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THE PRESIDENT DENIES RUMOR OF DEPRESSION

SMALL BUSINESS IS IMPROVING AND GENERAL TONE OF BUSINESS REASSURING.

HAS NEW PLANS FOR AIDING CORPORATIONS

"Let There Be Peace" Is Slogan of Man At Head of Nation—Wall Street Pessimistic At Times, But Big Industries Will Give Proper Stimulus to Business.

Washington, Jan. 19.—President Wilson announced there was no foundation to the stories that business was suffering as a result of the recently enacted tariff law. On the contrary, he told visitors that business had increased in volume and admitted that certain industries dependent upon railroads for equipment orders had suffered somewhat, but said he believed there would be a show of improvement soon. The president denied that he had told anybody he favored a raise in railroad rates. As to the tariff, the president explained his plans, according to which he contemplated facilitating the process by which big combinations could conform to the law, rather than have them prosecuted by Attorney General McReynolds. The president made it clear that he would not try to have the law abated, but he would give the big corporations time to conform to the administration's policy. "Let there be peace," seems to be the slogan of the president, but it is not to be taken to mean that the president will countenance law violations.

Wall Street is not greatly alarmed, though at times pessimistic, but all indications point to perfect obedience to the wishes of the president and the reforms advocated by the democratic party. There is some pessimistic talk but the big industries of the east have gone to work or are about to resume operations and this will set at rest most of the rumors about hard times.

CIVIL EXAMINATIONS ON

Vacancies in Mail Department to Be Filled Through Competitive Test.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an open competitive examination for railway mail clerk, for men only, will be held on February 21, 1914, for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which to fill vacancies as they may occur in this position at \$800 per annum.

Applicants must have reached their 18th but not their 35th birthday on the date of the examination.

Persons who meet the requirements and desire this examination should at once apply to the secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District, Seattle, Washington, for application form 304 and form 1407.

Denver Stock Show Opens.

Denver, Jan. 19.—The sheep, the steer and the sleek porker hold full sway here with the opening of the annual National Western Stock show at the Denver union stockyards today. A collection of exhibits more varied than any in the show's history have been prepared, representing seven states in the Rocky Moun-

Boy Gets Shot While Hunting

DEFECTIVE SAFETY CAUSES EIGHT INCH WOUND.

BOY WANTS BULLET

No Complications Feared. May Be Out in Week or Less Time.

Whilst returning from a hunting trip in the neighborhood of the Adolph Newlin home last Saturday afternoon Earl Nutter had the misfortune to meet with an accident. His brother, Harold, was loading a ".22" rifle which operates with a lever, but the safety catch on the rifle was worn and would not catch. During the loading process he was unconsciously pointing the gun in the direction of his brother. When trying to pull the lever back into place the hammer fell, discharging the cartridge, which struck Earl in the fleshy part of the thigh, causing a wound about eight inches in length. The bullet traveled diagonally and was visible under the skin on the opposite of the thigh.

He was assisted to the Newlin home. Mrs. Newlin immediately summoned Dr. Bacon who bandaged the wound and rushed him to his home where the bullet was extracted without a great deal of difficulty or pain to the boy.

He is resting easily this morning and it is thought he will be out in about a week. When Dr. Bacon was making the incision for the piece of lead this sturdy youngster made it clear to the physician that he wanted the bullet, to which the doctor replied that no one would dispute his claim. No complications are looked for.

FINANCING CITY IS CONSIDERED

PLAN TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE FLOATING DEBT APPROVED.

Interest Rate Will Be Lower—Permit Cash Basis to Be Adopted.

Financing the city is the next step to be undertaken. Everything is moving along nicely under the commission plan, but the greatest handicap is the inability to pay cash for city supplies and labor. Manager Lafky has used every method possible to get the best results until a bond issue can be floated and all the struggling warrant indebtedness be taken up and carried at a less rate of interest.

Under the manager's plan it would not be necessary to make a bond issue of one hundred thousand dollars as has heretofore been talked of, because in the manager's opinion, an issue of seventy-five thousand dollars will practically place things on a cash basis. By nearly reaching a cash basis this will mean that with proper management at no time will warrants be more than two months behind, or thereabouts, rendering them the same as cash, and within two years the city will reach an absolutely cash basis without adding the twenty-five dollars to the bond issue.

