

## JAPANESE SITUATION IMPORTANT

GOVERNOR LAYS STRESS UPON THIS QUESTION IN MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE.

WOULD CURB THE GROWTH OF JAPANESE COLONIES

Olcott Recommends that Legislature Place Before the People for Enforcement, a Measure Providing Payment by the State of \$25 per Month to Ex-Servicemen for Actual Service.

SALEM, Jan. 11.—Gov. Ben W. Olcott in his message this morning to the legislature, which convened yesterday in thirty-first biennial session, said that the question of how to meet the Japanese situation in this state may be the "most momentous" to come before the lawmakers.

"In my opinion," said the governor, "steps should be taken by means of proper legislation to curb the growth of Japanese colonies in Oregon; to preserve our lands and our resources for the people of our own race and nationality. I believe the ultimatum should be issued that it is the sense of the people of Oregon, speaking through their representatives, that this is a state with a government of Americans, by Americans and for Americans and that Americanism is the predominant asset of its citizenry."

"Here in Oregon, the pioneer blood flows purely and in more undiluted stream than in any other state of the Union. As a precious heritage, passed down to us from these heroic fathers who braved the perils and trials and tribulations of pioneer days, it should be preserved unadulterated as they gave it to us."

After saying the Japanese are a race, high in culture, courteous, high-minded, and a people of education and culture, the governor said, "But they are not our people. We cannot assimilate them and they cannot assimilate us. Oil and water will not mix. Centuries of history have shown us that Mongol and Caucasian must each work out his destiny alone."

Governor Olcott recommended that the legislature place before the people for enactment a measure providing payment by the state of at least \$25 a month to soldiers, sailors and marines for each month of actual service during the world war.

Economy in appropriation to help in readjustment of economic conditions was recommended, and the governor gave notice that he would deem it his constitutional duty to disapprove any items which would involve increase in the tax levy beyond the six per cent limitation.

"I need not mention to you," he said, "that it is a well-defined legislative prerogative in this state that the six per cent limitation amendment means not only that no greater tax levy shall be made from year to year to the tax levy body than an increase of six per cent over the preceding year, but it means as well that the legislature shall confine its appropriation within the available revenues."

Taking cognizance of business readjustment now in progress, the message said, "This is a time when we should studiously avoid enacting legislation which might tend to unsettle rather than stabilize industry."

Mentioning the recent suspension of a large Portland building house, (Continued on page 3)

## MRS. I. HOLMS PASSES AWAY

SUCCESSOR AFTER YEARS OF ILLNESS SPENT IN HOSPITAL.

Well Known Pioneer Woman Has Lived in La Grande for the Past Thirty Years.

Mrs. Isaac Holmes died at the hospital this morning at 11:45 o'clock at the age of 66 years and 4 days, following an illness which lasted for the past few years.

Mrs. Mary Farris Holmes was born in Toronto, Canada, and while still young came to Oregon. She had made her home in La Grande for the past thirty years. Mr. Holmes had for many years acted as janitor at the local hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Isaac Holmes of this city, one daughter, Mrs. Ella Britt, and four sons, Harry and George of La Grande, Charles of Los Angeles and John of Pendleton, and a host of friends.

The remains were taken to the Bohnenkamp Chapel but no arrangements for the funeral have been made yet.

## SNOWS ARE DEEP IN MOUNTAINS

LIGHT COMPANY MANAGER IS SMILING THESE DAYS.

With Snows Deep in the Higher Altitudes, Prospects for Light Plant Are Bright.

BAKER, Jan. 11.—With 25 feet of snow on the summit between the Fremont plant and Rock creek plant, and with 36 inches of snow on the level above lake plant, the outlook for spring water for the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company is exceptionally good, according to J. P. Lottridge, manager of the company.

The company's men, according to Mr. Lottridge, are in constant touch with the power lines and are doing everything possible to do away with interruptions in service. Storms this year have been heavier than last year and are more severe, making the task of keeping up the lines much harder. Workmen on the lines between the Fremont and Rock creek plants were forced to dig their way to their cabin on the summit and found that the telephone lines were completely buried.

## WILL ERECT HOMES

Baker Man Will Build Twelve Bungalows in the Spring.

BAKER, Jan. 11.—First steps toward the relief of the present house shortage in this city were announced when Alex Sewell made known his plans for improvement of a block of city property which he purchased Friday.

