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Dec. 24 in American History.

1787—Silas Deane, diplomatist of the Revolutionary war, born; died 1798. 1745—Benjamin Rush, "signer" colonial congressman and eminent medical practitioner, born; died 1813. 1811—Burning of the Richmond theater, Richmond, Va.; 70 persons lost their lives, including the governor of the state. 1814—Treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Ghent. 1851—Part of the capital at Washington, with all of the Congressional library, destroyed by fire. 1893—Bear Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N. died; born 1842.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(Given soon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 4:34, rises 7:19; moon rises 8:10 p. m.; 10 a. m. planet Mercury at inferior conjunction with the sun, passing between that body and earth from east to west; moon, sun directly south as only on April 15, June 17 and Aug. 31.

HEROISM OR TEMERITY?

The intrepidity of the aviators has been one of the most remarkable features of the year about to close. It will take much space to give the most condensed summary of the fatalities of 1911 in the navigation of the air. More lives have been lost in this way since January last than in twenty years of Arctic exploration or other dangerous travel. But wherever an aviator has been dashed to death at least two have stepped forward to take his place. Air machines are in the stage of experiment and the tests can only be effective by facing unusual risks. Thousands of men stand ready to assume them. Aerostation is a science, but by far the most dangerous in the whole field. Occasionally a chemist or other investigator is killed in his laboratory. But over a hundred aviators have met with sudden death this year. The aerial inventors are as busy as ever. They believe that air flight by man is surely coming and, with quiet courage, pay the toll that seems to be unavoidable. In some races this devotion to an idea is inborn, and is a matter of course. Where is all Asia, the seat of an older civilization, is there a working aviator? China's hundreds of millions were experts with kites many centuries ago, but balloons and aeroplanes have never been in their line. It is for the Caucasian to find out

how to travel through the air safely and agreeable enough to be called practical. That it will be speedy enough is already sure. Aeroplanes without difficulty soar to a height of two miles and have made long flights of over a mile a minute. But the principles of safety for them have not been sufficiently mastered. Aviators are suffering for them regardless of the hazards whose seriousness is impressed almost daily in the news of the most enlightened countries. The flying machine men are certainly heroic! Are they also foolhardy? Perhaps not, in view of the experimental science in which they are engaged. In any case it is impossible not to admire them, and history will honor them.

A cheap parcels post is an old story in Europe, and so where in that continent have country stores been injured by the greatly popularized service at low rates.

Coal shipped down the Ohio river this year foots up 43,000,000 tons. It would require lively guessing to arrive at the amount that would go by an improved channel.

One member of the House voted against the resolution on the treaty with Russia. It is a rare occasion when the Congressional Record has use for the word unanimous.

The suffragettes in London are being sent to jail in bunches. This should be occasion for rejoicing. We presume that in this, as in everything, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

After an interval of thirty-two years James B. McCreary has resumed the Governorship of Kentucky. If the new governor electioneered for this second term he avoided a snap judgment.

Arizona is now formally in the Union. The Gila monster is now a citizen and the horned toad is a minion of the sovereignty of a sovereign state which will soon exterminate him.

Honolulu is celebrating the new fortifications completed by Uncle Sam May American marksmen continue to be the best, and also have nothing more serious than training practice to look after.

Germany's military aviators, sick to it that an aerial cruiser can carry 200 persons at a speed of 50 miles an hour. Count Zeppelin holds a similar view but his plucky experiments have resulted in a long list of wrecks.

Philippine Islands. The Philippine Islands—named after King Philip of Spain—were discovered in March, 1521, by the famous explorer Magellan. It was during a fight with the natives of the island that Magellan lost his life. The islands were taken possession of in 1565 by a fleet from Mexico. In 1570 a settlement was effected at the mouth of the Manila river, and Manila became the Spanish capital. The population of the Philippines is between eight and ten millions, mostly natives, a mixture of Malays, Chinamen, Japs, negroes and various other races. The latest wealth of the islands is immense, and great developments are looked for in the future.—New York American.

