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ARGENTINA WILL ACCEPT. RELEASE OF MISS STONE. Unconfirmed Rumor From Sofia That Captives Were Liberated.

CHILENS HONOR MINISTER WILSON. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 2.—Henry L. Wilson, United States Minister to Chile, was the object of a hearty manifestation, testifying appreciation of his friendly sentiments towards Chile, at the Union Club here last night.

FENNER-ELLING. HIGHLAND STATION, Kan., Jan. 2.—Raymond Hope Fenner, a Lieutenant in the United States Army, and Miss Charlotte Eling, a daughter of the late Henry Eling, of Virginia City, Mont., a millionaire miner, were married here, and left last night for Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where Lieutenant Fenner will be stationed temporarily. Lieutenant Fenner arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines December 23. He served in the Sixth United States Artillery as Lieutenant.

FATAL RUNAWAY. VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Jan. 2.—While Colonel E. D. Boye was driving into Dayton from his mine at Comstock today, in company with William McQuarry, the team ran away on a narrow road, throwing the occupants out. McQuarry was killed and Boye received probably fatal injuries.

HARTSON OR TEMPLE No Change in the Spokane Postmastership Fight.

THREE TO ONE FOR A REMOVAL Probability of Canal Legislation at the Present Session—Proposed Concessions to the Philippines.

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THE SAME OLD DOWAGER EMPRESS Has Not Proved by Her Experiences of the Past Year. PEKING, Jan. 2.—Several recent occurrences tend to discourage the hope that the Dowager Empress has learned a lesson of reform from the events of the past year.

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BLACKMAN TO STAY McBride Will Continue Him as Labor Commissioner.

WASHINGTON STATE POSITION Official Is a Son-in-Law of Governor Rogers—His Retention Will Be Out of Respect to the Memory of the Dead.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—Governor McBride gave to the press today the first definite announcement as to his position on the question of appointments. Incidentally the Governor stated that he would retain William Blackman as Labor Commissioner, a prediction made in a dispatch to The Oregonian from Olympia on the day the Governor assumed the office.

Commissioner Johnston Resigns. EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 2.—Pan-American Commissioner Elmer E. Johnston has resigned the position of Commissioner to prepare the Washington state exhibit for the St. Louis Fair. Mr. Johnston says as he received his appointment at the hands of Governor Rogers, he believes his resignation is a matter of courtesy to Governor McBride.

COLLEGE EDUCATION. Railroad Presidents Believe Its Advantages Are Great. CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—President Charles F. Thwing, of Western Reserve University, recently asked a number of prominent railroad presidents to give him their views on the advisability of a boy 15 years old taking a college course prior to entering upon a railroad career.

THE DEAD CHICAGO HIGHWAYMAN. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—George F. Donovan, who attempted highway robbery last night at Twenty-first street and Calumet avenue, and was shot and killed by his intended victim Eugene Hector Field, of a Chicago newspaper, is thought to be the son of respectable parents living in Springfield, Mass.

TUBERCULOSIS NOT CONTAGIOUS. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Dr. S. A. Knopf, a well-known authority on tuberculosis, in addressing the Academy of Medicine today said that, contrary to the opinion of the United States Government, tuberculosis was not contagious. The Government, he said, had stamped all of those afflicted with the disease with a stigma which was a proper, he recommended that a commission be appointed by the Government to study the disease and find, if possible, not only a specific, but the best and most approved treatment.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS. Foreign. Events is said to have been responsible for the Boston outbreak. Page 1. Reforms in China seem to be as far away as ever. Page 1. Terrible conditions prevail in the Orange Free State. Page 2. Masao leads an expedition against Castro. Page 2. Domestic. There is no change in the Spokane Postmaster's fight. Page 2. The legislative contest in Ohio is still in doubt. Page 1. Governor Hunt reports a condition of prosperity in Porto Rico. Page 2. Three men were killed by the explosion of a locomotive. Page 2. The Everett-Moore syndicate, of Cleveland, O., is embarrassed. Page 3. The New York Chamber of Commerce opposes reciprocity through tariff modification. Page 3. Pacific Coast. Governor McBride, of Washington, will retain William Blackman as Labor Commissioner. Page 1. Attorney-General declares that state has no claim for insurance on Reform school building recently burned. Page 4. Semi-annual report of State Treasurer Moore. Page 4. Schemes to bring large number of people to Taklma Valley, Washington. Page 4. Portland and Vicinity. Portland erected during 1901 2000 buildings. Page 8. Dr. Pearson's gift to northeast educational institutions. Page 10. Changes in Portland election precinct lines. Page 10. Charter Commission retains initiative and referendum provision. Page 12. Afro-American Council celebrates anniversary of emancipation proclamation. Page 7. Marine. Grain fleet in port still receiving additions. Page 5. Injuries to the Pembroke are not serious. Page 5. Three cargo ships due at Portland in January. Page 5.