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The last session of the sixtieth congress is now sitting in Washington. It will adjourn in three months, simultaneously with the end of President Roosevelt's administration. It may be predicted with much certainty that there will be little or no new legislation at this session. For three or four weeks the Ways and Means Committee of the lower house has been listening to rhetoric on tariff revision, but no bill will be reported at this session. Mr Taft is expected to call a special session after March the fourth and it is presumably for use at this session that this useless rubbish before the Committee on Ways and Means is heard and recorded. The Monetary Commission appointed at the last session, of which Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island is head, has been junketing in Europe and is imagined by some to have studied and profoundly probed the financial question at financial centers abroad. Inasmuch as it has six years in which to do this so-called work, there is no probability that it will resort to a bill this winter. The President, backed by the more progressive officers of the navy, is anxious to have a new law passed reorganizing the navy department, but inasmuch as only three more months remain to him and to this congress, he will probably have to leave this Rooseveitian policy with many others, to his successor. There will be opposition to it just as there was to the bill for the reorganization of the army which Mr. Root was not able to have enacted until after two years of strenuous effort. There is belief in some quarters that a river and harbor bill will be passed before the fourth of March. There is urgent need for improvement of the waterways, but economy is the slogan that is heard from all sides. The deficit last year amounted to five millions a month and this year it is not far from ten millions a month. The president and the advocates for a greater navy are insisting on more money for dreadnaughts and the closefists of the house are determined in their opposition. In a few days the postal savings bill will have the floor in the senate and Senator Foraker, it is said, will call up the Brownsville affair on the 16th of the month. He has returned to Washington with his belt full of artillery and cutlery and a sensational speech, filling pages of the Congressional Record, is expected.

The senate—or rather some senators—are extremely jealous of their joint prerogative with the White House to make treaties, but past experience has shown that their special function is in marring treaties. There would exist today a treaty between the two greatest and most progressive nations on the globe, both speaking the English language, had it not been for this treaty-marring proclivity of the senate. A number of senators are looking askance at what they call a "treaty" between Japan and the United States, recently published, but the secretary of state, Mr. Root, had the foresight to avoid the jealous and mischievous interference of the senate, by disclaiming by implication a "treaty" and preparing with the co-operation of the Japanese ambassador, a "declaration" setting forth nothing new, but proclaiming formally and in unmistakable terms a long established status quo, which as the Japanese ambassador expressed it, will have a binding force for good on nations of the high moral character of the United States and Japan.

A member of the house of commons a few weeks ago, said that there had been ninety two murders in the city of London since January, 1904. This would be on an average of not more than nineteen murders a year in a population of about five millions. It is common for our American cities to boast of the rapidity of their growth and of the splendor of their civilization, but it might be well for them to compare their murder statistics with those of London. Our cities, with less than half the population of London, will have to confess to a larger number of murders. The quick and inevitable death penalty following murder in England and the facility of escape of the death penalty in America is an explanation of the difference.

One of the most important gatherings to be held on the Pacific coast during 1909 will be the convention in Portland of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, brought here through the instrumentality of President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricltural College. The American Association of University Presidents, the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers the Agronomic Society, and the Association of Agricultural Chemists always hold their conventions at the same place and time as the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, and will therefore be in Portland also. Delegates to these meetings comprise college and university presidents, directors of experiment stations, experts in the different bureaus of the department of agriculturer, and other specialists, and an attendance of between 1200 and 1500 is expected. An extended visit to the A-Y-P Exposition is included in their schedule. The exact date of the convention will be announced soon.

