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UNDERLYING THE EXCLUSION LAWS.

Underlying our law excluding certain aliens—the Chinese, Hindus and Japanese—from citizenship is, first, the fear that we cannot compete with their labor, and second, the idea that they belong to inferior races.

Technically the entire controversy is one of international law. The question simply is—does the legislation passed in California contravene the treaty between this country and Japan?

The Japanese, at first content to work as hired hands in the sugar beet fields, the vineyards and the orchards of California, have reached out for land of their own, more to establish the equality they seek than from any great commercial desire to possess the land.

Californians who declare the Japanese cannot be assimilated, voice no such feeling against the low-grade Mexican, who is far more unassimilable than the Japanese.

nians because they are successful. They make their lands pay. Naturally they have a certain amount of "cockiness" over their success.

In any controversy in which primitive human nature enters we must remember the fact that efficiency and the success which inevitably follows it does not always secure admiration and applause.

That we will have war over the present problem is unlikely unless the new spirit of democracy that is so keenly alive in the Japanese people forces a cabinet none too secure in its position to adopt a tone that this country could not tolerate.

Some day the basic issue presented by the attempt of this and other countries to exclude Japanese from full economic and political privileges may be put to the test of the sword.

THE PARCEL POST MAXIMUM.

Under the parcel post regulations no package which exceeds in combined length and girth 72 inches can be received for transmission by mail.

In a letter to the Scientific American Mr. Becker begins his computation with a rod 72 inches long and infinitely thin, a purely mathematical mailing receptacle.

form of package is convenient to handle. A cylinder of the same length, 24 inches, and restricted to the same girth, Mr. Becker figures to have a volume of almost exactly 4,400 inches.

Some of the courts are organizing classes for juries, prominent men being instructed in jury work. One of the things that should be taught is the knack of sleeping without noise during the trial.

And here, just as the man had made up his mind that the top-notch prices had been reached in women's hats, comes a Paris milliner with a new creation that calls for fresh flowers every day.

Physicians think that a Michigan marine engineer who swallowed bichloride tablets will live. Sure he will if he ever put in a season on the lakes with a Dutch cook.

The fellow who spends his afternoons on the back lot knocking fly balls for the kids kicks like a steer when his wife asks him to go through the same motions beating a rug.

Imperator on Voyage. Hamburg, June 11.—The great new Hamburg-American liner the "Imperator" started her maiden voyage across the Atlantic today.

Throws Flour at Premier.

London, June 11.—Wildest scenes in the house of commons in a decade today when a male suffragette hurled a sack of flour at Asquith from the visitors gallery.

Torpedo Boat for Seattle. Seattle, June 11.—A long fight by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce against California for the government's Pacific coast torpedo station was won today by Seattle.

PERSONALS.

Editor Johnson of Weston is in La Grande today. F. W. Hatch, traveling representative for the Wyckoff Advertising company, is a visitor in La Grande today.

W. H. Graves, Enterprise; J. T. Clark, San Francisco; W. Lynch, Chicago; L. A. Stoop, Elgin, T. Bruce, Enterprise; O. L. Hawk, Condon, H. W. Gerber, Portland; W. S. Boyer, Portland; Geo. C. Story, San Francisco; G. A. Harger, Elgin and Ernest Fulton of Joseph, are among those stopping at the Foley.

C. T. Darley returned home from Pendleton last night. M. B. Donohue, returned home from Portland this morning.

E. B. Wood, Portland, S. H. Banner, Joseph; F. O. Seaton, Portland; H. Brown, Weston, M. J. Maynard, Walla Walla; C. E. Gray, Seattle; Fred Albus, Wallowa; E. C. Sklies, Seattle; H. Wells, Portland; J. H. Smith, San Francisco; and L. Goodrich of St. Paul, are among the guests stopping at the Sommer.

Rex McRae, who has been in Salem for the past three months, returned to his home at Summerville this morning.

Conductor and Mrs. Lea Hanford returned last evening from San Francisco where Mr. Hanford was the delegate from the local trainmen's brotherhood, to the national convention of Railroad Trainmen.

Lute Dunn is indisposed and his place on the delivery wagon of the A B C laundry is taken by Will Dunn who is enjoying a vacation as he calls it, after five years' work in the laundry proper. Guy Church and wife of Telocaset are in the city today.

NEW FINE CURTAIN SCRIMS Just Received. Many new patterns and weaves in the popular voile and square mesh scrims with plain and fancy drawn work edges 25c to 45c yard. See them in our windows today. BULGARIAN NECKTIES. The most popular fad of the season in neckwear for men—Price 50c each. New lot Womens' Neckwear just received. West THE QUALITY STORE. All Millinery reduced 25 per cent. 'Dainty new designs in' VANITY BAGS in both gunmetal and gilt 50c to \$1.75.

FERNANDEZ TO GRAND JURY

(Continued from Page 1.) The 3-inch blade to the hilt in such a cramped position.

Devoted to Fernandez. The greatest part of the testimony of those who had even a passing acquaintance with the couple emphasized the fact that the dead girl was very quiet and appeared embarrassed when in conversation with others.

How completely the girl was devoted to Fernandez was manifest in the testimony of Dr. Foresstrom, who told how, time and again she declared "I did it myself," even when she knew she was dying, though evidence brought out the fact that she really evaded any question that might implicate her husband in the cause of her death.

Sea Wife Collapses. Fernandez was called to the stand but made no statement other than to repeat over and over again "I am not guilty. I am not guilty."

"I would want you to kill me if I ever thought of laying a finger on her body" he sobbed. "I am all broke down. I am broken for ever and ever to come. I don't care what becomes of me."

Croner Gilbaugh asked him if he cared to make a statement. "No, no, I make enough statements," he cried. "I tell you I did not do it. I would die to bring that little girl to life again."

Hollow of cheek and wild of eye, with every nerve twitching, he presented a pitiful figure as the captain led him sobbing from the room. Later when he was given a chance to see the remains of his wife he collapsed completely and was practically carried from the draped casket. Other witnesses on the stand re-

peated the facts heretofore published.

The coroner's jury returned the following verdict: We, the jury impaneled by the coroner of Clatsop county, State of Oregon, to inquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. Fernando Fernandez, do find the said Mrs. Fernando Fernandez came to her death by a knife wound on June 6th, 1913, said knife in the hands of a person or persons to the jury unknown, but we would respectfully recommend that the husband, Mr. Fernando Fernandez, be held to await the action of the

grand jury. Signed—H. F. Hardesty, M. Franciscovich, M. N. Adams, J. F. Handley, William Dench and C. H. McCullin.

Mrs. Fernandez will be buried in Astoria. Her brother is here to look after the funeral arrangements, his parents being too old and feeble to attempt the trip from La Grande.

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La Grande National Bank

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