

LADIES TO GIVE DANCE

St. Ann's Society Plans Social Event for Evening of December 18

The ladies of St. Ann's society are working on the plans of a grand ball to be given in the Anglo opera house on Friday evening, December 18. Elaborate arrangements are being made and there is but little doubt of it proving a leading social event of the midwinter.

The ladies of this society have earned an enviable reputation as to their ability in giving a dance, of which all details are worked out to such a degree as to make them highly successful. Many of the younger set will hail this announcement with pleasure.

LEGITIMATE DEMAND FOR LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—There was a legitimate demand for an enormous amount of money in developing the growing industries and expanding trade relations of the country, declares United States Treasurer Charles H. Treat, referring to the treasury receipts and disbursements of the past year. "There were 266,306,570 pieces of United States paper current in circulation on October 1 of this year."

Treasurer Treat calls attention to the deficit of the last year of \$50,070,201 as compared with a surplus of the preceding year of \$84,236,586 and attributes the discrepancy to the disturbed relations between the income and outgo of the government.

"The amount of gold used in the channels of trade," continues Treasurer Treat, "is less than one-half the general stock of gold coin in the country, on account of the increasing popularity of gold certificates."

STRIKE GREAT FLOW OF ARTESIAN WATER ON FARM

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 4.—The Block farm four miles west of Walla Walla is today worth \$1,000,000 more than it was yesterday as the result of a stroke of a heavy steel drill in an artesian strata.

At the time the gusher was struck the well was 573 feet deep and since then drillers have been making two inches an hour. The flow of the well is estimated at 1000 gallons a minute, with a pressure of 90 pounds to the square inch. The owners of the farm figure they are richer by \$1,000,000 as the result of the strike.

EX-PREMIER SAYS ITALY SHOULD LEAVE THE ALLIANCE

ROME, Dec. 4.—Political circles are agitated today by the speech of ex-Premier Fortis to the chamber of deputies yesterday afternoon in which the leader of the majority virtually advocated the withdrawal of Italy from the triple alliance. The feeling of the Italian people today, as indicated by their representatives, is that if Italy must be dragged into war through the acts of her allies in the alliance, then the nation should withdraw.

PORTIS DECLARED TO THE DEPUTIES THAT ITALY MUST GAIN THE POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO SAY THAT AUSTRIA MUST STOP INCREASING HER ARMAMENT OR ABIDE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITALY.

Unless Italy can be assured that she shall be free from threats resultant from the acts of Austria, there is no object for her observing the pact.

CORONER'S JURY EXONERATES YOUNG MAN FROM MURDER

TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 4.—Hume Hahn, son of a rancher living near here, was exonerated by a coroner's jury today from all blame in connection with the death of Mark Amundsen yesterday. It developed that Amundsen, while intoxicated, attacked Hahn and the latter, after shooting him twice, fled. The shots were not fatal, and Amundsen, crazed with drink and with the pain of his wounds, tried to carry out a fiendish plan for revenge. When Hahn, accompanied by a neighbor, returned to his home, he found Amundsen standing guard with a rifle in his hand, apparently awaiting Hahn's return. The house was on fire, but Amundsen did not heed the proximity of the flames, and, before the eyes of Hahn and his friend, he was overcome by the heat, fell back into the fire and was burned to death.

ATTENTION, K. OF P.

There will be a meeting of officers Monday night, also work in the third rank. All members urged to be present.

224 FRANK LINDLEY, C. C.

WE HAVE A SPECIAL SALE OF PEPPERMINT CHEWS ON. Come in about about King & Long.

FEDERAL PROSECUTION HAS NOT HURT TOBACCO TRUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—That the federal prosecution has not affected the profits of the American Tobacco company was shown today by the payment, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, of an extra dividend of 7 1/2 per cent, making the total dividend of 10 per cent paid on the common stock of this company.

In this quarter of last year the directors of the American Tobacco company declared in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent an extra dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, making the total for the year 25 per cent. The extra payment for this year brings the total dividends to be disbursed this year up to 32 1/2 per cent.

