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For whatever popularity the president may lose in certain negroholic spots he will have a compensating gain in southern localities where race conditions are felt and understood.

At a recent banquet in Berlin a liquid inspired orator said, that the future belonged to Germany and the United States. It was very kind in the orator to admit us to his prosperity symposium.—News.

The picture of thousands of inspectors, eager and straining at their governmental leashes, ready to bound upon the retail grocer before the last chiming of the New Year bells dead has been in the minds of some retail merchants. While the law is in effect already, the inspectors have not made their presence felt to any alarming degree as yet. The fact of the matter is that there is a good deal to be done before the government machinery is ready to work smoothly and regularly.

One of Umatilla county's representatives to the coming legislature has a bill in his pocket to introduce, providing that an American flag of suitable size should be displayed on or near every school building during school hours and the expense of the same shall be met by the state appropriation. It is very evident that there is no Hal Patton in that part of Oregon.

Even Emperor William admits that something may possibly be learned from the Japanese in training strategy and other matters pertaining to military efficiency. Four officers of the general staff of the German army having made special preparation for the service, including a study of the Japanese language, will go to Japan and devote two years to careful study of the methods by which the Mikado keep themselves in such splendid fighting trim, afield and in camp. The detail of officers for this service is especially complimentary, since the Japanese army received its modern training from German officers and the study ordered is an admission that the pupil has outstripped its tutor upon some important point in military science.—Oregonian.

Senator John M. Gearin of Oregon took occasion before his term in congress should expire to assure his party admirer that there is no flaw in his old time Democracy and that any show of his last spring in the support of Roosevelt and his policies was a

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more joke, systematically played for Oregon votes. In the only speech Mr. Gearin has made, and very likely the only one he will make in the senate, he announced the most positive doctrine of state rights, the only doctrine ever advocated in this county which threatens the integrity and the very life of the nation. The doctrine was the mother of rebellion and was supposed to have been effectively wiped out as a result of the awful conflict, but it appears that it is still nursed in the bosom of the Democratic party, to appear again as the one dangerous cloud in the Union sky.—Statesman.

Following is a list of letters remaining un-called for at the Medford postoffice on Jan. 16, 1907:
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LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

The Oregon Legislature convened on Monday of this week and proceeded at once to perfect permanent organization by electing Senator Haines of Washington county as President of the Senate and Frank Davey of Marion county as speaker of the House.

In the Senate Haines was elected on the first ballot, he receiving 17 votes, only 15 being required to elect. In the House Davey received 43 votes on the first ballot and Vawter 14.

All committees have been appointed and the legislators have settled down to a good, solid working body. There is a promise of economy from all parts of both houses and it is not probable that this will be the most economical session held for a number of years—especially does this appear to be true as to clerk hire and other current expenses

The Oregon legislators are expected to legislate with all due fairness to the people of Oregon and the common carries of the state. How many of these legislators have railroad passes in their inside pocket?

STANDARD OIL FACE CHARGES

ROCKEFELLERS, ROGERS, BARTOW AND CUBBERT INDICTED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO

Nine Hundred and Thirty-nine Indictments Are Brought Against the Oil Manipulators.

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 15.—The Grand Jury of Hancock county, which has been sitting in this city, brought in 939 indictments last night against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Ohio Oil Company, the Solar Refining Company, the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, the Manhattan Oil Company, the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Henry Rogers, Wesley Tilford, Frank Q. Barstow and F. T. Cubbert.

The indictments charge the above with being members of a trust, a combination of capital, skill and acts for the following purposes, to wit:

"Petroleum and its products; to prevent competition in the manufacture, making, transportation, sale and purchase of said commodity within the county of Hancock aforesaid; to fix at a certain common standard figure the price of said commodity and its products whereby its price to the consumer is controlled and established in such a manner as to directly preclude a free and untrammelled competition among themselves in transporting, selling, purchasing, manufacturing and making petroleum and its products within the county of Hancock, aforesaid, contrary to law."

The indictments are probably the broadest of any of the cases now being brought against the Standard, and take in the leading members of the octopus and their officers. The fines and costs involved will exceed sixty millions of dollars which, if collected, will make Hancock county exceedingly wealthy.

