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**COMMERCE OF PHILIPPINES.**

Consul Jacob E. Conner of Saigon, Cochinchina, sends the following summarized report upon the commerce of the Philippines for the year 1907, as shown by the annual report of the bureau of customs:

The total value of Philippine imports last year was \$29,666,140, an increase of 15 per cent over that of the preceding year. The total value of exports was \$34,127,253, an increase of 4 per cent. The imports from the leading countries were as follows:

United States	\$5,664,254
England	6,028,040
Germany	1,655,452
Spain	1,756,667
Chinese Empire	2,759,715
Japan	1,910,043
British Australasia	1,753,874
British East Indies	1,626,299
French East Indies	3,474,236

French East Indies, of which Saigon is the chief port, for some years at the head of the list, dropped from first place in 1905 to third in 1907, on account of the decline in importations of rice. This decline is in turn due to the fact that the Philippines are supplying their own needs more completely in that commodity. Also that wheat flour is taking the place of rice, as indicated by the growth of imports of the former.

It is to be noted that imports from the United States have gained in about the same proportion as have those of England, in spite of the fact that the carrying trade of the United States shows a marked decline, while that of England has noticeably increased.

Of the \$900,000 worth of wheat flour imported, less than \$400,000 worth came from the United States. Australia's percentage has risen gradually to 53. The report states that "it can hardly be doubted that the application of the coastwise trade laws in 1909 will probably give this entire trade to Australia."

The race for supremacy in the import trade of the Philippine islands lies between the United States and England.

**YOUNG MEN FOR CHINA.**

Wilbur T. Gracey, counsel at Tsingtau, transmits the following report regarding business opportunities in China as a warning to young men in America who believe that they can secure better positions in the Far East than in America:

I am continually hearing of young men in China who have come from the occident expecting to secure positions here, and are either stranded, or forced to enter un congenial occupations, and believe that a warning should be published in American papers.

China may be a land of opportunity to the business man with money, but any young man who is willing to work will find better opportunities every day period has done well along this

in the large American cities. Many young men leave their homes in the United States, ship as stowaways, work their passage to China, or spend their last few dollars for tickets, in the hope of stepping into good positions on their arrival in the Far East, and are surprised to find all positions filled.

Most of the positions with respectable firms in China are filled. Each firm which has its business here has an agent in New York, London or Berlin, as the case may be, and in the event of further assistance being needed in China, is able through correspondence with agents to secure young men from home who are familiar with the business in which the firm is interested.

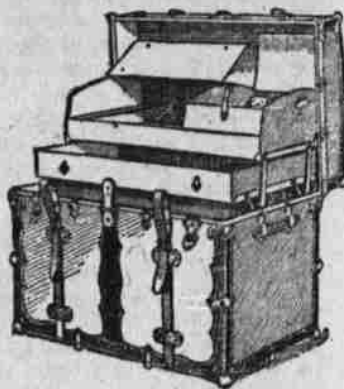
Tomorrow the ballots in the state of Illinois will decide the fate of 3000 saloons, scattered in 84 of the 102 counties of the state. It is not expected that the temperance element will make a clean sweep, for activity along these lines does not date back farther than last November, when under the local option law 16 counties submitted the question, resulting in six of these counties going dry and the closing of 265 saloons. It was a campaign not unlike Wallowa county in Oregon two years ago, when no one realized what was about to happen until after the votes were counted and it was found to be in the dry list. After their great victory in Illinois last November, the temperance people took on renewed courage and a general campaign all over the state was the result. The Anti-Saloon league leaders claim that they will carry 900 of the 1200 townships and the liquor interests sent out, as their last, pre-election statement, that they will be able to hold all of the larger cities of the state in the liquor column. Under the Illinois law saloons must close within 30 days after the election in the territory going "dry."

President Joseph Smith, in his opening address to the 78th semi-annual conference, now in session in Salt Lake City, made this statement while touching upon the temperance question: "There is a movement throughout the land for local option, and I hold that every Latter Day Saint will co-operate with the movement, that we may curtail this monster—intemperance. We think and feel that the people should be permitted to say if they will have drunkenness, riot, murder and kindred crimes, which too often come from the use of strong drink." Other church authorities spoke in a similar vein and the people generally recognize that it is only a question of waiting for the first opportunity, when Utah will pass a local option law, as will also Idaho and Wyoming.

The interstate commerce commission seems to be divided on what is known as the Spokane rate case, to the extent that there is no possibility of a decision until there is a change in the opinion of a number of the members of the commission. At present a majority decision is impossible. The question involved if Spokane wins, will revolutionize the entire theory of railroad rate making. Whether or not Spokane wins this time or not, her premises are correct, and will win out in time. There is no valid reason why interior points should be compelled to pay tribute to the terminals. If the railroads can haul merchandise from Chicago to Portland for \$2.50 per 100 pounds, it is little less than highway robbery to charge La Grande merchants \$3.46 per 100 pounds from Chicago to La Grande.

