

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VIII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1908.

NUMBER 64.

SCRIBER FACES ACCUSATION OF BIG LAND FRAUD

LATEST SCANDAL IN GOVERNMENT LAND FRAUD CASES

THOMSON A DEFENDANT

Deals Pulled Off In Umatilla and Heppner Counties, It is Said

SCRIBERS FIRST SIN

DISTRICT ATTORNEY M'COURT FILES A SUIT IN EQUITY.

Former Cashier of Defunct Farmers & Traders' National Bank Accused of Complicity in Land Fraud Deals—Name Linked With That of A. B. Thomson—First Alleged Forgery is Done in Connection With This Land Deal—Want Patents Cancelled.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Another alleged scheme to defraud the government out of 7000 acres in timber lands has just come to light by a suit in equity to cancel patents to lands in

(Continued on page 5.)

"BOB" TALKS BACK

CRITICIZES NAVY ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT ON GUN ACTION

Retired Sea Dog Finds Fault With Action of Navy Department in Withdrawing 13-inch Guns.

Washington, Dec. 27.—An article by Rear Admiral Evans, criticizing the ordnance department for abandoning the 13-inch gun, which appeared in an eastern magazine, has caused considerable stir in the navy department and White House. Evans takes exception to the substitution by the navy department of the 12-inch for 13-inch gun, used at Santiago during the war. He says the shell carried by the 13-inch gun is better than that carried by the 12-inch, for the reason it carries 80 pounds of explosives and the 12-inch carries but 40.

Ordnance experts recommended that the 12-inch gun be retained, its length to be increased five feet. They say for long range shooting the 12-inch shell, being lighter, flew more accurately and effectively than the larger projectile.

NEW ACCUSATION AGAINST CRAFTER

PITTSBURG COUNCIL SCANDAL BROADENED BY NEW CHARGES

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—That former Councilman W. A. Martin continued to receive his share of graft from the

(Continued on page 3.)

MANY CITIES IN RUINS BY 'QUAKE

PALLING, IT IS FEARED.

Eight Districts in Italy Laid Waste by Series of Earthquakes—Convicts Break Out of Prison and Prey on Victims—Casualties Said to Be Very Heavy in Many Districts—Loss of Life Feared Enormous, Though No Estimation is Made.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Eight districts in the province of Cantanzaro, southern Calabria, were laid waste and probably a dozen towns destroyed by a series of earthquakes. The loss of life is probably very heavy.

Convicts Escape.

It is feared the death list will be appalling. Prisons were broken open during the excitement and the convicts are preying on the victims of the quake. The casualties are said to be heavy at Centrache, Olivadi, San Vete, Pomerane, Nietree, Trepea.

Troops have been dispatched to the districts.

Deaths at Monteleone Heavy.

The deaths at Monteleone are also said to be many. That town was almost entirely destroyed by a quake in 1905.

Indiana Monument.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 28.—Governor Hanly of Indiana, and members of the Indiana Monument commission are expected here tomorrow to dedicate the monument erected at the Vicksburg battlefield to commemorate the valor of the soldier: of the Hoosier State.

ANOTHER DEBUT IN WHITE HOUSE

DAUGHTER ENTERS SOCIETY.

Socially America Tonight Faces Nation's White House, Where Miss Ethel, Daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Enters Society—Debutante is Reserved Woman, Resembling Her Mother—Opposite of More Hilarious "Princess Alice."

Washington, Dec. 28.—With the famous east room of the White House transformed into a veritable floral bower, fit for the reception of any Old World princess, the final preparations have been completed for tonight's ball which will mark the social debut of Miss Ethel Roosevelt. All morning there was a hurrying to and fro of decorators and servants, engaged in adding the finishing touches to the stately ball room where Miss Roosevelt, with all the dignity of a full grown woman in trailing skirts and evening gown, will receive her guests. Not since the famous "coming out" ball of the "Princess Alice," now Mrs. Longworth, has the White House been the scene of such a gathering of young people as will congregate tonight to welcome Miss Roosevelt to the full enjoyment of the social privileges and duties of womanhood.

Incoming trains today brought many of the young friends of the White House debutante from New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities will also be represented at tonight's gathering. The "younger set" of Washington is today fairly throbbing with excitement, and it is likely that many a fair maiden is spending the day before her mirror, hoping through her efforts to outshine all the other guests at the ball. As a natural result of all affairs of this kind, there are also broken-hearted, tearful or defiant young women, who had hoped against hope to receive recognition from the White House in the shape of an invitation to tonight's ball, and who were disappointed. While the White House ball room is large, and will accommodate many hundreds, there is not room for a third of those who hoped to be invited.

Miss Ethel is a reserved young woman, so dignified and grave that she could easily pass for 20 instead of just 17. She has been accustomed to meeting strangers since she was a small child, and she has a poise and self-possession rarely shown in one so young.

She is a distinct contrast to her sister, Alice. She is quiet and studious in her tastes and, like her father, has a love for reading, which is one of her strongest characteristics. She is fond of drawing and painting, and some of her work shows marked talent. She is clever with her needle, and in this she is mother's own daughter. Mrs. Roosevelt has few peers in needlework and Miss Ethel has been carefully trained in the old-fashioned art of plain sewing, as well as in embroidery and weaving lace.

