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## FULTON WILL VISIT OREGON

### HENEY CHARGES TOO MUCH TO LET PASS.

Senior Senator at Washington Will Soon Be in Oregon to Vindicate Himself of Charges Made by Heney in His Political Speech Recently—Heney Laughs at the News and Promises to Return to Portland Before the Primary Election.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Senator Charles W. Fulton announced today that he would return to Oregon at once to reply to charges made by Francis J. Heney against him, in a political speech at Portland. The full text of Heney's speech was received in Washington Tuesday night, and Fulton at once decided to return and fight it out.

"I am perfectly willing that my record in congress should be a test to show fitness to be returned," said Fulton. "I must defend my reputation for honesty."

Heney Leaving Portland.  
Portland, Feb. 5.—Francisco J. Heney laughed when he heard that Fulton was returning to Oregon to answer his charges.

"I wish he had started back sooner, as I leave here today or tomorrow for San Francisco to be present at the Ruff trial," said the prosecutor. "But tell the senator to cheer up; I'll probably be back before the April primaries."

### KELLY IN NEW YORK.

Baker City Athlete Adopts New Sporting Colors in New York.

New York, Feb. 5.—Dan Kelly's former champion sprinter from Oregon, will stay in New York. Through the efforts of W. L. Jones Kelly will show a run under the colors of one of the local clubs, probably the Irish-American.

## PRAIRIE FIRES RAGING.

Western Texas Fire Causes Big Loss to Ranch Buildings.

Fort Worth, Feb. 5.—A prairie fire is sweeping over the counties of Lubbock, Crosby and Garza in west Texas, and has already caused a loss of a half million dollars, destroying ranch buildings, crops and livestock. An area of more than 1,000,000 acres has been burned over.

The blaze started near Emma several days ago and was fanned by strong winds. Farmers saved property and lives by burning areas around their homes.

### Public Printer Suspended.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The president today suspended Public Printer Charles A. Stillings, pending investigation on charges of extravagance in the bureau of printing. William S. Roositer, chief clerk of the census bureau, was appointed temporarily.

## PORTLAND BANKS FINALLY MERGED

### GERMAN-AMERICAN TO SETTLE ALL CLAIMS.

After Days of Rumored Merger, Two Defunct Banks of Portland Are Merged With a Sound Institution—German-American Will Settle All Claims Within Two Years Without Interest—Oregon Savings & Trust Principal Figure in Fallen List.

Portland, Feb. 5.—The proposed merger of the suspended Oregon Savings & Trust Co., the Bank of Portland, defunct, and the German-American bank in this city, was formally completed today.

The German-American institution will assume all the liabilities of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, and adjust all of these claims within the next two years, without interest.

## SOLONS AGREE ON CLEETON

### PORTLAND ATTORNEY IS GIVEN CONTESTED OFFICE.

The Oregon Delegation at Washington Has Smoked the Pipe of Peace and Last Night Agreed on a Successor to Bristol in the Federal District Attorney's Office—Former Legislator Cleeton of Portland, is Selected—Favorable to All.

Portland, Feb. 5.—A special dispatch from Washington states that the Oregon delegation, with Senator Jonathan Bourne concurring, has selected Thomas J. Cleeton of Portland, as United States district attorney to succeed William C. Bristol.

Chris Schuebel's nomination will be withdrawn and Schuebel will be made assistant district attorney.

Bourne gave up all hope of forcing Schuebel's name through the senate, several days ago.

Cleeton was a member of the legislature in 1895, and nominated Geo. W. McBride for senator. In 1896 he acted as district attorney in the fifth judicial district. He supported Bourne and is friendly with Senator Fulton, and Congressmen Hawley and Ellis.

### No Booze for Students.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5.—Students of the University of Missouri will have to go elsewhere to absorb liquid hilarity, if the local option election today results in a "dry" town and county. The temperance people of the state have carried on a valiant campaign in advance of the election and have urged the voters to remove the temptation of strong drink from the hundreds of students attracted here by the state university.

