

SEES RAPID GROW

Assistant Secretary of Treasury Visits West.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON OUTING

Robert B. Armstrong, With Large Party, Guests of Hamilton Fish, Gathering Knowledge of Local Conditions for Government.

Robert B. Armstrong, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton Fish, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in charge of the Subtreasury at New York; N. W. Stranahan, Collector of Customs for the port of New York; Hamilton Fish, Jr., and W. Bartlett Parsons, Jr., a son of the chief engineer for the New York subway, are in Portland on a tour of the Coast that combines business and pleasure.

The party comes West as the guests of Hamilton Fish, president of the Illinois Central and a brother of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, who has been at the disposal of the party since it left Chicago. Hamilton Fish, Jr., who has been on a shooting trip in Wyoming, joined the party in Billings, Mont., and will make the remainder of the trip with it.

Several days' time has been spent in Seattle and Tacoma, the party leaving Tacoma yesterday afternoon and reaching Portland late in the evening. After spending the day in Portland the party goes to San Francisco, and will proceed east with stops at Salt Lake, Colorado Springs and a few other important points. Planned as a vacation trip, the excursion to the Coast has assumed all the characteristics of a business mission. The country is new to the members of the party, and as most of them are brought into touch with its business life, they have been anxious to learn more of local conditions. The opportunity given by the trip to the Coast has been seized for that purpose.

Though the question did not come up in a definite way during the stay of Mr. Armstrong on Puget Sound, it is likely the question of the permanent improvements of the Sound district people are convinced that the increase in the number of inspectors and other minor customs officials has not kept pace with the development of business. This may be true, for a strong showing in that regard has been made.

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Hamilton Fish is delighted with the trip and glad to get away from his desk on the vacation tour. Speaking last night of New York and his plans for increased activity in Wall street had virtually passed and business conditions were nearly normal again. The flurry has not affected the Treasury Department in any way, no necessity existing for aid through recall of bond issues, nor has the reserve been affected. Mr. Fish spoke enthusiastically of his trip and declared he had enjoyed that short part of his time which had been spent in Portland.

Mr. Fish is expected to return to New York on Monday, and will be in Seattle on Tuesday. He will be in a better position to appreciate them.

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MATRON'S TRIAL TODAY.

Mrs. Frances Brown Will Answer Charge of Assault.

Before Justice of the Peace Reid, Mrs. Frances Brown, matron of the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home, will have a hearing this morning. She has been charged with cruelty and neglect of a child placed under her care by Miss Carrie Bowman. If the charge of "assault" preferred by Miss Bowman develops as expected, several exposures of the management of the home will doubtless be made. The case was postponed yesterday.

Mrs. Brown, the accused woman, and Mrs. Riggs, the superintendent of the home, make light of the charges, and declare they are entirely without foundation, and that they can prove their statements. Miss Bowman visited the institution a week ago last Sunday to take her child away. Though she was accompanied by her mother and a nurse, the request was refused. Mrs. Brown told her, she says, that diphtheria was prevalent in the home, and for that reason she could not allow the baby to be taken away. Finally the month-old baby was given to its parent, and, according to her statements, it was found to be in a pitiful condition. Starvation and uncleanness had rendered it a skeleton instead of the healthy child it was when the young mother left the institution a few days before. Miss Bowman will have ample opportunity to prove her charges at the hearing before Justice Reid.

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Saloonkeepers Arrested on Charge Filed by Angry Father.

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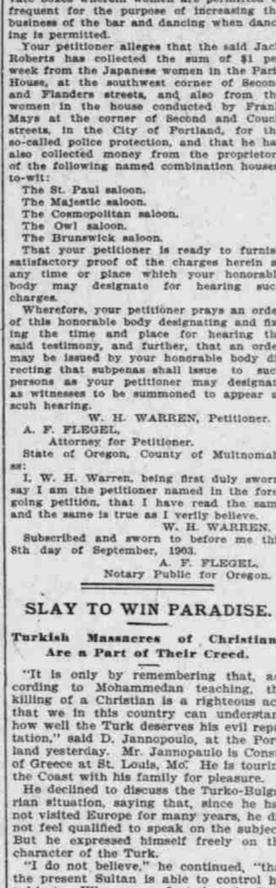
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Free Lessons in Art Embroidery Commencing today Mrs. Porcher, an expert in art embroidery work, will give free daily lessons in all the newest methods and styles of art embroidery now in vogue.—Second Floor.

2000 Pairs of Ladies' Hosiery

Another great offering of ladies' Hosiery goes on sale this morning. One of the best purchases we ever made—Styles the very best, variety immense, all sizes, every pair Hermsdorf dye. In the lot will be found silk clocks, lace ankle, all-over lace styles, colored silk embroidered styles. Not a pair in the lot worth less than 50c a pair, many are worth a great deal more. They go on sale at 8 o'clock this morning and will remain on sale until all are sold at



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POTATO CROP SUFFERS.

Blight Withers the Growing Plants and Leaves Them Lifeless.

GRESHAM, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special)—A peculiar blight has fallen upon the potato vines throughout a large section of the county east of here. It came suddenly, spreading over whole fields in a few days, and the potato stalks are left bare, looking as if swept by a fiery blast sufficiently hot to destroy the leaves and blacken the remaining portion of the vines. The territory affected begins about two miles east of this place and extends beyond the Sandy River into the Gage and Hubbard settlements. Blights have been known before on a small scale in isolated places, but nothing so widespread has appeared in this county before. About three-fourths of the potato crop in the afflicted district will be ruined.

Numerous county school districts have been making preparations for the school opening which will take place on Monday, September 14, in most of them. Nearly all the districts have made improvements in their buildings or grounds and in some cases the results have cost quite a sum of money. At Orient the grounds have been plowed, leveled and seeded down to grass, a new woodhouse has been built costing about \$200, and a portion has been built over the entrance. The interior of the building also has been renovated.

At the Lusted schoolhouse the grounds were plowed and seeded down. In district No. 10, the grounds were graded, a new fence built around them and the building painted. At Terry the building has been painted and a commodious woodhouse completed. At Rockwood the grounds were cleared, graded and fenced and outbuildings erected. In district No. 7 the building was given a new foundation and improved with a portico. The fine school buildings at this place, Fairview and Troutdale have not been overlooked and many little attentions have been given them. The Powell's Valley building and schoolyard have also been attended to and there is not a district in the whole eastern part of the county that has not done something in the way of improvement.

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