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HUERTA SAYS HE IS DONE

INFORMS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT PRESIDENCY.

WAR CLOUDS LESS DARK

Just When Actual Break and War Was Sure to Come Huerta Relents and Washington Is Assured He Will Not Take Office Even If Elected—Matters at Mexico Bad.

Washington, Oct. 24.—After matters had gone about as far as possible without actual fighting, the Mexican situation this afternoon improved slightly with the announcement that the administration has received positive assurance that Huerta will not remain in office if elected Sunday. Washington officialdom took the assurance for whatever each individual official considered it worth. The promise came direct from Huerta, but some scout the belief he is sincere in his statement. One thing is certain; if Huerta continues in office and does not change his tactics, Uncle Sam will be in war within a few days. That Huerta's open defiance of the United States made in statements to the members of the diplomatic corps at Mexico City had brought armed intervention nearer, is admitted here. The Moro Castle incident has created a veritable sensation. Secretary of State Bryan has wired for fuller information concerning the detention of the ship. It is said he expected Admiral Fletcher in charge of the naval forces at Vera Cruz to protect American interests.

Wholesale Shooting Due.
Members of Huerta's personal staff and every man arrested in the roundup last night, will be court martialed. It is thought some of them may be shot. Charges against the prisoners have not been made public but it is thought they were caught writing letters to Diaz.

Many Filings for Water.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 24.—(Special)—During the past quarter 150 permits for the appropriation of water have been issued by the state engineer, of which number eleven are for the construction of reservoirs. According to these permits it is proposed to irrigate 18,690 acres, develop 21,716 horsepower, as well as for municipal and domestic purposes.

The construction works described in these permits would cost approximately \$2,800,000, of which amount \$550,000 is estimated the cost of constructing reservoirs.

Two permits have been issued for the appropriation of water in Union county; T. J. Ryan of Cove, for the irrigation of three acres with the waters of a spring being diverted in section 16, township 3, south range 40 east, J. F. Dobbin, of Union, for the irrigation of 120 acres with the waters of Catherine Creek, in section 13 township 4 south, range 39 east.

Bank Statement Called.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business for October 21.

Cove Resident Was Here.

Low Bloom, a resident of the Cove, was in the city conferring with local business men yesterday. Mr. Bloom is one of the pioneers of the valley.

Rescuers Meet Death

MINE HORROR CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS FROM TOP.

CONDITIONS WORSE

Dawson Rescuers Bring out 42 Corpses—Total Dead Now 269.

Dawson, Oct. 24.—Two rescuers, Alan Bozand and James Laird, lost their lives today in an effort to save possible survivors in the fatal explosion which killed at least 230 miners two days ago. Overcome, shortly after entering the shaft, the two men brought back to the surface but failed to revive. Condition in the mine are growing worse despite efforts to ventilate the tunnels. Foul air and coal dust is threatening fresh explosions momentarily. The management estimates now that 260 are dead. The number rescued is 26. Practically all hope of saving any of the others has been given up. Forty-two corpses were brought to the surface this afternoon.

Judge Ramsey in City.

Judge Wm. Ramsey, of the state supreme court, is in the city the guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Crow. Judge Ramsey was at one time engaged in the practice of law in La Grande. He will sit in court with his associates of the supreme bench at Pendleton next week.

Harney Bound Over.

E. C. Harney who was lodged in the city jail last Wednesday on the charge of bigamy, was this morning arraigned and given a preliminary hearing in Justice Williams' court. The defendant waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court and will be tried on the charge of lewd cohabitation. R. J. Greene is the defendant's attorney.

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE ADJUDICATED

CIRCUIT COURT DECLARES WALLA COUNTY OWNS THE BUILDING AND SITE.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LOSES

County of Walla Will Retain Ownership of Fine Building at Enterprise for a Time Used as County High School Building—Many Lawyers Represented in Legal Fight.

Enterprise, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special)—Litigation between Walla county and the Enterprise school district over the title to the grounds and buildings used as a county high school by Walla county from its establishment in 1907 until the close of school in June last, when it was permanently abandoned for that use by reason of the passage by the people of Walla county at the annual election last fall of a bill abolishing the school, has resulted favorably to the county, so far as the lower courts are concerned.

The former owners of the land made deeds to the county providing that in case the land was not used for a site for a county high school, the land should revert. These deeds and \$1500 in money were offered the county by residents of Enterprise and vicinity, and after being held some months were accepted by the county. A large stone building was erected for county high school purposes through taxation. Last fall, during the campaign and before the people had passed the bill abolishing the

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Lessons In Drama Given

GREAT NEED OF EUGENICS IS SHOWN IN PLAY.

MRS. M'COY CLEVER

Dramatic Reading Punctuated With Lessons for Parents.

For the one interested in the new science of eugenics, the reading by Mrs. Oliver McCoy last night at the Presbyterian church, must have been a real treat. It required a fair knowledge of things of this life to understand all of the allusions, the allegorical meanings and interpretations by the reader, which were inserted to make the parts stand out in relief. The word-pictures of the composition are so beautiful in themselves and given with such rare skill that one is constantly impressed with the fact that he or she is in one of the best kept gardens or at the sea shore, where ill shaped and gnarly and bent cypress trees show the effect of the ocean winds.

