

La Grande Evening Observer

MANY CHANGES IN CABINET MADE TODAY

(Scrpps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 17.—Oscar Solomon Straus, of New York was sworn in as secretary of Commerce and Labor at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Straus is a Roosevelt Democrat. Up to the first McKinley campaign in 1896 he had always been a Democrat. In that year he voted the Republican national ticket, but a year later supported the Democratic State ticket in New York. That his republicanism is of only eight years' growth. In 1900 he supported McKinley and Roosevelt, and in 1904 was a strong campaign document advocating the election of Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Mr. Straus is fifty-six years old. He lived in Georgia until he was fifteen then moved to New York and was graduated from Columbia College in 1871, and from the Columbia Law School in 1875. He practiced law in New York until 1881, and then entered mercantile life. President Cleveland appointed him Minister to Turkey, where he speedily won an enviable reputation. A man of pleasing personality, wide intelligence, thoroughly well versed in the science of diplomacy, a logical reasoner, and at the same time a practical man of affairs. Mr. Straus was a striking success in one of

the most difficult diplomatic posts. He was in excellent standing at the palace, and could obtain at any time an audience with the Sultan, who accorded him many of the privileges of an Ambassador. Although not a Christian, he could sympathize with the troubles of the missionaries, for whom he adjusted many serious problems. So successful was he at this post that McKinley urged him to remain and he was accredited to Constantinople until 1900.

MOODY AND BONAPARTE'S OFFICES
When the supreme court convened Clerk McKinney administered the oath to former Attorney General Moody, who swore to administer justice, unbiased to rich and poor alike. Bonaparte, formerly secretary of the navy, was introduced as the new attorney general. Metcalf, who formerly administered the duties of secretary of commerce, has now gone to the office of secretary of the navy.

Senator Rayner today presented a resolution intended to limit the powers of the executive, in forbidding him from interfering with the departments or the reserved rights of the states.

Secretary Metcalf was sworn in as secretary of the navy and Secretary Bonaparte was sworn in as attorney general

MANY DEFENDANTS DEMUR

Attorneys for the Defendants, in what is going to be the most stupendous law suit that has ever been held in Union County, are rapidly appearing before the County Clerk. On December 6, L. Caviness filed a complaint with the County Clerk against the La Grande Irrigation Company to recover establishment of rights in regard to water rights on the Grande Ronde. He also demands costs for and disbursements incurred.

The following defendants have appeared by demurers:

La Grande Irrigation Company, L. Old-

enburg, A. L. Richardson, J. J. Nessley Ditch Company and J. B. Stoddard. All appearing by Attorneys Cochran & Cochran; Irrigation Canal Company, Ora Dell Canal Company and May Park Water Ditch Company. All appearing by S F Ivanhoe. The Nessley Ditch Company appears by Crawford & Crawford. The city of La Grande will have its case handled by City Attorney J F Baker. L S Pennel, J S Chandler and N K West, also defendants in the same trial have not made an appearance.

SENTENCED TWO YEARS

(Scrpps News Association)
New York, Dec. 17.—Geo. Burnham Jr. vice-president and general counsel of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., who was convicted last week of grand larceny in the first degree, was sentenced today to two years in the penitentiary at Sing Sing.

MAY BE ARSENIC

(Scrpps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Dr. Haines, of the Rush medical college today reported that he found enough arsenic in the stomach of one of the Verzal children to have caused death. The police continue to Billick the hypnotist and clairvoyant.

ROBBERS WITHDREW

(Scrpps News Association)
San Jose, Cal., Dec. 17.—A gang of safe blowers early this morning made three attempts to blow open a vault in the bank of Campbell, near here. Citizens were aroused by the noise and scared the robbers.

ATTENTION MODERN WOODMEN

All members of the La Grande Camp Modern Woodmen and also visiting neighbors are requested to attend the meeting this evening. Business of importance will be transacted. After the business session there will be a smoker. State Deputy Head Counsel J W Simmons will attend the meeting and will address the neighbors. He has good news and the clerk has procured good cigars. Attend and take your choice.

