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60 OKLAHOMANS COMING HERE TO LOCATE

SPECIAL CAR BRINGS THEM FROM THE SOUTHLAND TO GET HOMES.

ALL TRAINS DOUBLED UP

Two Sections Last Night, This Morning and Again Tonight to Handle the Homeseekers Coming to Oregon—Big Crowd Goes to Hermiston "to Buy Fruit Land"—Washington Gets Its Share.

With a special car of Medford, Oklahoma, homeseekers due in La Grande for a tour of inspection tonight, two sections to No. 5 last night, again this morning with No. 17 and tonight with No. 5, the influx to the Pacific northwest has commenced in dead earnest. A large number have already penetrated the Huntington gateway and have commenced branching out to their various destinations. A large percentage of the first section of No. 17 this morning were headed for Hermiston, having been told that district was a fruit center. When informed that the principal product of that formerly barren district is alfalfa, many took to local descriptive literature and will consider this valley on their itinerary should they not find things to their liking in Hermiston. Immigrants from Missouri, Michigan, New York and Virginia intermingled with the Iowa homeseekers, and those not going to Hermiston were headed for various points in Eastern Washington.

Despite the heavy traffic, the local trains are running about on time. The first section today was "on the dot" and the second or main section came a half late only. Both were loaded to the limit, and already many hundred homeseekers have entered Oregon.

OKLAHOMANS COMING HERE.

At Least 18 Families and Perhaps More Will Come Here.

A special car carrying homeseekers from Medford, Oklahoma, to Grande Ronde valley, is due to arrive in La Grande tonight. However, if a stop-over was made at Salt Lake, as is likely, the car will not reach here until tomorrow sometime. A party of Stillwater, Oklahoma, homeseekers may accompany the Medford colony and if such is the case, the total number of the group coming to La Grande will be 60 at one time.

J. A. Aikines, a former Medford, Okla., resident is making preparations today to entertain the big crowd of home seekers coming tonight or tomorrow from his home city.

BREAD COMBINE CREATED

OUT PUT OF BILLION LOAVES TO BE HANDLED IN GOTHAM.

John Gates Said to Be Behind Thirty Million Dollar Trust.

New York, March 14.—John Gates and several friends are behind a \$30,000,000 corporation which will be formed to control the bread market in New York and vicinity. It is reported on good substantial facts.

One billion loaves are sold annually in New York alone and it is to control this output that the trust has been formed.

Ambassador Reid's Son Weds. Racine, Wis., March 14.—A small but

distinguished company of guests attended the wedding here today of Miss Helen Miles Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Talbot Rogers, and Mr. Ogdan Mills Reid, of New York, son of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to England, and Mrs. Reid. The ceremony took place in the chapel of Racine college, Canon E. Talbot Rogers, of Fond du Lac, an uncle of the bride, officiating. The best man and ushers were formerly classmates of the bridegroom at Yale.

The bride comes from an old Wisconsin family, that is known for the number of Episcopal clergymen and bishops it has produced. She was graduated from Barnard college and took a post-graduate course at that institution in 1903-04. On the day of her graduation she accepted an appointment as private secretary to Mr. Reid and she has since made her home with the Reids abroad.

Mr. Reid is 28 years old and is a director and secretary of the Tribune association in New York. He is a Yale graduate, class of 1904, and also a graduate of the Yale law school and a member of the New York bar.

HALFWAY MAN IS SUICIDE

SHOOTING OCCURS IN BEDROOM OF HIS HOME.

Death Instantaneous According to the Manner of Shooting.

Halfway, March 13.—Noah Kinsey, one of the prominent ranchers of Pine valley, shot and killed himself in the bedroom of his home where his baby was asleep. Other members of the family heard the shot and broke in the door, when they found his lifeless body with a bullet through his head.

The shooting occurred Monday morning about 8:30 and no motive whatever can be assigned for the suicide. He was not known to be in any trouble of any kind, his home life being pleasant and agreeable. He was successful as a rancher and has not been in any difficulty of any kind.

He arose and went about his work as usual this morning, and did not show any indication of being mentally unbalanced. He took his revolver, walked into the bedroom and shut the door, locking it after him. A moment later a shot was heard and the sound of a falling body came from the room. His son-in-law, who was present, tried to open the door, but found it locked. His family had no idea that anything was wrong until a stream of blood was seen coming beneath the door from the bedroom. The door was then broken open and the body was found on the floor lying partly against the door.

Mr. Kinsey had evidently placed the revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger, causing instantaneous death. There was little disfigurement of the features from the shot.

A physician was immediately summoned but the man was beyond aid. Coroner E. F. West of Baker, who happened to be in Halfway, was notified of the shooting and went to the home to take charge of the body. It is the belief that Mr. Kinsey did the rash act while in a fit of temporary insanity.

Conference Has No Result.

Albany, March 14.—Two hour conferences between Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor and Charles Murphy today was followed by the announcement that no step toward breaking the senatorial deadlock had been reached.