FACES GRAVE CHARGES.

United States Minister to Norway Accused of Double Dealing.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Herbert Peirce, United States Minister to Norway, was the subject of grave charges made today before the House Committee on Ways and Means by Professor Henry W. Elliott of Cleveland, for years a confidential agent of the State Department and a recognized authority on seals.

Mr. Elliott charges Minister Peirce with double dealing, in that while Third Assistant Secretary of State and representing this Government before The Hague tribunal, he acted as private secretary for the North American Commercial Company, whose interests, as an agent of this Government, he was in duty bound to serve and protect.

Mr. Elliott charges Minister Peirce States annul the seal privilege on Pribilof Island, now held by the Commercial Company.

He made startling charges of perjury against the officers of this company and referred to Senator Elkins of West Virginia as the Washington representative of the concern. Others named in his briefs are Lloyd Davis of San Francisco, D. O. Mills of New York and Herman and Isaac Liebes of San Francisco, organizers of the company.

The officers perjured themselves, it is contended, when they declared that they would not engage in pelagic sealing. Professor Elliott then offered evidence to show that they had not kept their words.

Lost in Snow on Tamapals.

Mill Valley, Cal., Jan. 15.—Lost in a blinding snowstorm on the barren, inhospitable slopes of Mount Tamapals, and reaching shelter at last more dead than alive, was the unusual experience of two young men, R. R. Busch and Alton Wray. Snow has covered the mountain peak for the last few days, something unusual for this part of the State.

Mauna Loa's Lava Flows Many Miles

Honolulu, Jan. 15.—From the eruption of Mauna Loa lava is flowing down the western side in three streams at the rate of seven miles an hour. One stream has crossed the Government road and reached the sea, thirty miles from its source.

Spain's Ministry Near End.

Madrid, Jan. 15.—Indications are that the Ministry will not last out the week, as the efforts for conciliation by the moderate and advanced sections of the Liberals have been unsuccessful. The principal point at issue is the proposed anti-clerical association law.

Earthquake Destroys Kingston.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 16.—Kingston was overwhelmed by an earthquake at 3:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon. All the houses within a radius of ten miles were damaged, and almost every house in the city was destroyed. Fire broke out after the earthquake, and completed the work of destruction. The business section of Kingston is a heap of smouldering ashes. The killed number 400 and thousands are injured.

MANITOBA TO OWN TELEPHONES

Heavy Charges Lead Province to Conduct Its Own System.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 15.—The Manitoba Government has decided to go into the telephone business on an extensive scale, and Premier Roblin states that within a year the Province will be operating over a thousand miles of its own lines. This action, on the part of the Government, is the result of the high rates charged by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada and it is expected this invasion will more than cut the present telephone rates in two.

A number of municipalities and towns are also preparing to build municipal systems, and one of the first things to be taken up by the Winnipeg City Council will be the building of a municipal owned system, the people having voted in favor of such a system by a very large majority. Winnipeg, with its 125,000 people, is charged more than any other city in Manitoba for its telephones, and exports have shown that telephones can be operated at a profit for less than half the price now charged.

CRIMSON SNOW FALLS

PHENOMENON REGARDED WITH GREAT FEAR BY SUPERSTITIOUS INDIANS.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 15.—The Canadian Pacific Railroad agent at Glacier, in the Rocky Mountains, reports the unusual phenomenon of crimson snow having fallen in that region of the lofty ranges. This is not the first time such an occurrence has been observed in the Rockies, but the manifestation is apparently very early. No satisfactory explanation has been advanced as to its cause. The snow covering the mountains with the pronounced red hue over their mantle of white has an extraordinarily weird effect. The Indians and half-breeds and other susceptible to superstitious forebodings are regarding the visitation as a portent of dire calamity, and are applying themselves with unusual fervor to devotions.

Among the explanations put forward to account for the visitation is the theory that it is caused by red volcanic dust from the mountains, having been caught up by the high winds and held in suspension until brought down by the snow. Another theory is that it is the dust of plants, while a third is to the effect that some peculiar manifestation in the chemistry of nature has caused the discoloration of the snow.