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line. It is safe to say that the western portion of the state spent \$10 to eastern Oregon's one in advertising during the past two years. However, we believe that from this time on better results will follow from an effort to secure payrolls. Give employment and people will come.

The next 11 days will be strenuous ones for the candidates. The primary election takes place on the 17th, and from now on the campaign will be active. One and all agree that it is more difficult to secure political information this time than usual. Statement No. 1 occupied the center of the stage in the beginning of the campaign, but as all of the legislative candidates have subscribed to it, there is no chance for an argument along that line, and as there are a number of good men running for all of the offices, it is difficult to get expressions.

There is little possibility of the selection of our next United States senator being thrown into a general legislative mix-up. Of the 153 republican candidates in the state, 66 are reported as having signed statement No. 1, 56 modifying statement No. 1 to the extent that they will support the republican candidate receiving the highest number of votes, and 36 are not pledged. The people are determined that the legislative "hold-up" problem in Oregon shall become ancient history, never to be repeated.

Get a small fruit tract and become independent, is the trite and truthful saying sent the rounds of the press of eastern Oregon and Washington, by the Milton Eagle. The proof is not far to seek, in that an orchardist, in speaking of the profits in fruit, said: "My wife and self spent six weeks' vacation in California from the returns of 10 trees. That's all."

We may not be very good judges of human nature but we venture the assertion that the subscribers of the Pendleton papers will be mighty glad when the primary election is over. Statement No. 1 is not in it with the boys over the hill. They are making strenuous work of what might be a pleasure trip.

It seems almost too bad that there are not enough offices to go around. There are so many fine fellows in so many instances, after the same place, but we presume if there were more positions it would simply mean more applicants.

If you have not registered, step up to the court house and do so. You will undoubtedly want to vote one week from next Friday.

Tomorrow is the last day to register in order to be permitted to vote at the primaries.

This is the last day to pay taxes and save being penalized.

For Constable.  
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**SALEM PASTOR IS HORSEWHIPPED**

**ARRESTS FOLLOW AN ATTACK ON MINISTER.**

Two Women of the Free Methodist Church Now in Jail Awaiting Trial on a Charge to Horsewhipping the Rev. Coffey—Trouble Grew Out of an Ousting of J. F. Goode From the Church—The Minister Says This is the Fourth Assault.

Salem, Ore., April 6.—As a result of an incident Saturday night Mrs. Nettie Rhoades and Lulu Goode, sisters, were arrested this morning, charged with breaking up a religious gathering, and brought before Judge Webster, where they pleaded not guilty.

In the preliminary examination it developed that the two women, accompanied by the husband and brother, met Presiding Elder W. H. Coffey, of the Salem District Free Methodist church, and horsewhipped him.

The women allege Coffey made certain statements about them they did not like. Rev. Coffey states the trouble grew out of charges against J. F. Goode, upon which the latter was suspended from the church. He asserts that this is the fourth time he has been assaulted since November.

**MORGAN REPORTED ILL.**

New York Stock Market in a Flurry Over the Dispatches.

New York, April 6.—Advices from Rome state the serious illness of J. Pierpont Morgan, but local relatives have no further information.

Reports of the serious illness of Mr. Morgan caused a flurry in the stock market. A formal denial that Morgan was seriously ill was put in the ticker tapes at noon today by Morgan's office here.

**Asleep Two Months.**

Los Angeles, April 6.—Two months of steady sleep, without any sign of awakening is now a record of a cataleptic patient at the county hospital, Mrs. Beulah Hawkins. Her condition is almost identical with that when she was first brought to the hospital.

**Killed by Falling Structure.**

London, April 6.—Nine persons were killed and five fatally injured and 30 buried in debris when an annex to the York hotel, an old structure, collapsed. Quick work saved the lives of many.

**Take Coming Wednesday.**

As announced in The Observer last week, Hon. H. M. Calk is to be in La Grande Wednesday and is to visit Elgin and Union on the same tour. He speaks here Wednesday night and goes to Elgin Thursday, returning in time to reach Union and address an audience there that evening. At Elgin he will not likely address an audience.

**Estray Notice.**

I have taken up and now have in my possession five head of hogs which I make no claim of owning, and which will be delivered to the rightful owners upon payment of charges and the proper proof of ownership. The said hogs are described as follows: Two sows marked swallow fork in each ear, two shots unmarked; one sow, marked split and underbit in each ear. Said hogs are now at the old Frank Mitchell place at Cove, Ore.

April 6, 1908. A. B. CONLEY, Cove, Ore.

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**No Use to Die.**

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