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## EXAMINATION OF ROBERTS' ACCOUNT OVER

EXPERT DUNNING LEAVES WITHOUT MAKING STATEMENT

After Weeks of Work Mr. Dunning es His Leave for Salt Lake—All Reports Must Go to Washington—Carpy in Temporary Charge of Receivership—Roberts Still Out on a Furlough—Final Action Taken After Report is Announced.

The investigation of the accounts and books of A. A. Roberts as receiver of the land office here, was finished last evening by D. A. Dunning, a government expert accountant. While the balance has been struck and the expert is gone, no intimation of the outcome of the probing will be made known at this time. Just as silent as the first day he arrived, Mr. Dunning took his departure. On last night's train he went to Salt Lake City, his permanent headquarters, and from there will put his data into final report for the government's perusal. Before going he was closely questioned, but "knew nothing."

As to Mr. Roberts, things will run along as at present until the report has reached the land office commissioners and has been acted upon. Roberts is still out on a furlough and will remain so for a little time at least. He was not informed of the findings of the expert, any more than the rest of the public. During Mr. Roberts' absence from the office, George Carpy has been deputized to look after the accounts in that department. Special Agent Frank L. Spaulding is still in the office cleaning up some routine matter that Mr. Dunning did not consider worthy of additional personal at-

tention. Mr. Spaulding will leave in a few days.

**Dunning's Task Long.**  
Mr. Dunning was sent here on Mr. Roberts' own volition. Seeing his books were in a tangled condition, he notified the department, asking that an expert be sent here to set things to right. In the event that shortages might be located in the various and intricate systems of bookkeeping, he posted a considerable sum of money in the La Grande National bank, and it is still there, pending final dispensation of the case by the commissioner of land offices.

The wall of the M. & M. company is shooting upwards very rapidly.

## RACE TROUBLES SEEM BLOCKED

ROOSEVELT'S ORDER IS OBEYED TO THE LETTER.

San Francisco Legislature Will Not Pass Anti-Japanese Measures This Session—Japanese Diplomats Believe Movement Has Been Permanently Blocked.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt has won in the fight to prevent legislation unfavorable to the Japanese being enacted in the California legislature. Governor Gillette announced today that no anti-Japanese measures will be passed this session, after talking with leading members of both houses. In any event it is expected the agitators will storm both houses.

**Japanese Are Pleased.**  
Tokio, Jan. 26.—The Japanese diplomats and press today are praising Roosevelt in blocking the anti-Japanese legislation in the California legislature. It is believed here that it entirely blocked the Japanese immigration controversy and that it will not arise again.

## EPIDEMIC AT UNION SPREADS; TWO NEW CASES

ANOTHER DEATH REPORTED FROM SCENE OF EPIDEMIC.

Another Death and Two More Cases Since Yesterday Noon is Resume of Diphtheria Conditions at Union Today—Police Have Less Difficulty in Maintaining Quarantine Rules Than Earlier in the Trouble—Worst Now Seems Over.

Union, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Still another child has succumbed to diphtheria in this city, the death occurring last evening. Two new cases have been reported, making what is authentically reported to be 20 serious cases. Even more stringent vigilance is maintained today than heretofore, as it was believed last evening that no more cases would break out. Notwithstanding that other children have become afflicted with the dreaded disease, there is every reason to believe that the epidemic is on the decline.

Merchants are in the midst of a dull period as farmers are not willing to come to the city unless under necessary relations. Children have caught the care-taking habit and the police have less trouble in maintaining quarantine regulations than when the epidemic first broke out.

## DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT TO TWO-SCORE OF LABORERS

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Between 60 and 70 men were trapped by a fire today on the crib of the municipal water

## ATTEMPT TO MAKE PLEDGES CRIMINAL ACT

CHAMBERLAIN ELECTED IN A FORMAL MANNER.

Representative Bean Introduces Bill Making it a Misdemeanor to Sign Statement No. 1, When the Signer is a Candidate for Office—Punishable by Fine and Imprisonment if the Bill Passes—Governor Will Obey Voice of "the People."

