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## GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN TODAY APPOINTS JOHN M. GEAREN TO SUCCEED THE LATE SENATOR JOHN H. MITCHELL IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE FOR OREGON

### PORTLAND GROCERY DESTROYED

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Dec. 15.—Fire this morning destroyed the wholesale grocery house of Washburn & Kerr. This is one of the largest wholesale grocery firms in the Northwest, and the loss to the stock and building is estimated at \$500,000. Six firemen were seriously injured. The cause of the accident was the collapse of the upper floor which precipitated the men into the cauldron of flames below. Chris Houston is the most seriously injured and it is feared that his injuries will prove fatal.

### CO CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Dec. 15.—John Kerr, assistant engineer on the transport Buford, was convicted of assault committed upon Frank Raymoe, was sentenced to one year in the Marion county jail and fined \$250 by Judge DeHaven this morning. A stay of execution of ten days was granted, but in the meantime the defendant was remanded to the custody of the United States marshal.

### PERKINS' RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Dec. 15.—The trustees of the New York Life this afternoon accepted the resignation of Perkins. He remains a member of the board.

### GREAT RACE MARE DEAD

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Ishaina, one of the greatest race mares in the country, died this morning of catarrhal fever. The mare was valued at \$10,000 and was owned by "Oregon George" Wentworth.

### INDICTED FORMER OFFICIALS

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Indictments were found today by the federal grand jury against John N. Faithorn, president of the Chicago Terminal Transfer Company; Fred A. Wann, vice-president of the Park Marquette, and Chicago & Alton, charging them with paying rebates to the amount of \$20,000 on shipment over the Alton.  
Faithorn was formerly vice-president of the Alton and Wann general manager. It is alleged that during their connection with the Alton they gave the rebates to Schwarzachild & Sulzberger, packers of Kansas City. Beth S. Cusey, the traffic manager, recently pleaded guilty to the charge of receiving rebates and was fined \$8000. Today's indictments were returned upon Cusey's testimony.

### OPEN ON PRUDENTIAL

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Dec. 15.—John E. Gore, actuary of the Prudential, was the first witness in the investigations insurance this morning.  
He read a statement showing that since the company entered business, the total premiums received were \$287,000,000 paid out in benefits, leaving \$92,000,000 surplus, including \$2,000,000 capital. He said that over 90 per cent was paid to policy holders as dividends.

### MAIL CONTRACTS AWARDED

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—Bids for wagon mail service in cities west of the Missouri river for a period of four years, were just opened by the department. Those at San Francisco, Seattle, Sacramento and Oakland were rejected. P. H. Schulerman gets the contract at Portland for \$5500; J. W. Travis at Spokane for \$4700; and J. W. Hitsman at Los Angeles for \$18,906.

### GOLD MISSING

Denver, Dec. 15.—A special to the Times from Rock Springs, Wyo., says: Ninety thousand dollars in gold belonging to a shipper, whose name the railroad and express companies will not disclose, was in one of the cars of the Overland Limited which was wrecked and burned last week at Ahsay, and it cannot be found.

### Newly Appointed Senator Announces Himself in Accord with President Roosevelt On Leading Questions Before Congress.

(Scripps News Association)  
Salem, Dec. 15.—Governor Chamberlain today appointed John M. Gearen, a Democrat of Portland, United States Senator to succeed Mitchell. His term will end March, 1907.  
Gearen is 54 years old; He was born in a prairie schooner while his parents were coming overland to Oregon. He was educated at St. Mary's college at St. Mary, Mo., and at the University of Indiana. He is the fourth member of the law firm of Mitchell and Dolph to become a senator. He was city attorney and district attorney and was once a Democratic candidate for congress and special prosecutor under Cleveland in the famous smuggling cases.  
He says he will support Roosevelt in the corporation control policy and is hearty accord in the land fraud investigations. He believes in expansion and free trade.

### MANN WOULD DISCHARGE PANAMA COMMISSION

### TILLMAN WANTS SCALP OF SECRETARY BISHOP OF THE COMMISSION

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Mann today introduced a bill proposing to dismiss the canal commission and authorize the President to put to work some one under the government department also on the Panama railroad. Allison, on the committee of appropriations, announced that the committee thought that \$11,000,000 would be enough for the canal.  
Tillman is after the scalp of Secretary Bishop of the canal commission. Bishop was a former newspaper man. His salary is \$10,000 a year. Tillman says the salary is an extravagance.  
Root attended the meeting of the committee on foreign relations of the senate to discuss the bill for reorganization of the consular and diplomatic services. He asked that a provision be made for the position of minister to Norway.  
The President withdrew the nomination of Miles Cannon as register of the North Yakima land office on protest of Senators Ankeny and Piles. Cannon was nominated on recommendation of Land Commissioner Richards.

