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The passenger list of the Amerika which called today, contains several distinguished names. Among them are David J. Hill, American ambassador to Germany and Mrs. Hill and Baron and Baroness Von Paumgarten. The Baron has been stationed at Washington for the past fourteen years, as Chancellor of the Austro-Hungarian embassy. He has been transferred to Stuttgart, where he has been given an important post.

Dr. Hill, who is returning to Berlin after a vacation in this country, declares that he enjoys life in the German metropolis, which he considers one of the most beautiful capitals of Europe. He was asked what he thought of the movement of congress to purchase homes in Europe for the American ambassadors.

"I don't know that it would be appropriate for me to discuss the matter," he replied. "At the same time every body who knows the conditions abroad recognizes the necessity of the American government having its own houses as a matter of respect to the governments, when other governments own their own houses in foreign countries and in ours as well. When I was assistant secretary of state, I did what I could to promote the idea and I have not since changed my mind.

In my opinion every American diplomat ought to at least have the command of his own front door. It cannot be sure of that if he has to take chances in several of the capitals of Europe as things are at the present time. This having command of one's own front door is desirable for the security of the archives of the embassy, to say nothing about matters of keeping up the dignity of the country."

The committee of the New York Bar Association appointed to investigate the civil and criminal procedure and report how it might be simplified so as to correct the law's delay and other evils and inequities, will soon present its report for consideration by the body at large.

Among other recommendations, the

committee suggests that the code of civil procedure be amended so that up on a trial either party should be permitted to call his opponent and cross examine him and that where there is a trial before the jury the evidence is so prepondering in favor of one side or the other that a verdict contrary to it can be set aside as being against the evidence. It should be the duty of a trial justice to direct the verdict. More power for the appellate division is recommended. It should award final judgment on appeals from the special term and form surrogates instead of merely granting new trials. On all appeals in civil cases the appellate division should at least have the same power to disregard technical errors that it and the general term have had in appeals in criminal cases since the adoption of the criminal code of procedure. The granting of the statutory trial as a matter of judicial discretion new trial in ejectments, as a matter of right and a second statuti- tion should be abolished.

From every quarter of the valley is coming reports of Christmas trees and Holiday entertainments. Old Grande Ronde was never more prosperous and the people generally are prepared to enter into the spirit of Yuletide with zest.

There is no occasion for any one in Union county to suffer this winter. If any have been unfortunate and are not comfortable, if their wants are known the public will gladly respond. There is no necessity of man, woman or child suffering for want of food or raiment this winter. Those who have plenty will be only too glad to assist those deserving.

We are readily becoming used to the waters of Beaver Creek. We will appreciate it more next summer possibly than we do now. At this season of the year we always had good water but nothing to compare, however with our present supply.

Soon after the first of the year the board of managers of the Union county fair will have a meeting for the purpose of setting in motion certain things relative to the fair next year. Several months next year will be given up to the making of the 1910 fair the greatest event ever held in Union county. Other sections of the valley will lend a helping hand. This is not a La Grande fair but a Union county attraction.

The Christmas trade picked up yesterday and during the afternoon the stores were crowded. City trade would find it much more convenient if they arranged to do their trading early in the day. From 11 o'clock until about 4 o'clock the out of town thronged the streets and the stores. These people at this season of the year are always in a hurry to get home in time to take care of things. If our town people only could keep this in mind and arrange their shopping accordingly, they would save time and the overworked clerks could do justice to both the customer and the proprietor. Early shopping should be the rule this year.

La Grande merchants this season are carrying the largest and most extensive line of holiday goods ever

brought to this country. The variety surpasses by far any previous season. Every possible condition seems to have been anticipated by our wide awake business men. You can make your Christmas just as you wish. The goods are here at all prices.

All business houses in the city will close Christmas, as announced in the morning bulletin issued from the office of the secretary of the Business Men's Protective Association. We are finally learning how to live in this western country. It was only a few years ago when the stores were opened from 7 o'clock in the morning to 9 and 10 at night.

In your excitement in the preparation for Christmas the fact must not be overlooked that we have only until January 10 to secure the Chautauqua and that unless we do secure it at this time that we have sinned away our day of grace and the opportunity will not be ours again during the present generation.

### Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Ovanda M. Noyes has been appointed by the county court of Union county, Oregon administratrix of the estate of David Hawes, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof to the Administratrix at her home, No. 1501 Adams avenue, La Grande, Oregon.  
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