J. E. Defebaugh, editor of the American Lumberman of Chicago, who has bestowed such marked praise on Douglas fir, has the following to say editorially in the current issue of the Lumberman: "The Pacific Northwest makes a wonderful appeal to every visitor. It is a land of living waters, of golden soil, of mineral wealth beyond comprehension, of forests which will bless mankind when other lands are desolate; a land of mountain, plain and valley; of a people great in intellect, energy, endurance and kindliness. In this golden Northwest is a climate without the harshnes of the North or the enervating softness of the South, these people are building an empire. They have harnessed the streams for power, or, pouring them over the plains, have produced fruitful fields and gardens; they are wresting from the earth its mineral wealth; they are converting the forests into forms of utility and beauty; they are building schools and colleges; the Bible vision of every man dwelling under his own vine and fig tree is realized here, where his every bodily need and intellectual want may be gratified. The natural wealth of the country is great and great are its achievements, but better than all this are the people themselves—a chosen race—growing in numbers and all the accomplishments and graces which make a people mutually useful and happy."

[Signs of Oregon's Growth.

Junction is one of the numerous Oregon towns that is profiting by the boosting done by its citizens some years ago.

Th prune packing house at Myrtle Creek has just finished packing and marketing their supply for this year. During the season, 1,760,000 pounds, requiring 44 cars to transport them, were packed.

Cedarville is the latest place to be agog over the appearance of a mysterious party of surveyors in their vicinity.

Good roads is a matter that is interesting the good citizens of Benton county, and many of the precincts have voluntarily levied special taxes to be used in the improvement of their highways.

At a recent meeting of the Lane County Medical Society held in Eugene, the members issued a letter to the press of that county forbidding the use of their names in connection with any medical or surgical case.

Plans are being made for the erection of a three-story block in Cottage Grove.

According to the Lakeview Examiner, the finest celery can be grown in that section of the country.

The Cedarville creamery is rapidly nearing completion and will be placed in commission before Christmas.

Members of the various churches, some of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College, and other citizens of Corvallis are working hard for a public library.

There are 291 pupils enrolled in the Gresham schools this year. The enrollment last year was 278.

J. A. Dawson of Corvallis shipped 9000 pounds of poultry to market from November 1 to 25.

Judge J. H. Scott, of Salem, president of the State Good Roads Association, addressed the citizens of Lebanon recently, and the result was that a good roads league was immediately formed, with E. E. Taylor as president. This organization will work in conjunction with the Albany meeting.

The members of the M. E. church of Roseburg are jubilant over the unprecedented success of the chrysanthemum show they held recently.

A linotype machine has been installed in the office of the Rogue River Courier at Grants Pass.

At a recent meeting of the Toledo Development League the league hired a civil engineer to determine the best route for the proposed Toledo-Siletz wagon road.

Becoming infused with the "booster" spirit that is permeating the atmosphere of the Willamette valley towns, a Corvallis pear tree produced two crops of fruit this year. The last crop, which has just been harvested, is of normal size, and the pears are as delicious as any that ever grew in Oregon, the home of fine fruit.

The residents of Alicel and the rest of Union county are awaiting with interest the completion of the tests that will determine whether or not there is oil in that region.

So pleased were they with the outcome of their chrysanthemum contest, that the children of Albany have determined to hold the exhibit again next year, when it will be held in connection with the apple show.

The business men of Coquille Valley, Coos county, have made arrangements to send Former Congressman Binger Herman to Washington D. C. to work for an apportionment for the improvement of the Coquille river and bar.

One of the most successful road meetings held in the Willamette valley was the one held recently in McMinnville.

It must be very gratifying to the management of the Woodburn Independent to read the many favorable comments that are being made by the press throughout the state on the souvenir edition recently issued by them. It was certainly "classy" and the citizens of Woodburn should feel grateful for the zeal shown by the Independent in getting up the number.

With the completion of Bridge street, the residents of Clatskanie state that they can boast of the finest appearing, most durable street of any town of 1500 people in the state. Keep it up, Clatskanie, pull for your own town.

A fruit cannery for Roseburg is the latest thing to be pushed by the Commercial Club of that city.

To allow or not to allow the sale of near beer, that's the question that is disturbing the rest of the citizens of Newberg.

