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## EBERHARD GIVEN FEDERAL PLUM

APPOINTEE REFUSES TO TALK UNTIL CONFIRMED.

Long Fight for Local Federal Plum Ends in Appointment of Colon H. Eberhard of Joseph—Wins From Many Other Applicants—Has Risen Rapidly Since Opening Attorney's Office—Is Staunch Statement Number One Apostle.

Washington, March 22.—Colon R. Eberhard of Joseph, Wallowa county, was today nominated for receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, Ore.

Here ends the jockeying for the position partaken in by politicians of Baker City, Pendleton, La Grande and Wallowa county towns.

Mr. Eberhard has risen rapidly since opening an attorney's office in the little town of Joseph. His meritorious character warrants the appointment. Last October Mr. Eberhard was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for Wallowa county, and since his appointment has filled the office to the satisfaction of all. He is a promising attorney, an expert accountant, a prominent Elk, a genial fellow and, in fact, is in every respect qualified and fit for the position left vacant by the resignation of A. A. (Continued on page 5.)

## DEATH CERTAIN

NOTHING CAN SAVE NEW YORK MURDERESS.

Governor Hughes Today Refused to Extend Clemency in Case of Woman Murderer.

Albany, N. Y., March 22.—Governor Hughes today declined to exercise his executive clemency in behalf of Mrs. Mary Farmer, sentenced to death for the murder of Sarah Brennan. Nothing now stands in the way of her electrocution at Auburn, March 29.

## STEAMER INMAN GOES TO PIECES

CAPTAIN MISJUDGED FIRE FOR BURNING VESSEL.

Portland Vessel, R. D. Inman, Pounded to Pieces on Reefs Off Bolinas Bay Today—Captain Went to Save Burning Vessel and Crashed Into Rocks.

San Francisco, March 22.—Believing a fire ashore was a vessel afire at sea, Captain C. J. Lancaster, of the steam schooner R. D. Inman, went to the aid of the supposed vessel, and crashed onto Duxberry's reef Saturday night, from shore of Bolinas (Continued on page 5.)

## OPEN DEBATE ON TARIFF BEGINS

DEMOCRATS HAVE CHANCE SOUGHT FOR MANY YEARS.

House Filled With Spectators When Debate on Tariff Bill Commences This Morning—Payne Introduces Speeches by Explaining Measure—Olmstead Named Temporary Chairman While Cannon Goes to Floor—Battle Will Be Long.

Washington, March 22.—The galleries of the house were crowded today by persons attracted by the announcement of the opening of the general debate on the tariff bill would occur this afternoon.

The democrats have been waiting for years for the opportunity now presented to discuss the tariff. On motion of Representative Payne, providing the house meet daily at 11 o'clock, was adopted. Then the house went into committee of the whole to discuss the bill. Cannon designated Olmstead of Pennsylvania as speaker during the debate. Payne was cheered when he arose to begin his speech, explaining the measure and urging its passage.

Payne said the time was ripe and that the country needs protective measure, revenue producers. He produced figures showing that under the Dingley bill the entire revenue from July 1, 1897, to March 16, this year, (Continued on page 4.)

## UNION VIOLATES LID ORDINANCE

NO COMPLAINING WITNESSES ACCOMPANY COMPLAINTS.

City Recorder at Union Refuses to Issue Warrants for Violators of Sunday Closing Ordinance, Because No Witnesses Are Named—Strict Laws Went into Effect Yesterday—City Agog With Excitement—City Slightly Divided.

The city of Union has been agog with excitement since the passage of a strict Sunday closing ordinance last Tuesday night. The ordinance carried an emergency clause and became effective Saturday. There were numerous violations reported yesterday, but no arrests were made. It is reported that the city recorder refused to issue warrants because no complaining witnesses were named. At the time of going to press no steps have been taken to bring the violators of the ordinance before the city recorder for trial.

It is claimed by many that the provisions and mandates of the law are unjust and ought not to be enforced, while on the other hand the councilmen who voted for its passage and the townspeople who are in favor of strict Sunday closing, aver that it is just what the city of Union needs.

## AERONAUTS LOST IN MOUNTAINS

WALLA WALLA MAN IS OF THE MISSING PARTY.

After Going Up in Balloon From Pasadena, Party of Six Has Not Been Heard From—Feared They Have Perished in Blizzards—Rescue Parties Organized.

Los Angeles, March 22.—Lost in a blinding snowstorm raging in the Sierra Madre mountains, and over the Mojave desert for 36 hours, Captain A. E. Mueller, the famous aeronaut and five companions, who ascended in the balloon "American" Saturday at Pasadena, are still missing. It is feared they have perished.

Rescue parties are organizing. Lane C. Gilliam, a mining man, formerly a resident of Walla Walla, Wash., is one of the balloon party.

## KIDNAPPED BOY WRITES PARENTS

KIDNAPERS WERE OILED THOUGH MISUNDERSTANDING. Father Anxious to Pay Ransom—Detective in Charge of Search Writes to Abductors Pleading for Another Chance to Post Money—House to House Search.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—It was learned today that a message from Billie Whittle was enclosed in a letter sent by kidnappers Saturday to Whittle's mother as follows: "Dear Papa: This mamma not to worry. I will be home with her tomorrow. Am in a house with many trees around it. Am well now." Pat Crowe Searching. Pontiac, Ill., March 22.—Pat Crowe. (Continued on page 5.)

## WANT CANNONS

GOVERNOR BENSON MAKES APPLICATIONS FOR GUNS.