The most careful figuring and computation has been going on at the city hall for some time and the manager is now about ready to make his final statement on what is needed in the way of finance.

tain region. From 50,000 to 75,000 persons are expected to visit the show which will continue all week.

RAILROADERS ASK BETTER PAY AND CONDITIONS

4,500 WALK OUT ON DEMAND OF BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

MANY EFFORTS MADE TO END STRIKE

Collieries Will Lay Off Another 1500 Men—So Far No Violence Has Been Indulged In and Hopes Are That Peace Will Reign in Settlement—Arbitration Asked.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Every employe of the Delaware and Hudson railway except the telegraphers have gone on a strike. Forty-five hundred men out of a total of five thousand, have agreed to lay down their job on a demand for better pay and better working conditions. As a result of this move on the part of the employes not a wheel has moved since 5 o'clock this morning. So far no disorders have occurred and it is thought none will occur as most of the men have voted against violence. The collieries, which the company operates, will close tomorrow, throwing out of employment another fifteen hundred or more men.

The results of the tie-up are noticed all along the route and efforts are being made by merchants and citizens to have the strike settled by arbitration. If this succeeds, the men will agree to go to work under the provision that the new pay schedule be dated from the time they began the strike.

HUNDREDS DIE UNDER CLIFF

Loosened Earth Falls On Men and Women Seeking Shelter.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 19.—Near Kagoshima, earth loosened by earthquakes, gave way and fell upon 300 refugees who had sought shelter under the cliff. It crushed most of them to death and injured the rest so badly that they will likely die.

There were more earthquakes at Kagoshima and the volcano continued to erupt ashes and lava. The shocks are frequent but are not as violent as formerly and the belief is current that the volcano has spent its force.

CIRCUIT COURT UPHOLDS WEST IN LAW BATTLE

COPPERFIELD OUTCOME IS VICTORY FOR GOVERNOR OF STATE.

NO JURISDICTION IS OPINION OF ANDERSON

Suit to Enjoin the Governor From Interfering With Business in Copperfield Ends Disastrously For Saloonmen—Wins On Every Point—The Saloonmen Are Wrathful.

Baker, Or., Jan. 19.—In the opinion of Judge Anderson of the circuit court, the intentions of Governor West that the court could not interfere with his declarations of martial law at Copperfield, are upheld.

Judge Anderson sustained every point raised by Attorney Collier, for the governor. This decision is the ending of an injunction filed by the saloonmen of Copperfield, and overrules a demurrer of Attorney Nichols for the plaintiffs. Anderson decided that the local courts had no jurisdiction over West, an executive head of the state.

This seems to end the famous Copperfield war and makes the governor the master of the situation. No intimation is given out as to the course of the saloonmen, but feeling is bitter.

Martial law is still in force in Copperfield and the citizens administration in the saddle.

QUESTIONS NEW YORK'S FAITH

Federal Judge Wants All Proceedings in Extradition Case.

New York, Jan. 19.—William T. Jerome and Attorney General Carmody, of New York, have conferred regarding the propriety of submitting to the justice of the federal court the entire extradition proceedings in the notorious Thaw case. Both resented the fact that Federal Judge Aldrich, of Concord, New Hampshire, questioned the good faith of the state of New York.

Thaw has a gleam of hope that the federal court will grant his liberty on the habeas corpus proceedings.

Many Bankers Argue Claims

SECRETARY McADOO AND HOUSTON BESIEGED.

DENOTES PRESTIGE

Pacific Coast Will Have to Be Satisfied With One Bank.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Secretaries of the Treasury and Agriculture, McAdoo and Houston, respectively, are listening to arguments by representatives from many cities tributary to Chicago, in support of the claims of communities desiring regional banks under the new currency system. About a hundred bankers from Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Louis, Louisville, and many other cities, have presented themselves and have made their arguments in favor of their respective cities.

