. Smith, who was once stationed at Fort Walla Walla with his father, Colonel Allen Smith, was last Friday, with William White, also an officer in the Thirtieth Infantry, dishonorably discharged from the service. Smith and White were the principals in a debauch at Angel Island where two women were participants and much wine was imbibed. A court martial resulted by which both lieutenants were dismissed. Smith is well known here and was a popular young man. He graduated from West Point about two years ago.—Walla Walla Union.

Mrs. Frank Brookler, who has been visiting in Tacoma for several weeks, returned home this morning.

## INTEREST CENTERS ON PORT ARTHUR

### Japanese are Advancing on Mukden—Later Statements Somewhat Mixed

(Observer Special)  
Port Arthur is again the center of interest. A general attack by land and sea is regarded likely to follow the Japanese assault upon the redoubt protecting the water supply. Eight possibly nine Japanese divisions are reported advancing on Mukden and another battle between the armies under Kuroki and Kuropatkin is imminent. St. Petersburg has heard that the Russian Baltic squadron has been reinforced with four warships, purchased from Argentina.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21—Interest is again concentrated on Port Arthur, owing to receipt from foreign sources of the news that general storming of the fortifications has begun. A few belated telegrams from General Stoessel recording the repulse of the Japanese continued attacks strengthen the confidence of the ability of the defenders to hold out. Reports from Shanghai that some defenses had fallen into the hands of the Japanese as a result of the general assault on September 20 are not confirmed from Russian sources. Telegrams brought to Chee Foo by Prince Radziwit have not reached the war office. It is understood that the dispatches contain details of the landing of Japanese reinforcements at Dalny, which tend to confirm the belief that it is the intention of the Japanese to storm the fortress and their warships will probably take part. In this event Admiral Wires' division will doubtless go out to engage the Japanese.

The sensational announcement that Kuroki has crossed the Hun river unopposed and the whole Japanese army is advancing on Mukden is overshadowed by anxiety for Port Arthur. Moreover the announcement relative to Kuroki does not receive complete credence here being a direct contradiction to official news from the general staff. Kuropatkin announced two days ago that not a single Japanese was east of Benteisputz. How it is asked could Kuroki with 1,000,000 men slip past General Rennenkampf and cross the Hun river. It is considered more than doubtful that Kuropatkin will make a decisive stand south of Tie Pass.

**BATTLE IS IMMINENT**  
Mukden Sept. 21—A battle is imminent. The Japanese are advancing in eight, possibly nine divisions. The crops of tall millet are harvested affording a better field over which the fire on the flat plains. The Hun river is direct in front of the Russian army.

## Apples For The Orient

The Portland Journal of Sept. 20 says the ship Arabia which is due at Portland about Sept 27 will load for the Orient and its cargo will have 5,200 boxes of Oregon apples. Those who are posted say these apples will readily retail, upon their arrival at their destination, at 48 per box.

## Still At Large

Constable Davidson, of Sumpter, arrested two fellows at Wainey yesterday whose description tallied exactly with that of young Irvin and Barker the two desperadoes who had an encounter with Policemen Boyd and Lincoln. As soon as notified, Boyd went to Sumpter but soon satisfied himself that they were not the fellows wanted.—Herald.

## General News

The Annual teachers institute for Baker County will be held in Baker City Nov. 3, 4, and 5th, according to the announcement of J. T. Payton County school Superintendent.

The Lewi and Clark Fair at Portland is going to have an "Inside Inn" as large, if not larger than the one at the St. Louis Fair. Parties representing the St. Louis Inside Inn will be in Portland in a few days for the purpose of arrangements in regard to this matter.

It is estimated that the Pacific coast product of hops will be about as follows, California 62,000 bales Oregon 70,000 bales leaving a net decrease of the three states of 10,000 bales from the products of last year.

Louis Parsley an employee of a house mover in Walla Walla fell yesterday from the highest point of a barn, a distance of thirty feet. The skull was fractured and several bones broken and he only lived but a short time after the fall.

The four story frame Summit Hotel at Condon, Oregon burned early yesterday morning. The hotel contained sixty guests but all escaped most of them in night cloths. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

It is reported that J. L. Hoffman the man who killed Mrs. Henry Hoffh and then killed himself near Mead Wash was for years a member of the Wordmen in Pendleton.

## Wood Saw

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Dr. R. L. Lincoln has received an elegant new dental chair, which is certainly up-to-date in every detail.

## Jewish Riot

London, Sept. 21—The day of atonement was marked in London by serious rioting in the Jewish quarter of the east end. Over 2000 Jews were engaged in the disturbance and nearly 300 police were called out before it was quelled. The trouble arose over the action of non-conforming members of the social democratic club at Spitalfields. The socialists openly paraded in disregard to the fasting injunction and surrounded the clubhouse and stoned it. The socialists in turn threw bottles at the crowd and soon the narrow streets in the vicinity were choked by a fighting mob. Ambulances and physicians were given plenty of work, and finally the police quelled the disturbance, making several arrests. Excited groups of orthodox Jews continued to parade the streets and the houses of several socialist Jews were stoned.

## Bulbs Coming

About October 1st I will receive a large shipment of bulbs, consisting of tulips, hyacinths, narcissi, crocus and many other choice flowers. October is the proper month to obtain the best results. Order early. Phone 1181 Green House. Sept 21—28

## HOME SEEKERS RATES

The colonists rates over the transcontinental lines went into effect on Sunday, Sept. 18. The first of the prospective home-builders have reached their destination. Many of those coming West on the O. R. & N. will remain in Oregon but of course some will go into Washington and others to California.

Advices received by the roads leading into this territory are to the effect that the travel would be as heavy this year as it has been in previous years when the colonists rates were effective. The rates will be in force for a month closing on October 15 and in that time it is estimated that more than 3,000 people from the Middle West will come to the Pacific Northwest in search of homes.

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