### Stoessel Reported Sentenced.

London, Feb. 5.—A local news agency report says General Stoessel has been sentenced to death for surrendering Port Arthur.

## COUNTESS GETS HER DIVORCE

### NOW PLAIN ALICE THAW OF PITTSBURG.

In Remarkably Short Time the Countess of Yarmouth Secures Her Divorce and Arranges Settlement of Finances—One-Third Goes to Earl and He is Pleased While Alice is Delighted Over Her Matrimonial Release—Coming to America.

London, Feb. 5.—(Bulletin.)—The Countess Yarmouth, formerly Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, won her suit for annulment of marriage today. The secret hearing lasted a half hour and only three witnesses were heard for the prosecution, and none for the defense. The earl was not present. It is reported that a third of the countess' fortune is settled on the earl.

The countess must drop the title and resume the maiden name. The case is regarded as a victory for each. It is understood the countess will shortly go to America. A financial settlement is said to have kept the countess' charges against the earl out of court.

### Great Florida Fair Opens.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 5.—With great throngs of interested spectators crowding the grounds, the Florida State fair was formally inaugurated today and will remain open throughout the month. As the only state fair to be held in the United States during the winter, it will be visited by many thousands of tourists who flock to this section to escape the frigid weather of the north and west.

Many prominent men are expected to attend the fair during the month, and to deliver addresses, among them William Jennings Bryan, Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia, Governor Joseph Folk of Missouri, and others.

Among the novel features at the fair is the famous airship Eagle, which won the prize and diamond medal at a great international contest in Chicago. This airship which will make daily flights in and around Tampa, also made a wonderful record in the recent race from St. Louis to the Atlantic coast, being prevented by an accident.

## HALL HEARING SOON OVER

### DEFENSE WILL CLOSE ITS CASE TOMORROW.

Prosecutor Heney Closes for the Prosecution in the Hall Land Fraud Case Today by Bitterly Scoring Hall as a Man Who Betrayed a Public Trust—Lends Arguments Tonight, and the Defense will Have Its Say During Tomorrow's Session.

Portland, Feb. 5.—Bitterly scoring John H. Hall as a public official who betrayed his trust and who assisted the land thieves in plundering the government of its domain, Francis J. Heney opened the government's final argument in the Hall land fraud case this morning. He will speak to the greater part of the day.

The defense will have its innings tomorrow.

### Want Thaw Transferred.

New York, Feb. 5.—At a consultation of Thaw's attorneys today it was decided to apply immediately to the state lunacy commission, to have Thaw transferred from Matteawan insane asylum to a private asylum. Attorney Littleton then left for his southern trip. Peabody and O'Reilly will look after Thaw's interests.

### Artillery to Philippines.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The 35th coast artillery of Fort Monroe, sails from San Francisco April 6 for the Philippines.

## MORE LAND FRAUDERS.

Californians Arrested But Deny All Complicity in Land Frauds.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—Six Los Angeles men, Warren Gillette, president of the Broadway Bank & Trust company; R. W. Kenny, cashier of the same institution; Attorney Will D. Gould; Dr. David M. Goodwin; L. R. Myers, and George L. Stearns were arrested by a deputy United States marshal to answer a complaint filed against them June 2, 1906, charging complicity in the Oregon land frauds. Gillette says he and Kenny simply loaned money to the Pacific Furniture & Lumber company, never meeting the men who are indicted.

### Costly Fire Today.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—A half million loss and 700 men are idle as the result of a fire in the John A. Roebling & Sons company building today. Three acres of shops were burned over. The fire was controlled by 9 o'clock this morning.

## DIG TRENCH FOR CONDUIT

### LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY STARTS CHANGES.

First Work of a General Renovation, Rearrangement and Perfection of the Home Telephone Company's Service in La Grande, Started Today With Digging of Trenches for the Conduits—Three More to Be Dug This Winter—Lay Wires Soon.

