

CUT OFF DRAFTS

Sheriffs' Methods Too Costly With Insane.

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Asylum Attendants Could Accompany Patients.

REFORM ALWAYS SHUT OFF

If Each County Paid Transportation to Salem, County Courts Would Soon Reduce Present High Expenses of Officers.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—How to break up what is known as the "Sheriffs' graft" by providing a more economical plan of transporting insane patients to the state insane asylum, is one of the problems with which some of the members of the Legislature are now grappling.

New Plan Advocated.

The plan of those who believe a change should be made is to enact a law providing that when a person has been committed to an insane asylum, the committing officer shall at once telegraph the superintendent of the state insane asylum, who shall at once send a trained attendant to bring the patient to Salem. His mission could be saved by this plan cannot be determined definitely until tried.

FAREWELL TO BATTERIES.

Two Mountain Batteries Now in Philippines Ordered to Post. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The Officers' Club of Vancouver has been ordered to post a farewell to the officers of the departing batteries. The evening was spent in conversation, music and supper.

Clark County's Exhibit.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Arrangements are being made for the Vancouver Commercial Club to have Clark County represented by an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair. A committee has been appointed to select the exhibit, which will be a collection of the products of the county.

Light Artillery on Road.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The order for the transportation of the Twenty-eighth Light Artillery has been supplemented so that the Twenty-eighth will leave for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and arrive at San Francisco about December 27. Such men of this battery as have been transferred to the Eighteenth Mountain Battery will come direct to this place under charge of an officer of the Twenty-eighth.

Insane Suspect Discharged.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—A. Griesshaber, who was arrested yesterday on an insanity charge, was released on parole today by the examining board.

To Collect Salmon Eggs.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—C. Wallich, superintendent of the Clackamas fish hatchery, went through to the Yaquina coast today in search of a suitable place for a collection station for steelhead and silver-side salmon eggs.

New Racer Washed.

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Although prices have gone up, there is room for still more improvement. The sugar business will return profit to those who base their purchases upon world-wide conditions, and do not limit themselves to the narrow perspective presented by the United States. Prices here at times may go off ten points or so, due to a fall in the demand or to active competition, but the United States export only part of the produce. The world's sugar markets, and until we shall have arrived at such a point that we can raise all, or nearly all of the sugar we consume, it will not be independent of changes in consumption, crop, etc., in other countries.

The Portland jobbers held a conference yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation, but what, if any, action was taken, they declined to say.

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APPLES FOR PRESIDENT

PICK OF HOOD RIVER GOES TO WHITE HOUSE.

STAUCH IS CAPTURED.

Both Prisoners Who Escaped From Jail Are Again in Custody.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—President Roosevelt will feast on Hood River apples. Five boxes of the finest apples that could be found in the Hood River Valley have been carefully packed and sent to New York City in a carload shipment. From there they will be sent by express direct to the Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.

CHIEF'S PRIVATE ORDERS.

Report That Wittman Told Sergeant to Allow Chinese Gambling. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—In connection with the investigation by the grand jury of municipal matters, the statement was published today that Police Sergeant Thomas P. Ellis, who was in charge of the Chinatown squad, had admitted to peaches and cherries, produced over \$40,000 worth of apples. Grapes and apricots are also grown more extensively each year at The Dalles.

UPHOLDS BARBER LAW.

Licensing of Dentists Also Permissible, Says Supreme Court. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The State Supreme Court, in opinions handed down today, sustained the validity of the law providing for the examining and licensing of dentists, and also the law regulating the operations of barbers and barber shops. The text of the former law as made on an appeal from the judgment of the board by E. G. Thompson, of Seattle. The law was attacked as an abridgment of personal rights, as a delegation of legislative power, and because it required applicants to be graduates of a reputable dental college.

CRIME YEAR AGO UNAVENGED

Third Jury Will Hear Trial of Rason on Murder Charge. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The Circuit Court convened in this city this morning to try the case of the State of Oregon vs. Albert Rason, charged with killing Ben Ross at Egin last January. The jury secured today, in the third jury drawn, has been empanelled at different times for this case, and after two grand juries had failed to indict.

BESMIRCHED MAYOR'S NAME.

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BENSON MADE PRESIDENT.

Tacoma Man Elected Head of Washington Livestock Association. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—E. F. Benson, of Tacoma, was elected president of the Washington Livestock Association tonight. The second annual convention was attended by about 40 stockmen from all parts of the state. Resolutions in favor of more power for the Interstate Commerce Commission, of a state reclamation railway commission, of a bond on coyote traps of \$1 each, and better irrigation laws, were adopted.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

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Dolbeer Will Sustain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The will of Miss Beers for the last 18 years, passed away from an upper floor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in New York, was today sustained by a jury in Judge Coffey's court. The will, which was contested by near relatives, Miss Dolbeer gave the greater part of her \$100,000 estate to her friend and traveling companion, Miss Rita M. Warren, assessor.

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