### EYE WITNESS TELLS OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

### GRAND DUKE BORIS AND CZAR CLASHED IN DISCUSSING RUSSIAN SITUATION.

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Dec. 15.—A Daily News correspondent at St. Petersburg cables the account of an eye witness in the recent trouble in which an attempt was made upon the Czar's life. He says the trouble really began by Grand Duke Boris calling the Czar to account for the alleged sacrifices of the family interests to further his political ends. He called the Czar a creature without backbone. The Czar retorted calling the duke to account for his mode of living and told him that he was the cause of the people being fired upon at Valdimir, January 11 of last year, which precipitated the trouble which resulted in the present crisis. Boris retorted warmly. Boris drew his sword but Nicholas interfered. Boris was banished from Russia.  
Witte in a personal interview said that he could not foresee the end of the present convulsion nor foretell the developments. Therefore he could not decide clearly the future policy, which he hoped would be reasonable. Witte is pale and emaciated but his reported paralysis is untrue.

### KAHN INTRODUCES BILL

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Kahn today introduced a bill authorizing the circuit court to adjudicate claims of American citizens. Under the Behring Sea arbitration award with Russian, Japanese and British sailors whose ships were confiscated for alleged pleagic sealing, have already been settled.

### BANKS DID NOT CONTRIBUTE

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—The comptroller of currency, in answering the senate inquiry, says the reports that the national bank records do not show that they contributed to the political campaign last election, except in two instances where small sums were given for local campaign purposes.

### BALTIC SITUATION GRAVE

(Scripps News Association)  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The situation in the Baltic provinces is the most grave in the empire and approaches civil war. A war governor with administrative power has been appointed. Restoration of wire communications lasted but a few hours. The cables were again cut at midnight while messages were going to the German frontier. Witte opposed a dictatorship. The tie up by the strikers at Moscow is complete.

### ASSASSIN FREED

(Scripps News Association)  
Novoselitz, Dec. 15.—The assassin or Sicarolonoff, a blacksmith by the name of Voroshinkoff, who pretended that he was deaf and dumb in order to approach his victim, was freed by the Revolutionists today.

### HOPES PARENT WILL RELENT

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Dec. 15.—Marguerite Baker, fiancée of Alphonse Zelaya, son of the president of Nicaragua, who was captured at the instance of the Nicaraguan minister, has received a message saying that the youth will reach New Orleans and urging her to have faith. The young woman believes the stern parent will relent as soon as Alphonse reaches home.

### CLERGY HOLD SESSION

(Scripps News Association)  
Warsaw, Dec. 15.—A meeting of 417 clergymen of Poland was held today after an all night session they decided to demand autonomy for Poland with a parliament, general secret ballot, the reinstatement of the Polish tongue in the government officers, the abolition of capital punishment and amnesty to all political prisoners.

### CAN OPEN BOXES

(Scripps News Association)  
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Court of Appeals decided that Hearst may open ballot boxes and recount the votes. It probably will result in McClellan's election being officially declared.

### GUNBOAT ARRIVES SAFELY

(Scripps News Association)  
Newport, R. I., Dec. 15.—The gunboat Hiss, which was blown to sea while seeking to aid the lightship Nantucket, arrived safely in the harbor this morning.

### MUCH GOLD COMES FROM THE NORTH

Alaska's gold product for 1905 would have twice over the \$7,000,000 that was given for that province to Russia. And this is only one item in our annual income from that region. Its furs, fisheries and minerals have yielded us \$280,000,000 since our flag was raised over it. Its resources in coal, iron ore and timber, none of which has been really touched yet are inexhaustible. Its possibilities in agriculture and fruit raising are larger than its mineral resources. All that Alaska needs to develop these vast riches are railroads and wagon roads, and these are beginning to appear. Congress has neglected this vast and opulent region too long. This winter it should elect Alaska into a territory, provide for the creation of good roads and enact other needed legislation.—Leslie's Weekly.

A. W. Leffel has moved from his former residence in the western part of the city. He now lives in the residence on F Street formerly occupied by Mrs. E. Walters.

### CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Lies in buying early and in buying right. Buy soon and secure advantage of uncommon assortment. Early buyers get choicest picking. Buy before some one else gets just the article you would have most preferred. Our Holiday Goods are here and there's goods among them that will please you. You will get them at right prices, too. It's right prices that's going to make them go quickly.

TOILET CASES, FANCY HAIR, CLOTH and TOOTH BRUSHES, BOOKS, STATIONARY ITEMS, POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, BILL BOOKS, SAVING SETS, GIGARS, CONFECTIONERY, BIBLES, ALBUMS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, etc

Newlin Drug Co.  
La Grande, Oregon.

### XMAS SUGGESTIONS

Christmas Bells will soon be ringing and the old problem of "what shall I give him for Christmas" will once more confront you.

We have made a few suggestions and should you fail to find a suitable item on the list we would be pleased to have you call and we'll do all in our power to assist you.

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| SUSPENDERS | GRAVENETTES | COURSE COAT |
| OVERCOAT   | SUIT        | UNDERWEAR   |
| HAT        | NECKWEAR    | GLOVES      |
| HOSIERY    | S. IRTS     | NIGHTROBE   |
| UMBRELLA   | MUFFLER     | KERCHIEF    |

A good rule to follow in selecting gifts for man is to buy what he would be apt to buy himself. All our prices are moderate, and we are always at your service.

**ASH BROS.**  
CLOTHIERS AND HABERDASHERS.