The payment of the regular and extra dividends today will call for \$4,402,424 and when this has been paid the holders of the common stock of the American Tobacco company will have received for 1908 in dividends \$13,078,780. Wall street formed the opinion when the disbursement was announced that 10 per cent would be made the regular rate for this quarter, and that in the coming year the dividend would be brought up to 40 per cent.

TAFT LEADS IN RACE FOR TOGA

President-elect Informed That His Brother Leads Foraker and Burton

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 4.—Proclamation-Japanese pact would have full effect, his brother Charles Taft leads in the Ohio senatorial race against Senator Foraker and Representative Burton.

Arthur I. Vorhies has called here and gone over the situation in the Buckeye state with Taft and has assured him that his brother's control of the situation is most satisfactory.

Vorhies will take an active part in the coming campaign, in which he expects to oppose the candidacies of both Senator Joseph B. Foraker and Theodore E. Burton.

Taft announced today that the American-Japanese pact would have full weight and effect during his administration. The president-elect indorses the terms of the agreement, declaring that they represent his views perfectly.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO BE TAXED IN FULL IN KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 4.—The Kentucky state fiscal court has directed the state board of valuation and assessment to reassess and assess the intangible property of the Southern Pacific railroad. This means that the board must assess the property at \$175,000,000 instead of at \$1,000,000 as has been the custom for years. It means, then, that the railroad company will pay into the state treasury taxes aggregating \$4,000,000. As the Southern Pacific is a Kentucky corporation, its home office being at Beecroft, a suburb of Louisville, the case cannot be taken to the United States supreme court. The railroad has no track in the city and it has always taken the position that the assessment of its intangible property should be nominal. The decision of the state supreme court, it is predicted, will drive the company out of Kentucky.

NEW NAVY DEPARTMENT WITH DEWEY AT ITS HEAD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The elevation of Admiral George Dewey to a position in the navy department second to that only of Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry, is predicted by department officials here today. Admiral Dewey as head of the general navy board will in conjunction with the board, be made arbiter of the personnel, matters of construction, and all details of naval administration, subject only to the approval of the Secretary as commander in chief of the navy.

The system of bureaus at the growth of "red tape" that now threatens to hamper the working efficiency of the department will be subordinated. Experts representing each bureau of the navy, will be made members of the board and will compose a cabinet under Admiral Dewey. Secretary Newberry said last night that he was not yet ready to announce the details of the organization.

VALE AND WESTFALL JOIN MEDFORD SQUAD

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 4.—Three separate attacks upon the local option law, as applied to Malheur county, are contained in as many appeal suits, filed with Major Lee Moorhouse, clerk of the state supreme court for eastern Oregon, will be heard at the May term of the supreme court for this division.

In each case the action is based upon charters adopted since the passage of the local option law under which the county was voted dry last June. Two are from Vale, while the third is from Grantsville in February, 1905, and while the success of legal opinion is that the towns of Condon, Medford and Estacada are the only ones affected by the recent supreme court decision, the liquor interests in Malheur county have hopes of winning out.

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MAT CALHOUN

PHOENIX, OREGON.

ST. JOHN DECIDES TO ALLOW SALOONS TO OPEN

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—Following the "Medford plan" St. John decided through action of the council last night that the place is not to be dry, despite the fact that at the last election the vote was cast in favor of having no liquor sold in the town.

An ordinance was passed by the council making the action of the voters operative, and all the saloons in the place were required to go out of the business. This was on the calendar as ordinance 183 and closed up six saloons and one wholesale place. Under the Medford decision, which allows cities in a county that had voted for prohibition to determine for itself whether the law should apply in these cities repeal of the ordinance was advocated by those favorable to license, and last night the ordinance was repealed by a vote of four to two.

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ORDINANCE NO. 173.

An ordinance providing for the acquisition by the city of Medford of a right of way for a trunk sewer, and prescribing the terms therefor.

The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. That upon delivery to the city of Medford, Oregon, by L. E. Hoover and C. M. Parker of good and sufficient conveyances granting to the said city perpetual right of way for a trunk sewer over and along the wagon road in front of the residence of said Hoover and Parker, respectively, which conveyances shall describe the said right of way according to a description thereof to be furnished by the city engineer of said city, the said city engineer shall forthwith cause to be constructed at the expense of the city an adequate service pipe from said sewer to the respective residences of said Hoover and Parker, and said Hoover and Parker and their heirs and assigns shall have the right to use such service pipe and sewer, subject to the general rules and regulations of the city of Medford regarding the use of sewers, so long as said trunk sewer shall continue to be used by said city as a sewer.