Salem, Jan. 20.—George E. Chamberlain was formally elected United States senator at a joint session of the legislature today.

Addressing the session, Governor Chamberlain thanked the legislators, as representatives of the people, for the great honor conferred upon him. He called attention to the fact that Oregon leads other states in the matter of the people electing senators. He said:

"Let me say to you, that I go to Washington as the representative of this magnificent commonwealth absolutely unfettered by any pledge to any person or party. I go as the servant of all the people, to do as God has given me light to see it, my whole duty in furthering the moral, commercial and industrial interests of the

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## Chinese New Year.

New York, Jan. 20.—Metropolitan Celestials today entered upon a week of festivities which will mark the Chinese new year, and during the next few days all Chinatown will be given over to rejoicing. This year's celebration is especially notable because it marks the beginning of the Huang Tung era, the reign of the infant emperor, Pu Yi, who has become ruler of China under the name of Hsuan Tung.

## WILL DECIDE ON WATER TONIGHT

DISSATISFACTION BOUND TO FOLLOW EITHER STEP.

Time Has Expired With Chicago Firm—Can Council Let Contract Without Advertising for Bids, or Must it Advertise and Cause Delay? Is the Problem Now.

Let a contract without having advertised for it, or advertise and thereby cause additional delay in securing completion of the Beaver Creek water project. These are the premises that the council will have to work on tonight, and what is more, will have to take some action. On account of the strings attached to the Chicago deal, it required expiration of time limit—January 20—before real action could be taken. That time expires today, and now the water question stares the council in the fact. Dissatisfaction is bound to ensue in either event.

The council has a real problem of the first order for solution tonight. Each councilman has had time to think it over and form an opinion, and something definite should be done tonight.

The water question will be the principal matter before the council, in fact it is doubtful if anything else is transacted. A large crowd is expected out to hear the final disposition of the momentous question.

The mule eats less than a horse but does more work.

## MANY COMING TO LA GRANDE ON SATURDAY

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS ANNOUNCED FULL PROGRAM.

Supervising Engineer of Government Reclamation Will Be Chief Figure Among Speakers—Lowell of Pendleton and Barton of Baker City, Are Among the Other Outside Visitors—Greatest Importance Attached to the Big Meeting.

A full and complete schedule of speakers who will be in La Grande next Saturday afternoon when the great irrigation congress convenes, has been announced by the Commercial club management, aided by the special committee having the program in charge. Chief among the noted visitors to come that day is Hon. D. C. Henny of Portland, the supervising engineer of the United States Reclamation service. This expert, who devotes all his time to the study of reclamation and irrigation, will be in the city to tell local people what he knows about the projects similar to the one being brought to a consummation this week in Union county. The presence of Mr. Henny alone would repay farmers for coming to La Grande next Saturday. Neither rain nor shine will have effect on the hour. The meeting will be held this time without further postponement.

**Other Speakers, Too.**  
As announced some time ago, Stephen A. Lowell, the Pendleton irrigationist, will be here. In addition Hon. Joseph Barton, the prominent Baker City orator and irrigationist, will be heard. Walter M. Pierce will lead the local orators during the program that in many ways will be impromptu.

**Cause for Attendance.**  
The invitation to this meeting is general; in fact, it is urged most forcibly that Stewards' opera house be crowded to the doors with farmers and land owners who are interested in irrigation. Water! water! water; and what it will do—will be the keynote of all speeches. Commence to plan now, that nothing may interfere with attendance. It is without an equal in the city's history.

## CLEANING HOUSE

Our January Sale is drawing to a close. We are making Special Heavy reductions on the remaining winter goods. Here are a few of the bargains gathered from each department.

