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DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION

The Who Did Come are of a Much Higher Standard of Intelligence and Education.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration, in his annual report released for publication yesterday says there has been a decided decrease in immigration in the past fiscal year and that the immigrants coming are of a decidedly higher standard of intelligence and physical ability.

The report says that in the year just closed 812,870 persons arrived in the United States, of whom 549,100 were males and 263,770 females, an increase in females, as compared with last year of 19,870 and a decrease of males of 64,046. Of the total number, 3,983

could read but no write; 168,903 could neither read nor write, and it is presumed the remainder, 640,012, could both read and write; 95,875 brought with them \$50 or more each, and 501,530 brought each less than \$50. The total amount of money shown to officers by these 812,870 aliens was \$20,894,383, or \$4,776,870 more than was brought by the 857,046 arrivals the year preceding.

"It is interesting," says Mr. Sargent, "as bearing on the attempts on the part of the contractors in this country to evade the alien labor law, to note that despite the diminution of emigration there was an increase of \$10

in the number rejected as alien contract laborers. This is a much larger number than has ever before been refused admission to the United States in any one fiscal year.

Islands Of Guam

That our readers may not forget that the United States owns a little island away out in the Pacific Ocean the following paragraph from the Secretary of the U. S. navy is published.

By the president's order of December 23 1898 the island of Guam was placed under the control of the navy department and the secretary of the navy was instructed to "take such steps as may be necessary to establish the authority of the United States and give it the necessary protection and government."

Since the issuance of this order the affairs of the island have been administered by a naval governor. Funds to meet the insular expenses being necessary the president February 1 1900 directed that a tariff of duties and taxes be levied collected and the proceeds expended for administrative purposes in the island but the revenue thus derived are meager and uncertain. Officers of the navy who have been on duty in Guam report that its inhabitants are law abiding, orderly and worthy and urge that the national government should have done more this isolated island than it has done.

Officers Elected

The Degree of Honor held its annual election of officers last evening and the following were elected for the ensuing year.

- Chief of Honor Fanny Cowen
- Lady of Honor Bertha Anderson
- Chief of Ceremonies Lily Grandy
- Recorder Lizzie Ellsworth
- Financier Joan Grant
- Usher Mrs. Lilley
- I W Maneta Hall
- O W Kentariah Price
- Receiver Mrs. H C Myers

Values High

Colfax, Wash., Dec. 6—Joseph Canutt charged with alienating the affections of Mrs. A. L. Seward, whose husband asks \$35,000 damages, answered the complaint Saturday, denying all charges. The case is now ready for trial and will come up in the January term of court.

No Snow

The thermometer went down to seven degrees below zero at Kamela last Saturday night a lower temperature than was reached at any time last winter. There is little snow yet and the ground is frozen several inches deep.

Usually at this time of the year several feet of snow has fallen at the summit, but this season the fall has amounted to but 10 inches altogether and none of that has remained on the ground.

Many Victims

S. S. McClure proprietor and editor of McClure's Magazine has made a compilation showing that the Boer war cost 22,000 British lives and that during the past three years there have been 31,395 murders in the United States and 21,847 persons killed on the railroads in the United States during the same period.

Meet January

The four republican presidential electors chosen at the November election, will meet at Salem the second Monday in January and cast their ballots for president of the United States. Act of congress of February 3, 1887, provides that electors meet on the second Monday in January. The result of the vote of the electors will then be forwarded to the secretary of state at Washington D. C. where all the votes from the several states will be canvassed.

Second Trial

New York, Dec. 6—A special panel of 200 talesmen have been summoned for a second trial of Nan Patterson, who is charged with the murder of Caesar Young, which begins today. It is expected that the present trial will attract even more wide spread attention than the first.

The Advent Season

The Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches divide the Ecclesiastical Year into seasons, and the four weeks preceding Christmas are called the Advent season, having reference to the coming of our Saviour when he was born at Bethlehem about 1904 years ago and to his coming to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world. During the present Advent Season the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs is considering in his Sunday morning sermons, what theologians call the Four Last Things.—Death the Judgment, Hell, and Heaven,—subjects of first importance. He has hitherto preached on Death and the Judgment and on next Sunday morning the subject of his sermon will be "Hell" and his subject on Sunday morning, the 13th inst will be "Heaven".

