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THE COMMISSION FORM PROGRESSING.

It will be good news to the people of La Grande to know that the committee on commission form of government appointed by Mayor Richardson...

The admirers of T. R. will now have a chance to hold their breath until he replies to the banker who openly charges the ex-president with a railroad deal during his term of office.

What's this story in the press about Fields of Multnomah entering the race

for secretary of state? And by the way, he is not a slow runner, besides being a capable man.

After all, it is pretty hard to beat a Grande Ronde turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Governor Olcott seems to have no trouble in doing the gubernatorial courtesy in the absence of Mr. West.

"OUT OF WORK" TALKS.

Ronde Valley House, Nov. 30th.—Sir:—For the blessings and privileges we enjoy our hearts should burst forth into the blossom of thankfulness.

Industrial crimes committed every day under their noses, thankful to know that a social revolution is nigh at hand.

Respectfully, OUT OF WORK.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- December 1. 1521—Pope Leo X. Jean de Medici, died in Rome. Bora in Florence on Dec. 11, 1475. 1641—The Grand Remonstrance, drawn up by the house of commons, presented to Charles I. 1775—Generals Arnold and Montgomery united their forces on the St. Lawrence. 1818—Commodore Joshua Barney, distinguished American naval officer, died. Born July 6, 1759. 1825—Nicholas I succeeded to the throne of Russia. 1841—Colossal statue of Washington placed in the capitol at Washington. 1863—Gen. Longstreet's army retreated into Virginia after the attack on Knoxville. 1865—Habeas corpus act restored in the northern states. 1869—The monopoly of government exercised by the Hudson Bay company in the northwest was transferred to the Dominion of Canada. 1890—William Dudley Foulke elected president of Swarthmore college. 1895—A bronze group of Washington and Lafayette unveiled in Paris. 1910—Porfirio Diaz was inaugurated president of Mexico for the 8th term.

"THIS IS MY 67TH BIRTHDAY."

Queen Alexandra. Queen Alexandra, widow of King Edward VIII and mother of the present British ruler, was born in Copenhagen December 1, 1844, the eldest of the three daughters of the late King Christian IX of Denmark.

Teachers Meet in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—A large and representative attendance marked the 67th annual meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' association, which held its sessions in Huntington hall in this city today.

Ex-Ambassador Dead.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Charles Francis late ambassador to Austria-Hungary, aged 68, died at his home here today.

KITCHENER STORIES.

Caustic Retorts of the Taciturn British Official.

There are some stories, new and old, of Lord Kitchener told in Nash's Magazine by Sydney Brooks. "Sunstroke? What the devil does he mean by having sunstroke?" is given as the classic instance of his attitude toward the weaker vessels.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Now and save the inconvenience of shopping during the last few days when the store is sure to be crowded with many who have put off making their selections until the last minute. Give Something Useful. It is not always the costly gift that pleases, but the Useful Gift is Always Appreciated. Gifts for everyone. We were never better prepared for Xmas than we are today. Every department offers suggestions in acceptable gifts for the whole family. Watch our windows and our Ads. N. K. WEST THE STORE OF USEFUL GIFTS

Arcade Theatre. "Child Crusoes"—It is like turning the pages of a book of adventures and seeing the pictures of all the wonderful people and happenings come to life VITAGRAPH. "John Oakhurst, Gambler"—A faithful study of an old western type. SELIG. "A Cure for Crime"—A lively comedy with interesting illustrations in mental suggestions EDISON. Mr. Williams, in pictured melody, "TLL GO WITH YOU TO THE END OF THE WORLD AND THEN TO THE WORLD BEYOND" COMING DECEMBER 6 AND 7 "FOUL PLAY"—An Edison masterpiece. Three reels. (Chas. Bende's famous book.)

What Makes a Strong Bank? 1. AMPLE RESOURCES—Our resources are \$1,100,000, composed of well secured loans and cash. 2. AMPLE CASH RESERVES—Our cash reserves are usually 26 to 30 per cent of our immediate liabilities (deposits subject to check, and always more than 15 per cent of our total liabilities, the amount required by law. 3. ADEQUATE CAPITAL—Our capital is \$100,000.00, and our surplus, which is profits earned and retained as additional capital, is \$105,000.00. 4. CAPABLE MANAGEMENT—Ever since its organization 25 years ago, this bank has been under careful management. Its officers and directors are men who have achieved success in the banking and other lines of business. The fact that we have safely weathered every financial storm during our career, and are today greater and stronger than ever is evidence of good management. If you are not already a depositor or client of this strong and successful bank, become one now. If you are, tell your friends about us. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON. CAPITAL \$100,000.00 SURPLUS 105,000.00 RESOURCES 1,100,000.00 Fred J. Holmes, Pres. P. L. Meyers, Cashier W. J. Church, Vice Pres. Earl Zambert, Asst. Cashier

A Generous Actor.