Sec. 2. Inasmuch as the proposed trunk sewer is now under construction, and such construction is necessary for the preservation of the health and safety of the city, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the mayor.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council December 1, 1908, Trovbridge voting aye, Eibert aye,

Wortman aye, Hafer aye, Merriek absent, Olwell absent.

Approved December 1, 1908.

J. E. REDDY, Mayor.

Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.

NATIVES ARRESTED FOR PLOT AGAINST GOVERNOR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 4.—Three Bengalis were arrested at Tuticerin today, charged with plotting the assassination of lieutenant governor Fraser of Bengal. Fraser was planning to sail for England, and the conspiracy, as framed, was to kill him while on his way to the vessel. The plot which the authorities believe they have frustrated, was only one of a net work of conspiracies looking toward the murder of all British officials and the driving of all white residents from India. As fast as the conspirators are discovered they are being hurried to prison, given speedy trials and are promptly executed.

PROSPERITY HAS ARRIVED FOR NAUGHTY STEEL TRUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—That prosperity has arrived for the "steel trust" is shown by the report for the last quarter, on which was based today's disbursement of the regular quarterly dividend of 1.34 per cent on preferred stock. The regular 1/2 per cent dividend on common stock will be paid on December 30, the total disbursement on both kinds of stock aggregating \$8,846,432. The surplus for the quarter amounts to \$5,152,623.

The total earnings for the last quarter were \$27,106,274, a showing much better than was expected by the most sanguine. The earnings by months during the quarter have shown steady improvement, the July figures having been \$8,509,630; August, \$9,152,311, and September, \$9,354,333. Unfilled orders on hand on September 30 were 2,421,977 tons, comparing with 3,313,876 tons at the end of the last preceding quarter.

The earnings of \$27,106,274 compare with \$20,265,756 for the three months ended on June 30 and with \$18,229,005 for the March 31 quarter. For the three months ended on September 30, 1907, the earnings were \$43,804,285; 1906, \$38,114,624; 1905, \$31,240,582, and 1904, \$18,772,532. On the late date the amount of unfilled orders on the books was 3,927,436 tons, the smallest total in the corporation's history. From that time the amount of unfilled orders advanced irregularly until the maximum of 8,489,718 tons was reached in the statement of December 31, 1906, there after declining steadily until June 30 of this year, the figures of September 30 last showing the first turn of the tide.

From the total earnings of \$27,106,274 are deducted charges and appropriations, leaving net earnings of \$21,310,417.

Deducting from the net earnings of \$21,310,417 the interest on the Steel corporation bonds outstanding and sinking funds for the quarter on those bonds there remains a balance of \$13,998,155. Dividends for the quarter at the regular rates of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock and 1/2 per cent on the common amount to \$8,846,432, leaving a surplus for the quarter of \$5,152,623 against \$195,395 on June 30 and \$7865 on March 31.

Pay Less Money for Groceries

This little list shows a few of the old credit prices and our new cash figures:

\$3.50 per dozen cans Jelly	\$3.00
20c Mustard, per bottle	16c
15c Condensed Milk	10c
4 bars Laundry Soap for 25c, 6 bars	25c
15c Macaroni, per package	10c
\$1.00 3 lbs. M. J. B. Coffee, by can	90c
40c one sack Oat Flakes	35c
30c Scrubbing Brushes	20c
60c Toilet Soaps, per dozen	40c
60c Grape Juice, per quart	50c
60c Uncolored Japan Tea	45c
20c Whisk Brooms	15c
15c Bottle Blueing	10c
\$1.40 five-pound can Waco Baking Powder	\$1.00
\$1.80 one dozen cans Hominy	\$1.44
\$1.00 dozen bars Tar Soap	75c
\$1.00 Worcestershire Sauce	85c
5 bars Swift's Pride Soap, 6 bars	25c
Swift's White Laundry Soap, for hard water, per bar	5c
"Veribest" Mince Meat, per package	10c
60c White Rose Syrup	55c

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