

SEEK AGENT'S SCALP

Klamath Indians Do Not Like Captain Applegate.

INSPECTOR VISITS AGENCY

Miss Choteau, Carlisle Graduate, Said to Be at Bottom of Investigation of Superintendent Egbert, and Agent of Long Experience.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Captain O. C. Applegate, for years the Indian agent here, is now under investigation. Although the investigation is being conducted behind closed doors, and the agent discussed here is closely guarded it has been learned that a woman is back of the whole trouble, and an Indian woman at that.

The investigation is the outgrowth of the alleged conduct of Luzena Choteau, a Carlisle graduate, and at one time an employe at the Yainax school near here. At the time the trouble originally came up Knott C. Egbert, now superintendent at the Yainax school, holding the position of assistant marion, took her annual leave of absence, and while gone was replaced by Miss Choteau. It is said that she had better not return. If she did return charges would be preferred against her by Superintendent Egbert.

As a result she resigned, but at once engaged the services of several San Francisco lawyers, who have taken her case before the department at Washington and have finally succeeded in bringing about the present investigation.

Miss Choteau is the Indian woman who is president of the National Indian Republican Association. During the last President's term she sent letters broadcast throughout the Indian country, asking the Indians to contribute \$1 each for the Republican cause. It has never been learned just what she accomplished or what disposition was made of the funds collected.

Miss Choteau is a fighter, and seems determined to carry the fight against Superintendent Egbert through to the end.

The investigation is being conducted by Supervisor M. F. Holland of the Indian Affairs Department at Klamath Agency since the first week in December. It is not known how long he will remain.

The Choteau matter is not the only one under investigation. There is said to be strong feeling among the Indians against Applegate. It is alleged by them that he is opposed to sending children from the reservation to non-reservation schools, even though the children were anxious to go and the parents willing that the change be made.

According to the Indian regulations it is necessary for the pupils to secure the agent's consent before they can leave for other schools. Applegate, it is maintained, has for years refused to give his consent, saying that the schools on the reservation were sufficient.

Several of the prominent Indians on the reservation are greatly opposed to Applegate, and have given testimony before Holland as to his position on the school and other questions. Rev. Jesse Kirk, one of the smartest Indians on the reservation, has also given testimony before Holland as to his position on the school and other questions.

When any of the Indians desired to send their children to other schools the agent always found some pretext or other by which he refused to give his consent. He has taken a drive of 40 miles across the reservation, simply to escape some employe from another school sent here for children.

It is said that the old agent was acting out of spite, but at other times I could not understand his actions.

Kirk represents the better element among the Indians. He has made it a point to send his children away to the large non-reservation schools in spite of Applegate's protests. He and many of the other prominent Indians on the reservation are men more up with the times as agent. Applegate has been at Klamath Agency for about 39 years, and has spent little of that time away from his post.

FIGHT OVER OYSTER BEDS. Decision Knocks Out Several County Boards of Commissioners.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A decision of the Thurston County Superior Court today holds in favor of the County Oyster Land Commissioners and has no legal existence and that therefore their acts are without force and effect.

The decision is in an action brought by a number of Pierce County people who have applied for the purchase of oyster lands in Pacific County. The local boards of Pacific County, to whom applications were referred by the State Land Office, reported that the lands were natural oyster grounds, and therefore not subject to sale.

The decision of the Thurston County Superior Court will be appealed to the Supreme Court. It sustained, County Boards in Pacific, Thurston and Mason Counties will go out of existence. These boards are appointed by the Governor under a law existing prior to 1903, and which is now held to be repealed by the act of 1903, creating the State Board of Oyster Land Commissioners composed of the Governor, Fish Commissioner and Land Commissioner. The local boards of Pacific County are taking a great interest in the suit, and have made up a purse of several hundred dollars in an effort to uphold the local board.

IN FORTIETH YEAR. Congregational Church to Commemorate Anniversary Next Week.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The first Congregational Church of this city, one of the oldest and largest religious organizations in the state, will commemorate its 40th anniversary next Sunday. Elaborate preparations are being made in the way of music. The morning sermon will be preached by Rev. E. R. Loomis, of Tacoma, a former pastor of the church, and in the evening Rev. E. L. Smith, of Pilgrim Church, Seattle, predecessor of Rev. Austin Rice, the present pastor, will deliver the sermon.

