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PIONEER OF OREGON CONE

H. W. OLIVER PASSED AWAY LAST EVENING.

Deceased Crossed the Plains in Early Sixties—Owned the First Sawmill in Grande Ronde Valley, Before Railroads Tapped the State—Initiative in Planting Horticulture in Union County—Respected by All Who Knew Him—Father of Turner Oliver.

Died, at his home two miles north of Summerville, on Wednesday, January 15th, 1908, H. W. Oliver, aged 80 years and 19 days. The funeral will take place from the church at Summerville tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Hiram Wesley Oliver was born in Western Indiana on December 29, 1827, and grew to manhood in that state. When a young man he moved with his parents to Illinois, where he resided a number of years, and there married Julia Ann McCalem on January 17, 1856, and immediately settled with his bride in Iowa. Seven children were born to them, all of whom are living: E. W. Oliver of Alice; Turner Oliver and J. R. Oliver of La Grande; Marshall Oliver of North Yakima; Arthur Oliver of Lowell; Charles W. Oliver of Summerville, and Mrs. Edgar Marvin of Wallowa. On March 7, 1874, his wife died, and on December 18, 1878, he married Maria L. Burt, who survives him. They had three sons, all of whom are living: H. P. Oliver of La Grande, and Frank and Burt Oliver of Summerville. H. W. Oliver crossed the plains with his family in 1864 and settled in the Grande Ronde valley, since which time his history has been an important part of the history of Union county. He always took an active interest in public affairs, though he never would accept a pub-

lic office. He owned the first sawmill in Grande Ronde valley and delivered lumber to all parts of the valley and even had an important trade in Walla Walla before the time of the railroad. Many of the buildings in the original town of La Grande were built from lumber he manufactured, and he made the lumber that built the first building in the new town—the warehouse that burned down a few years ago. He was also a pioneer orchardist of this valley. When many wise ones thought that this valley was not adapted to fruit culture and would always have to import fruit for home use, he planted a 15-acre orchard and proved that the valley would grow the finest fruit on earth. He retired from

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FORTIFYING SAN FRANCISCO

AFTER MONTHS OF SECRECY WORK IS ALMOST DONE.

Two Years Ago Congress Made Appropriation for the Better Protection of the Golden Gate City, and the Work is Now Being Conducted With Unusual Expediency—Extensive System of Redoubts and Trenches.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—After many months of ceaseless labor with the greatest possible secrecy, under the direction of United States army engineers, the work is almost completed for an extensive system of redoubts and trenches for the protection of the forts guarding San Francisco bay. The appropriation for this work was made two years ago by congress and within the last year the work has been rushed to completion. The construction plan has been under the charge of Major C. H. McKinstry. A large force of draftsmen are employed and the field work is being conducted with great expediency.

C. & E. ROAD SOLD FOR TAXES

TRIFLE OVER THREE THOUSAND CAUSES SALE.

After Repeated Attempts to Collect Taxes on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad the Sheriff at Albany Has Advertised the Harriman Road for Sale to Cover Taxes—Sale Made to Party Paying Actual Amount Due State of Oregon.

Albany, Ore., Jan. 16.—A railroad of the Harriman system, the Corvallis & Eastern, is advertised for sale this morning in the Albany Weekly Democrat, by orders of the sheriff, because of the company's failure to pay its taxes.

Sheriff Smith made repeated efforts to collect the amount due, \$3,302.34, but failed and the advertisement in the Albany paper today is the result.

The road, with all lands and real property, will be sold to the person who offers to pay the taxes with the penalty and accrued interest.

The sale of this road will be held at Albany on February 17. A certificate of sale will bear a maximum rate of interest of 10 per cent from date of sale.

Democrats in New York.

New York, Jan. 16.—Prominent members of the radical wing of the democracy in the Empire state are flocking into New York today, intent upon sharing in the feast of oratory to be served by the New York Progressive Democratic league at Cooper Union tonight. Augustus Thomas is president of the league and will preside at the talkfest, which will include addresses by Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland, Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas and Raymond Robbins.

KILLS INSANITY BOARD SCHEME

DASHES COLD WATER ON PET PLANS.

Thaw Case Will Go to the Jury Without Interruption on Jerome's Part and Insanity Board Plans Are Forgotten—Evelyn Wants to Take the Stand at Once, But Her Attorney Thinks Different—Persistence Becomes Annoying—Many Witnesses.

New York, January 16.—District Attorney Jerome has announced that it is his intention to let the Thaw case go to the jury without interruption, and all hope that he might intervene with a request for an insanity commission appointment to inquire into the defendant's mental condition, has vanished.

It is evident that Evelyn Thaw has become a source of annoyance to Attorney Littleton. She continues to insist that she be called before all other witnesses so that she can remain in the court room beside her husband. Littleton, however, is determined to put her on the stand as the last of the witnesses.

More Insanity Testimony.

August Weber, at one time Harry Thaw's butler, was on the stand when court opened this morning and continued his testimony. He told of irrational acts on Thaw's part.

Belle Morehouse Lawrence, a governess employed in the Thaw family, has kept a diary of the prisoner's peculiar actions. She will arrive from California today and take the witness stand immediately after arrival.

Professor Peck, under whose care Thaw was for a time, also testified along the "irrational" line.

Justice Vernon Davis, who presided at the Nan Patterson trial, occupied a seat with Justice Dowling during the afternoon session.

Raymond Brown, a music publisher who was on the roof garden at the time of the shooting, said that his attention was called to Thaw that night because the night was very warm, but regardless of this, the man in question wore an overcoat.

CONFESSIONS SEEM CERTAIN

HENEY OPENS FRAUD CASES IN PORTLAND.