The object of the present visit of the secretaries is to determine where the banks can be placed to best advantage. The financial centers of New York and Chicago are assured of banks, but there is a lively scramble among the second rate cities for banks.

On the Pacific coast all likelihood points to San Francisco, owing to government operations and the location of the government mint. Portland and Seattle will make a lively fight for a bank, but only eight banks will be instituted in the beginning and their chances are considered slim.

WILL BLOW OUT THE DAM

STATE HAS BID FAREWELL TO WALLOWA HATCHERY.

Eastern Oregon Again Loses—Old-time Hatchery to Be Wrecked.

Next month, according to reports, the dam at Wallowa fish hatchery will be blown out, the buildings dismantled and the words "Out of Business" will be posted on the institution which has stood for many years and assisted in replenishing the various streams with trout.

Just why the Wallowa hatchery should be discarded is a matter for the fish and game commission to answer. Like other state affairs in Eastern Oregon it has been more or less of an adopted child to the Salem bunch and any demands for the institution have met that Willamette narrowness which becomes so pronounced in state officials no matter where they have formerly lived.

Anyway this section loses the hatchery and next month dynamite will write the "final" to the home of the finny tribe.

Hospital Is Very Busy.

Erma Henry, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry of Imbler, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital by Dr. Frank Barrett in a very critical condition. She was immediately operated on for appendicitis. She had a good night and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Clarence Grey, an employe of the Golden Rule is in the hospital recovering from the effects of an operation for acute appendicitis. He is on the highway to recovery and will be out and at work in a few weeks.

MUCH BUILDING CHARACTERIZES START OF YEAR

REMODELING OF CO-OPERATIVE STORE WILL ADD TO APPEARANCE OF STREET.

WARM WEATHER AIDS CONCRETE BUILDING

New Bottling Works, New Lodge Hall, New Store and Office Buildings On Corner of Adams and Fir Together With New Church Will Re-clothe La Grande.

An indication of the building activity for the year is being given now. Restless for the opening of spring, many contractors are at work either on new buildings or are making extensive repairs on old buildings. Among the noteworthy changes that will take place will be the remodeling of the old Model Bakery building, property of Mrs. H. Gangloff. This building has been leased by the co-operative store company and will be remodeled to make it a first-class grocery in all details. The partition that heretofore separated the bakery and the store will be removed. The building will be elevated to a two-story structure, on a line with the Grande Ronde Meat company's store building, which adjoins it. In addition to this, the store will have a concrete basement. The building will be constructed out to the alley, thus providing sufficient store room and shipping facilities in the rear instead of the front as heretofore. The upper story will not be quite as high as the first one, but will be part of the co-operative store. The floor space on the first floor will be 30x110. A new modern window will be installed to allow advertising space. The new establishment will contain a refrigerator plant and will have other equipment that will aid the management to keep all perishable goods from spoiling and in sanitary condition. It is given out by the management that the company contemplates handling other things besides groceries. What the new line will be, is not divulged.

In addition to these improvements that to the brewery is of noteworthy proportions. The new building will be used as a bottling apartment and will enable the local plant to bottle beer in the most sanitary manner.

Gravel and sand is being hauled for the new building on the corner of Adams and Fir street, commonly called the Roesch corner. Julius Roesch is going to erect a modern store building on this corner and will begin construction as soon as the weather permits.

It is a remarkable event in the history of the city that bricklaying can be carried on at this time of the year. The concrete foundation for the new bottling works just mentioned was put in last week and men are now laying brick for the same.

Work on the Eagle lodge room is progressing rapidly owing to favorable weather conditions. Contracts for new homes in all parts of the city have been let, all of which points to one of the most active years of building in the history of the city. The real property value of the city is almost doubling itself yearly. At the present rate La Grande will be

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We Will Give Away a \$15.00 Lamp

It is beautiful with its handpainted shade. It will be given in the Observer Pennant Table Cover Contest. Whether you win any of the \$21 worth of prizes or not you will possess the beautiful table cover you can make out of Observer Pennants, but you can win a prize if you try hard enough. Read about it and see the picture of the lamp in this paper. You must hurry if you want the beautiful State of Oregon pennant. They are going fast.

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