On Monday evening a historical meeting will be held in the church, at which Rev. Edwin Sells, of Tacoma, one of the two living charter members of the church, will deliver a reminiscence address. Professor Louis F. Anderson, of Whitman College, and Harry A. Reynolds, of this city, two prominent members of the church, will speak on its history and work.

The church was founded in 1865 by Pastor Robinson, with seven charter members. It now numbers 200 active members. The only two living charter members, Rev. Edwin Sells, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Alice Chamberlain, wife of the first pastor, who still lives in the city, will both be at the anniversary exercises.

New Masonic Temple.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Masonic fraternity will erect a \$25,000 temple here next year. If the present plans materialize, the structure will be a magnificent building of pressed brick or stone, two stories high, and will be set up on the lot on East Alder

NEW PENITENTIARY WARDEN

A. F. Kees, of Walla Walla, Will Be Mead's Appointee.

BEATEN BY BUCKLES.

Insane Patient Flogged to Death Says Doctor After Autopsy.

TRAIN CREW MOBBED.

J. M. Myler Killed, and Crowd Cries for Vengeance.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Cries of "string up the train crew" followed the running down and killing of a man whose name is believed to be James M. Myler, in front of the North Hotel, on First avenue, last night, at 8 o'clock.

The man was crushed to death under the wheels of a gravel train on the street between W. H. F. Bell, the motorman, and S. F. Priest, conductor, and H. Griffith, the brakeman, were assailed by the mob, and had to be taken to the police station to save them from serious injuries.

FOUR SHOTS INTO CHEST.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Charles H. Smith, well known in Eastern Washington, committed suicide by stepping into the middle of Main avenue, on First street, in the heart of the city, and firing four revolver shots into his chest at 6:15 o'clock tonight. More than a thousand persons hurrying home from stores and offices witnessed the act.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

F. M. Westfall, ALBANY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—F. M. Westfall, one of Albany's oldest pioneers, died at his home in this city at 10 o'clock this afternoon. He had been resident in Albany the past 46 years, having crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, and lived in Southern Oregon a few years. He was a veteran of the Rogue River Indian War of 1853, serving with honor in the volunteer company of Captain James W. Nesmith. Mr. Westfall was married to Mrs. Mary Crowder, of Albany; Mrs. Carrie Day and Lucy Hayes, of Portland.

Alexander Thompson.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Hon. Alexander Thompson, ex-member of the Oregon Legislature for Clackamas County, and ex-School Superintendent of that county, died at his home in Oregon City, near this city, this morning. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, was a native of Illinois, and served in the Civil War, being a member of a battery from his native state. He is survived by a wife and two children—one son and a daughter.

INQUIRERS HELD REUNION.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Inquiry Club, composed of 14 of the leading thinkers of this city, held a reunion banquet at the residence of Dr. E. E. Shaw last night to celebrate its tenth anniversary. The toasts and after-dinner speeches were mainly reminiscences, and a review of the work done by the club since its organization. The club consists entirely of professional men and was formed for the purpose of discussing religious, sociological and economic questions. The meetings of the club are secret and no outsiders are ever allowed to be present. The membership is limited by the constitution to the state. The present president and secretary are Dr. E. E. Shaw and Rev. Austin Rice, the present president and secretary. President S. B. L. Penrose and several of the faculty of Whitman College are members.

"Grandma" Ingle Breaks Limb.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Isaac Ingle, a pioneer of 1862, was brought to the hospital here today in an ambulance from her home in the state here with a broken limb. "Grandma" Ingle, who is 70 years old, she fell, breaking the limb just below the knee joint.

Storm in Grande Ronde.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A fierce wind and sleet storm has been raging through the Grande Ronde all day. It has been storming for several nights, but tonight is worse than known here for some time for this season of the year. The indications are that there will be a change in the weather tomorrow. There are no reports of cattle and stock suffering.

County Buys Timber Land.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The sale of property for delinquent taxes on the 1903 roll was held by Sheriff Linville today, and the entire list, with the exception of the timber lands affected by the suits now pending in the Circuit Court, was sold. There were very few bidders, and the greater portion of the property was purchased by the county.

STATES DISCORD

Desdemona Sands Sold by Washington Board.

THE BOUNDARY IS INDEFINITE

Packers' Association Had Purchased Valuable Fishing Grounds From Oregon, and Will Appeal From Decision of Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Board of State Land Commissioners today decided to allow the sale of Desdemona sands in the Columbia River to proceed under the application for purchase by E. F. Houston, of Tacoma. The sale will be completed this week, and the State of Washington will thus attempt to convey lands already sold by the State of Oregon to the Columbia River Packers' Association, and on which the association has placed about \$20,000 worth of improvements.

The Packers' Association made no appearance before the Board of State Land Commissioners today, although notified that the question would be called up for consideration. The association originally protested against the granting of the lands to Houston on the ground that this state

was without jurisdiction, but subsequently withdrew this protest. As the lands are very valuable, it is believed that the association will take the Columbia River boundary question into the Federal courts when Mr. Houston attempts to assume possession of the sands. Mr. Houston declares that he expects to carry the matter to the Supreme Court of the United States. He has already secured withdrawal of the Packers' Association from the lands.

The question of jurisdiction over this island and a large number of other equally valuable fishing islands in the Columbia arises over the uncertain meaning of the act of Congress fixing the boundary line in the lower Columbia. The act of Congress of the boundary line has been a source of frequent conflict between fishermen on the Columbia, but now seems likely to be ultimately decided by the Federal courts.

ROAD INTO TIMBER.

New Railway From Medford Along Crater Lake Route.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—For several months past the Southern Oregon Development Company has been engaged in running surveys, securing rights of way, and doing other preliminary work toward the building of a railroad to the big timber belt located about 30 miles east of Medford, on the Crater Lake route.

The surveys have been made from the site of the Butte Falls Milling Company's plant to a point on the desert some seven or eight miles from Medford, and the route of the boundary line has been marked. Yesterday the Medford and Crater Lake Railroad Company was organized by A. M. Davis, B. F. Adams, J. M. Keene, R. H. Winters, B. H. Harris, W. F. Entrop and W. I. Vawter. Articles of incorporation were prepared and filed with the Secretary of State today. The capital stock of the incorporation is placed at \$500,000, and its object is to construct and operate a railroad from Medford east to the timber belt. This company supersedes the Southern Oregon Development Company, and takes over the rights of way, surveys, etc., of that company. A permanent organization, with election of officers, will soon be made.

CANNOT HELP SWEENEY.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Someone presumably interested in the Foster campaign has carried to the United States a copy of the book "Sweeney" by J. H. Hopkins, in the Department of Justice. A telegram received here today states the department has knowledge of Mr. Hopkins' activity, but will not take any action until a formal and official communication reciting the facts is filed. Then, it is stated, the department will intimate to Mr. Hopkins that he must keep out of the Senatorial fight on pain of dismissal.

LINE INTO NEHALEM.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—While no information of an official nature can be obtained, there is an authentic report that the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Company has purchased the six miles of logging road built by the Benson Logging Company at Clatskanie, and is preparing to extend it into the Nehalem Valley, as an excellent grade can be found in that section.

The road, which is of standard gauge, was built and equipped for conducting logging operations. Recently all the logging trains were taken off, and the line is now used exclusively by the railway company in hauling freight to Clatskanie and vicinity.

Teachers of State Meet.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28.—More than 1600 teachers are here to attend the annual convention of the State Educational Association, and hundreds more are coming tonight and tomorrow. The sessions opened today with a session of the educational council, which elected the following officers: President, H. C. Sampson, of the Washington Agricultural College; secretary and treasurer, C. M. Sherman, superintendent of Public Instruction, Oregon; member of the executive committee, W. E. Wilson, principal of the State Normal School at Ellensburg.

J. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oregon, presided at the opening of the convention. He addressed the State Association tonight on "The Public School System From the Standpoint of a State Superintendent." A reception to the visiting teachers followed at the Hotel Spokane.

Arouses Lincoln County.

TOLEDO, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Hon. Jefferson Myers, president of the Lewis and Clark Commission, addressed a large

Diphtheria Going Off.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—After five deaths have occurred, the physicians announce that the diphtheria epidemic is finally under control. Only five or six cases now remain, and the quarantine regulations are being slackened.

CHARGE OFFICER WITH MURDER

District Attorney Jerome Not Satisfied With Coroner's Verdict.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Commitment to jail on an order in the first degree, without bail, was the surprise which greeted Frank McLaughlin, a patrolman, when he appeared in Criminal Court today to answer for the past two charges made with assault upon James P. Robbins, a newspaper reporter. The new charge was based upon an indictment which District Attorney Jerome said would be returned by the grand jury tomorrow.

McLaughlin was once before arrested in connection with the killing of John W. Patterson, a newspaper reporter, in the Coroner's jury found that he shot Patterson in self-defense, and he was discharged. The District Attorney was not satisfied with that disposition of the case, however, and began an investigation, which he says, has resulted in an indictment charging murder in the first degree.

Cashier Admits Shortage.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28.—The State Bank at Dedham, Ia., today was placed in liquidation by the State Auditor, Carroll, and an effort will be made to liquidate its affairs. It is reported that the bank had a shortage of \$100,000.

THE NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN

The best advertisement for the 1905 Fair that Oregon's people can send to their friends in the East, will be a copy of the New Year's Oregonian that will be published Monday morning next. The illustrations of the beautiful Exposition buildings and the sports of the New Year's celebration, and the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents, 6-copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

SANTA CLAUS TO WORLD.

Millions of Dollars Sent Through the New York Postoffice.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The United States played Santa Claus to the world, according to reports secured from the money order division of the New York Postoffice. From December 1 to December 24, the night before Christmas, no less than \$3,604,000 international money orders were forwarded to other lands from this city, and the total called for \$4,867,282.

French Novels.

For a couple of generations, at least, a French novel has been a book to be apologized for—clever, readable, and interesting, but wicker, a book to be viewed afar by most people, to excite, to tempt, and to leave a bad taste in the mouth of those who read it. Even to those who stoered clear of the De Goncourts, the Maupassants, and the Zolas, the French novel has been a book to be avoided. It is now, however, that the French novel is being read in this country. The French novel is now being read in this country.

NEILL WILL PLAY AGAIN.

Trouble Between Actor and Theater Manager is Settled.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—At a conference held this afternoon between Manager J. P. Howe, of the Seattle Theater, and James Neill, star of the company now playing there, all differences on plays and other subjects were amicably settled. The manager of the house, which was the Seattle is canceled, and Mr. Neill, Miss Chapman and the full company will appear Sunday afternoon and all next week in "A Bachelor's Romance."

TO RACE FOR SHOEGREN CUP.

Hunt Club Will Hold the Meet on January 2.

Members of the Portland Hunt Club will race the first race of the Miss Anne Shogren cup on January 2. The start will be at the Section Line road at 10:30 A. M. This is the first race of this sort ever attempted by the club. In order to win the trophy the rider must have the greatest number of points made in the three runs for the trophy. The rider that finishes first is credited with three points, the one that finishes second with two points, and the third rider gets one point. After the third race is run the rider having the greatest number of points becomes owner of the cup.

TO DISCUSS GAME LAWS.

Fish and Game Association Will Meet January 6.

The annual meeting of the Fish and Game Association has been set for January 6. It will take place in a large assembly hall in the Chamber of Commerce building, on the second floor. At this meeting will occur the annual election of officers and a general discussion regarding certain proposed changes in the game laws which are creating considerable agitation among sportsmen.

Will Play Columbia Juniors.

CHEWAMA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—It has been definitely decided that the "In-the-wall" team of Chewama will meet the Columbia University junior team. The game is scheduled to be played January 10, and will be for the junior championship of the state.

Stumppuller Breaks Leg.

JEFFERSON, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—W. Thompson, a boy, 14 years old, suffered a broken leg today while playing about a stump puller. A stay chain broke, allowing a singletree to fly and strike the boy.

Indians Win This Time.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The football game played at Fort Stevens this afternoon between the Fort Stevens and Chewama teams was won by the Indians by a score of 2 to 0.

Officers' Bodies Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Major-General Corbin, commanding the Philippine Division, cabled the Military Secretary today that the remains of Second Lieutenant Stephen K. Hoyt of the Philippine Scouts, and Second Lieutenant James W. Devall, Twelfth Cavalry, will be disinterred and shipped to the United States for burial in the first available transport leaving Manila. Hoyt was killed by the Pulajanes on the 15th. Lieutenant Devall died on the 23d inst. of appendicitis.

Corinthians May Cross Water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Negotiations are in progress between the New York Association Football League and the Corinthian Club of London, which are expected to result in a series of international games next season in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburg, Chicago and San Francisco.

TO SHOW HIS PAGES

Jack Johnson, Colored, Wants to Meet Jim Jeffries.