FIND DEATHS WERE ACCIDENT.

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Grandmother of the Stewart Children.

Redding, Cal., Jan. 15.—Coroner Houston has concluded the inquest on the deaths of the three Stewart children, who were burned to death New Year's day in their home at Anderson during the absence of the mother and grandmother.

The jury found a verdict of accidental death, which exonerates the grandmother, Mrs. Rose, from the strong suspicion directed against her immediately after the triple tragedy, though it does not excuse her and Mrs. Stewart from being almost criminally careless in locking the three little children up in the house and going away to a neighbor's to spend the afternoon.

Oyster Beds are Frozen

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 15.—The lowest tide of the year occurred last night. This exposed the oyster beds of Puget Sound to the cold, 14 above zero, which was sufficient to freeze the oysters, so that all are dead. Now beds will have to be planted and it will be five years before the so-called "Olympia oysters" will again be on the market. The loss amounts to several hundred thousand dollars.

Pacific Mail Boat Ashore.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—The Merchants' Exchange has received a message stating that the Pacific Mail steamship Barracouta is ashore at Corinto, Nicaragua. The Barracouta is a freight vessel owned by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, now engaged in the coffee trade between Central America and Panama.

Coast Lines to Run Today.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—The Southern Pacific officials announce that trains will be running through to Los Angeles by way of the Coast division this evening. The service between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles has been restored.

Dispute Submitted to Arbitration.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 15.—The boundary dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay has been submitted to the President of Argentina for arbitration.

Sudden Hope.

Tiresome Caller (after a long pause)—At our club meeting the other day I made a move—Miss Sharp (with sudden animation)—Oh, Mr. Borell, can you?—Baltimore American.

New Ambition.

Elsie (aged five)—I do hope some Dutchman will marry me when I grow up. Aunt Mary—Why, dear? Elsie—'Cause I want to be a duchess.

The word "Jew," strictly speaking, means a member of the tribe of Judah.

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

NEGRO CASE IS AGAIN REVIEWED

PRESIDENT REVIEWS BROWN-VILLE OUTRAGE AND STANDS BY HIS ORDERS.

Negro Troopers Not Barred From All Civic Service Under Government, But May Not Be Enlisted.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Following is the text in part of the special message sent by President Roosevelt to the Senate, regarding the discharge of three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry:

To the Senate:

In my message to the Senate treating of the dismissal, without honor, of certain members of the three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, I gave the reports of the officers upon which the dismissal was based. These reports were made in accordance with the custom in such cases, for it would, of course, be impossible to preserve discipline in the army save by pursuing precisely the course that in this case was pursued. Inasmuch, however, as in the Senate the question was raised as to the sufficiency of the evidence, I deemed it wise to send Major Blockson and Assistant Attorney General Parry to Brownsville to make investigation on the ground in reference to the matter. I herewith submit Secretary Taft's report and the testimony taken under the oath of the various witnesses examined in the course of the investigation. I also submit various exhibits, including maps of Brownsville and Fort Brown, photographs of various buildings, a letter from Judge Parks to his wife, together with a bandoleer, thirty-three empty shells, seven ball cartridges and four clips picked up in the streets of Brownsville within a few hours after the shooting; three steel-jacketed bullets and some scraps of the casings of other bullets picked out of the houses into which they had been fired. A telegram from United States Commissioner H. B. Croger at Brownsville announces that six additional bullets—like the others, from Springfield rifles—taken from buildings in Brownsville, with supporting affidavits, have since been sent to the Secretary of War.

The evidence, as will be seen, shows beyond any possibility of honest question that some individual among the colored troops whom I had dismissed, committed the outrages mentioned; and that some or all of the other individuals whom I dismissed had knowledge of the deed and shielded from the law those who committed it.