The first trench of a group of four that are to be dug for underground telephone wires in this city at once, is almost finished today, when a large crew of men trenched from the Roesch building foundation on Adams avenue to Washington street, near the Zuber brick.

There are to be three others in the city before the proposed plans are carried into effect. Adams avenue is to be tunneled with the regular three foot trench for conduit purposes soon. That trench will lead from the Home Telephone company's office to the La Grande Iron works, where alley poles will carry the wires overhead to the rear of J. M. Berry's residence. Here the third trench will be dug to the Scriber residence, where overhead wires will again be resorted to. The fourth trench is to lead from the head office in the Masonic building, to the rear of the S. A. Gardiner property.

Conduit and underground wires will be laid in the trench now being dug, at once. The work of reconstructing the Home Telephone company's service in this city will be carried forward as rapidly as possible, from today on.

### Weather Forecast.

Eastern Oregon—Threatening cold tonight; Thursday fair, colder.

## NEW POLICY IS LIBERAL

### PORTUGAL MINISTRY TURNS NEW LEAF.

Henceforth the Government of Portugal is to Be Liberal and of a Pacifying Nature, According to Announcements Today—Release of Political Prisoners Goes on Quietly—European Organization of Anarchists Blamed for Shooting.

London, Feb. 5.—Portugal's new ministry announces the inauguration of a policy of liberality and pacification in the official gazette today, according to dispatches. A full list of Premier Franco's political activities in Portuguese and foreign prisons was printed today by government authority in Lisbon papers.

Visits to prisons were permitted for the first time in many months.

Arrangements are being made for a quiet release of prisoner, a few at a time, to prevent demonstrations.

### Blame to Universal Club.

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—An anarchist organization with branches in all important cities of Europe is now believed to have been responsible for the assassination of the king and crown prince. The most important branches are believed to be at Geneva, Munich and Zurich.

### Affinities to Wed, Maybe.

Paris, Feb. 5.—That Ferdinand Pinney Earle and Julia Rutner, who startled Americans by the announcement of their "affinity" creed last September, will be married shortly in Paris, is a rumor current here. Mrs. Earle now has an application for a divorce pending in the French courts. As soon as this is granted, Earle and his "spiritual affinity" will be legally married. It is alleged that the present Mrs. Earle will witness the wedding, and thus give another shock to conventional morality.

Since coming to Paris, the artist, his present wife and his future spouse have been seen much together and have gone off on many little trips together, each apparently treating the other with the utmost consideration and showing every evidence of affection in their conduct.

Parisians are immensely interested in the Earle-Rutner romance, but there have been no such manifestations of hatred and disgust as were vented upon the artist in New York. There is almost universal praise for the novel attitude of Mrs. Earle in effacing herself in order to insure the happiness of her husband, and there is little blame for Earle or Miss Rutner.

### Fleet Completes Coaling.

Punta Arenas, Feb. 5.—Coaling of American battleships at anchor here, will be finished tonight. The fleet will leave early tomorrow, accompanied by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco.

## WARM GOODS FOR COLDDAYS At Altogether Comfortable Prices

This week will see the clearing up of many of the broken lines in our stock of cold weather goods at prices which will please those of you who are economically inclined—Read the following items over carefully and while reading remember there are a great many which we cannot list here for want of space.

50c Stocking Caps 35c

in colors Red, White and Blue in solid colors, and with fancy borders and tassels. Choose this week for 35c

25 Black Wool Squares for choice this week 10c

Misses, Childrens and Ladies Heavy Jersey Leggings, extra lengths 75c to \$1

50c Childs Night Drawers in Pink & Blue baby striped outfit this week 39c

75c Mens Mittens 49c

in heavy Wool and wool lined leather Mittens, this week for choice 49c

35c Boys Gloves and Mittens in Wool and lined leather, this week 22c

75c & 85c Mens Caps 48c in Corduroy trimmed leather, Plush, Corduroy & heavy Wool Caps, choice 48c

Mens Heavy Gray German Sox this week 85c

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