Movement Started in Salem Last Week Ends in Formal Request for Gift From Navy.

Salem, March 22.—In a letter addressed to Secretary of the Navy Meyer Governor Benson today requested that two 12-inch guns of the battleship Oregon, now being dismantled at the Bremerton navy yard, be presented to Oregon. The agitation for the guns was started by the Salem board of trade last week.

## ROOSEVELTS SAIL TUESDAY

EX-PRESIDENT TRANSACTS BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

Former President Confers With Outlook Management Before Setting Sail Tomorrow for Africa—Has Inspected His State Rooms on the Hamburg Liner.

New York, March 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, his son Kermit and daughter Ethel, arrived in this city today from Oyster Bay, to inspect their quarters on the steamship Hamburg, on which they sail with a party tomorrow. They spent part of the day at the offices of the Outlook and refused to meet scores of newspaper men.

He was met at the ferry by Mrs. Robinson with an automobile. Roosevelt first visited Mrs. Ladwith, who was for many years a nurse to all the Roosevelt children. After bidding her farewell he went to the office of the Outlook, where he spent some time transacting financial business with Douglas Robinson, his brother-in-law.

AGED PASTOR ORDAINED. Seventy-Four, Yet in Active Revival Services at Elgin.

Elgin, March 22.—(Special.)—Rev. W. H. Gibson and Rev. Starkey of La Grande, last night ordained Rev. Barlow, late of Greenville, Mich., to the pulpit of the Elgin Baptist church. Mr. Gibson preached in the morning and Mr. Starkey at night. The laying on of hands was conducted by Mr. Gibson.

Rev. Barlow is 74 years of age, but notwithstanding, has opened an active campaign for converts here. The first night was marked by six conversions. Mr. Barlow is the father of the Barlows who built the greenhouse in Elgin.

## C. R. OF O. BRINGS \$200,000 IN SALE

NEW OWNER IS AGENT FOR BOSTON BOND HOLDERS.

Large Crowd Attends Sale of Central Railway of Oregon at Union Today—Bids Quickly End as Only One Bidder is Present—No Announcement of Expansion Policy Yet—Future Holdings of That Company Sold for Price Named.

Union, March 22.—(Special.)—The Central Railroad of Oregon, now operating between Union station and Cove, via Union City, was sold this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Receivers Dolph of Portland and Henry N. Berry of Boston, to Charles E. Graham, commissioner and agent for the bond committee, located at Boston. The road with all its holdings and property, was knocked down to Mr. Graham for \$200,000. Mr. Graham will remain in Union for a week, but this afternoon refused to express his opinion as to whether or not the road will be built on to La Grande this spring. The receivers leave for their homes tonight. Sale Quickly Made.

A large attendance marked the sale, though only one man had the lucre in his pocket needed to convey the title of the bankrupt road to him. The receiver laughed the sale and the three appeals for bids were quickly answered, as only one man was bidding.

SCHOOL GIRL SUICIDES. Hood River Girl Drinks Carbolic Acid in Everett.

Everett, Wash., March 22.—Instead of leaving Seattle this morning for her home in Hood River, Ore., as planned, Alice R. Mark, aged 22, drank carbolic acid with fatal results. She was apparently in good spirits when she packed her trunk for the journey. She had been visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, Professor J. G. Sweetland, a member of the faculty of the Everett High school, and had prepared a graduation gown for her younger sister. She intended to take it home.

Runaway Girls Pardoned. Tacoma, March 22.—Alice Griffin and May Miller, 16 years of age each, who ran away after jumping through a window of the University of Puget Sound girls' dormitory Wednesday night, and who were arrested at Kent Saturday, were released today by Captain Read, and were allowed to go home. President Benbow, of the university, asked that the case be dismissed.

## The Beverly Skirt-The Skirt

We want to talk to you about our new shipment of the above famous skirts just received.

### The Stylish Skirts

JUST PLAIN TALK. THERE IS NO BETTER LINE OF SKIRTS MADE. ELEVEN YEARS' TRIAL CONVINCES US. A TRIAL WILL CONVINCING YOU.

### The Quality Skirts

YOU ASK, HOW IS THE QUALITY? THE MANUFACTURERS STAND BACK OF EVERY SKIRT, AND WE STAND BETWEEN YOU AND THE MAKER AND SEE THAT YOU GET THE BEST.

### Economical Skirts

YOU SAY, WHAT IS THE PRICE? WE TELL YOU WITHOUT HESITANCY, THAT YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE VERY REASONABLE PRICES. OUR PRICES TALK FOR THEMSELVES.



## Engle Cone Scuffer Shoes

These are the children's shoes you have been looking for. They are made to fit the little feet, wide soles, soft uppers.



### SEE THE SHAPE

THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO ALLOW THE CHILDREN'S FEET TO GROW NATURAL.

### SEE THE STYLES

WE HAVE THEM IN TANS, BLACKS AND PATENTS.

Oxfords and Shoes



For Quality

# THE FAIR

For Style

## CIGAR FACTS

We have the constant patronage of a large share of the critical smokers of the city. Sometimes they drift away for a while, but they are back shortly and seem glad to come. We have no corner on good cigars, and believe that the secret of our hold on is that we pay more for our cigars than most dealers think necessary. Once convinced that a brand is exceptionally fine, we stock it no matter if the margin is slender. While we pay liberally for our cigars, we see to it that we get full value for our money, which means unusual quality for our customers.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON