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ALL WAITING FOR THE GAME

Since the story of a good gold strike near Joseph has begun to percolate through the country the old mining men of Dawson and Goldfield fame are pricking up their ears and listening for every thread of development on the new camp. If things continue to look good there is bound to be something doing in Joseph. These veterans of the desert camps are championing their bits impatiently awaiting some strike to prove good that they may once more live in the atmosphere of mining exchanges, furious bidding for good property and other trimmings that always follow an active camp.

Strangers at hotels in La Grande frequently do not divulge their identity, but it is once found out usually

these strangers are mining people here to learn all they can about the Joseph country. When the snow goes off there will be a number of people hasten to that section. They will go there to make some money, but in doing so they realize that they cannot make money unless other people do likewise. That is the fine feature of an active mining camp. Everyone is anxious for his neighbor to prosper. It isn't a case of cutthroat in business but usually it is an instance of seeing that everyone has money.

Unless the signs of the times are wrong Joseph is going to be very prominent in the eyes of the mining and promoting world this year.

MAY MEAN READJUSTMENT

The telegraph stories of yesterday told of the shippers victory over the railroads and a sweeping order for reduction in freight rates being issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission. This may mean a general readjustment of business. Quite true the railroads have an appeal, which they will use, but if the case is then decided against them it is but natural for these corporations to strike hard and do all they can to create sentiment in their favor. It has been argued that railroads could not reduce freight rates and keep up the present wage scale. Whether likely that labor will not be caught between the two millstones one being the commission and the other corporation. As the grinding continues preceding the re-adjustment labor is bound to suffer some temporary injury, to say the least.

This is to be regretted, for although wages seem high as compared with years ago they in reality are not high when the cost of living is considered. Taft's reciprocity may come to the rescue and reduce high prices. It is to be sincerely hoped that something will happen along that line, for a reduction in the price of labor with commodities at their present prices will mean a serious hardship on the man whose name is on the pay roll.

Senator Liver is home from Salem. The Senator showed some of the old legislators how to do things down there, even if he did not get the normal school bill through he got through some legislation that apparently is of more value to him personally. Let's see, the Portland Telegram is waging a warfare on attorneys sent to the legislature, and some think there is real merit to such an objection.

As soon as gentle spring arrives the city has some unfinished business on Second street that will doubtless be attended to. All winter long that street has been practically impassable owing to leaks in the water mains.

Here's hoping T. A. Rinehart will not inaugurate any reforms in the land board which will requite the services of Heney or Burns to ferret out past history.

The eyes of the state are now on Governor West to see just how gracefully he is going to use that veto power.

MILLIONS WANT BREAD

Recent advices from China indicate

that conditions in the famine district are as bad as have been rumored and are growing worse as days go by. Two and a half million Chinese will die for the want of bread if assistance is not rendered immediately. This number comprise nearly the entire population of the northern part of the provinces of Kiang-Su and Anhui.

The famine in China is the direct result of the great floods which inundated the provinces mentioned last summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest and the supply of food on hand was not sufficient to sustain the people of these sections until the next harvest. In fact, unless prompt aid is rendered there will not be a next harvest as the Chinese will eat the seed instead of planting it. During the first days of the famine mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves and save the children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given will be able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the staff of life come up the canal to relieve them.

Writing from Hwai Yuan, via Nanking, E. C. Lobenstein of the American Presbyterian Mission, describing the conditions which exist in the country immediately about Hwai Yuan, says:

"The magistracy of Hwai Yuan has an estimated population of 300,000 persons. The number of famine sufferers—those who must be relieved or die—in this magistracy alone, amounts to, approximately 200,000—70 per cent of the entire population. Last year the flood was the worst here in many years and the crops were poor. The wheat suffered from drought and only one third was saved. This year about half of the wheat was harvested, but in the region north of Hwai, two tornadoes and then the flood carried away practically everything.

"The need here is great, and the condition of the poor is as serious as that in other parts. Reports come in daily of people dying of starvation. The poor who have children are trying to sell them, but even they will not sell for a pittance. Help is needed at once. As soon as the real cold and wet weather sets in the death rate will increase greatly.

"One million people are dependent on outside relief, and these will die of starvation if relief is not given and they are kept in this region. Five months must be counted on, and a family cannot exist on less than one cent per head per day, if for that.

"The plague is creeping southward towards this famine district. It has ravaged Manchuria, and thousands of refugees who have fled to Chefoo, in Chantung Province, have carried it there. Hundreds of deaths occur daily. The frozen ground prevents the burial of the dead and long rows of coffins lie on the roadside. American Consul General Wilder, at Shanghai, cabled to the Red Cross that people stricken with this plague die within a few hours, and that it is so fatal a nature no one ever recovers. The people have at last consented to cremation and several thousand of these bodies have been burned.

"The Red Cross has sent from Manila Dr. Richard Strong and Dr. Oscar Teague, plague experts, to aid the Chinese government to fight the spread of this fatal pestilence. It is now only about 150 miles from the provinces in which the famine exists, and if it ever reaches there the result will be appalling."

President Taft, as president of the American Red Cross, has sent out an urgent appeal to our people to aid China, which is suffering from these dual calamities. Contributions of money can be sent to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

"THIS IS MY 86TH BIRTHDAY"

Sir Richard W. Scott.

Sir Richard W. Scott, a member of the Senate of Canada and a conspicuous figure in Canadian public life almost continuously since 1852, was born in Prescott, Ont., Feb. 24, 1825, and, studying law in Toronto, was called to the bar in 1848. Commencing to practice his profession in Ottawa, he was elected mayor of that city in 1852. He sat in the legislature for Upper Canada from 1857 to 1863 in the Ontario legislature from 1867 to 1873, being made Speaker in 1871 and afterwards Commissioner of Crown Lands. In 1873 he became Secretary of State





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in the Mackenzie Government at Ottawa, remaining in the cabinet until the defeat of the Liberals in 1878. He was appointed to the Senate in 1874 and in 1896 he again took office as Secretary of State in the Laurier government, which post he relinquished about two years ago. Sir Richard was the author of the temperance measure known as the Scott act, which was the pioneer in the path of local option legislation in Canada.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

- February 24
- 1468—John Gutenberg, the first printer, died at Mayence, Germany. Born there in 1400.
 - 1684—Boundary line between New York and Connecticut partially run.
 - 1763—William Franklin, last colonial governor of New Jersey, took office.
 - 1809—Drury Lane Theater, London, destroyed by fire.
 - 1811—Henry S. Lane, governor of Indiana and U. S. senator, born in Montgomery county, Ky. Died in Crawfordsville, Ind., June 18 1881.
 - 1848—Grant Allen, famous novelist, born in Kingston, Ont. Died in London, Oct. 25, 1899.
 - 1855—The first steam fire engine, called the "Miles Greenwood" arrived in Boston.
 - 1864—Kentucky University burned.
 - 1865—Governor Vance, of North Carolina, issued a war proclamation "that the struggle for freedom shall never be given up."
 - 1875—Rev. George D. Gillespie, consecrated first bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western Michigan.
 - 1910—William J. Conners announced his retirement from the chairmanship of the New York State Democratic committee.

ONE BIG FOOL

But He Doesn't Live in La Grande Nor Read the Observer.

A man in Connecticut gave a doctor a specialist in catarrh, \$5.00 to cure him of this common yet most obnoxious disease.

The specialist gave him a bottle of medicine and told him to use it.

The fool took the medicine home, took one dose, put it on a shelf and made no further effort to follow instructions.

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friend that the specialist was a fake; that he had paid him \$50 and still had catarrh.

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