Information in Berlin. Policemen will readily impart all necessary information as regards directions or curiosities. Never ask porters or cochmen unless you avail yourself contemporarily of their services.—Berlin Foreigner Times.

His Rank. Why is a naval captain reduced in rank when he marries? Because he becomes his wife's mate.

Parliament Buildings, Teheran, Where Persians Defied Russia



ALTHOUGH the average American knows little more about Persia than that it is "the place where the rugs come from," the recent news dispatches from Teheran detailing the plucky if not altogether tactful opposition made by W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general to the dictatorial demands of Russia have been read with intense interest. Nor can Americans fail to sympathize strongly with the Persians themselves, who, having expelled their despotic and autocratic shah, are trying to conduct a constitutional government and apparently look upon the young American who has worked wonders with their revenue system as their financial savior. Russia at first pompously ordered the dismissal of Shuster, and the national assembly refused that to rescure its independence. This action was taken at a special session while thousands of patriots thronged the precincts of the parliament buildings. Later, however, the Russian foreign office manifested a more conciliatory spirit, possibly on account of the spirited interpellations of the government in the British parliament, many of whose members are hostile to the partition of Persia even if England gets a slice.

At the Portland Theatres

LAST CAR LEAVES FOR OREGON CITY AT MIDNIGHT



Carrie Webber with George Sidney in the big musical comedy "Busy Izzy," at Baker Theatre all this week, starting Sunday, matinee. Special Christ matinee Monday.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT BAKER.

George Sidney, in His Famous Character, "Busy Izzy," Opens Today. George Sidney, the funny little comedian, will be seen this season in the funniest of all musical comedies, "Busy Izzy," is the titular handle by which the public may know that Sidney will hold forth at the Baker for the holiday week opening today matinee, and he will have with him a company of forty comedians and pretty girls to make an evening's fun. Izzy will first be seen running a large city department store and one can readily discern the possibilities for

fun, the chance to show the charms of pretty girls in such a scene. After the store has been run to a standstill, "Izzy" will trade it off for a summer hotel, and his erstwhile young lady clerks and the Johnnies they attract will flit to the seashore, where "Izzy" will get the change and the audience will continue to laugh at his peculiar methods. Of course, there will be many specialties, musical numbers, dancing treats and much that is pleasing to look upon, and with all there will be the laughter which always goes with "Izzy." There will of course be a Christmas day matinee on Monday, the 25th.

Umbrella Man's. "You remember that old character who took from the Bingles and took back?" "Yes. It had such a lovely handle." "Well, the handle was imitation, and the silk was full of holes. Why the man that made all my umbrellas said it wasn't worth repairing." "Dear me! What did you do with it?" "Why, I was so mad I called at the Bingles' today and left it there."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Fogs of Peru. Peru has hundreds of square miles along its coast of rainless country. In this tract rain is never known to fall from one century's end to another. Yet the region is not entirely barren of vegetation. Some parts of it, indeed, are comparatively fertile. This is due to the extraordinary fogs known as "zarzas." They prevail every night from May to October after a summer that is sultry and extend up to a level of 3,200 feet above the sea. Above 1,200 feet rain falls.

Much More Expensive. Downs—Why is it your friend Chownes is always down at the heel? Does he lose his money on horse races? Jones—He never bets on a horse race. He loses more money on the human race. "Eh?" "He has nine children."—Simp Stories.

Sending the Twig. Childish impressions are as strong as frequently mistaken. A thoughtful child bearing some one wonder why a certain tree in the garden was so crooked replied, remembering the proverb about "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." "I suppose somebody must have stepped on it when it was little."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wants, For Sale, Etc.

WANTED—Tourists and local people to see my collection of arrow-heads, coins, Indian trinkets, old stamps and curios of all sorts. Will buy or sell in this line. Have some good bargains in second-hand furniture and tools. George Young, Main st., near Fifth.

FOR SALE—Cedar poles, suitable for telephone and telegraph poles. Write C. H. Warthen, Oregon City Route No. 1.

