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## BAKER COUNTY COURT

**Special**  
Baker City, Jan 18.—The County Court and Commissioners before adjourning for the term Saturday appropriated \$1500 for a county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial and appointed Fred Mellis, P. Basche, and George W. Chandler a committee under the direction of the Citizens League to superintend the gathering and placing of the exhibit. It is understood that if the county appropriation is not sufficient for the purpose of making a creditable exhibit the League will make up any deficit necessary.

### Difference in Climate

The difference in climate between pokane and Pendleton with a difference of 260 miles in latitude and 600 in altitude is best shown by the facts that skating is excellent at Spokane the ice every where being thick and dense. There has not at any time this winter been ice in the neighborhood of Pendleton upon which a 5 year old boy could slide safely.

## SMOOT CASE GOES ON

By Scripps News Association  
Washington D C Jan 18.—In the Smoot hearing this morning Judge James E Talmage of Salt Lake City, a mormon since birth, but not a polygamist, testified as to the manner in which he came to write the book called "Articles of Faith" which was finally adopted by the Mormon church. He also made the last revision of the "Pearl of Price" To perform these duties he for years studied the doctrines of the church. He then also gave the organization of the church in detail.

Talmage said apostles as a body have no authority over presidency except in their advisory capacity. When asked if parties to suits in church courts were permitted to have counsel and witnesses, he said not, as it was the purpose of the church to "steer clear of lawyers."

## Co-operative Societies

By Scripps News Association  
Indianapolis, Jan 18.—The subject before the convention for discussion today was the recommendations of President John Mitchell and William Dodd that the American Miners Association take up the matters of establishing co-operative societies and co-operative stores conducted upon business principles on the basis of the "Rochdale system."

## WILL MEET IN THIS CITY NEXT YEAR

Observer Special  
Boise City Jan 18.—The northwestern Fruit Growers Association in convention here this afternoon decided to hold the next convention at La Grande O D Huffman of La Grande has been elected secretary. The convention consisted of nearly four hundred delegates and it is thought that the at-

tendance next year will be even greater. The convention will be subject to call the secretary and it is thought that it will be called sometime in January next year. Mr Huffman phones the Observer that the meeting was almost unanimous in its choice of La Grande.

## Senator Stone Arraigns President Roosevelt

(By Scripps News Association)  
Washington D C Jan 18.—In the senate today Senator Stone of Missouri caused considerable excitement on the floor by caustic arraignment of President Roosevelt and national chairman Cartelou. He reviewed the charges made by Judge Parker during the recent presidential campaign that corporations had subscribed liberally to the republican campaign fund. In the course of his remarks the Senator declared "Cartelou has not yet answered the charges, but stands mute, wrapped in grim silence." He continued a few minutes later with the assertion, "this act of the republican chairman was one of gross public immorality if

nothing worse, could anything be more despicable?" After indulging in some remarks of a general nature in which he attempted to strike a body blow at the republican party in general and the leaders in particular he, finally tiring of dealing in generalities referred to President Roosevelt and Elihu Root and said "they admit the acceptance of financial aid from the corporations which exist in contravention of law for the purpose of establishing an industrial monopoly by destroying competition and which expects favors, either directly or indirectly from government. Senator Stone was vice chairman of the national democratic committee during the campaign of 1896.

## REGULARS AC-COMPANY RUSSIANS

Tokio, Jan. 18.—It is reported in military circles that Chinese regulars accompanied Russian raiders in recent expeditions planned to cut the line of Japanese communications.

### No Election

(By Scripps News Association)  
Jefferson Co., Mo., Jan. 18.—The first joint ballot for a senator to succeed Senator Cockrell resulted in no election. The vote stood Neldringham 87, Cockrell 83, Kern 6. After taking one more ballot without change, the session adjourned.

### Important Session

By Scripps News Association  
Helena, Jan 18.—The supreme court today declined to grant application of the Amalgamated Copper Company for injunction closing down Minnie Healey mine in Butte, pending appeal to determine in whose title rested which is in dispute between Heine and the Amalgamated company. This decision has been expected for the past week.

## MAY BE END OF THE WAR

(By Scripps News Association)  
Washington, D C., Jan. 18.—It is learned that the Russian government has closed a contract with the American Steel Trust for 90,000 tons of steel rails for delivery at Vladivostok not later than the middle of May. It is said that the first shipment is already on the way to Seattle for shipment on Hill's steamer "Minnesota." It has been pointed out that this amount of rails is just the amount needed to construct the second line to Vladivostok which Russia had concluded not to build as long as she held Port Arthur. Therefore it is concluded that Russia intends bringing war to an end and build there. Roosevelt will soon be requested by Russia to act as mediator and bring about this result.

### Colorado Contest

By Scripps News Association  
Denver, Jan. 18.—The committees appointed by the general assembly to hear the governorship contest met today and must conclude its investigation by March 1. All members of both houses have signed a protest against hearing any evidences or witnesses taken by the committee. Signers contend the method adopted unconstitutional.

### Editors Fined

(By Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—Harrison Gray Otis, and Harry Chandler, of the Los Angeles Times were fined \$500 each today for contempt of court, commenting on the work of the grand jury in connection with disposing of the city funds.

### Strike Settled

(By Scripps News Association)  
Boston Jan 18.—Governor Douglas' private secretary has just given out the statement that the Fall River textile strike has been settled.

## Japanese Caring for Prisoners

(By Scripps News Association)  
Tokio, Jan. 18.—It is announced for the first time that 17 officers and men with torpedo boats commanded by Lieutenant Nagata were lost on December 14 in their attack on the Russian battleship Sevastopol. It is also announced that Lieutenant Mitsky, Russian prisoner of war, will be imprisoned for life in punishment for his repeated attempts to escape. The Japanese government is now prepared to house 35,000 Port Arthur and other Russian prisoners at various points.

## BEVERIDGE AND HEMENWAY.

Indianapolis, Ind. Jan. 18.—The Indiana legislature today re-elected Senator Albert J. Beveridge and elected James A. Hemenway to succeed Fairbanks.

### Steamer Captured

(By Scripps News Association)  
Tokio Jan 18.—A telegram from Lazeba today states that another British steamer carrying contraband goods to Vladivostok has been captured.

## WITNESS FOUND DEAD

By Scripps News Association  
Roseburg Jan 18.—The coroners jury which has been investigating the death of Jack Rogers who was found dead last Monday night shot through the head returned a verdict of murder by unknown person or persons. Rogers was one of the governments most important witnesses in the land fraud cases as it is freely expressed as the opinion of many here that he was killed by persons implicated in the frauds.

### More Land Frauds.

Portland, Jan. 18.—D M Walton and O D Bills are witnesses before federal grand jury investigating land frauds this morning in regard to the Butte Creek Land, Lumber and Livestock Company and Gilman French Company, who together are accused of having enclosed over a hundred thousand acres of public domain in Cedar county. Investigation is supposed to have begun on Congressman Williamson.

## MAKES STARTLING STATEMENTS

(By Scripps News Association)  
Helena, Montana, Jan. 18.—The Senate this afternoon adopted resolutions calling for an investigation of the state penitentiary. This action was brought about by charges made in a very sensational book published by Thomas Oberlin, an ex-convict entitled "Infamy Immortal." In this book Oberlin makes startling statements regarding the treatment accorded prisoners in Deer Lodge prison. According to his statement the horrors of the Deer Lodge prison were hardly equalled in the French Bastille.

### Election Riots

By Scripps News Association  
Vienna, Jan. 18.—The general elections in Hungary are in progress today. Numerous fights are reported in various parts with two fatalities and 27 injured.

## NEW YORK MYSTERY

(By Scripps News Association)  
New York Jan 18.—Lyman Warren counsel for Platt opened the second days proceedings by introducing as evidence balance sheets of 16 banks where Hannan Elias, the defendant, has accounts. Warren Miller testified that he knew Mrs Elias, under the name of Basile Wetherill and she was employed by his house cook several years ago. He did not know Platt.

August Manzo, a lawyer, testified that he was retained by Mrs Elias in a suit for alienation of her affections which was about to be brought by her husband, which Platt has settled for \$500. He had seen Platt at her house on two occasions.

Elihu Browning and her suspect was arrested this afternoon. Evans is about 33 years old and works in a stone mill he has a wife and children.

Browning has no regular occupation suspicion first directed towards Evans through his conduct. It is alleged that he kept a close watch of developments of the case and at times consulted lawyers, saying an attempt was being made to fasten the crime on him. His divorced wife delivered some blood stained clothing to the authorities and in her sworn statement accuses her former husband as the murderer of Miss Sharfer.

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## TO THE PUBLIC:

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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.

Thanking my patrons for their past liberal patronage and assuring them of my utmost ability to give them perfect satisfaction in the future. I remain as ever.  
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Next to Newlin's Drug Store. La Grande's Leading Jeweler