I remember when Toole was playing an exceptionally fine engagement with us that he said laughingly: "Oh, by the way, Calvert, if my wife comes down next week don't say anything about the big receipts. You see, I've a lot of nephews and nieces, and they all expect tips from Uncle Johnnie. Last year they had over \$400 from me, and my wife thinks I rather overdo it."—"Sixty-eight years on the Stage," by Mrs. Charles Calvert.

Irresistible Impulse.

"I keep myself to myself," confided an old resident. "You modern young men are too much on the 'hall fellow met' order. I boast of the fact that I did not speak to my next door neighbor for ten years." "How did you come to speak to him even then, sir?" we asked. "It must have been an extraordinary occasion." "It was. The young jackanapes bought a new automobile." "And you wanted a ride?" "Sir! I am no grafter, nor would I ride in one of the things for any consideration. No, sir. But the machine was new to him, and I couldn't resist the temptation to go over and give him some advice about running it."—Boston Traveler

Force of Habit.

The professional humorist found himself in an open field with a mad bull at his heels. He was running for the fence. "Shall I make it?" he asked himself. Then a thought occurred to him. "I guess it's about a tossup," he muttered.

Wanted Some Praise Too.

Tourist (to his landlady)—How lovely it is here—the green trees in the valley through which the stream glitters; in the background the mountains and over all the blue sky—Landlady—H'm, but you don't say anything about the veal pie and the coffee I made you.—Fliegende Blätter.

The less heart a man puts into a task the more labor it requires.—Amei.

BUYING A TURNER.

How One of the Painter's Favorites Came to America. In Henry Stevens' "Recollections of Mr. Lenox" is given his version of the purchase of a Turner by this gentleman "about 1847," without any title or description of the picture, but which is apparently the "Staffa, Fingal's Cave," stated in the catalogue to have been "bought from the artist for Mr. Lenox by Mr. Leslie in August, 1845."

Calama Jury Disagrees.

Calama, Wash., Dec. 1.—After being out since Thursday night, the jury trying President Phillips of the defunct Commercial Bank of Vancouver, Wash., was today discharged because it disagreed. A retrial date will be set soon.

Prepare to Bombard Salonika.

Constantinople, Dec. 1.—Italian warships are preparing to bombard the city of Salonika today. The people are fleeing.

Murder Trial Commences Soon.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 1.—After repeated delay and postponements, it now appears certain that the trial of Richard W. Allnutt, accused of murder, will be taken up in the Rockville county district court here early next week. Numerous features in connection with the case combine to give promise of one of the most notable murder trials that has taken place in this section for many years.

The crime with which Allnutt is charged is the murder of his sister, who was slain at her mother's home near Dawsonville, this county, on the 14th of last March. Several months before the tragedy Allnutt had married and after his marriage had boarded at the home of his brother, Lawrence Allnutt, at Dawsonville.

Richard Allnutt was desirous of taking his wife to his mother's home to live, but there had been objection on the part of members of the family, and Allnutt went to his old home on the morning of the alleged murder to talk the matter over. The refusal of his family to consent to the proposed arrangement is said to have angered Allnutt, who is alleged to have grabbed the handle of a pitchfork and viciously attacked his sister, Mrs. Veirs, his aged mother, and the latter's old friend and companion, Miss Jane Rawlings. Mrs. Veirs' skull was crushed and she died a few hours after the attack. Mrs. Allnutt and Miss Rawlings recovered, though for a time their condition was critical.

During the long period of his confinement in jail awaiting trial the wife and aged mother of Allnutt have been steadfast in their loyalty to him. Three noted criminal lawyers, W. Outerbridge Spates of Rockville, Arthur Peter of Washington and Marshall McCormick of Berryville, Va., have been engaged for the defense. Several eminent alienists will be put on the stand in an effort to prove that Allnutt was insane at the time he is alleged to have murdered his sister.

OUR FRESH TAFFIES Are Excellent. We Carry Vanilla Strawberry and Molasses THE PALACE OF SWEETS SELDERS