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GREAT SOCIAL EVENT

One of the best attended and most notable social events of the holidays was the dance given at the Commercial Club last evening by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Appropriate and representative decorations were everywhere. In front of the building was placed a locomotive headlight whose glare lit up all of Depot street in the direction in which it was turned clearly and unmistakably indicating the place where the Locomotive Firemen were holding revel. Also on the outside over the threshold of the hall were hung in artistic manner a number of red, white and blue lanterns, but for one time the glare of the headlight and the red danger signals had no terrors for the fireman, as was shown by the extremely large attendance. The inside of the hall was a gay scene. The sides of the walls were decorated with gay bunting, and across the en-

tire hall were streamers decorated with divers colored flags, while from the centre of the ceiling stretched forth to different parts of the hall long lines of railway lanterns which succeeded in making a beautiful effect in light and color. The room was filled with "beautiful women and brave men," and the motto of all present seemed to be "on with the dance let joy be unconfined." There were more than two hundred and fifty present, and over a hundred tickets sold, the ladies being admitted free. It was an event that will long be remembered with pleasure by all who attended, and was a success in every particular.

Foreign Service

Washington Dec 31.—It has been decided by the president that Ambassador Tower at Berlin and Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg will be retained at these posts by the new administration. David E. Thomson of Nebraska now minister to Brazil will be transferred about September 1 as ambassador to Mexico succeeding Edwin H. Conger who in the meantime will be transferred from China to Mexico. It is understood to be Conger's intention to resign after six months' service in Mexico and become a candidate for governor of Iowa.

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR

The Fort Upon Its Last Legs. Japanese Blow Up Rihlung Fort

Tokio, Dec 31.—The navy department published tonight a letter written by a man of the battleship Sevastopol, which had fallen into the hands of the Japanese. The writer describes the relief of the fortress and tells of the destruction wrought by Japanese shells. He says the Russians are determined to fight to a finish rather than suffer the shame of surrender owing to starvation.

Headquarters Japanese Army before Port Arthur via Fusan, Dec 31.—

Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fortified ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the work of the assaulters splendid. All of the garrison were killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid fire guns, and two machine guns were captured, as well as 30 quick firing guns which were stored in the fort.

OFFICER RAIDED JOINT

Last evening marshal Rayburn made a raid on a house which was owned by a Chinaman and was supposed to be rented for immoral purposes. His suspicions proved to be correct, upon entering he found a woman who plainly showed disposition lying on a couch with a Chinaman, both nude. The woman was placed under arrest and was brought before recorder Newlin this morning and fined \$15. The woman who gives her name as Edna Earl tells the story that she was brought here from Baker City and was making a specialty of Chinese patronage. She is now awaiting for the first train to leave the city and Marshall Rayburn is to be commended for his effort in riding the city of this kind of cattle.

TWENTY ONE LIVES SAVED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31.—The crew of the life saving station yesterday rescued Captain Wilder and his crew of 21 men after they had been imprisoned on the oil steamer Northeastern, nine miles off Cape Hatteras, for a period of 36 hours. In the heavy storm of Tuesday night the Northeastern went ashore and is slowly pounding to pieces. She was bound with a cargo of crude petroleum from Port Arthur, Texas, to New York.

Will Stay at Home

Boston, Dec. 31.—The story that Thomas Lawson had engaged passage for himself and family to Europe following the settlement with Standard Oil and "the system" is denied today by Lawson's closest business associates. Lawson left the city last night and is expected to return today.

SILVER IS IN DEMAND

New York Dec 31.—The recent advance in the price of silver calls attention to the increasing scarcity of the floating supply of that metal. Bar silver is quoted today at 61 1/2 cents an ounce, while Mexican dollars ranged from 48 cents to 49 1/2. These rates, it was said, were merely nominal, and any great demand for bars would cause an advance in the price. Conditions in the silver market are now such that the consumer waits on the producer.

The war in the far east, the steady absorption by East India, and this country's increasing trade with China are responsible, experts say, for this complete reversal of conditions.

Delinquent Tax List

The Observer has a copy of the delinquent tax list. Among the list is the Commercial Club property, which evidently is an oversight by someone as the Club is in splendid financial condition.

The list is very small this year the amounts ranging from 66 cents to \$120, the average amount being less than \$10.