There is nothing sensational in his preaching his sermons being in accordance with the declarations of scripture and the teaching of the historic Church. A general invitation is extended to all to attend the services at St. Peter's Church at all times.

Panama Quieted

On Dec. 3 Secretary of war W. H. Taft on part of the United States and Manuel Amador president of the Republic of Panama signed articles concerning the occupation and control by the United States of the canal zone through Panama in which the Panama canal is located to be constructed and operated by the United States.

This is an important paper and both nations will be largely benefited by it as it settled in advance a multitude of questions that if not provided for in advance would cause much future friction and unpleasant controversy.

The articles bear the impress of secretary Taft's broad mind and painstaking attention to details and taken as a whole they may justly be styled most remarkable in that they are based upon right and justice and not upon the superior power of the United States or any advantage the position of Panama may give it.

H. W. Dwight came over yesterday from his farm on Catherine creek five miles above Union, with a load of produce.

THE PROSPEROUS O. R. & N. CO.

Reflects the General Prosperity of the Wealthy Section it Traverses--La Grande the Central Point

It is estimated that orders for 5000 cars which cannot be filled have been received by the O. R. & N. system. Never in the history of the road has there been such heavy shipments of freight both local and foreign. Every available car is in use, loads are being rushed over the line and the empties hurried back more rapidly than ever before.

The enormous amount of Oriental freight going east, the unusual shipments of Oregon wheat and flour to the east and the revival of the lumber trade on the Sound all add to the congested traffic. Double yard crews are working at Umatilla to handle the immense freight business at the junction of the Washington and Oregon divisions and at every terminal along the line, trains are made up and hurried on as never before. Nineteen

freight crews are working out La Grande 60 engine crews on the mountain division are battling with the unending succession of trains and helper forces have been increased to hurry the traffic over the mountains.

The O. R. & N. is not alone rushed with the heavy traffic but all the other transcontinental lines are enjoying the same immense business heretofore it has been possible for western roads to borrow almost any number of cars for the fall rush from the Rio Grande, the Union Pacific the Rio Grande Western and other roads having large numbers of cars but this is out of the question this year. Every road in the country has tried to borrow of every other road and still the orders for cars pile up along the line.—East Oregonian.

Married 18 Years

Washington Dec 5—Sunday was the eighteenth wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. They were the recipients of congratulatory messages and letters from all parts of the country. The anniversary was quietly celebrated by a family dinner party.

Poultry Show

Corvallis, Or., Dec 6—Work was begun this morning on the Corvallis opera house, preparing for the big poultry show that opens Thursday for three days.

Election Frauds

Denver Col. Dec 6—Four or five election officials in ward 5 charged with contempt have been found guilty and were sentenced by the supreme court today. Frank Krake license inspector is charged with aiding in the frauds and was sentenced to one year in jail. Pay and O'Malia judge and clerk were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and \$50 fine. Kasky the judge was sentenced to three months in jail and \$200 fine.

Only \$70 to raise for the Exhibit hall. A committee could raise this in a few hours.

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

<p>New Styles in Men's Hats</p> <p>Just Received. Latest shapes and colors in the famous STAR HAT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$2.50 and \$3.00</p>	<p>Men's and Boys' Winter Caps</p> <p>in plush, corduroy and fancy cloth caps, in shapes to suit every want</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25c to \$1.50</p>
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\$3.25, \$3.50, Boys' Reefer Overcoat \$2.78

<p>Men's Underwear at Underprices</p> <p>\$1.25 Extra heavy natural gray wool underwear \$1.00</p>	<p>Men's Shirts at sharp price Reductions</p> <p>\$1.25 Dress Shirts, in stiff and soft bosoms, special 35c</p>
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\$5.00 Boys' Suit Special at \$3.95

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY