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COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The meeting at the Commercial Club was well attended last evening and a number of public matters received careful attention.

The committee on hospital subscriptions asked for another week in which to make their report.

The committee on the Building and Loan Association met yesterday afternoon and decided to ask for another week to report more in detail. The committee recognizes the advantages that such institutions are where located and, are pleased to know that steps are being taken to have one here and the Club will render every possible encouragement.

Mr. Cavana placed in the hands of the Club letters from one of the largest and vinegar factories in the United States, asking for accurate information relative to the advantages of starting a branch here. Also a letter from a woolen mill concerning statistics relative to the establishment of a woolen mill.

Committees were appointed in both instances to furnish the desired information. The idea adopted to increase the necessary funds to complete the county exhibit was for citizens of Elgin, Union and La Grande to raise

500 which would be reimbursed by the county court after the next January meeting when they could make a special levy to legally cover the same. This will mean that the county will give in all \$1000. The question of stamping out the diphtheria was freely and intelligently discussed. Several parties of experience were present and stated that the disease could be entirely eradicated within a very few days if every one in the city did their duty.

The club passed a resolution asking that the mayor take immediate steps to have a health officer appointed and that the city take complete charge of all fumigations.

Another splendid resolution which was unanimously passed, was that all the churches in the city be requested to fumigate before holding their Sunday services. A committee to visit the various pastors and inform them of the action taken by the club was appointed and without exception all seen were more than willing to comply.

It was announced, by one of the directors who was present, that the public school buildings would all be thoroughly fumigated today and each succeeding Saturday until school closes.

Two Much Opium

By Scripps News Association
Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—A warrant was issued today for Ah Lee, a Chinaman, in whose den Herbert V Croker, the son of the multi-millionaire Richard Croker, is said to have smoked opium previous to his death.

Charles Wilson, the negro porter who piloted young Croker to Lee's den, is now held but will probably be released, as the police believe that he tells a straight story. Chief of police Hays says that he believes the death of Croker was due to over indulgence in opium, and that he was not drugged or robbed.

JURY'S VERDICT

The verdict of the coroner's jury over the body of Herbert V Croker was that his death resulted in narcotic poisoning administered in Kansas City in an unknown manner. The brother of the deceased, Richard Croker, Jr., will arrive Sunday.

CHINAMAN ARRESTED

Ah Lee was arrested this afternoon and admitted that he sold Croker the drug and that Croker got Gee Kee, a Chinese cook, a pill. He said that Croker smoked "very much like Chinese boys does."

WILL NOT ATTEND FUNERAL

London May 13.—Richard Croker, the father of Herbert V Croker, who died in Kansas City today, has wired from San Dyford that he will not go to America to attend his son's funeral.

"HUMAN OPTION" DAMAGE CASE

By Scripps News Association.
Pittsburg Penna. May 13.—The jury in the Steiner-Gibney fifty thousand dollar breach of promise case this morning returned a verdict awarding to the plaintiff, Miss Edith Gibney, of St. Louis, the sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars. Jane J Steiner, the defendant, is a civil engineer and a member of a prominent Pittsburg family. According to the evidence, the engagement was in the form of an option on Miss Gibney. The suit was known as the "human option" case.

Mr J H Erber, of Boise, Idaho, is visiting in the city.

Bellinger Dead

Portland May 13.—Judge Charles B Bellinger of the United States district court for the district of Oregon, died late yesterday afternoon of a complication of diseases. Judge Bellinger was taken seriously ill just after reading his decision on the plea in abatement filed by United States Senator Mitchell in the land fraud cases. The tremendous strain attendant upon the preparation of such a momentous decision greatly weakened the aged jurist and one complication after another followed to sap his vitality. This morning Judge Bellinger, surrounded by his family, lapsed into unconsciousness. Powerful stimulants were administered, but with no good effect.

For the past year Judge Bellinger has been listening to the unfolding of the story of the Oregon land frauds. He has seen men whom he knew and respected for years drawn into the net of the government, indicted and charged with crimes and misdemeanors and has been compelled, in the strict performance of his duty as judge in a United States court, to put aside life-long ties and all friendly feeling and to decide points at issue which meant either the ruin of these friends or their acquittal of all charges. In almost every case Judge Bellinger found it his duty to decide against his friends, and this weighed heavily upon him.

Oregon Appointment

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington May 13.—President Roosevelt today appointed Chas. G. Reed as United States Marshal for Oregon, W F Mathews removed.

Chas. G. Reed was for many years jury commissioner for judge Bellinger who no doubt had great influence in securing his appointment.

The removal of Mr Mathews simply means that the department does not intend to leave such an important office in the hands of the friends of some of those who are now under indictment, principally senator Mitchell who secured Mr Mathews appointment.

Coming just at this time on the eve of Judge Bellinger's death, which was not probably known by the president at the time of this appointment, it makes considerable room for speculation as to whether or not Judge Bellinger's place will be immediate or whether one of the California judges will be called to try the place. In case of temporary disability another judge would be called but in a case of permanent removal as in this instance just what the president will do remains to be seen.

CREATES SENSATION

Portland May 13.—The Removal of Marshal Mathews has created a great sensation here. Mathews was many years the local boss of the republican machine and was closely affiliated Senator Mitchell through whom he was appointed. Removal is on account of the results in the land fraud investigations.

STRIKERS MOURN LOST BROTHER

By Scripps News Association
Chicago May 13.—Two hundred additional wagons were put into service this morning by the employers. Because of the subsiding of violence, the police force on duty as a result of the teamsters' strike has been reduced by a hundred men. The unions this morning distributed fifty thousand buttons with a black border and inscribed "We mourn the loss of a dead brother." The caption is supposed to refer to the death of George Prince, a union teamster who was killed by deputy sheriff Waldron.

Desperado Escapes

Scripps News Association
Casper Wyo May 13.—The sheriff's posse today overtook three prisoners who overpowered the guards and escaped from the jail last night. A desperate battle was fought in the Casper mountains, but the outcome has not been learned. Two more prisoners have been sent in pursuit of the bandite.

TO HONOR JUDGE EAKIN

The bar of this city unanimously signed a petition, this morning, which is to be circulated throughout this judicial district, asking President Roosevelt to appoint our honored and respected citizen, Judge Robert Eakin, to fill the vacancy in the United States district court, caused by the death of Judge Bellinger.

The bar of this district have every reason to believe that, in Judge Eakin they have a candidate for further honors, whose official and private life will meet in the fullest degree such characteristics as President Roosevelt will demand for this important position.

Without doubt the residents and business men of Wallowa and Union county are loth to have Judge Eakin removed from the bench, but when it is taken into consideration that this position, of United States Judge, holds for life and carries with it a salary of \$8000 per year, we should waive our personal selfish interest to one who for years has devoted so much for the bettering of Eastern Oregon in general and Union county in particular.

Judge Eakin is professionally pre-eminently qualified for this important position and in the days of intense political strife within the Republican party, Judge Eakin stood aloft and in no way became tainted by the association of either faction. In the very prime of life, having graduated from the law department of the Willamette University in 1873 at the age of twenty five, since which time he studiously applied himself to his chosen profession until today he stands abreast with the leading members of the bar of the State. His friends in La Grande and Union county would consider his appointment as an honor in which all could equally share.

SEC'TY MORTON WILL RESIGN

By Scripps News Association
Washington, May 13.—Secretary Morton stated this afternoon that he would resign from the cabinet next fall, and that he had so informed the President. He added that it was understood between them that he would only remain in the cabinet until Feb. 1, 1905, but he remained at the earnest solicitation of Mr. Roosevelt.

Exodus From Moscow

By Scripps News Association
Moscow, Russia, May 13.—There is a great exodus of people from this city, and the population is alarmed by the reported impending trouble. Serious disturbances are reported in the districts of Smolenak, Tomak and Nessarab'a.

Declared Insane

Scripps News Association
Washington, May 13.—An Italian, who was arrested last night while trying to effect an entrance at the back door of the White House, was this morning committed to the St. Elizabeth hospital for the insane.

Mr A. U. Palmer and wife, of Wallowa, were in the city on business today, and left this afternoon for Elgin.

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of which there is none better made, and your money cheerfully back if you do not say it is as good as the money you buy it with. Be sure it reads LA GRANDE MILLING CO. on every sack.

SEVENTEEN SHIPS ARE SIGHTED

By Scripps News Association
Hong Kong, May 13.—Seventeen warships were sighted Wednesday night twelve miles off Three Kings,

large rocks off the entrance to Honkong bay. A number of transports were also seen at Knape Pass, seventy miles north of Kamranh bay.

Get your tickets for Coombs lecture Tuesday evening.

"A Flight across the continent", all for 25 cents. Central Church of Christ. Tuesday, May 16 Children only 15 cents.

Last Veteran Dies

(By Scripps News Association)
Utica N Y May 13.—Hiram Cronk, the sole survivor of the war of 1812 died here today. He was 105 years old.

BARGAIN BOX SALE

Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30

These boxes contain merchandise which is in actual use in every home, every day in the week. There are TEN GRANDE PRIZES as follows:

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| 1 pair \$3.50 shoes | 1 pair \$1.00 silk hose | 1 75c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$2.50 Ladies' Shirt Waist | 1 pair 50c Fancy Hose | 1 50c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$2.50 Ladies' Hat | 1 75c Ladies Hand Bag | 1 50c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$1.50 Dressed Doll | | |

Saturday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 you may take your choice of these boxes at

25^c

We guarantee to refund the money for any box that does not contain 25 cents worth of merchandise.

A LUCKY BUY

of a lot of dressmakers' samples of ladies' manish Covert Jackets, enables us to offer you, while they last, regular \$15 and \$16 Jackets for

\$10.

NEW CRAVENETTE COATS for ladies, just received, regular \$15.00 \$18 values

Ladies' Suits at a Saving

Silk suits, Lustre suits, Worsted suits, in styles to suit every taste and suitable for traveling, outing and street wear. WE GUARANTEE TO SAVE YOU MONEY

\$9 to \$22.50

NEW LADIES' SHIRTS In Sicilian, Pongee and many other fabrics just received.

The Fair
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FOR YOUR PROTECTION

The prescription department is the important part of any drug store. Our's is modern in every respect. In the character of the drugs used, in the methods of compounding, in the skill of our pharmacists, it is thoroughly up-to-date. We believe that the service rendered has a value for you beyond any money value, and it costs you nothing extra whatever. Our prices are as low as good prescription work can be done anywhere. Lower than the usual cost in most places.

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