Women for Peace

St. Petersburg, Dec 31.—It is reported from Moscow that ladies in the highest society propose to form a Russian Japanese league with the co-operation of ladies at Tokio to agitate for a termination of the war.

Northwest News

The new national bank at Davenport Wash. will have \$200,000 capital. Montana fruit won 65 gold, silver and bronze medals at the St. Louis fair.

Salem infested with tramps. The calaboose contained 14 at one time of late.

A drunken Indian froze to death during the late storm, near Lenore Idaho.

The steamship Tacoma will soon leave Seattle with 2000 tons of salt beef consigned to the Russians at either Vladivostok or Port Arthur.

The question now monopolizing the attention of all Astoria is street improvement, how to effect it and yet distribute the burden of cost equitably.

The Episcopal church has memorialized the coming legislative session "to neither repeal nor amend in any manner the existing local option liquor law."

Havre, Mont., was the first place in the United States to report excessive cold both last winter and this. In both instances 28 degrees below zero was recorded which was from 7 to 10 degrees lower than any other point on the same date.

DEATH OF S B BURROUGHS

The death of S B Burroughs occurred in this city Monday night, December 26, 1904.

Deceased was 71 years and 8 months old and had been suffering poor health for several months.

Mr. Burroughs was a pioneer resident of Union county, having settled in Cove in 1894 where he resided until 1892 when he moved to Shaw Creek. In 1893 deceased moved to this city. — Elgin Recorder.

HOME LOST BY FIRE

Fire this morning destroyed the residence of W N Monroe. The origin of the fire is unknown. The residence together with the contents which were destroyed are valued at twelve hundred dollars. The insurance to the amount of two hundred dollars was carried. Mrs. Monroe, who with the children was sleeping in the upper rooms, was almost smothered with the smoke before she discovered that the fire was on fire and escaped, and fire was discovered at four o'clock this morning. The fire department responded to the call, but the flames had secured such a start that they could not save the house.

DEATH OF ED. REMILLARD

Edward Remillard died at his home in this city Dec. 23rd from the effects of paralysis. Mr. Remillard has been gradually failing in health for several years past and the end was not unexpected.

Deceased was born in Lacadie Canada in 1844. When 20 years of age he went to California, remaining for time, thence to Montana and Nevada coming to this valley in 1870 thereby enrolling his name on the pioneer list. Many sincere friends followed the remains to their final abode. Mr. Remillard was known as an upright kindhearted man and a good neighbor. His death removes another pioneer from the county. — Union Scout

TO THE PUBLIC:

The rush of Holiday trade is over and business in general has got back to its normal condition. I wish to inform all my patrons, and those not my patrons but who are liable to be, that I am now in a position to take care of all watch, clock and jewelry repairing with dispatch. I have secured all the necessary help in all the latest tools and materials known to the trade, as well as the best workmen that money can procure.

All repair work is under my personal supervision and I guarantee each and every piece of work done to be finished in first class workmanlike manner, and to give (with proper attention) perfect satisfaction. All work sent by mail or express will receive the same careful attention as if delivered in person, and to be promptly returned in first-class condition.

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It cures promptly and thoroughly because it cures in the right manner. Relieves irritation, heals inflamed surfaces, loosens the cough, and soothes and strengthens while it cures. A splendid remedy for children because it is so good to cure and so good to take. Price 25 and 50 cents.

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Men's Winter Caps 25c to \$1.50

Boys' Winter Caps 25c to 65c

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Tunnel Cost \$3,000

Boston, Dec 31.—The submarine tunnel connecting Boston and East Boston was opened today to public travel. The tunnel, which is one and four-tenths miles long, cost \$3,000,000 and required four years to build. It is built entirely of concrete and is the only tunnel of that kind in the world. Twenty-seven hundred feet of the tunnel is under the harbor waters. While the tunnel was built by the city of Boston it has been leased for a period of 25 years to the Boston Elevated Railway company, which will use it exclusively for the passage of its electric cars between Boston and East Boston.

Water Very High

Oregon City Dec 31.—The recent heavy rains have raised the waters in the Willamette river at this point a considerable degree, and the several factories operating along the river bank were badly engaged yesterday evening in taking precautions in expectation of a flood.

While today the waters are quite high, the prevailing opinion here is that the danger of a damaging overflow is past.