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WILL BE WELL LIGHTED BY A THOUSAND INCANDESCENTS

Two years ago La Grande had 3000 electric lights. When the addition to Hot Lake Sanatorium is completed that institution will have one-third as many electric lights as were in this entire city in 1904. Altogether the electricity used at the sanatorium will amount to the equivalent of between 70 and 80 horse power.

There will be ample illumination for the

300 guests to watch their speedy progress toward health.

Work on the improvements at Hot Lake is progressing satisfactorily, and it is evident that it will be ready for occupancy early next year.

While it is true that La Grande used only 3000 lights two years ago, the increase since has been marked, and today 8000 electric lights are in use.

SHRINERS START FOR MEXICO

(Scripps News Association)
Austin, Tex., Aug. 24.—The Shriner of Austin and several hundred members of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will start from here this evening in two special trains on their trip to Mexico, where the Shriner will have a big conclave. Members of the order from all parts of the country are here, ready to start on the interesting journey. A number of stops will be made by the excursionists on their way to Mexico City. They will make a number of side trips from Mexico City before they return home.

BOOK TRUST WON

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Aug. 24.—The fight on the Book trust culminated in the board meeting held Wednesday night when the vote upon the renewal of the present contract was taken. The reformers claim that the Trust is selling Chicago books for 22 cents that they charge other cities only 19 cents. The reformers lost out by two votes, receiving nine votes when eleven were required.

GREELY MISSED CHANCE

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—It begins to look as if the United States army will be treated to a repetition of the Sampson-Schley controversy. The controversy is to grow out of the Greely criticism of the army system which is regarded by the knowing ones as a veiled criticism of General Funston's work. There is no information here of any personal feeling between the men but it is known that Greely was much disappointed at the play of fate which put him far from San Francisco when the disaster occurred. Greely was in Chicago enroute to attend his daughters wedding at Washington, and hastened back when he heard the news, only to find that Funston had admirably grasped the opportunity.

WILL MAKE NO FIGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Aug. 24.—Franklin Lane this morning assumed his duties as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Commissioners Lane and Clements are of the opinion that no effort will be made by the railroads to prevent the enforcement of the new law, though some features may eventually reach the supreme court.

ARRESTS FOLLOW

(Scripps News Association)
Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 24.—Twelve negro soldiers and one discharged man have been arrested, charged with murder as a result of the investigation by the authorities. The fort commander is not willing to give the names of others implicated.

NEGOTIATIONS ENDED

Dowie declares that all negotiations between himself and Wilbur Glenn Voliva for settlement of the Zion City land have been declared off. All attempts at negotiations have ended in failure.

UNCLE SAM MAY ASSIST THE CUBANS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington Aug. 24.—Despite the outward appearances and disinterestedness on the part of the government, the officials are discussing the probability of an intervention in Cuba. It is said this morning that Bell's visit to the President was of much more importance than the removal of the troops from Brownsville, Texas. It is quite likely that the present policy will continue unless more serious developments continue.

Havana, Aug. 24.—General Guerra, commander of the rebel forces is moving on to Guine, twenty miles south of the city of Pinar del Rio. The government is massing all available troops at Pinar del Rio to avert the threatened attack. When General Guerra learned of this he was unwilling to risk a battle and at present attempting to take the smaller towns.

ANNOUNCES GUERRA'S DEFEAT

Washington, Aug. 24.—Sleeper, American, in charge of the cables for the government says General Guerra was defeated in a three hour fight at Pinar del Rio.

GOMEZ CLAIMS INNOCENCE

Havana, Aug. 24.—The government announces that General Guerra's movement to Guane is a retreat. Private advices say that Guerra left Guardia, San Juan, Martinez and Luio to hold against the government.

General Jose Miguel Gomez was brought to Sicti today under a strong guard. The government took extraordinary precautions to prevent the insurgents from taking Gomez from them. Gomez denies his complicity in the conspiracy to overthrow the government and says that his arrest was caused by the fact that many of his friends are in the rebellion.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Aug. 24.—In the F. P. Mays land fraud case trial today Captain S. B. Ormsby, ex-commander of the G. A. R. for Oregon and former forest superintendent, testified that he had received school land certificates from Mays which he afterwards sold, admitting that the transaction influenced him in making a favorable report to the government for creating the Blue Mountain reserve. He made no excuse for his action but made a clean breast of it.