In Dry, Crisp, But Concise Statement Francis J. Heney Has Launched the Land Fraud Cases, This Time Against Hall and Mays—Believed Some One Has Turned State's Evidence—Stelwer General Suspected—Implicates Hall Politically.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—Prosecutor Francis J. Heney made his opening statement today in the Hall-Mays and fraud case. His address was dry, crisp and a bare statement of facts. He stated he expected to show Hall and Mays guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands. He also declared that he expected to show that Hall in 1905 went to Brownell, when the latter was president of the Oregon senate, and told him that unless he supported Charles W. Fulton against T. T. Geer in the senatorial contest then raging, he would indict him for land fraud and that at the same time Hall went to Stelwer and told him that unless he voted for Fulton he would indict him for taking false affidavits. Stelwer turned from Geer's rank at the last ballot and turned the tide in Fulton's favor.

From Heney's address it is believed that his case is supported by confessions of certain of the defendants. It

was stated today, but not confirmed, that Stelwer would take the stand for the state and tell all.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Young Man is Struck by a Falling Limb.

Perch Brewster was brought down from North Powder last evening and taken to the Grande Ronde hospital, suffering from severe bruises about the head caused by a falling limb from a tree. It seems that the young man with his father, was working in the timber about 12 miles from North Powder when a limb from a tree which they were chopping down, fell and struck the young man on the head, causing a very severe bruise.

CREATED A SENSATION

CHARGES AGAINST PRACTICE FEDERAL IRRIGATION BUREAU

State Engineer Johnson in an Address Before National Woolgrowers' Congress Charges Bureau With Maintaining a Press Bureau in Opposition to Private and State Irrigation Projects—War Over Resolution.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 16.—In making the charge that the federal irrigation bureau maintained a press bureau of its own to oppose state and private irrigation projects, State Engineer C. T. Johnson created a sensation in his address before the National Woolgrowers congress this morning.

A heated battle is going on in the resolution committee over the adoption of the resolutions, which if passed, would largely commit the convention to the support of the federal administration to its policy regarding public lands. The committee on resolutions is expected to report today.

Fight Smelter Rates.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 16.—Mineowners of Butte, Helena and other Montana cities met today for the purpose of organizing to fight the new smelter rates of the "smelter trust," by which rates at East Helena and Great Falls have been advanced more than 50 per cent, thus practically forcing small mines and companies to quit operation. Mineowners allege that the rates are prohibitory and exorbitant.

STRAUSS HOLDS LABOR QUESTION

ENGLAND MUCH ALARMED OVER JAP FINANCES.

Proposed Regulation of Immigration Complied by Japanese Government Now in the Hands of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Commissioner—Heavy War Debt Under Which Japan Rests Thought to Be Obstacle in Immediate War Prospects.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Upon the judgment of Oscar Strauss, secretary of labor and commerce, and Labor Commissioner Sargent, will depend the final decision in the matter of accepting or rejecting the Japanese plan of regulating immigration. These plans are now in their hands. Strauss and Sargent are supposed to better understand the conditions of Japanese labor than any other officials.

English Financiers Worried. London, Jan. 16.—England is giving evidence of her fear of Japan and Japanese almost daily.

Events of the last few days show how threatening the situation really is but the English statesmen feel at the same time that Japan will not dare go to war while struggling under the heavy load of her present war debt.

The danger that Japan may not be able to meet this debt is causing financiers the keenest alarm. The recent cabinet upheaval in Japan is attributed to financial troubles of the empire.

West Virginia G. O. P.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 16.—In response to a call issued by Congressman Harry Woodyard, chairman, the West Virginia republican state committee will meet here tomorrow to fix the time and place of the state convention. Woodyard has suggested that two conventions be held, one to elect delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago and another late in the summer to nominate a governor.

Scottish Rites Convene.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—The 17th annual reunion of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of Oregon is to be held here the next three days. Many prominent members from all over the state will be here to attend the sessions.

Reception Awaiting. San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The committee in charge of the entertainment of the war fleet when it arrives in San Francisco, have marked out plans for a disaster at 173. Sixty death certificates have been issued. Monday will be the last day that the bodies will be held for burial. Reception Awaiting. San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The committee in charge of the entertainment of the war fleet when it arrives in San Francisco, have marked out plans for a \$100,000 celebration. Most magnificent illuminations will be the principal feature of the fiesta.

Another Week of Matchless Bargain Opportunities

We have Decided to Continue our January Sale for another week and will give you six full days more of the greatest Dollar Saving Opportunity you have ever enjoyed.

UNDERWEAR GREATLY UNDERPRICED FOR THIS WEEK

\$1.25 Mens Ribbed Wool Underwear in Natural Grey, this week	73c	Boys, Misses and Childrens odd Wool Garments worth up to \$1.00, this week	29c
\$2.50 Australian Lambs Wool, this week	\$1.38	75c Ladies Heavy Ribbed Fleece lined Underwear	43c
\$2.00 values, in Tan Ribbed Medium Weight Wool, this week	\$1.29	\$1.00 Ladies Union Suits, Fleece lined	78c
75c values Heavy Wool Fleece, this week	52c	\$1.75 values in Ladies fine ribbed All Wool Underwear, this week	\$1.38
\$1.25 Heavy All Wool Men's Flat Knit Underwear	69c	\$2.50 values in White ribbed All Wool Underwear	\$1.97
\$2.50 Mens fine Ribbed Worsted Underwear, this week	\$1.77	Childrens Heavy Fleece lined ribbed Underwear, regular price 25c to 50c, this week 19c to	33c
50c Heavy Fleece this week	38c		

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