AGREES TO KNOCK OUT HART

Expecta to Force the Champion to Meet Him After He Has Disposed of an Opponent of No Mean Ability.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Jack Johnson, the colored fighter, has taken a knock out at Marvin Hart in 20 rounds before the San Francisco Club next month, or accept the short end of the purse. His object is to force Jeff to meet him.

Johnson and Hart agreed to split the money for an 80, but the former must secure a knockout to get the long end. No matter if he should outpoint Marvin in every round, he will draw the loser's cut of the purse.

Everyone knows Johnson's supreme ambition is to fight Jim Jeffries for the championship of the world. The latter has repeatedly avowed that he would meet a man of Johnson's caliber, but should Jack dispose of Hart in 100 days, the big champion cannot refuse him a match. Jeffries would take him on now, if he does not think that such a contest would draw the crowd, and Jim is not fighting for glory alone.

CHALLENGES GEN. NII.

Joe Acton Willing to Meet Japanese Jiu-Jitsuian.

Joe Acton, wrestling instructor at the Multnomah Club, requests the announcement to be made that he challenges General Banryu Nii, a member of the Jiu-Jitsu troupe to a wrestling match. Acton says that he has \$50 that he is willing to post as a side bet that he can win the Japanese in a catch-as-catch-can match. The Japanese is a large, powerful man, but should Jack dispose of Hart in 100 days, the big champion cannot refuse him a match. Jeffries would take him on now, if he does not think that such a contest would draw the crowd, and Jim is not fighting for glory alone.

FARMS CROPS OF THE UNION.

Figures Gathered by the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following bulletin was issued by the Agricultural Department today: Final returns to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture from regular and special correspondents, supplemented by reports of special field agents, show the acreage, production and value of the principal farm crops of the United States in 1904, to have been as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Crop, Acreage, Production, Dec. 1904. Includes items like Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rice, Potatoes, Hay, Tobacco.

Stable Section Hand.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—John Stail, a section hand, last night, in a drunken brawl, stabbed a fellow workman named Swadlow several times in the back, inflicting severe flesh wounds. Constable Thorp today lodged Stail in the County Jail at St. Helens.

No Old Poets Need Apply.

Office Boy (to editor)—There's a lady outside, sir, with some poetry. Editor—How old is she? "About 17." "Show her in."

CRY "KENO" NO MORE

Lewiston's Police Chief Tells Gamblers to Quit.

POOLROOMS NOT DISTURBED

Master's Order Is Well Obeyed, and Quiet Now Reigns in Houses Where Card and Wheel Clicked and Whirled.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—By order of Chief of Police A. A. Masters, gambling has been closed, and tonight quiet reigns where heretofore all games from faro to poker have been played. This order, which includes everything save poolroom and merchandise slot machines, which are under severe restrictions, was made last night, and from all reports is being well obeyed this evening.

Gambling has increased lately, and one or two new rooms with modern layouts have only recently been opened. "It was issued at no instigation save my own," said Chief Masters. "There is no special purpose back of it, with the exception that I believed there was too much gambling going on. If the order is not obeyed, the guilty party will be subject to punishment under the state law, which makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$200."

Many of the saloons have been running small card games exclusively.

BOGUS CHECK TOOK HORSES.

Northern Pacific Delivered Them Despite Order, and Is Sued.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Judge Thomas H. Brents, of the Superior Court, today overruled the demurrer in the case of J. B. Switzer vs. the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and gave the railway company notice to answer. This is an action brought by Switzer, of Pendleton, Or., for damages. Early last year Switzer secured from the company a check on a St. Paul and gave Switzer a bogus check on a St. Paul bank in payment.

Switzer discovered this while the horses were in transit, and gave instructions to the railroad company not to deliver the horses. The failure of the company to obey these instructions is the basis of the action for damages.

JUDGE DRAKE ROBBED.

Christmas Tour of Medford's Bad Lands Was Expensive.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Judge Thomas Drake, of Klamath Falls, while spending his Christmas in Jackson County, alleges that he was robbed of \$250 in the house of Ull-fame in Medford. Tim Mills and Camilla Clark were arrested today, charged with the crime, and had their examination before Judge Stewart this afternoon. They were bound over to await the action of the court under \$500 and \$1000 bail respectively. They were taken to Jacksonville and placed in the County Jail.

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