EPIDEMIC FEARED

(Scripps News Association)
Valparaiso Aug 24.—Every indication prevails this morning that an epidemic of sickness is certain unless dry weather comes soon. The refugees are seeking shelter in houses whose walls are considered dangerous from the effects of the earthquake.

GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Wheat opened at 71½ closed at 71½; corn opened at 48½ closed at 48½; oats opened at 29½ closed 29½.

GOVERNMENT ADOPTS EUPHONIC SPELLING

(Scripps News Association)
Oyster Bay, Aug. 24.—Uncle Sam is thru with "through." The President today announced that the spelling reform recommended by Andrew Carnegie committee and hereafter it will be accepted in all departments. Correspondence by the officials, printers, stenographers, clerks and cabinet officials have been ordered to write "unlearned English as she is

writ." Public printers have been ordered to prepared lists of the most frequently used one hundred words with the new mode of spelling to be distributed in all of the departments. The President thinks that this will give the American language an individuality and will result in a saving of time and trouble for natives and foreigners in trying to learn the language.

Secretary Taft will Make Tour

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., August 24.—Secretary Taft on his return to Washington will make an inspection trip, which will include most of the principal western posts. He will be accompanied by General Bell, the chief of staff. The trip will have much to do with the proposal to concentrate the troops in larger garrisons such as are considered necessary under the new plan approved by the President of furnishing larger commands for senior army officers. It is hoped that Secretary Taft and General Bell will be able to visit some of the camps of instruction before they are abandoned and the troops start on their homeward marches. It was General Bell's intention to inspect some of these camps and review the troops, but he finds it difficult to leave Washington at this time.

ADDING TO ASIATIC SQUADRON

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Aug. 23.—The squadron of four new armored cruisers, composed of the Maryland the Pennsylvania, the Colorado and West Virginia, under the command of Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, sailed today for Manila. It has been decided by the Navy and State Department that the fleet of the Asiatic station should be materially increased. The four armored cruisers, each as powerful as a first-class battleship, but having the advantage of greater speed, will relieve in the Orient the only two battleships there, the Ohio and the Wisconsin. When the armored cruisers reach the Philippines, Rear Admiral Brownson, who for so many years was superintendent of the Naval Academy, and was severely criticized by the House investigating committee on account of the hazing at Annapolis, will relieve Rear Admiral C. J. Train in command of the powerful fleet on the Asiatic station.

MORE QUAKE

(Scripps News Association)
Santiago Aug. 24.—There were two more shocks at Valparaiso last night and the rain is again falling. This will impair the restoration of sanitary conditions.

MOB ENROUTE

(Scripps News Association)
Atlanta, Aug. 24.—A mob of 500 has gone to Decatur where the supposed assailant of the Lawrence girls is imprisoned, determined to lynch him.

NO MORE COLORED TROOPS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Aug. 25.—There is no question but what the government is considering the advisability of discontinuing the enlistment of negroes in the regular army as a result of their unbecoming conduct at Brownsville, Texas. No post in the United States desires to have colored troops assigned to their respective stations. There is no idea of abandoning Brownsville post.

VERDI STATUE FOR NEW YORK

(Scripps News Association)
New York, August 24.—The Municipal Art Commission has approved the design for a monument to be erected by the Italians of the United States to the composer Verdi. Twenty thousand dollars has been raised by the Italian newspaper "Il Progresso Italo-Americano" and the statue is now on its way from Italy to New York. Moses Herman, commissioner of parks for Manhattan and Richmond, has given permission, in the absence in Europe of Samuel Parsons, the landscape architect of the department, for the erection of the monument in the centre of the triangle bounded by 72d and 73d Streets, the Boulevard and Tenth Avenue. The unveiling will take place on October 12. The sculptor is C. Pasquale Civiletti, of Palermo, and in his studio there his work was approved by a committee appointed by "Il Progresso Italo-Americano", comprising William Henry Bishop, the American consul in Palermo; Giuseppe T. Laura, mayor of Palermo, and Professors Ernesto Basile and Giuseppe Damiani, architects. The monument is twenty-five feet high and has been executed in Carrara marble. It is a group of five figures, depicting Verdi and his operatic creations, "Otello", "Aida", "Falstaff" and "Il Trovatore".

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