She dances well, speaks French and German fluently and is a water color artist of no mean ability and a charming musician. She has grown up in Washington, having received her education at the Cathedral school, and from a resident governess.

GOVERNOR-ELECT BETTER.

Washington Chief Executive to Be Inaugurated in California.

Paso Robles, Dec. 28.—The condition of Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, is speedily improving. He came down stairs today and took a hot bath in the mineral springs. His wife said:

"If Mr. Cosgrove is well enough, as indications now show, he will be inaugurated here."

The governor-elect coincides with this view. Hotel authorities, under Cosgrove's instructions, refused to reveal if any plans are making for the inauguration ceremony.

LOVE RIDE IN SKY

MILLIONAIRE COEY AND BRIDE HAVE NEW SCHEME.

Will Ride With Cupid in Clouds From Los Angeles to Chicago—"Chicago" Awaits Them on Land.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A honeymoon in the clouds is planned by millionaire C. A. Coey, the daring aeronaut, who married Carrie Humme Lewis at Kansas City Saturday. The couple will go to Los Angeles, where the "Chicago" Coey's balloon, is awaiting them. They plan to ride it back to Chicago.

SENATOR HOPEFUL.

Is Sure His Bill Will Become a Law.

Washington, Dec. 28.—That he will secure the passage of his bill providing for a commission to select a site for a naval base on the California coast, south of San Francisco, is the statement made by Senator Flint today. The bill also asks for a navy yard and repair station capable of docking and repairing the largest ships of the navy.

OPEN WARFARE IN KENTUCKY

DESPERADOES PUZZLE MILITIA AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Stearns, Ky., Dec. 28.—Sheriff W. P. Crawley of Whitley county, and two deputies, arrived here today to take charge of the desperate situation in which armed men, said to be mine-workers and sympathizers, are openly defying the United States marshals and a detachment of the militia. Crawley will organize a posse to pursue Berry Simpson, George Stanley and Reuben West, who are reported to be heavily armed and ambushed in the nearby hills.

Historians in Session.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Washington is today entertaining educators from many of the big universities and colleges of the United States, who are gathering to take part in the sessions of the American Historical association, the American Political Science association, the Bibliographical Society of America and the Mississippi Valley Historical association. From Washington many of the visitors will go to Richmond and Baltimore. An excursion to the University of Virginia will be a feature of the closing day of the convention.

Partner of U. S. Grant Dead.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—William M. Morrison, a former partner of U. S. Grant in the leather business at Cincinnati during the civil war, and a pioneer of Seattle, is dead, aged 83, as the result of a fall in which he dislocated his hip.

GREAT PARADE OF LABOR MEN

HOLDS MITCHELL INNOCENT OF THE CRIME CHARGED.

Thousands in New York Parade in Protest of Recent Court Decision—Real Editor of Mineworkers' Journal Exonerates Mitchell, Saying the Latter Knew Nothing of Editorial in Reference—Mitchell in Illinois Yet Held for Contempt.

New York, Dec. 27.—Two hundred thousand workmen marched Saturday to illustrate labor's protest against the recent decision of Justice Wright, who sentenced to jail Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, for contempt of court.

The American Federation of Labor officials announce that they will temporarily cease publishing the "We don't patronize" list.

Exonerates Mitchell.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—That John Mitchell, under sentence to nine months for contempt of court in publishing an editorial held contemptuous by the federal court, never saw the article and did not know of such a court ruling, is the statement of S. M. Sexton, former editor of the Mineworkers' Journal.

Sexton said: "I was editor of the Journal, and I wrote the article complained of. In referring to the contempt sentence against Mitchell I can say that I never wrote anything without deliberation. I wrote it in studied contempt for an obscure judge of a remote region, who deliberately trampled under foot the constitutional rights of free speech, free press, right of peaceable assembly and the right of trial by jury. Mitchell is a resident of Illinois and is held for contempt by a court in Washington, for an offense of which he is entirely innocent."

ATTORNEY ON STAND.

Annis Trial Hears Original Affidavits of Muddle Witnesses.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 28.—Attorney Joseph Shay, representing Thornton Hains, accused of participating in the murder of William Annis, took the stand this morning. He testified to taking an affidavit from witness Sjura who, when placed on the stand by the prosecution, told conflicting stories. He recited the contents of the affidavits.

SHOOT AT SHAH.

Two Men Disguised as Priests Almost 'Got' Persia's Ruler.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Two men disguised as priests, entered the cabinet chamber of the royal palace at Teheran, during a conference, and attempted to assassinate the shah of Persia by shooting. It is reported the bullet pierced the epaulet on the uniform of the heir apparent. The men were arrested.

Watch this space for
our Big Cleanup
Sale commencing Jan. 4
The FAIR STORE

A GIFT THAT PLEASES

is not always the expensive one. Something beautiful and useful and in good taste suits best. One thing that is always acceptable, and which will remain a pleasant reminder of the giver, is good perfume. We have a nice line of

CHRISTMAS PERFUMES

put up in fancy gift packages or we can sell you the same odors in bulk. When you are at a loss what to buy thin of these. Just what you want for just what you can pay. The quality is the very best

Newlin Drug Co.
La Grande, Ore.