"The friends of this paper will please hand us items when they are fresh. We prefer not to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or the death of a man after his widow is married again —Polk County Itemizer. And this is the exact view taken by this and all other weekly papers throughout the state.

Dallas, in connection with the Sunset Magazine, is preparing to issue literature descriptive of that section for distribution in the East.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

Oregon City people will be glad to know that W. L. Block has taken the agency for the famous Ostermoor mattress.

GETS DRUNK AND IS FINED $5.00

Frank Smith Is Gathered in by the Local Police Officers and Pays for his Fun.

Frank Smith, a stranger in this city, was taken in tow Saturday night by Officers Cooke and Shaw for carrying too large a cargo of tanglefoot, which seriously impaired his powers of navigation. He was brought before City Recorder W. A. Dimick on Monday and paid a fine of five dollars. Shortly afterwards he boarded a Portland bound car, vowing never to honor Oregon City with his presence again.

UNCLE IKE "SPEAKS UP"

Wants "Umbrells" and Other "New Fangled" Things on Warships.

Mister Editer: Ive been a thinkin lately as how them Wright fellers an that air Von der dutchman whatcher callum got sost thay kin scoot rite up in the air an cut an turn an flop roun an stay up most as long as thay wan tew an I wan ter tell ye it worries me ortul cause ye cant tell what them air fellers er gwine ter dew next I spec like as not I'll hafter be dodgin beer bottles and peanut shucks an the like o that mos the time for long, but that air aint the wurst of it, that aint whats wearin me away so like tarnation an tearin at my vitals so tew speak. Ill tell ye now how it pears to yer Uncle Ike. Yer see Uncle Sam is turnin rite in tively an spendin his money an time helpin them air skeemers tew build a blamed riggin ter drop a bom rite on top of his five-millyon dollar war boats an blow um ter kingdom cum but aint doin one least ornery thing ter save his warboats fram these "dedly perils what mus overtake us soon." So I take my pen in hand (an it feels mity outer place ter ashe ye, Mr. Editur if ye wont call Uncle Sam's atenshun tew this aperant oversite an ask him if he cant eze my mind an lots of uthers by fixin up sum kinder perteckshun fer them poor helpless fitin ships we have hepled ter pay fer. Now Ive thot on it powful hard an if you an Uncle Sam 'll skuze me I'd suggess sum kinder unbrailla jigger what would open up quick like when wun of them airbags cum long an made of that air army plate stuff wud be buot the best kinder perteckshun fer our beluved boats. Now dont let the grass get very hi ander yer feet pleze Mister Editur cause I feel this kerlamity cummin ontew us real fast an I know heaps of uthers will feel jes the same when thair tenshuns is called tew it.

Yours fer the naivy,
UNCLE IKE.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

A Christmas Blotter.

"With two large sheets of blotting paper of contrasting colors and an ordinary little calendar pad may be made an extremely useful gift," says Woman's Home Companion for December. "Out of the large blotters cut twelve small ones of uniform size, about ten by four inches. Paste a 'month' from the calendar, one on each small blotter, and with the colors alternating. Keep the twelve together by tying ribbon around them, with a pretty bow on top. Each month a fresh blotter may be slipped from under the ribbon and the month's calendar is right at hand. Red and green blotters tied with red ribbon are a Christmas combination."

NO REASON FOR DOUBT

A Statement of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee

We guarantee immediate relief and a positive cure to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where we fail to effect a cure, we will supply the medicine free. This is a frank statement of facts, and we want you to substantiate them at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies are a gentle, effective, dependable and safe bowel regulator, strengthener and tonic. They re-establish nature's functions in a quiet, easy way. They do not cause any inconvenience, griping or nausea. They are so pleasant to take and work so easily that they may be taken by anyone at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system to healthy activity. They have a most beneficial action upon the liver.

Rexall Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with our promise of money back if they do not give entire satisfaction. Huntley Bros. Co., Main street, Oregon City. Two sizes, 25c and 10c.