Motor Boat Races at Palm Beach.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 14.—The seventh annual regatta of the Palm Beach Power Boat association began on Lake Worth today under conditions that give promise of the most successful event of the kind ever held under the auspices of the association. Eighteen of the fleetest motor boats in the country are entered for the various contests, which will extend over a period of four days.

LONDON PAPER BLAMES THE JAP-MEXICAN ALLIANCE FOR MOBILIZATION

London, March 14.—Declaring the information comes from the most authoritative source, the London Standard printed dispatches today from Washington saying Japanese friendship with Mexico is the real cause of the United States' mobilization. The article says the Japanese intimacy with Mexico is increasing daily and is fostered by powerful Mexicans who dislike the Americans. It is said the demonstration is a warning to Japan and Mexico that the United States would not tolerate any relations that will in anywise threaten America in the future from the south.

Japanese Refuse Charges.

Tokio, March 14.—Officials here officially designated the stories that Japan is allied with Mexico, as ridiculous. They accounted for all battleships which are in Japanese waters.

Washington Circles Stirred.

Washington, March 14.—The London Standard's explanation of the mobilization today created a sensation in government circles. The publication appeared simultaneously with the official confirmation that the Japanese line Toyo Kisen Kaisha is negotiating with the National Railways company of Mexico for a coaling station at Manzanillo on the Pacific coast. The Japanese line is close to the government.

In official communication to the state department, American Vice Consul Stadden at Manzanillo writes in

FIFTEEN AMERICANS SHOT DOWN AT CASA GRANDES, SAY SCOUTS

El Paso, March 14.—Fifteen Americans captured at the battle of Casa Grandes were shot to death by the federals, according to Madero scouts, who were sent to ascertain the fate of the prisoners following the engagement.

Gonzales Archia, provisional secretary of state, today said there was not the slightest doubt but that Americans were shot as under the martial law the troops would not feel any hesitation and would take action to discourage other Americans from assisting the rebels in their struggle.

Recruits Being Drilled.

San Antonio, March 14.—The encampment here is being turned into a

GOVERNMENT DISPLAYS TOUCH OF HUMAN KINDNESS IN DECISION

Action by the Washington authorities on two Wallowa county homesteads was recorded in the local office this morning, when the decision of the secretary of the interior reversing the action of the commissioner of the general land office and granting a patent to Mrs. Ida B. Welch, formerly Ida B. Roberts of Wallowa, and the decision of the commissioner in rejecting the final proof of Walter Smith, of Joseph, were received.

In the former case, the entrywoman, who was a nurse without other means of support, was away from her entry considerable of the time and when she made proof the forest service protested her entry, claiming that the residence of the claimant was insufficient. After a number of hearings and decisions, the commissioners ordered a further hearing to take more evidence in

the case. From this action, she appealed, and Assistant Secretary Pierce reversed the holding of the commissioner and ordered that she be given a patent. The case has been pending over two years. Mrs. Welch now resides near Seattle, Wash.

Famous Shooting Recalled.

The Smith case involved a construction of the law permitting proofs to be made where the entryman has been absent from the homestead entry by reason of insanity. In 1902, Smith filed on some land near Fruita, on the upper Innaha river, and later the land was placed in a forest reserve. Smith claims to have resided upon the land from February, 1903, to October 21, 1903, when he went to Joseph for supplies, and while at the lake city was detailed as a city policeman for a Halloween night; and that while

performing his duties as such officer was shot by a thug, and dangerously wounded; that from the effects of such wound he was disabled, and rendered incapable of physical labor, and later became mentally weak, the latter condition necessitating his confinement in an asylum in Dakota, where his relatives were obliged to take him. He never resided upon the land after receiving the wound, and upon offering a proof in February, 1910, showing the foregoing facts in excuse of his failure to reside upon or cultivate the land, the forest service filed a protest.

Insanity Proven. The commission now rejected the proof and the cancellation of the entry. The proof of Smith's residence to his insanity was unsatisfactory and noting that he came back to the place. Comment is made that when entryman married after his receiving the shot, no effort was made by either entryman or the family to reside upon or cultivate the land.

Dickinson Demanded Action. New York, March 14.—Interviewed today Secretary of War Dickinson denied that there had been friction between cabinet members over mobilization. He said the hasty gathering was only for maneuvers. He laughed at the reports that troops would cross the border and ridiculed the London story that mobilization was intended to prevent the Mexico-Japan agreement for a coaling station on the Mexican coast.

High military officers today asserted a hurried mobilization came in answer to Dickinson suppressed report on preparedness of the United States for war. Said Dickinson threatened to resign unless troops mobilized to test efficiency and that Taft agreed to order the troops out.

Chihuahua in Trouble. El Paso, March 14.—It is reported by revolutionists that hope of Chihuahua being relieved by federals has disappeared and the situation in that city is desperate. Rations are nearly all gone and the water supply is practically exhausted because the insurgents have diverted the stream and surround the town.

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