WOOD AND COAL. OREGON CITY WOOD AND FUEL CO., F. M. Blahm. Wood and coal delivered to all parts of the city. SAWING A SPECIALTY. Phone your orders. Pacific 2562, Home B 110.

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ATTORNEYS. O. D. EBY, Attorney-at-Law. Money loaned, abstracts furnished, land titles examined, estate settled, general law business. Over Bank of Oregon City.

URBEN & SCHUBERT, Attorneys-at-Law, Deschutes street, will practice in all courts, make collections, price \$100. Oregon City, Oregon.

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AUCTIONEER. W. H. TIMMONS, of Gladstone, will conduct auctions and will call sales anywhere in Clackamas or adjoining counties on short notice at reasonable rates.

NOTICES. Notice of Final Account. IN the County Court for the State of Oregon, Clackamas County.

Notice is hereby given that A. B. Graham, A. W. Graham, R. D. Morrill and William Andressen, executors of the estate of John M. Graham, deceased, have made and filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, their final report of the administration of said estate; and that the Hon. R. B. Beatie, Judge of said Court, fixed the 27th day of November, 1911, as the time for hearing said final report, but upon petition from said executors, extended said time to and fixed said date on the 29th day of December, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day and date, at the County Court House, in Oregon City, Oregon.

And all persons having objection to the approval of the same, are hereby notified and required to present same to said Court on or before said 29th day of December, 1911.

A. B. GRAHAM, A. W. GRAHAM, R. D. MORRILL, WM. ANDRESEN, Executors.

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Licenses. Notice of Application for Pool Hall License is hereby given, that I will at the next regular meeting of the City Council, apply for a license to run and regulate a Pool Hall at my place of business, Mountain View, for a period of three months. F. F. CURRAN.

ENJOYMENT. You were made for enjoyment, and the world was filled with things which you will enjoy unless you are too proud to be pleased by them or too grasping to care for what you cannot turn to other account than mere debt.—Ruskin.

DO YOU KNOW that the Enterprise year-end Bargain Period is now on? See ad on back page for particulars.

SPEND MONEY WISELY

Let the Christmas Spirit Prevail but remember that money once spent is like the water that has gone past the mill. It never returns. The best gift that Santa can put in the child's stocking is a book, no matter how small the first deposit. The boy or girl's education in life begins from that hour. It's the first step to future wealth, influence, and independence.

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FORUM OF THE PEOPLE HOP MARKET IS AT STANDSTILL FOR TIME

Morning Enterprise, Oregon City, Or.—To the Editor:—Concerning single tax, the subject which will probably receive more discussion in Oregon in the next few months than all other public questions combined, I do not wish to be understood as either advocating or opposing it. I am seeking information, I do not know today whether I shall vote for or against single tax, when it comes to a vote, or not, but I am trying to watch the arguments, pro and con, as well as I can, in hope that before the time to vote comes I shall be able to determine to my satisfaction how to mark my ballot. I am not from Missouri, but I lived for a long time (when I was young and susceptible to impressions) where the winds from the west used frequently to blow the "show me" infection across the state line, and doubtless some of the morbid germs found lodgment in my system. Therefore, it is up to the propagandists of the single tax theory on the one hand, and its opponents on the other, to show, by relevant facts (not conclusions, the intelligent voter will reach them if he has the facts), whether or not the single tax theory, if put into actual practice, will probably result in a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation, and its substantial benefits to the state and to the masses of the people and the intelligent voter will not fail to keep in mind the fact that, to get a worse and more corrupt system of taxation than we now have, we will have to "go some."

As to whether it will cost \$16 or \$18,000 to place the single tax theory clearly and intelligibly before the voters of the state or not, I cannot see that it matters if the money was not corruptly obtained, and is not being corruptly used. Because, I suppose that the most conscientious member of a legislature would not balk at the amount of expenditure that had been necessary to place before the body, for its enlightenment, the true facts of great general importance upon which the body was called upon to act. Whether the money that is being expended in the single tax propagation is tainted with corruption or not, we don't know, but we seem to be getting some light on the question. Mr. E. C. Hackett, in the Enterprise of December 22, says that single tax is a scheme of the interests to shift what little they now pay over on the backs of the farmers. May be it is. But Mr. Hackett says so—which appears to be merely his opinion without a single fact to back it up. Mr. Hackett admits, however, that the interests only pay "a little." Now, the question is, can we devise some means by which the interests can be compelled to pay more up to their just proportion? Certain people, eye-bred single taxers, assert that we can, and submit a scheme by which they say it can be accomplished. Can it? If Mr. Hackett knows to the contrary, I think he should tell us how and why he knows, or believes, it. There are a lot of us waiting now for just that kind of information.

Mr. Hackett also says, impliedly, that the reason why taxes are inequitable under existing laws, is because the assessors do not give all a square deal. Now that's rather hard on the assessors, but since he says he believes they have been trying to do this, i. e., give every one a square deal, though he gets his negatives somewhat tangled up, we will take it for granted that the assessors will get the minimum sentence. Mr. Hackett also says that if any of us know of instances where assessments are not just and equitable it is our duty as good citizens to point these out to the assessor, and to go before the board of equalization if he refuses to consider them. I have known Mr. Hackett, as deputy sheriff and tax collector, "expert accountant," and in other capacities giving him opportunity to have first rate information along those lines, and I never heard him accused of inordinately swelling the revenues of the county by calling the attention of the assessor or board of equalization to inequitable assessments. As before stated, I neither advocate nor oppose single tax at this time, the reason being that I consider it the most important question that has been before the people of Oregon in many years, and because of lack of time to properly study it, I do not consider myself qualified to discuss it intelligently. But owing to a somewhat economical turn of mind, I dislike to see such prodigal waste of good printers' ink as has attended, more or less, the discussion of the question thus far.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Mary J. Hagenbuch Coffin to F. A. Coffin & Walter E. and Ernest D. Hagenbuch, land in section 25, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$1,000. Walter E. and Ernest D. Hagenbuch to Frank Dayton, lot 5 of section 25, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$10. W. A. and Ida V. Alcorn et al to Mary J. Jette, lots 1 and 2 of block 4, Brightwood; \$10. J. E. Pomeroy to Emile Pomeroy, lots 3, 4, 5, block 12, First Addition to Sandy; \$10. V. C. and Clara J. Helknap et al land in West Hood Acres; \$10.

METHODIST CHURCH HAS FINE XMAS PROGRAM. The Methodist church was well filled Friday evening at the Christmas exercises given by the Sunday school pupils, when an excellent program consisting of music and recitations was given. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and red bells, the chairman of the decoration committee being Miss Eulah Cantrell. The Hithelshaid club was in attendance to distribute the gifts.

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Rock Springs Coal Hay, Grain and Mill Feed. White Queen Flour Blue Stem Fancy Patent. Oregon Commission Co ELEVENTH AND MAIN STS. Oregon City, Ore.

State Rights—What Are They?

By SAMUEL UNTERMYER, Corporation Lawyer of New York

THE governors at their last conference openly vied with one another in their championship of the theory that the states have a sort of roaming and unrestrained franchise to interfere with and OBSTRUCT THE COURSE OF CONDUCT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT in matters manifestly national in scope and incapable of being otherwise regulated.

The inability of various states to collect an income tax was a prime example of the uselessness of carrying the "state rights fetish" too far. The trouble was that the persons from whom the income tax was to be collected EASILY EVADED it by obtaining a nominal abode in some more lenient state, the states practically bidding against each other for the privilege of obtaining wealthy tax dodgers as nominal citizens.

There is nothing so disgraceful in the history of our government as our method of imposing and collecting taxes on personal property. It is all due to the BLIND IGNORANCE with which we cling to this fetish of STATE RIGHTS.

CONTROL OF INTERSTATE CORPORATIONS AND REGULATION OF DIVORCE ARE ATTEMPTED WITH EQUAL INEFFECTUALITY BY OUR STATE GOVERNMENTS. THE STATES SHOULD GLADLY IMPOSE THESE FUNCTIONS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