Mr. Sewell, a local contractor and builder, plans on erecting modern bungalows, 12 in number, as soon as the weather permits in the spring, of building attractive bungalows and offering the buildings for sale on terms to suit the purchasers.

The property purchased in a desirable location in the north end of the city, which has long been vacant and used by the children of the neighborhood as a ball lot.

With twelve new dwelling houses under construction, other property owners and builders may be led to take similar steps thus adding many new and up-to-date homes in the city, relieving the house shortage and making possible the residence of other people here.

## LECTURE OF NOTED MAN IS RARE TREAT

BUSINESS MEN AND CLUBS ASK FOR COOPERATION OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE.

CHINESE STATESMAN IS AN EXCELLENT ORATOR

Many of the Local People Give Testimonials Showing the Great Ability of the Chinese Lecturer, and of the Fine Treat in Store for LaGranders Tomorrow Evening.

The lecture of Ng Poon Chew, tomorrow evening is attracting no little attention among the business men, citizens, and various clubs and lodges. Mr. Ng was here on the Chautauqua platform several years ago, and many who heard him at that time still declare that he is one of the best, if not the best speaker, who has ever spoken before a La Grande audience. Mr. Ng lectured at that time on the New Chinese Republic or the Birth of a Nation, and with his talk, sprinkled in so much good American humor, that his audience were in laughter as much as they were in a more serious mood.

A number of local people, this morning were interviewed as to their opinions on Mr. Ng, and a number of these are given, as follows:

A. C. Hampton, superintendent of La Grande public schools: We feel that La Grande is fortunate in having another opportunity to hear the noted Chinese statesman, Ng Poon Chew. Wednesday evening at the High School. He will give a new lecture, "China and Her Burden," and we urge the citizens to attend the lecture.

O. F. Meyers, cashier of La Grande National Bank: I consider Ng Poon Chew one of the most interesting speakers I have heard in recent years, and I would earnestly urge La Grande people who appreciate a clear foreteller, with a keen sense of humor, to hear him without fail.

Rev. James A. Smith, of the Ministerial Association: A message from across the sea. A wonderful opportunity to hear a really great man Wednesday night. The Ministerial Association desires to call attention to the coming lecture by Dr. Ng Poon Chew, one which deserves the support of the intelligent people of the city. Let all who believe in the worth while things of the present.

E. E. Bragg, vice-president of the Chautauqua Association: It is a pleasure to have a lecturer of this caliber here. We have ever had it our Chautauqua.

Mrs. Sherwood Williams, president of the Parent-Teacher's organization: We need more real interest to be shown in the educational entertainments which come to La Grande from time to time. The value of an evening spent in hearing the views of men of a different nationality, yet so widely (Continued on page 2)

## INAUGURATION SERVICE SIMPLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—President-elect Harding is to take the oath of office in the senate chamber. All on side ceremonies will be abandoned. This decision was made today, following Senator Harding's request for a simple ceremony, and no ball.

Senator Chamberlain Continues to Show Great Improvement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Continued improvement in Senator George E. Chamberlain's condition is reported. His appetite is returning, and the wound is said by his attendants to be in excellent condition.

## FINE OF \$5,000 GIVEN COMPANY

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—The Hazelwood Company was fined \$5,000 this morning, following their recent conviction of making adulterated butter without buying a federal license and paying a tax.

## DANCES IN THE SNOW

Indian Found Dancing All Night in Cemetery With Spirits.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 11.—Hazelwood, company recently convicted of putting lime and soda in moldy butter to remove the rancidity, was denied a new trial Monday by Federal Judge R. S. Beal.

"There was abundant evidence to warrant the conviction returned by the jury in this case," the judge said.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Judge Beal will pronounce sentence. The company was found guilty on two counts, and each count carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

## More Deaths in 1920, Than There Were Births

Last year there were 113 babies born in the city of La Grande, and 146 deaths.

There was a vast increase in the number of contagious diseases reported this year over last year. The total number of influenza, scarlet fever, small pox and diphtheria, for the year of 1919 are broken as follows, while this year the total is 212.

The number of scarlet fever cases reported to the Chief of Police in the year 1920 was 45, the total of smallpox was 78, influenza 60 and the number of diphtheria was 29.

So far there has been six cases of contagious diseases reported for the year of 1921.