Special School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 62, of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, that a special meeting of said district will be held at the county courtroom in the Courthouse at Oregon City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 1908, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the following object:

For the purpose of levying a special tax for school purposes.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1908.

W. E. CARLL,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Attest:—E. E. BRODIE,
District Clerk. 2t

Throat Coughs

Ask your doctor about these throat coughs. He will tell you how deceptive they are. A tickling in the throat often means serious trouble ahead. Better explain your case carefully to your doctor, and ask him about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Ayer's

We publish our formulas
We banish alcohol from our medicines
We urge you to consult your doctor

Who makes the best liver pills? The J. C. Ayer Company, of Lowell, Mass. They have been making Ayer's Pills for over sixty years. If you have the slightest doubt about using these pills, ask your doctor. Do as he says, always.

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HEALTH VERY POOR—
RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

Catarrh Twenty-five Years—
Had a Bad Cough.

Miss Sophia Kittlesen, Evanston, Ill., writes:

"I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help.

"Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did.

"My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough.

"Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved.

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

PERUNA TABLETS:—Some people prefer tablets, rather than medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peruna tablets, which represent the medicinal ingredients of Peruna. Each tablet equals one average dose of Peruna.

Man-a-lin the Ideal Laxative.

Eldorado.

Ernest Jones made a business trip to St. Johns last week.

Mrs. D. Frazer, of Portland, is visiting with her mother, while A. L. Jones and William Jones are in the mountains.

Christ Bullard is grubbing on Bob Schuebel's place.

Elmer Griffith was visiting in Portland a few weeks.

Mrs. Schoenborn called on Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Sunday.

Mrs. Lieman, of Seattle, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Geo. Lowery was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Schoenborn Sunday.

R. A. Schoenborn is building a new shed.

Dietrich brothers are improving their farm.

Henry Schoenborn, who cut his foot badly some time ago, is able to walk again.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Eldorado school house the 24th of December. Everybody invited.

A Thousand Invitations

WILL REACH YOU during the next week. Invitations to exchange your cash or credit for sundry and various merchandise. Invitations to attend bargain sales of something for nothing. So don't get bewildered --keep your head.

course, Christmas calls for a little extra expenditure. You have decided on this yourself. You probably find it almost impossible to decide what the present is to be. One thing you know. The things that add to the comfort and ornament of the will be doing service long after the catchy articles of the hour have been forgotten.

In a house-furrisning store you will find the appropriate and appreciated present. It may be a picture or a piece of furniture. Possibly an easy chair, an ornamental bed, a sideboard or a dresses, possibly a library table, a dining table or a couch. It may be a Singer sewing machine. It may be a piano or an organ. A handsome little writing desk will often be just the thing. When you get to looking through the store you will find so many suitable things that you will wonder why you were not able before to think of one.

You will still have to decide on the best place to buy the article you have in mind. We claim first place when considering quality of goods. Quality considered, we will not be undersold either in Oregon City or Portland. In addition we are making special prices during the rest of the month. Many articles are offered at a price usually paid by the retailer. Our imported China dinner sets sell for what you are accustomed to to pay for the inexpensive American ware. Enamel ware, kitchen utensils, Etc., are way down. Dining tables are marked at actual factory prices. (We bought this lot a little under regular factory price.) Now we cannot convince you unless you will call and investigate. Our customers are our best advertisers. You will become a booster for us after you have done business with us.

Our stable is waiting for your team. We will show you that we know how to appreciate your patronage. You will go home saying that you like to do business with such people. See what we can do for you in the way of a Christmas proposition. We make prices that will get your business. Remember we look after the comfort of that team, whethey you buy or not.

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TEA & COFFEE STORE

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CHSISTMAS DINNER

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Don't Forget the Spices
Don't Forget the Extracts

Remember our Famous Juno Mocha and Java Coffee, 3 pounds for $1.00. No Christmas Dinner is complete without it. Everybody buys the Pyramid Brand.

The Pyramid Tea and Coffee Store

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