<b>LADIES' SUITS</b> Closing out at HALF price. Ladies' Hats, closing out at LESS THAN ONE-HALF price. Ladies' Skirts at a GREAT SAVING.		<b>MEN'S SUITS</b> Do you need a Suit? This is the time. A large assortment at HALF PRICE.		<b>MEN'S SHOES</b> At Junky Prices. \$5.00 Shoes, sale .....\$3.45 \$3.50 Shoes, sale .....\$2.68 \$3.00 Shoes, sale .....\$1.98	
<b>LADIES' FELT</b> Line Shoes .....\$1.39 Childrens— Wool Hoods .....28c Wool Toques .....29c Wool Gloves .....19c Wool Scarfs .....38c Misses— Outing Skirts .....38c Misses' Coats HALF PRICE.	<b>LADIES' WAISTS</b> A New Line to Select From. \$1.50 Waists at .....79c \$2.50 Waists at .....\$1.19 \$6.50 assorted Wool Waists at .....\$2.98 \$7.50 assorted Silk Waists at .....\$4.33	<b>WHAT MEN WANT</b> Home made wool Sox .....45c Good quality Night Shirts .....59c Heavy work Shirts .....89c Warm Mitts .....22c Winter Caps .....29c Wool Underwear .....89c Dress Shirts .....49c	<b>NEW COAT SWEATERS JUST RECEIVED</b>		
<b>LADIES' BARGAINS</b> Wool Hose .....19c Wool Gloves .....29c Wool Underskirts .....\$1.15 \$1.00 Wool Scarfs .....38c	<b>BLANKETS</b> Large ten quarter blankets 79c Oregon Wood Blankets \$5.39	<b>RUBBER GOODS</b> Men's Rubbers .....50c Boys' Rubbers, Roolledge .49c Special prices on— Slickers Boots, Overshoes, and Rubber Coats.	<b>SEE OUR REMNANT DEPARTMENT</b> It will save you money		

plant, far out in Lake Michigan. It is believed 15 lost their lives, and that between six and 30 were caught in a tunnel under the lake, with no hope of escaping.

Tugs removed 47 men from the water, where they were forced to leap, all badly burned. Fire destroyed all means of escape. The crib was used as a workshop for men engaged in constructing the great intake tunnel. It was about 40 feet in diameter and 25 feet above the surface of the water. It was entirely destroyed, and the tunnel was filled with water.

The injured were picked up and landed at the foot of 86th street. The tugs returned to the crib in hope of rescuing more.

At noon the tugs were pumping air into the tunnel to keep those in it alive. The elevator shaft leading to the top of the crib became clogged, so all who were left below will perish if pumped air does not keep them alive.

**Frightful Suffering.**  
Later in the day 20 bodies were taken from the tunnel. It is believed more than 45 men have been brought ashore. Both eyes of Thomas Green were blown out. His condition is pitiable. He was frozen to a piece of ice to which he had clung for an hour. Large pieces of flesh were torn from the bodies of the other men by the explosion which caused the fire. Many men were sleeping at the time and leaped into the water without clothes.

**Freight Handlers Meet.**  
Jersey City, Jan. 20.—With delegates from local unions all over the country represented, the International Freight Handlers' union convened in Jersey City today for its annual convention, which will last three days.

**Sensation in Idaho.**  
Boise, Jan. 20.—A sensation was caused in the house today when Representative Johnson, a Mormon, declared the stringent local option bill introduced during his absence and purporting to be his, was introduced without his consent or knowledge. The bill was withdrawn. In the senate a third direct primary bill was introduced.

## TEN CARLOADS OF APPLES BOUGHT AT UNION TUESDAY

Union, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Another big sale of Union grown apples—the biggest this year—was consum-

mated here yesterday afternoon when

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**Worthy Rubber Goods**

There is probably no one line in which there is so much deception as in rubber goods. Much of it is almost worthless. None of these goods come to us. By picking the best goods and buying direct from the makers, we insure security and saving. We can sell them at right prices and also guarantee the quality. We have Hot Water Bottles in all the new styles, colors and sizes. You will get your money out of one many times before Spring. We have every kind of syringe you ever saw and some kinds you haven't seen. PRICES RIGHT ON ALL

**NEWLIN DRUG STORE**  
LA GRANDE, OREGON