## LORD MAYOR IS ORDERED DEPORTED

DEPORTATION OF LORD MAYOR OF CORK, WHO ARRIVED AS STOWAWAY IS ASKED.

SECRETARY DAVIS QUOTES PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Counsel for Lord Mayor O'Callaghan Has Announced That He Would Fight Deportation, Taking His Contest to the Courts, if Necessary—Believes Order is Illegal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The deportation of Daniel O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, who arrived at Newport News last week as a stowaway without passport, has been requested of the department of labor by acting secretary Davis of state department. Davis quoted a proclamation issued by President Wilson in 1918 designating the secretary of state as the one to decide whether an alien shall be admitted or denied admission under the passport regulations.

Will Contest Order.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The counsel for Lord Mayor O'Callaghan has announced that he would contest in the courts if necessary, the legal right of the state department to issue an order of deportation.

## IS DENIED NEW TRIAL

Hazelwood Company Asks For Retrial On Adulteration Charge.

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## FIRST LEAGUE GAMES TONIGHT

TWO BASKETBALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT 7.

Railroad Shops Quintet Will Meet the Hall Room Boys, and Stoddard Bros.

The first game of the Basketball League, which was forced last week at the Y. M. C. A., will be held this evening at 8:15 sharp at the Y. The Railroad Shops will play the Hall Room Boys and following this game, the Stoddard Brothers will play the High School Seniors. The second game will be held at 9 o'clock. Earl Reynolds will act as referee for both of the games.

The A. A. U. rules will be followed, and as all four teams were in tip-top condition this afternoon, each claiming that they intend to win the league championship, spectators are looking forward to seeing two well fought games this evening.

## FIVE HUNDRED BUNNIES KILLED

PENDLETON, Jan. 11.—The greatest rabbit shoot ever staged in Eastern Oregon is the way 50 contestants in Sunday's contest characterized it. Members of the Pendleton Rod & Gun Club shot, it is estimated, 5000 jack rabbits in less than 12 hours' time and brought back to Pendleton one two trucks, more than 3000 of the animals.

Rules of the shoot, which was a competitive one between two teams, decreed that the contestants should be counted at 6:30 p. m. At that hour Dan Bowman's team was on the ground and had 1511 rabbits.

While the teams shot and picked up probably 3500 animals, it is believed by the shooters that they killed fully 5000 rabbits. The shooting was excellent and no accidents occurred.

A large number of rabbits were given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to poor homes in the city. Friends of the shooters were given a great many and the rest will be sold for 20 and 25 cents each. A good many are expected to reach Indian homes at the reservation.

## JUDGE BENNETT IS VICTIM OF STROKE

S. Bennett, who recently resigned from the state supreme bench, and who is prominent throughout the state in the ranks of the Democratic party, suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy at his ranch in southern Wasco county, last week.

A small blood clot formed at his brain. He was brought to The Dalles and is under the care of physicians. His condition is not necessarily serious at this time, although he has been advised to forego all activity for a time.

## BAKER BASKETBALL FIVE WINS GAME

BAKER, Jan. 11.—Baker high school basketball team defeated the Haines high school team at the Haines floor by a score of 51 to 9 in the first hoop game of the season Friday night.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight, fair. Wednesday, fair except for rain in the northwestern portion of the state.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—All of the local markets remained steady today.

## Pendleton Quintet May Schedule Game With Oregon Frogs

PENDLETON, Jan. 11.—Pendleton High's basketball team, which surprised even the most optimistic of local fans by winning a victory from the crack Walla Walla high quintet last Friday night, in all but the figures of the scores 21 to 29, may play the University of Oregon freshmen team at Eugene, January 14 or 15, as the next game to be scheduled. Coach Hunter has wired St. McClain, graduate manager of the university asking for such a game and several local Oregon men also sent messages urging McClain to bring the local athletic stars to Eugene for a contest.

## WORRY OVER DEBT BRINGS ON SUICIDE

CHARLES COX FIRES SHOT INTO RIGHT TEMPLE THIS MORNING AT 4 O'CLOCK.

LIVES FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AFTER SHOT

Ex-Serviceman, Aged 26, Returned From Baker Last Evening and Went to Home of Sister, Mrs. Mary Collins, Where He Expressed Fear of Sleeping Alone.

Charles Cox lies dead today after firing one shot into his right temple, the bullet passing through and coming out the left temple. No reason can be given for the deed.