WOOD FAMINE IN WALLOWA

The car shortage cannot be blamed for a wood famine which is now being experienced in Wallowa county, 50 miles from the nearest railroad. Owing to the scarcity of labor last summer little wood was cut in the mountains and cord wood is now very scarce and high priced, retailing in Joseph for \$6 per cord.

HIGH WATER

(Scrpps News Association)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—The river Platte is higher than at anytime during the past forty years.

The Christmas season is again upon us and the progressive merchant is making the most of his show windows for presenting to his friends and patrons the best display of his wares that he may. This proposition is right, and our citizens should be quick to take advantage of it, and in most cases are. There are a few who have the mistaken idea that they must go to Portland, San Francisco, Chicago or New York in order to secure anything quite good enough for such an occasion as Christmas. No greater mistake was ever made. We have in the stores, on the shelves and counters, in the showcases of our merchants as fine an assortment, perhaps not quite so large as there is to be found in any of the business houses in the larger cities.

BUT TWO DAYS MORE AND CONVENTION IS HERE

Governor Chamberlain Among those who will Address the Convention.

BAD ROADS MAY KEEP MANY FROM ATTENDING

With the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Good Roads Association but two days away, the Highways committee of the Commercial Club and Judge Henry, are extending every effort to make the coming convention a success. Not the ordinary kind of success but one that will have lasting benefits, benefits that will, ere another year has rolled by, make themselves conspicuous on the highways of the valley. Many local citizens will appear before the sessions with papers. These addresses will be interesting because they will be delivered by such men as County Judge Henry, County Commissioners Ben Brown and J M Selders. These men donate a large part of their time to questions which will come up, and have a practical knowledge of the actual conditions in the valley. Then there will be addresses by able men from various parts of the state who are thoroughly conversant with their respective themes. Governor Chamberlain will be in the city Wednesday and address the convention that evening.

A prominent farmer in our office today suggested that the principal portion of the program should be held during daylight as the condition of our roads were such farmers could not attend of an evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Call to order by president. Addresses of welcome; J. B. Stoddard, Mayor of La Grande; Turner Oliver, secretary La Grande Commercial Club; J. C. Henry, County Judge, Union County; response, John H. Scott, president Oregon Good Roads Association, address, "Roads of Union County, Past and Present." W. T. Wright, president First National Bank, Union; address, "Needs of Union County in the Line of Good Roads." Benjamin Brown, County Commissioner, Union County; discussion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Address, "The Duty of the County

NO COAL NOR WHEAT SHIPMENTS

(Scrpps News Association)
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Inter-state Commerce Commissioners Lane and Harlan began an investigation today to find why it is that with millions of bushels of wheat piled up out doors, the farmers are unable to buy fuel for homes. Those with handy cash have been moving to the hotels of the city to keep warm.

Witnesses, by the scores, are in the city and anxious to testify before the investigation, that they cannot get coal nor can they send grain away. The roads refuse to take up a train until enough cars are loaded to the capacity of the engine.

J J Hill, who is alleged to be at the bottom of all the farmers' troubles, has escaped a subpoena. The commissioners say they want him badly.

The suffering of the people in Minnesota, by cold is intense and something will have to be done at once.

Toward Its Highways." J. M. Selder, County Commissioner, Union County; address, "What Macadam Roads Have Done for the Prune Growers of Liberty and Rosedale," J. H. Albert, president Capital National Bank, Salem; address, "The Proper Ratio Between Tonnage and Expenditure in Road Building," Henry B. Thielens, secretary Oregon Good Roads Association; address, "Systematic Construction of Macadam Roads," Thomas F. Ryan, ex-County Judge, Clackamas County; address, "The Attitude of the Labor Organizations of Oregon Toward the Use of Convict Labor on the County Roads."

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Music. Address, "Good Roads Make Great States," George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon; address, "The Tax Levied by Bad Roads on All Users Thereof," T. T. Geer, ex-Governor of Oregon; music; address, "The Use of Convict Labor on the Public Roads," Lionel R. Webster, County Judge, Multnomah County; discussion.