The evidence thus taken renders it, in my opinion, impossible to question the conclusions upon which my order was based. I have gone most carefully over every issue of law and fact that has been raised. I am now satisfied that the effect of my order dismissing those men without honor was not to bar them from all civil employment under the Government, and, therefore, that the part of the order which consisted of a declaration to this effect was lacking in validity, and I have directed that such portion be revoked. As to the rest of the order dismissing the individuals in question without honor and declaring the effect of such discharge under the law and regulations to be a bar to their future re-enlistment either in the army or the navy, there is no doubt of my constitutional and legal power. The order was within my discretion, under the constitution and the laws, and cannot be revoked or reversed save by an executive order. The facts did not merely warrant the action I took—they rendered such action imperative unless I was to prove false to my sworn duty.

If any one of the men discharged hereafter shows to my satisfaction that he is clear of guilt, or of shielding the guilty, I will take what action is warranted; but the circumstances I have detailed most certainly put upon such man the duty of clearing himself.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Officers Quit National Guard.

Sacramento, Jan. 15.—Adjutant General Lauck last night announced that Governor Gillett had accepted the resignations of the following officers of the First Infantry Regiment, National Guard of California: Colonel Walter N. Kelly, Major John F. Eggert, Captain John P. Duffy, Captain W. Costello, commissary; the Rev. Joseph P. McQuaide, chaplain, and Second Lieutenant Arthur H. Clifford. The resignations of these officers followed the disbandment of two companies, A and H, by Adjutant General Lauck a few days ago.

Modern Life.

All the accessories of modern life increase so rapidly that there is little likelihood of its expenditure diminishing or of life becoming more simple and less costly.—Black and White.

Changed.

Maude—You wouldn't know my friend now if you met him. Nell—Why, has he changed so much as that? Maude—That isn't it exactly. I've changed him.

—10 acres set to fruit, two miles from railroad, with irrigation, \$2000 See W. T. York.

TRYING TO FIND MISSING CARS.

Pennsylvania System Short a Couple of Thousand of Its Freighters.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—The shortage of cars in the Pittsburg district becomes alarming to the iron and steel interests, whose shipments are held up. The shortage is especially noticeable on the Pennsylvania, the worst part being on the lines west. The lines west have been casting about to locate a couple of thousand cars which they have not had for some time, with the result that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has been requested to turn in at once 612 Pennsylvania cars which that line is using.

Two hundred Pennsylvania cars are yet somewhere in the vicinity of San Francisco that were rushed there with rebuilding material after the conflagration. They appear to have been lost in the west on their return trip. Trains have been sent out for them.

To Stop Holes in Exclusion Act.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The House committee on foreign affairs granted a hearing yesterday to Representatives Kahn, McKinlay and Hayes, all of California, the committee named by Pacific Coast Representatives to oppose efforts to modify the Chinese exclusion act, and to work for a Japanese exclusion act. It was stated by the Californians that they will fight vigorously the bill under consideration by the committee to amend the Chinese exclusion act by having inspection of Chinese at ports in China from which they sail, as well as in the American ports where they land. The bill is regarded by the Californians as relaxation of the exclusion act.

Dead Body Sent C. O. D.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Handled about to and fro on the road between Louisville and Booneville, Ind., the body of William B. Seltz has not yet been laid in its last resting-place.

The man died in Louisville on Friday, and his body was sent to Booneville "C. O. D.," the charges being \$208.50.

Seltz' relatives declined to pay this amount, and the body was sent back to Louisville. This afternoon it was immediately sent back to Booneville, where the Masonic lodge has agreed to pay the charges. The grave is still awaiting its occupant, having been dug two days.

Legislators at Work Again.

Sacramento, Jan. 15.—Both houses of the Legislature resumed sessions today.

During the recess Speaker Beardslee and President Porter of the Senate devoted considerable time to the appointment of committees, which have been announced.

Curious Coincidences.

When the Ring theater, in Vienna, was burned, with great loss of life, one of the other playhouses of the Austrian capital was playing Pailleur's "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie," when the Stadt theater, in Vienna, was burned another theater in that city was playing "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie," and on the evening of the day when the fire in the charity bazaar in Paris took place the Theatre Francaise was announced to play "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie."

Jealousy.

"That word 'communist,' my dear," observed the young husband, correcting her, "has the accent on the first syllable."

"How do you know?"

"The dictionary says so."

"I never saw a man as prejudiced in favor of dictionaries as you are!" exclaimed the young wife. "I wish you had married a dictionary!"

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