Cox had been in Baker for the past several days and came home last night on West Bound train No. 22. He immediately went to the apartments of his sister, Mrs. Mary Collins, who lives over the Putnam Drug store. Barring the fact that he was a little pale, he was normal, Mrs. Collins stated this morning.

When he was about to retire, he said he was afraid to sleep in the room alone, and Mrs. Collins made his bed alongside of hers on the floor. He seemed to believe that someone, either the police or a detective, was after him and at a few minutes before 4 o'clock this morning, he stirred and got up, went to his satchel where he kept his 38 Colt's revolver and went in to the next room, where the fatal shot was fired. Mrs. Collins said today that in awakening from slumber, the first thing that came to her mind was that her brother might kill her, though they had not quarreled.

Cox, at the time of his death, was out of employment, but had been switch tender at Kameka where his father, J. M. Cox, now lives. He was 26 years of age and had served nine months in the United States army, having been drafted from Grant county, Oregon.

Apparently Cox did not get on with people well. He excluded himself from all public gatherings and was not fond of women. Mrs. Collins said, "Though he never confided those things to me, I know he did not receive letters and I am quite sure that a woman is not the cause of this rash deed."

He owed the Wallawa Milling and Grain company \$200 on a car he bought there last spring. And this bill seemed to weigh upon his mind. He is said to have often mentioned it and while he had money at the time of his death, it is probable that he was worried over other debts.

When the shots were fired, Mrs. Collins rushed to the door of the room where the suicide took place and saw him rolling and about to fall upon the floor. She fled across the hall and awakened neighbors who called Dr. Moyle. Cox is said to have lived 30 minutes after the shot entered his temple. Hal Bohnenkamp, County Coroner, was called. Late this afternoon, Coroner Bohnenkamp stated that unless he found evidence to change his mind, no inquest would be held as he believed it was a clear case of suicide, following worry over a small debt which Cox owed.

J. M. Cox, father of the young man, arrived this morning on East Bound Train No. 24. Cox was a single man, and was born in Olympia, Wash., later moving to Oregon and while he has never made La Grande a permanent home he was well known and respected here.

## OPTIMISTIC STOCKMAN.

Thomas K. Crowin, Sheep Man Can Find Neckties to Fit.

Thomas Keaven Crowin, "Tipperary Tom," as he is familiarly known to most Eastern Oregon stockmen, was a visitor at the Foley hotel Saturday. Mr. Crowin began life 24 years ago as a shepherd in the Grande Ronde valley. He has recently disposed of his interests in the Scott River section, and is now a retired wool grower. Mr. Crowin is Lake county's tallest man. He measures 6 feet, 5 1/2 inches. When he was called to the colors three years ago, it was necessary to have his entire uniform made to order. He had the distinction of being the tallest officer at Camp Lewis. The only ready-made articles this Herculean Hibernian can "fit into" are neckties.

Contrary to the usual gloomy outlook many sheepmen take, Mr. Crowin is extremely optimistic and looks for the wool market to grow steadily in the near future.

## Written Decision on Road Case Interesting

Judge J. W. Knowles this morning gave, to the Observer, a copy of his written decision in the case of R. R. Jasso and Walter M. Pierce vs. J. F. May, County Judge, etc., also in the Union county road injunction case, which was decided Saturday.

The decision reads as follows: "The above cause is before the court upon application of the defendants to dissolve the preliminary injunction heretofore issued restraining the defendants from entering into a contract for the construction of certain roads in Union County.

"The complaint alleges that the County of Union is in debt in excess of the constitutional limitations, and that the defendants, constituting the county court of Union County, Oregon, have advertised for bids, and intend to enter into a contract or contracts in the sum of \$250,000, for the construction of county roads, and that there are no funds in the treasury of the county for the payment of such contract, and that no bonds have been sold by the county to raise money for such road construction. These allegations make a prima facie case on behalf of the plaintiffs, and therefore it is necessary for the defendants to show by their answers that they have no intention of entering into such proposed contracts. The defendants have filed an answer admitting certain allegations of the complaint, and denying others. It is admitted that the county court has advertised for bids for the construction of the roads described in the complaint. The answer denies that the county of Union is in debt in excess of Five Thousand dollars. The answer then sets forth the proceedings for the election authorizing the county to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,498,000, and that the result of the election was favorable to the issuance of said bonds. It is admitted (Continued on page 2)

## Slippery Going