THURSDAY MORNING

Address, "The Extravagance of Bad Roads," John B. Messick, County Judge, Baker County; address, "The Economy of Good Roads," James Withycombe, director Experiment Station, Oregon Agricultural College; address, "Practical Suggestions on Road Building," John H. Scott, president Oregon Good Roads Association; address, "Special Taxes and Their Benefits," C. J. Trenchard, County Judge, Clatsop County; discussion.

THURSDAY EVENING

Election of officers. Reports of committees. General discussion. Adjournment.

INFANTRY MUSTERED OUT SOON

(Scrpps News Association)
Sacramento, Dec. 17.—It is reported that six companies of the first infantry San Francisco will be mustered out within a few days for inefficiency and insubordination. Equipments have been replaced since the fire and drill rooms furnished, but the companies failed to hold drills. It is said that the adjutant general believes that the attitude of labor unions is responsible.

THIRTY ARRESTED

(Scrpps News Association)
Moscow, Russia, Dec. 17.—Thirty members of the revolution were arrested today. Their arms, dynamite and bombs were seized.

SCHOOL CLOSES FRIDAY

Next Friday afternoon the schools of the city close for the holiday vacation. Appropriate exercises will be held in the various rooms Friday afternoon. They open the first day after New Years.

PORTLAND STREET CAR SERVICE BADLY CRIPPLED

A General Strike may be Ordered. Complete Tie-up not Unlikely

(Scrpps News Association)
Portland, Dec. 17.—The street car company is maintaining a partial service today. Probably one half of the cars are being operated, many of which carry double crews for protection. There has been no violence today. The Trades council is in session considering the carmen's request to call out the electricians in the power houses.

The electrical workers union has requested permission from the international organization to join the carmen. A committee of merchants have waited upon the strikers, who agreed to accept arbitration provided the company also accepted.

CARDINAL RICHARDS IS HOMELESS

(Scrpps News Association)
Paris, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Richard left his residence this afternoon in response to a summons from the government which decrees that no prelate shall live in a public building. The cardinal went to the home of a friend where he will temporarily reside. Three thousand Catholics followed the prelate's carriage thru the streets, chanting and praying for his liberty. The crowd was orderly and the troops that had been called out had nothing to do.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

In the last years of the eighteenth century Napoleon seized all the church property of France and later, in the early part of the nineteenth century, he and Pope Pius the VII entered into an agreement, which is called the concordat by which all church property of France was restored to the church, meaning the

Catholic church of Rome. After Napoleon had been deposed after the battle of Waterloo, and Louis XIX of the Bourbon line, came back to France, he confirmed the concordat. From that time until the establishment of the present republic, in 1871 all was well. In the last named year, the government of France caused to be inscribed on all churches, with but one exception, the words, "Liberty, equality Fraternity" and under these words, "National Property".

Now, the French government is forcibly, trying to confiscate all church property to the state, and the Catholics are remonstrating thus bringing about the present religious crisis.

LAST SHIPMENT HERE

County Superintendent E E Bragg has received the last shipment from the Oregon State Library Association. When the first assignment arrived here there were several books short, and the superintendent has now secured the lacking volumes. They are ready for distribution to the various districts.

EARTHQUAKE IN ASIA

(Scrpps News Association)
Leisach, Austria, Dec. 17.—The seismograph records an earthquake, which is believed to be in Asia.

KING IS BETTER

(Scrpps News Association)
Stockholm, Dec. 17.—King Oscar, who has been very ill is much better today.

A Christmas Suggestion

What HE would appreciate most

Handkerchiefs, Silk or Linen	from \$.25 to \$1.50
Silk Mufflers	" 1.00 " 2.50
Fancy Suspenders	" .50 " 2.00
Fancy Hose	" .25 " .75
Sweaters	" 1.50 " 4.50
Neckwear	" .25 " 1.50
Smoking Jackets	" 5.00 " 10.00
Cravenette Overcoats	" 18.00 " 25.00
Suit cases	" 6.00 " 15.00
Umbrellas	" 1.50 " 6.00

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