One of the main characters in "Tomorrow," which Mrs. McCoy read, represents the present day man of wealth, and ignorant of the great laws that mock his wealth and supposed power. Throughout the story, the effects of this man's wild out sowing days are apparent, due to the ignorance of a society struck mother. This result, no other than a blind child and its innocent questioning, come back to interrupt the plans he has made to marry one Mona Dale, the daughter of a knowing and wise old gardener. Little Rosalie is the illegitimate child of the new sutor and is blind by reason of a taint in his blood, at the time of his coming marriage with the woman who afterwards died of a broken heart. All of the facts are known to the gardener who, then by reason of his knowledge of flowers and their diseases, quietly and without fuss prepares to inform his innocent

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HUERTA INTERFERES WITH AMERICAN SHIP IN HARBOR

Passengers Held Prisoners Many Hours—Clearance Finally Given

Vera Cruz, Oct. 24.—With Felix Diaz a refugee in the American consulate, and local authorities refusing to permit the departure of the American steamship Moro Castle, from Vera Cruz, the strained relations between Mexico and the United States seem almost to have reached the breaking point. Believing his life endangered, Diaz sought protection under the American flag last night. The Moro Castle is being held in the harbor on orders brought aboard by an officer of the Mexican gunboat Zaragoza. The American embassy notified, and protested, to General Maas, military commander of Vera Cruz, and Foreign Minister Mohna at Mexico City, at the same time notifying Secretary of State Bryan of the situation. Mohna said the liner is being held because several members of the Vera Cruz government were aboard, fleeing, and it was desired to hold and court martial them.

Passengers on the liner, among them Mrs. Lind, wife of Emissary John Lind, were not allowed to leave the vessel last night of this morning.

Ship Finally Sails.

After many hours of detention today again, the Moro Castle sailed for New York about noon. The authorities gave permission. Consul Canada issued clearance papers in defiance of the Mexican government's orders but Captain Huff declined to leave without official consent. The vessel departed as soon as the police had removed those wanted on the ship.

Prisoners Aboard Home.

Those to be arrested on the ship and taken ashore were Legislators Deschamps Victoria and Pineda and Congressman Rfida. In explaining why the ship had been held, the officials said they wanted to get possession of these men. They had no excuse to offer for not having made the arrests last night as they did today

and allowing the ship to sail. The prisoners were placed in barracks and will be court martialed.

Will Build Hatchery.

The La Grande Investment company reports the sale of block 3 in Arnold and rGay's addition, to R. B. Grider. This parcel of ground is known as the old Perry Clark property, and the present owner intends to convert the same into a modern chicken hatchery. Another sale is reported by the same company, consisting of an acre of ground of the Home Investment tract, to E. S. Dunn, an employee of the O. W. shops, of this city. The tract is located east of the present site of the La Grande Iron works and is a choice piece of property.

Elks Enjoy Visit.

Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Dr. B. C. Olinger, of The Dalles, paid the local lodge a pleasant visit last night. The local lodge made the occasion one of general merriment and feasting, concluding with a fine banquet. Dr. Olinger complimented the local lodge members on their fine spirit and push and had many nice things to say about the city and its people.

Actors Go to Baker.

Mrs. C. P. Ferrin, the Misses Nichols, Charlotte Jones and La Retta Bramwell, went to Baker this afternoon to witness the presentation of the "Elk's Tooth" by the Baker lodge and assistants. All of the parties participated in the production here in La Grande during fair week and desire to see the play from the other side of the footlights. Mr. Dixon will join them at North Powder.

Mrs. Fairbanks Dead.

Indianapolis, Oct. 24.—Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks, wife of former vice president, died at her home this morning. She was stricken with pneumonia on October 15th.

FORSSTROM BROTHERS START STRING OF DEPARTMENT STORES

HON. C. J. FORSSTROM.



Senior member of firm of Forsstrom Brothers, to operate string of department stores in Union county.

Cove, Or., Oct. 24.—(Staff correspondent).—Articles of incorporation are being prepared for C. J. Fors-

strom, S. E. Forsstrom and Earnest F. Forsstrom, merchants of North Powder, Union and Cove, to be known as Forsstrom Brothers company.

A string of department stores is contemplated. The nucleus of the entire business is to be based on the Cove and North Powder holdings. C. J. Forsstrom, state representative from this county is the senior member of the company and is at present at North Powder disposing of the stock of merchandise of the L. S. Kelsey estate. Just as soon as the Kelsey estate is disposed of, Mr. Forsstrom will return to Cove to oversee the erection of the new two-story business block for the firm at Cove. Plans and specifications call for a two-story 40x80 foot building on the lot adjoining the present store at Cove. Three new and complete departments will be added to the present lines thereby increasing the total investment four times the present value.

S. E. Forsstrom will be manager at Cove, Ernest will remain at North Powder while C. J. Forsstrom as general manager will see a location in a string.



—Bradley in Chicago News.